

Visits from our warships

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In these difficult times, when international goodwill is so vital...  
we sometimes overlook the role <sup>still plays</sup> of the Royal Navy in strengthening old  
friendships.. ~~And often by its very presence, helping to smoothen out~~  
~~troubled waters.~~ Here's the destroyer "Solebay" docking in Haifa on a  
courtesy visit.

Her skipper, Captain Alexander, went ashore to offer a goodwill greeting -  
and inspected a Guard of Honour at the Israeli Naval Headquarters. <sup>2</sup>

The Royal Navy has a long tradition in these goodwill occasions. ~~and~~

Another courtesy visit was made by the Aircraft-Carrier Eagle - to the  
Spanish port of Vigo...

On this occasion there was an impressive demonstration - the vessel  
fighting off <sup>a mock</sup> attack by its own jet fighters - to thrill the local  
inhabitants.

But chiefly, <sup>men of the Royal Navy are</sup> the Navy is welcome as old friends - <sup>who are who</sup> ~~for Jack Tar is not~~  
~~only a sailor he's also an Ambassador in Uniform..~~