Force Commander Major General Kristin Lund closed out her current round of inspections with a visit to Sector 2, where Lt Col Al Steele of the Black Watch is in command. Sector 2 has its headquarters in the historic Ledra Palace Hotel, in the buffer zone on the edge of Nicosia’s Old Town. One of the major tasks undertaken by British troops in this part of UNFICYP’s Area of Operations is the operation of patrols of the Green Line, which is the narrowest part of the Cyprus buffer zone. As ever, the FC’s inspection aimed to assess the operational readiness of Sector 2, and to see their living and working conditions first-hand.

ABOUT THE BLACK WATCH

The Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (3 SCOTS) Battle Group, includes an element of Reserves drawn from across the UK. The Regimental Motto is “Nemo Me Impune Lacessit” which translates to “No One Strikes me with Impunity”. Elements of the Battalion have deployed to Iraq in 2006, Afghanistan in 2009 and 2011, and provided security for both the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. 2014 was spent training a battalion of the Libyan Armed Forces in Cambridgeshire, UK.