



HMS Diamond



Destroyer

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Air-defence destroyer: Type 45

Daring-class

Length: 152 m

Beam: 21,2 m

Draft: 7,4 m

Displacement : 8000t

Speed : In excess of 30 kts

Powerplant: Integrated Electric Propulsion



OVERVIEW

HMS DIAMOND is a Type 45 Destroyer operated by the Royal Navy. She is the third unit of this class, and commissioned on the 6th May 2011. DIAMOND is one of the most advanced warships in the world and her principal role is to shield maritime assets from air attack using her Sampson radar to locate threats. The Type 45 Destroyer is a versatile ship and, in addition to its primary role, is capable of conducting maritime security operations, providing humanitarian support and also a range of wider defence tasks. Equipped with a Wildcat Attack Helicopter, she joined operation SOPHIA in September 2016. DIAMOND is no stranger to the Mediterranean, operating there in 2014. She also has deployed supported major UK and NATO exercises and conducted an operational tour in the Middle East. Diamond duties will be focused on tackling the human smugglers and arms traffickers who endanger the lives of innocent people. She will be specifically tasked to tackle the movement of arms, and provide a picture-building capability to help enforce the UN Security Council Resolution prohibiting the trafficking of arms to Libya.



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