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(FKIT besked: Denne mail kommer fra Internettet.)

Dear Lisa-Lotte,

Hopefully you will have received the FRAGO 4X-058, the ASSESSREPS dated 24 and 25 November 2004 and the draft Media Plan. As discussed, we have redacted the sensitive and/or irrelevant aspects of the documents leaving the relevant sections for disclosure. As you will see, three of these documents carry a classification. This is because, under UK MOD policy, the owner or originator should be the person responsible for down-grading or de-classifying a document. We, in the Disclosure Co-ordination Unit liaise with Subject Matter Experts in order provide a version of the document that can be disclosed to a Court, this process does not entail de-classifying documents as it is quite possible and indeed normal that the document is sensitive, but as it is relevant to legal proceedings, the sensitivity is outweighed by the requirement for justice to be done.

As agreed, the documents listed above can be shared with Danish Government's Legal Advisor, the Danish Courts and the claimants' lawyer. However, can I ask that they be treated as sensitive, are securely stored when not in use and not transmitted over the internet.

Kind regards,
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TO: DANBAT
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DTG: 242250CNOV04

FRAGO 4X/ 058 – OP GREEN DESERT

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Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: CHARLIE.

1. SITUATION. See Annex A.
2. MISSION. No change.
3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Ops.

(1) Intent. The intent is for 4 Armd Bde and ISF to conduct three simultaneous jt cordon and arrest ops in AZ ZUBAYR(AZ). These will be jt ops between DANBAT and ING/TSU with the ING leading and DANBAT providing sp to the ING.

(2) Scheme of Manoeuvre. DANBAT will move from SLB to Assy areas on the outskirts of AZ. On orders H hour will be called and DANBAT will establish an outer cordon of MNF-I to allow ING to move in and form the inner cordon. Once both cordons are secure the TSU will move into and search the tgts. Once cleared SOCO and REST are to move into the tgt locs and conduct further, detailed searches. 4 Armd Bde will provide 1 x AI Coy as the Bde Res to the operation throughout, DANBAT will provide a jt reserve to be based at CHINDIT CAMP. Leader engagement is to be conducted throughout to ensure that the IO message is passed.

(3) Main Effort. The arrest of AIF in AZ.

b. Tasks.

(1) DANBAT.

- (a) Conduct Jt cordon and search op with TSU/ING.
- (b) Liaise with ROBG to deconflict routes and ops boxes.
- (c) Liaise with Comd 1 SG Res.

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(2)

(3) ROBG.

(a) Liaise with DANBAT to provide a base loc (CHINDIT CAMP) from which DANBAT may operate.

(b) BPT provide surge capability for AZ ZUBAYR should the situation dictate.

(c) Provide secure loc to hold detainees at SLB for screening.

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(6) Media Ops. Coordinate the deployment of the Div Combat Camera Team (CCT) to DANBAT from 250300CNOV04 at SLB.

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(11) LEGAD.

(a) Provide spec LEGAL advice to UK units deployed on Op GREEN DESERT.

(b)

c. Coord Instr

(1) Timings.

(a)

(b)

(c) [REDACTED]

(d) [REDACTED]

(2) [REDACTED]

(3) NTM

(a) [REDACTED]

(b) [REDACTED]

(c) [REDACTED]

(4) [REDACTED]

(5) [REDACTED]

(6) [REDACTED]

(7) Detainees. Detainees are to be initially taken to DTDF for screening. Detainees are to be kept apart during the initial phase of detention in a secure area within SLB. Once screened those detainees not required for MNF-I TQ will be moved under TSU control onward to CAMP CAMPBELL.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT

a. [REDACTED]

b. [REDACTED]

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Comd Status

b. [REDACTED]

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c. Codewords.

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c. POC.

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Ack:

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COS
HQ 4 ARMD BDE

Auth:

[REDACTED]
SO3 G3 PLANS 2
HQ 4 ARMD BDE

Annexes:

A.

[REDACTED]

ANNEX E TO
SOI 203
DATED 01 AUG 04

4 ARMD BDE DAILY ASSESSREP FOR THE PERIOD 0001 TO 2359C hrs 24 Nov 04

1. G2.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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2. G3 Ops.

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d. DANBAT.

(1) BG HQ issued orders for Op GREEN DESERT at Bn Main at 1030C hrs. COs of 601st Bn and 602nd Bn, as well as representatives of the TSU were present. Joint recces were conducted. The Op will start at first light 25 Nov 04.

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3. G5 Plans.

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d. DANBAT.

- (1) Future Operations (by Op name and brief description) in the next 24/48 hrs:

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- (g) Op GREEN DESERT. Search Op in AZ ZUBAYR.

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g. 21 Engr Regt.

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(2) Op GREEN DESERT. REST are providing sp to this TSU led cordon and search op in the early hours of 25 Nov 04.

4. G3 Ops Sp.

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5. G9.

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6. G1 / G4.

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7. COs Intent/Assessment.

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4 ARMD BDE DAILY ASSESSREP FOR THE PERIOD 0001 TO 2359C hrs 25 Nov 04

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2. G3 Ops.

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d. DANBAT.

(1) Op GREEN DESERT a joint MNF, ING and TSU search and arrest Op targeted at 4 locations within and IVO AZ ZUBAYR TOWN commenced at 0330C hrs with the movement of 3x Coys OPCON DANBAT into Assembly Areas surrounding AZ ZUBAYR. At 0545C hrs 3x Cordons where established around tgts CYAN 1, CYAN 3 and CYAN 4A / 4B within the town. The ING and TSU conducted the arrest and search Ops without resistance at CYAN 3 and CYAN 4, at CYAN 1 shots where exchanged between ING and persons within the building, there where no cas and the 3x individuals involved where detained by the ING. CYAN 2 was cordoned and searched as a second phase of the operation at 1109C hrs with all troops off the ground by 1320C hrs. The search and arrest op was completed within the town and the cordon collapsed at 0840C hrs. 16 long barrelled weapons, a quantity of documents and approx 150 Kg of Hashesh was found across the 4 sites and retained by the ING. A total of 37 detainees where recovered to SLB (14 via CHINDIT CAMP), after initial screening, no authority to

TQ was not granted by CO DANBAT. All detainees were handed over to TSU and have departed SLB.

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3. G5 Plans.

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(3) BGs.

[REDACTED]

(b) DANBAT. Handouts were distributed in conjunction with Op GREEN DESERT. They were very well received by the population. The operation will be exposed in the next newspaper in the area.

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KOPI Nr 2
Side 10/16

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6. G1 / G4.

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Side 16/16

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7. COs Intent/Assessment.

[REDACTED]

8. Comds Intent. No change.

MEDIA PLAN TO TACKLE THE DANBAT ALLEGATIONS

Issue

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Allegations that the Danish Battalion (DANBAT) has mistreated prisoners in their care have been made following a recent operation.

Background

On 25 November Operation Green Desert, a joint MNF, Iraqi National Guard (ING) and Tactical Support Unit (TSU) search and arrest operation targeted at 4 locations within and IVO Az Zubayr. The operation was based on intelligence gained by the ING the intention was to conduct search and arrest operations.

3 Coys OPCON DANBAT worked with TSU and a DANBAT Coy worked with the ING. 3 of the 4 lift operations were conducted simultaneously in the town. The TSU led operation was a second phase cordon and search operation. The TSU were accompanied by members of the IPA from Old State Building. The IPA input into the operation was in the form of mentoring the TSU during the search of suspects, seizure of relevant items and the logging of exhibits for hand over to Al Jameat.

A total of 37 people were arrested and processed through Shaiba Logistical Base (SLB). Once the suspects had been arrested by the TSU, they were held in a bus under TSU guard until that target address had been cleared. They were transferred by ISF, accompanied by DANBAT and IPA, to SLB. 14 of the 37 were staged through Chindit Camp on their way to SLB. On arrival the military moved the prisoners to a compound surrounded by barbed wire with guard dog on hand. The prisoners were led into a tent, still blind folded they were then screened (searched and details taken) by Royal Dragoon Guards with TSU presence. No authority was given by CO DANBAT to TQ any of the detainees.

The operation collapsed at 1445 when the detainees were handed over to the custody of the TSU. [REDACTED] IPA, stayed with the prisoners and two TSU officers for the duration of the detention.

The prisoners and exhibits were then taken to Al Jamet and handed over to the investigation team at approximately 2030hrs on the same day. The operation recovered 16 long barrelled weapons, a quantity of documents and approx 150 Kg of Hashesh was found across the 4 sites and retained by the ING.

The IPA's attended the Al Jameat Investigations Department where they monitored the process of prisoner reception and evidence handling. They assisted with advice on how to sort prisoners and evidence into groups of drug dealers and terrorists. The following day they met with the Investigation Department and TSU to mentor the continuity of the evidence.

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Media Handling

That we offer the 'Al Manara' newspaper an opportunity to spend a day or two with DANBAT on patrol so that they can see for themselves how soldiers conduct themselves when dealing with the local population.

Media ops or Polad will approach 'Al Manara' or any other local newspaper to offer them an exclusive visit to the Danish Battalion.

The Danish PIO Captain Peter Rasmussen has ghost write an article on behalf of his Commanding Officer. The MND spokesperson and myself have a meeting tomorrow (Saturday 18 December) to discuss their next move but I have suggested we ask 'Al Manara' to publish this article in their next edition rebutting their allegations at the earliest opportunity.

Conclusion.

Any further advice would be appreciated before our meeting tomorrow.


GOC's Media Adviser
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Basrah Air Station