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In peacetime the role of the Army is to prepare for the next war, which means it must anticipate what the next war will be like. A failure to adapt may mean that it will lose the next war. The British Army's structure is currently based on large-scale war-fighting. However, experience in the way that the Field Army has been structured in the last seven years has shown that this does not fit in with the pattern of concurrent medium and small-scale operations that it has been routinely exposed to. The Future Army Structure (FAS) is designed to ensure that the Army is structured for the most likely tasks with a true war-fighting capability at its core, whilst retaining the ability to generate for the most demanding tasks. The aim of Future Army Structure is to produce a war-fighting Army, geared for expeditionary operations, structured for the most likely tasks at brigade level but also be able to generate forces for less frequent but larger deployments. It will be balanced in combat capability, and should be able to deploy, support and maintain forces on operations, with integrated reserves and more predictable tour intervals.

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