

British Military Industrial Complex Procurement Corruption Cost Lives in Afghanistan

1 25 May 2012: this, my photo, shows a £1,000,000 Foxhound protected patrol vehicle failing its hot weather trials in Camp Bastion. Its underpowered speedboat engine & its high-power demands caused it to over-heat in operational desert conditions. It caused a total shutdown of the vehicle & all electronic systems for an hour or more while the vehicle cooled. Members of my unit, 4 Close Support REME Light Vehicles Platoon, were directly involved with the trials & they told me what was going on as it was happening.

2 17 June 2012: British Ministry of Defence announce the arrival (on 2 June) of the first Foxhound vehicles in Camp Bastion for hot weather trials that summer.

3 11 Sept 2012: Defence Secretary Philip Hammond visited an airfield guard tower & watched a staged patrol of Foxhound vehicles outside the wire. The none task-worthy vehicles were signed into service but were not allowed to operate outside Camp Bastion. When ISAF withdrew to Kabul in 2014 the Foxhounds did prove suitable for the tarmac roads and traffic.

Territorial Army Private Jonathan Kitulagoda was Britain's first killed-in-action death in Afghanistan. He was killed in Kabul on 28 Jan 2004 by a suicide bomber who targeted their soft-skinned Land Rover, like this one.



25 May 2012: view from guard tower 11 on Camp Bastion's south-eastern perimeter

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