



Exercise Southern Katipo 2017



Westport



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 Westport!

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.

The people of Westport are a mixture of moderate "Havos" and "Wessos". They are resisting attempts by extremist groups to infiltrate the town, but are surrounded by hostile groups. How long you can hold them back is uncertain.....

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

- You strongly disapprove of the hate speech being pushed by the Westportian People's Party and the Westportian Freedom Army.
- You fear a return to the 2015 unrest. (Remember the last exercise?)
- You just want some security and support to get on with your lives.

We want the exercise players to have to win you over & gain your trust.

What might I see?

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

22 October - 20 November.

- During this time we expect large numbers of soldiers to arrive through the airport and occupy areas around the town. They will be followed by road convoys from Blenheim once the road is "cleared".
- Most of the soldiers are expected to base themselves at the Domain.
- 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 are likely to land at Westport including C-130s and C-17s.
- Some navy vessels may conduct helicopter operations off the coast.
- Some small-scale fighting may occur in the areas south of Westport - 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

