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**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE (MDP)**

**NEWS BRIEF**

**TITLE:** MDP Firearm incident, [REDACTED]

**DATE:** 14 May 2104

**SOURCE:** MDP Sec [REDACTED]

**MDP PRESS OFFICER:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**BACKGROUND** [REDACTED]

During a routine armed patrol at [REDACTED] at around 2pm on Sunday 11 May 2014, an MDP officer discharged his weapon - it is believed accidentally - into the ground. The weapon was pointing down, only a single round was discharged, and there were no injuries, nor any threat to the safety or security of personnel or assets on site.

As is standard procedure where a weapon is discharged without authorisation, an investigation was launched, led by the Professional Standards Department of the Force. This will report in due course.

It is unlikely that media will become aware of this incident. However, LTT have been prepared as a precaution.

**LINES TO TAKE**

- During a routine Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) armed patrol at [REDACTED], a weapon held by one of the officers discharged into the ground.
- No one was injured and there was no threat to the security of the site.
- This appears to have been an unintended discharge, but in accordance with standard practice, the incident will be investigated by the Professional Standards Department of the Force.
- Since the investigation is underway, it would be inappropriate to comment on the details.