

# *Occupied Malvinas Islands facing major public health crisis*

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Buenos Aires, April 15 (RHC)-- The coronavirus outbreak on the British-occupied Malvinas Islands -- which the UK calls Falkland Islands -- has considerably worsened following six new confirmed infections, bringing the territory's total to 11.

All the new infections are believed to be at the tri-service military base at Mount Pleasant, situated in Isla Soledad, known by the British occupiers as East Falkland.

The infection count is significant in view of the fact that the total population of the islands (including the military garrison in Mount Pleasant) is just shy of 5,000. The civilian population of the occupied territory numbers around 3,400, some of whom are believed to be especially vulnerable to the coronavirus due to their advanced age.

The sudden deterioration in the Malvinas' coronavirus outbreak is sufficiently worrying to prompt senior British defense and foreign policy journalists to question whether the military is involved in a cover-up.

Beyond the occupied Malvinas Islands, there are growing questions as to why the British armed forces are not releasing any information on the extent of the coronavirus outbreak within their ranks.

As more and more Western armed forces provide partial disclosure on the extent of coronavirus infection within their ranks, the British military refuses to release any information on the subject.

Situated in the South Atlantic Ocean (just over 480 km from the Argentine coast), the Malvinas Islands is claimed by Argentina which argues the UK has illegally occupied the archipelago since 1833.

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