

GULF WAR VETERAN ALEXANDER IZETT ENDS HUNGER STRIKE

Alexander Izett, the former Royal Engineer, who has been on hunger strike in pursuance of a public enquiry into Gulf War Illnesses, has ended his strike said the Rt Hon Lord Morris of Manchester today.

He disclosed that he had spoken to Alexander last night about his Parliamentary Questions on Alexander's case, and informed him of the impending announcement of an independent inquiry to be headed by the Rt Hon Lord Lloyd of Berwick.

Alexander was delighted by the news and I can now say that his hunger strike has ended.

He fully understood that Lord Lloyd will be acting in an independent capacity to investigate, in public, the circumstances that have led to ill-health, and in some cases death, of over 5000 British troops following deployment to the first Gulf war.

Alexander recognised Lord Lloyd's standing as a highly distinguished former High Court Judge and Lord of Appeal and was clearly greatly heartened by the news of the Inquiry.

Lord Morris added: "I am naturally extremely glad about Alexander's decision and his reaction to the announcement of the Inquiry."

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