



Exercise Southern Katipo 2017



Picton



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.

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

Picton is the main port of Becara. It has been relatively safe, although there has been an increase in security incidents recently. Most of the population are "Havos", a minority group persecuted by the majority "Wessos". Large numbers of Internally Displaced People have been fleeing towards Picton from the West of Becara in recent months.

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

- You are deeply concerned about your safety.
- You are happy the Coalition has arrived to protect you.
- You are concerned about illegal activities in the Sounds affecting your fisheries. Some criminals have been demanding money from you to operate.
- Picton Port is essential for Becara. Protecting it is critical for you.

What might I see?

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

Mid to late October.

- We expect most of the force to transit through Picton.
- Most of the NZDF Fleet and many of our international partners are expected to operate in the Sounds or anchor at Picton.
- During this time about 100 NZDF personnel are expected to occupy areas around the town.
- The soldiers will be armed and may occupy some key points nearby or set up checkpoints.
- A variety of international aircraft will be conducting flying in the area in Mid-October.
- Exercise role-play may occur. This may include protests or meetings with local role-players.
- Some small-scale fighting may occur in the areas around Picton – 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

