



# Kaikoura



## Want to get involved?

The involvement of the public is one of the most unique and valuable parts of this exercise. Very few countries have the privilege of exercising among their own population – and we're particularly delighted to be back in Kaikoura!

If you would like to play a role we are always looking for people to add to the realism by playing ordinary citizens of Bicara. You are welcome to talk to the soldiers – don't be shy.

The people of Kaikoura are "Akaroans" with strong ethnic and family ties to populations in Alpira. The town has been isolated following an earthquake (again!!). Some humanitarian assistance has been provided, but criminal groups have been raiding convoys and stealing supplies.

If you would like to play an Akaroan and you do speak to a soldier please try to convey the following messages:

- You just want some security and support to get on with your lives.
- You are concerned about criminal groups crossing the border into Kaikoura. (If you spot our "bad guys" feel free to share what you know about them!).

Feel free to talk about your real-life earthquake experiences if you are comfortable doing so. Your stories will add realism to the scenario.

## What might I see?

Most of the activity in Kaikoura is expected to take place from:

**20 October - 5 November.**

- During this time we expect about 100 soldiers to occupy the town and conduct patrols along the streets.
- The soldiers will be armed and may occupy some key points nearby or set up checkpoints.
- A small group of "bad guys" will be sneaking about.
- A variety of international aircraft will be conducting flying in the area.
- A fleet of international vessels may operate off the coast during this period. They will likely conduct helicopter and amphibious operations.
- The force will exercise the delivery of humanitarian aid and may complete some local projects or visit schools.
- Some small-scale fighting may occur in the areas south of Kaikoura - but only in pre-determined areas - and only under the supervision of exercise control staff. This may involve blank firing and explosions.

## Need Help? Got a question?

If you have any questions about the exercise, please feel free to ask any of our exercise control staff. You can identify them by the Southern Katipo logo (right) on their arm.

Alternatively, you can call our Public Affairs number 021 487 980

