



## Major General Jonathan Shaw



Major General Jonathan Shaw has a portfolio career in the fields of strategy, geo-politics and technology. He specialises in leading change and making a difference.

His roles include being the Chairman at Optima Group and lecturing on leadership, cyber and geo-politics. He has contributed articles to the Financial Times, Evening Standard, Independent and The Tablet, and has recently published his critique of Whitehall, “Britain in a Perilous World; the Strategic Defence and Security Review we need”.

He recently retired from the British Army after 32 years during which he commanded on operations at every rank. He joined the Parachute Regiment in 1980 in time to lead his platoon in the Falklands War. He then commanded a company then 2 PARA in Northern Ireland before commanding 12 Mechanised Brigade in Kosovo in 2003. His final command was as the GOC of British-led MND(SE) in Basra in 2007, after which he was Chief of Staff at Army HQ then an Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff with responsibility for the nuclear deterrent, international security policy and cyber warfare.

He was also the Colonel Commandant of the Parachute Regiment. During this career he also served with the SAS and the SBS and was Director Special Forces.

Jonathan read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Trinity College Oxford.

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