



MEDIA ALERT

INTERFET: 10 years since East Timor

In September 1999, Australian troops moved into East Timor as part of a multinational force to restore peace and security after it voted for independence from Indonesia.

Australia contributed over 5,500 personnel to the UN-mandated force, which was commanded by Major General Peter Cosgrove. It was the most significant and largest deployment of Australian troops since the Vietnam War.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the International Force for East Timor (INTERFET), and is being remembered during this year's ANZAC Day commemorations.

The Australian War Memorial has historians available for interview about the operation, and on Australia's long tradition of peacekeeping.

Login to www.awm.gov.au/media for images from East Timor by award-winning photographers Stephen Dupont and David Dare Parker, and more background information on INTERFET.

If you wish to order other film or images from the Australian War Memorial for ANZAC Day stories, please note the following deadlines:

Film requests must be received by COB Friday 17 April

Image requests must be received by COB Monday 20 April

What:	INTERFET 10-year anniversary remembered for ANZAC Day
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