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(TS) **OPERATIONS ORDER 011-2016-01:**

(TS) **Joint Chiefs of Staff Authorization: Capture or Kill Authorization Order for Abu Ayyub al-Masri, Codename: Joker.**



(TS) **Task Organization:** United States Delta Force members, United States Navy Special DEVGRU, SEAL teams, US Army 75th Ranger Regiment members, and USAF JSOC A-10C Warthog pilots composing of approximately 130 enlisted and officer personnel will be identified with their respective callsigns; Whiplash-1, Shadow-1, Swordfish-1, Savior-6, and Hawk 1-1. All personnel will be tasked by the Ground Commander outlined in this order. Small arms, demolition, and heavy weapons are authorized for use in this mission. Close Air Support (CAS) will be on-station consisting of fixed wing assets. All coalition ground team members proficiency levels are expert. Additional Special Forces assets from the Coalition can be utilized if needed. Back-up forces from Forward Operation Bases (FOB)'s and Airbases in the region may be called upon by the Ground Commander if the situation dictates. Tactical dominance, air assault, ambush, and Military Operation in Urban Terrain (MOUT) will be vital to mission success.

I. Situation

(U) Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Doran and associated individuals and entities:

(U) Al-Doran in Iraq was listed on **18 October 2004** pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 16 of resolution 1526 (2004) as being associated with Al-Doran for “participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf or in support of”, “supplying, selling or transferring arms and related materiel to” or “otherwise supporting acts or activities of Abu-Mohammed Zeri and Al-Doran” (QE.A.4.01.).

(TS) Rebel and terrorist forces have occupied key cities within the Country of Georgia. Al-Doran, SPIA, and other key terrorist organizations have flocked to the region to regroup, retrain, and strategize to take over Europe and spread their Islamic ideals to the world. A small United Nations peacekeeping force was

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ordered into the country under Resolution 435.1 to establish a Secure Zone and No-Fly Zone in the southern and central region of Georgia. The UN forces under strict rules of engagement were quickly overtaken by the rebel and terrorist forces in the region, and were forced to retreat. Coalition Forces led by the United States are tasked in bringing order back to the region, eliminate the terrorist nexus, and Capture or Kill High Value Targets / War Criminals who have engulfed the region. Enemy resistance has been very strong, and Intelligence Reports suggest many of the rebel and terrorist groups are receiving financial and supply assistance from Iran, Syria, IIPR, and possibly senior members of other Middle Eastern countries.

(TS) The Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff has ordered the immediate Capture or Kill mission for (1) Abu-Mohammed Zeri, Leader of Al-Doran; Codename: Joker. (2) Abid-Rahman Yahid, Deputy Commander of Al-Doran; (3) Ahmed Sekghailani, Commander North Region, Al-Doran; (4) Anas Matwalli Atwah, Commander, Special Tactics, Al-Doran; (5) Abu Ibram Al-Mufassil, Commander, South Georgia, Al-Doran; (6) Almij Al-Nasseri, Commander, North Georgia, Al-Doran. Detainee ISDN #: 014532-09, Tom Ramon, CIA Operative (Codename HERO-1), Signals Intelligence (SIGINT), and other Human Intelligence (HUMINT) identified a possible meeting location for Zeri and the five commanders identified above. The meeting will last approximately two hours; between the hours of 0300 – 0500 hours local, 7 January 2016. The meeting location is at or near a small village on the Ritsa Lake shoreline located in the Ritsa National Reserve, coordinates: 37 T FJ 24215 16137. The Codename for this village will be EVERGREEN. In addition, another possible location for the meeting is a small compound is located on the North shoreline of the Ritsa Lake, 370 meters from EVERGREEN, identified as Codename MONSTER.

(TS) At conclusion of the planned meeting Joker is planning to leave Georgia to an undetermined location. This type of face-to face-meeting with multiple high ranking members is very rare and indicates Al-Doran leadership is losing control of the region. Intel suggests Al-Doran is suffering from infighting, insubordination, and possible desertion. Joker is extremely concerned about their operational effectiveness and path forward of his organization in the region due to our constant coalition operations against their forces. Joker sent out human messengers 72 hours ago to relay the message to his commanders of the face-to-face meeting which he hopes will result in reassessing their overall mission in the region, and reassure his commanders the fight is not over. Many Al-Doran commanders have been killed or captured over the last six months, and morale is at an all-time low for many of Al-Doran's fighters. Reports also indicate Almij Al-Nasseri, Commander, North Georgia, Al-Doran and his men are threatening to return to Syria in the next month if the situation does not improve in Georgia.

A. Enemy Forces

(U) 1. Weather conditions in the target area of operations (AO) are calm with high temperatures in the 50's. Cloud conditions are light to none. Winds are calm at 1-2 kmh at ground level. Moonlight illumination is 1/8 strength within the next 24-48 hours.

(U) 2. Terrain: The Ritsa National Reserve region consists of mountain ranges, heavily forested areas, man-made and natural obstacles, urban areas, and variable elevation.

(U) 3. Identification of enemy forces: Al-Doran and Rebel forces will range from semi-skilled militia fighters in mixed military gear, to highly skilled infantry and anti-tank personnel with full body armor and light to heavy weapons. Armored assets and motorized infantry units have been spotted in the region. Fixed wing Air Support for the enemy is not likely. However, rotary assets are possible.

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(U) 4. Location(s): Enemy forces have been spotted by reconnaissance assets occupying EVERGREEN, MONSTER, and adjoining villages. Random patrol patterns and defensive fighting positions (DFP)'s are being analyzed by the S-2 section.

(U) 5. Activity: Enemy forces are occupying and defending the village at EVERGREEN and MONSTER due to the upcoming meeting. Morale is medium-to-low for the enemy force and surrender is not likely. Due to Joker's movement pattern, we have a limited engagement window before he moves again.

(U) 6. Strength: Exact strength of the enemy force is unknown. Expect squad and platoon size troop levels throughout the village. Reconnaissance has reported five (5) static anti-aircraft guns located on tower structures at EVERGREEN. Enemy equipment ranges from small arms, crew-served weapons, heavy machine guns, anti-tank weapons, and light armor. The enemy force is believed to have the capability to reinforce the village within 30-60 minutes with platoon to company size units.

(U) 7. Probable course(s) of action when the enemy is contacted is to Defend-and-Hold their established areas. Joker and his commander may try to escape, watch for likely escape routes around the area. Suicide bombers may be present, and hidden IED's are likely to be present around the compound. Surrender is highly unlikely, enemy forces are highly trained and highly loyal to Joker and his commanders.

B. Friendly Forces

(S) 1. Mission and concept of next higher unit:

(S) Alpha - Team One (US Army, Delta Forces, SF Unit): (Whiplash-1)(Ground Commander / Operational Command)

1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Medic, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper), 1 x Explosives Expert

(S) Alpha - Team Two (US Army, Delta Forces, SF Unit): (Whiplash-2)

1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Demo Expert, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper), 1 x Combat Medic

(S) Alpha - Team Three (US Army, Delta Forces, SF Unit): (Whiplash-3)

1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Weapon Expert, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper), 1 x Explosives Expert, 2 x K-9 Military Working Dog Teams (Kilo-3 and Kilo-4)

(S) Alpha - Team Three (US Army, Delta Forces, SF Unit): (Whiplash-4)

1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Weapon Expert, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper), 1 x Combat Medic

(S) Bravo - Team One (US Navy, Seal Team Six, SF Unit): (Shadow-1)

1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Medic, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper)

(S) Bravo - Team Two (US Navy, Seal Team Six, SF Unit): (Shadow-2)

1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Demo Expert, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper), MWD Team, 1 x Combat Medic

(S) Bravo - Team Three (US Navy, Seal Team Six, SF Unit): (Shadow-3)

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1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Weapon Expert, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper)

(S) Bravo - Team Four (US Navy, Seal Team Six, SF Unit): (Shadow-4)

1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 4 x Operators, 1-2 x Grenadier, 1 x Weapon Expert, 1 x Explosives Specialist, 1 x Support Gunner (optional sniper)

(S) Charlie Team - One Platoon (US Army, 75th Ranger Regiment, SF Unit): (Swordfish-1)

4 x Squad Leader (with laser designator), 10 x Operators, 5 x Grenadier, 5 x Combat Medic, 10 x Weapon Expert, 10 x Support Gunner (optional sniper)

(S) Delta Team (Close Air Support):

4 x A-10C pilots (Hawg Flight) (Flight Lead): (Hawg 1-1)

(TS) 2. Location and planned actions of units; all units are to search and destroy enemy forces in their designated sectors while capturing or killing: (1) Abu-Mohammed Zeri, Leader of Al-Doran; Codename: Joker. (2) Abid-Rahman Yahid, Deputy Commander of Al-Doran; (3) Ahmed Sekghailani, Commander North Region, Al-Doran; (4) Anas Matwalli Atwah, Commander, Special Tactics, Al-Doran; (5) Abu Ibram Al-Mufassil, Commander, South Georgia, Al-Doran; (6) Almiy Al-Nasseri, Commander, North Georgia, Al-Doran. Units providing fire support as directed: Delta Team (CAS)

C. Attachments/Detachments

(U) Attachment: None

II. Mission

(TS) The immediate Capture or Kill of (1) Abu-Mohammed Zeri, Leader of Al-Doran; Codename: Joker. (2) Abid-Rahman Yahid, Deputy Commander of Al-Doran; (3) Ahmed Sekghailani, Commander North Region, Al-Doran; (4) Anas Matwalli Atwah, Commander, Special Tactics, Al-Doran; (5) Abu Ibram Al-Mufassil, Commander, South Georgia, Al-Doran; (6) Almiy Al-Nasseri, Commander, North Georgia, Al-Doran. Captured enemy combatants will be relocated to FOB SUSE as enemy prisoners of war (EPW)'s. Search for intelligence at the enemy compound.

(S) Alpha Team is responsible for clearing and securing East sector of EVERGREEN and MONSTER.

(S) Bravo Team is responsible for clearing and securing West sector of EVERGREEN and MONSTER.

(S) Charlie Team is responsible for setting up a defensive perimeter East of EVERGREEN and MONSTER along the primary roadway.

(S) Delta Team is responsible for CAS for ground forces.

III. Execution

Intent

(TS) The immediate Capture or Kill of (1) Abu-Mohammed Zeri, Leader of Al-Doran; Codename: Joker. (2) Abid-Rahman Yahid, Deputy Commander of Al-Doran; (3) Ahmed Sekghailani, Commander North Region, Al-Doran; (4) Anas Matwalli Atwah, Commander, Special Tactics, Al-Doran; (5) Abu Ibram Al-Mufassil, Commander, South Georgia, Al-Doran; (6) Almiy Al-Nasseri, Commander, North Georgia, Al-Doran. Secondary: Search for intelligence at the enemy compound.

A. Concept of the Operation:

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(TS) Due to the probability of Joker moving locations within a few hours, a nighttime mission is required. All ground teams will move out from FOB SUSE via 4 x Ch-47's and 4 x UH-60's enroute to their staging area 25 km's from Target AO. All ground teams will hold until Hawg Flight (Delta Team) is overhead at their established WP2 (HOLD). At approximately 0345 hours (Local), Whiplash-1 (Alpha – Team One) will insert via UH-60 flying map of the earth to a LZ East of Monster. Whiplash-2 (Alpha – Team Two) will insert via UH-60 flying map of the earth to a LZ SE of Evergreen. Whiplash-3 (Alpha – Team Three) will insert via UH-60 flying map of the earth to a LZ East of Evergreen. Whiplash-4 (Alpha – Team Four) will insert via UH-60 flying map of the earth to a LZ NE of Evergreen on a primary roadway. Shadow-1 (Bravo – Team One and Team Two) will insert via CH-47 flying map of the earth to a LZ West of Monster in a courtyard area. Shadow-2 (Bravo – Team Three and Team Four) will insert via CH-47 flying map of the earth to a LZ SW of Monster. Swordfish-1 (Charlie – One Platoon) will insert via 2 x CH-47 flying map of the earth to a LZ East of Evergreen and Monster on the primary roadway.

(TS) Whiplash-1 will contact Hawg Flight to engage five (5) static enemy static anti-aircraft gun positions at Evergreen (Priority One Tasking) when friendly helicopters are 12 km's out from target AO. Hawg Flight will also be tasked with destroying a bridge (Priority Two Tasking) East of the Target AO (37 T FJ 26362 15684) to cutoff possible follow-on enemy forces to the target AO.

(TS) All teams will be deployed to designated LZ's; helicopters will remain on the ground for approximately 15 seconds and dust off to friendly airspace. Alpha and Bravo ground teams will move directly to begin sweep and clear operations. Charlie ground teams will setup defensive positions East of Evergreen and Monster. Alpha and Bravo teams will set up casualty collections points in their designated sectors. All teams must follow orders from their respective team leaders on ROE and formation movement. If Joker or his commanders are captured or killed they will be brought to FOB SUSE for processing. Resupply requests should go through Hotel (CP)(Whiplash-1). Report all enemy crossing into another sectors AO.

B. Tasks to Maneuver Units

(S) Charlie Team is tasked with any search and rescue or support for DURESS calls from friendly forces in the village. Always announce when crossing into another teams AOR or Sector to avoid friendly fire.

C. Tasks to Combat Support Units

(S) CAS Flights will orbit the area and provide CAS as directed by ground force commanders.

D. Coordinating Instructions

(S) Team leaders will coordinate what movement speed, type of formation, and rules of engagement for their respective members. Whiplash-1 may dictate diversion in plans depending on the battlefield situation.

IV. Service Support

(S) Whiplash-1 will task Savior-6 (UH-60, CSAR Team) with CASEVAC transport. Texaco 1-1 (KC-135) is on-station in the AO for aerial refueling.

A. General

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(S) RV Gudauta AB with CASEVAC patients.

B. Material and Services

(S) Contact Gudata Command Post for supply needs.

C. Medical Evacuation:

(S) Whiplash-1 will task Gudata AB forces with resupply drops and Savior-6 with CASEVAC transport.

D. Personnel:

(S) EPW's will be transported to FOB SUSE and held at the TIF Cropper.

E. Miscellaneous:

(S) Special equipment. Biometrics scanner.

Captured equipment. Any enemy equipment which is captured can be used or destroyed depending on mission needs.

V. Command & Signal

A. Command

(S) (Whiplash-1) has overall command of the region. Whiplash-1 has operational command of this mission. Team leads for Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta will command their teams to accomplish the mission.

B. Signal

(S) Main Communications will be portable and long range encrypted radio signals. Ground teams must meet with the COMSEC NCOIC to ensure CCI keys are current before mission start. (Will be present at airstrip on FOB SUSE)

(S) Loss of communications:

(S) Deploy WHITE smoke if in need of immediate help, with no communications. Closest friendly unit will backup team in duress. Inter-personal communications devices and manual hand and arm signals should be used by team for movements.



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