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Lt Col Cesar FRAGNI, UNFICYP MTC OC



In 1994, following his graduation from Argentina's military academy, Lt. Col. Fragni was commissioned to the 30th Jungle Regiment as a Platoon Commander, where he successfully completed Jungle Expert and Training Officer Courses.

From 2000 to 2008, he was assigned to the Parachute Brigade as a Company Commander; during this period, he participated in a month-long Parachute Training Exchange with the British Army (Pegasus Company) at the Infantry Training Centre based in Catterick (2002) and carried out a one-year tour (2005) to Antarctica as Second-in-Command in Hope Bay, where he was involved in Antarctic Patrols training as an Operation Officer. In 2010, after completing the Staff War College, he was posted to the 601st Air Assault Regiment as a Personnel Officer, joining the Military School Academy in the same position three years later. In 2016, he was posted as an instructor

of the Argentinean Peacekeeper Centre to deliver lectures and courses for personnel to be deployed to UN missions. Lt. Col. Fragni previously served a six-month tour with UNFICYP in 1998 as a Platoon Commander in Sector 1, and a one-year tour as a HQ JOC Duty Officer in 2007. This was followed by missions with MINUSTAH (Haiti) in 2011 and 2013, where, as Battalion Operation Officer, he planned, conducted and assessed pre-deployment, induction and ongoing training. He is married to Alejandra has one child, Facundo, aged 14. He is a keen footballer and also enjoys rugby and running.

Major Richard Kirby, Royal Artillery S02 Future Plans HQ UNFICYP



Major Richard Kirby joined the British Army in April 2004 and was commissioned to the Royal Regiment of Artillery. His first post saw him deployed to Sennelager, Germany, where he served as an Air Defence Troop Commander. During this time, he deployed on exercises in the UK, Germany and Canada. He was also assigned to Cyprus in 2005 on Op TOSCA, employed as the multinational Platoon Commander within UNFICYP's Mobile Force Reserve. He then turned from 'poacher to game keeper', becoming a Forward Air Controller (FAC/JTAC). On completion of his training, he deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on Operation HERRICK 7. Following this operational tour, he was posted to Catterick Garrison in the northeast of England, and became a Battery Operations Officer for a weapon-locating radar and base ISTAR battery. He

later redeployed to Afghanistan on Operation HERRICK 11. In 2011, Maj. Kirby moved to Northern Ireland and became a Fire Support Team (FST) Commander, once again deploying to Afghanistan on Operation HERRICK 15. Upon the disbandment of his Regiment, the 40th Regiment Royal Artillery, he moved with his Battery to Gutersloh, Germany. Here, at 26th Regiment Royal Artillery, he would be employed as an FST Commander, Adjutant and Battery Commander, before attending Staff College at the Defence Academy in Shrivenham. Maj. Kirby is married to Stephanie and has a daughter, Charlotte.

Captain BARCELOS, UNFICYP S03/U5



In 2005, Captain Gustavo Barcelos graduated from the Infantry Branch of the Brazilian Military Academy. From 2006 to 2007, he was commissioned to the 51st Jungle Regiment as a Platoon Commander, where he successfully completed Jungle Expert and Training Officer Courses. He was designated as an instructor of the Advanced Course from 2008 to 2010, after which he served as Deputy Commander of the Logistics Company in Brazil's 16th Infantry Battalion. Between 2012 and 2013, he commanded the 1st Rifle Company (2012) and the Logistics Company (2013) of the same military unit. In 2014, Capt. Barcelos attended the Staff War College, where he obtained a Master's Degree in Military Operations, before being designated as an instructor at the Special Techniques Section of the Military Academy in 2015. In May 2016, he was nominated for deployment in UNFICYP. He previously served a seven-

month deployment as Deputy Commander of the 1st Peacekeeping Company of the 17th Brazilian Contingent in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) from 2012 to 2013. He was also the Company's CIMIC and Logistics Coordinator and Operations Branch Advisor. He holds an Advanced Level Certificate of Proficiency in English from the US's Michigan University and an Advanced Level Certificate of Proficiency in Spanish from the Cervantes Institute in Spain.

He is married to Elisa and enjoys most sports, especially soccer, running and swimming.

Captain Goran Milisavljevic HQ U2 S03 Ops Analyst, UNFICYP



Captain Goran Milisavljevic began serving in the Serbian Armed Forces after graduating from the Military Academy in September 2000. His first commission was with the 224th Centre for Electronic Warfare (EW) as a Platoon Commander in the 4th Centre for Electronic Attack at Garrison Uzice, before becoming a Company Commander at the Centre in February 2002. In October 2006, he was assigned as a training instructor for EW personnel within the Training Centre for Signal, IT and EW Personnel at Garrison Gornji Milanovac. In January 2010, he was assigned as a Staff Officer 3 in the Operations and Planning Branch, and in April 2011 as a Staff Officer 3 in the Training Branch at the headquarters of the Training Centre for Signal, IT and EW Personnel. In March 2013, he was transferred back to the 224th Centre for EW, where he was posted again as a Staff Officer 3 in Operations and Planning Branch within the 1st Centre for

Electronic Warfare at Garrison Belgrade. In December 2014, Captain Milisavljevic completed the Basic Command and Staff Officer Course for the rank of Major at the Military Academy. In May 2015, he completed the Multinational Staff Officer Course, and in October that same year finished the Military Observer Course at the Peacekeeping Operation Centre (PKOC) in Belgrade, enabling him to take part in multinational operations under the UN flag. UNFICYP is his first UN peacekeeping deployment. He and his wife Marija have two daughters, Jana and Nadja.

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