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British military medics recently carried out a rare parachute mission to the remote South Atlantic island of Tristan da Cunha to assist a UK national suspected of contracting hantavirus after leaving the virus-hit cruise ship MV Hondius.

About Tristan da Cunha

- It is both a **group of islands in the South Atlantic Ocean** and the **largest island of that group**.
- The archipelago is **volcanic in origin**.
- It is about **midway between southern Africa and South America**.
- It is considered the **most remote inhabited chain of islands** in the world.
- The islands were **discovered in 1506 by Portuguese explorer Tristão da Cunha**, after whom they are named.
- The island group is a **constituent part of the British overseas territory**.

- The **main island, Tristan da Cunha**, has a **small settlement named Edinburgh of the Seven Seas**. It has an estimated population of **250 permanent residents**.
- **Other islands** in the Tristan Archipelago are **uninhabited**: two (**Gough Island and Inaccessible Island**) **form a UNESCO World Heritage Site**; Nightingale Island, Stoltenhoff and Alex (or Middle) Island also have globally significant biodiversity.
- The archipelago contains **no airstrip** and is **accessible only by boat or helicopter**.
- Tristan da Cunha has a **unique economic and social structure** in which **land is communally owned** and **all families engage in farming**.
- **Outsiders cannot settle or buy land** on the islands.
- In addition to agriculture, the **other sectors of the economy are government and commercial fishing**.

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