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OP WAATEA / OP CRIB CO-OPERATION ON TARGETING THREAT GROUPS TO THE NZ PRT

Aim

 This document aims to outline the steps taken by OP WAATEA (TF81) in conjunction with the NZ PRT in order to identify and target the key threat groups operating against the NZ PRT in BAMYAN.

Situation

An NZPRT Patrol has been in a contact with INS in BAMYAN province on 3
August 2010 resulting in the death of one soldier and the injury to several
others. TF81 is acting to outline the steps that have been taken to date and
that need to occur before any direct targeting of INS in the region can
commence.

Background

• Since early May 2010 TF81 has been utilising the Find, Fix, Finish, Exploit, Analyse (F3EA) cycle to target INS and INS networks within BAMYAN Province. The information laid out below outlines what has been conducted and what is planned to be conducted into the future within this cycle in order to provide a clear picture of the measures taken so far, and the measures that require to be undertaken prior to any kill or capture operations being undertaken against these INS. The cycle is obviously continuous and as each stage of the cycle advances the ability of TF81 to access theatre resources (ISR, OAS, Rotary wing) increases.

Find (Target Development)

- The Find phase of the F3EA cycle is the current area of focus. There remains
 precious little intelligence on exactly where these INS reside. Currently TF81
 has undertaken the following efforts with OP CRIB in the find phase of this
 cycle:
 - TF81 intelligence resources have been made available to OP CRIB on the development of targets of mutual interest including two trips to BAMYAN by TF81 S2 staff.
 - TF81 has undertaken extensive NDS/MOI engagement to date in order to use local HUMINT sources to help find INS of interest in order to reinforce the priority of these INS targets to the NZ national interest.
 - TF81 has requested in-theatre imagery intelligence products PSR(S)1. PSR(S)2. PSR(S)3.
 - TF81 has received HUMINT reflections through its MOI and NDS contacts that have provided some leads on the whereabouts of the targeted INS however as of yet this has yet to narrow the targets.

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PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

Assessment on ISR availability

- TF81 have engaged PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3
 support in response to the 3 August TIC in an attempt to glean further information on INS.
- The TF81 ASIC has instigated force protection techniques over the site of the 3 August TIC in order to provide further situational awareness from this area.

Fix (Target Location)

The Fix phase of the F3EA cycle has yet to commence. PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

Identify broad target location

Finish (Target Action)

PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 can occur very rapidly.
This phase commences after the target has been fixed as it allows detailed
planning to ensure protection of the force is undertaken, taking into account
all tactical considerations.

Conclusion

 Since early May 2010 TF81 in conjunction with OP CRIB have taken a number of steps to address the lack of detailed target packages on INS within the BAMYAN Province. This has seen some progression however remains firmly in the Find phase. PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

Comment on priority resourcing

This document has provided an outline of the measures undertaken by TF81 in order to assist in addressing the threat to the NZPRT. TF81 plan to continue to work all avenues available to it in order to Find the INS to enable the Fix and Finish phase to occur.

PSR(IC)3, PSR(sen)1

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