

# Royal Navy's mixed task group heads East



Final preparations were completed at Portsmouth, UK, in early May prior to the departure of Carrier Strike Group 21 (CSG21) which will see the largest UK naval deployment to Asia Pacific waters for a generation. The flotilla of ships is getting deployed for 28 weeks, through the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and South China Sea into the Pacific and will represent the most ambitious Royal Navy overseas projection of sea power since the Falklands Task Force in 1982. A very wide selection of vessels will be involved, apart from the flagship, the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth, and will include Type 45 destroyers, HMS Defender and HMS Diamond, Type 23 frigates, HMS Richmond and HMS Kent, the new offshore patrol vessel, HMS Tamar, an Astute Class nuclear submarine and fleet

