

Tories to cut aid to pay for defence in new colonial po...

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The Tories are announcing a defence policy today. As the FT notes:

One of the most controversial elements is likely to be the proposals to divert aid spending to support a new “stabilisation and reconstruction force”, which will be overseen by the national security council.

The new force will include soldiers, diplomats and aid workers in a joint working structure reminiscent of Britain’s former Colonial Office.

So now we know how the Tories will meet their obligation to aid: they'll relabel defence as aid and ensure it's aim is to promote British mercenaries.

It would be impossible to make up if they weren't planning it.

It's sick that this is their idea of development.