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PJHQ GUIDANCE ON THE HANDLING OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND  
DETAINEES

Reference:

- A. JWP 1-10. Prisoner of War Handling.
- B. AJP 2.5. Handling of Captured Personnel, Captured Equipment and Captured Documents.

1. Applicable Law. The treatment of captured personnel (CPERS<sup>1</sup>) held for interrogation will comply with the provisions of the 1949 Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (GC III) and the 1977 Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions, and other applicable Laws of Armed Conflict including the 1949 Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. In particular in accordance with Article 17 of GC III, no physical or mental torture, nor any other form of coercion, may be inflicted on prisoners of war to secure from them information of any kind whatever. Prisoners of war who refuse to answer may not be threatened, insulted, or exposed to unpleasant or disadvantageous treatment of any kind.

2. Categorisation. The primary aim of interrogation is the timely extraction of information and/or intelligence from CPERS, and dissemination of that product to the relevant command in order that it may be used in the production of intelligence estimates and in decision making. In order to achieve this aim, CPERS shall be categorised according to their assessed intelligence value to ensure the effective allocation of interrogation resources.

3. Responsibilities. The responsibility for the interrogation of CPERS in order to obtain information/ intelligence of military value shall rest with the intelligence organisation. Information obtained during operational interrogation may not be admissible as evidence in criminal proceedings unless certain legal procedures have been followed. Therefore, interrogation of CPERS for the purpose of obtaining evidence to be used in criminal proceedings should be the responsibility of competent police or judicial authorities.

4. Screening Procedures. Throughout the interrogation phase, CPERS shall be:

- a. Segregated by rank, sex and nationality/ethnic group/ to

<sup>1</sup> Captured Personnel (CPERS) are defined in AJP 2.5 "Handling of Captured Personnel, Captured Equipment and Captured Documents" as PWs and other detainees. PWs are those who fall within the categories listed in Article 4 of the Geneva Conventions of 12 Aug 49 (GC III), or Part III of the 1979 Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions.

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minimise the opportunity for counter-interrogation measures and to maintain order.

b. Allowed no opportunity to exchange information between themselves or to compromise interrogation operations by contact with personnel not concerned with interrogation duties.

c. Given no opportunity to observe sensitive and critical activities, equipment and procedures involving Coalition or National Forces.

d. Guarded in a manner, which shall deny the opportunity for suicide, escape or sabotage.

e. Given no opportunity to exchange identities or to dispose of articles of intelligence interest.

5. Other detainees treated as PWs. The procedures for the interrogation of defectors, deserters and other combatants shall be the same as those for PWs. Such categories shall be segregated from other CPERS during interrogation and holding wherever practicable.

**INTERROGATION PROCEDURES**

6. CPERS shall be categorised according to their assessed intelligence value as early after capture as possible. This may be done by capture units where a language capability exists to do so. This categorisation shall be reassessed by the JFIT whenever they receive CPERS.

7. Category A. CPERS of high value whose broad or specific knowledge of the Iraqi war effort makes it necessary for them to be interrogated without delay by specialised interrogation personnel and at the highest level. For example:

- (1) General Officers.
- (2) Chiefs of Staff of major formations.
- (3) Officers in intelligence or communications organisations.
- (4) Officers in special police units and counter-terrorist units.
- (5) Officers and NCOs of Special Purpose Forces.
- (6) Personnel with knowledge of ciphers/cryptography.
- (7) Personnel with knowledge of subjects of particular intelligence interest or importance:

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(a) Scientific personnel/Technical personnel with current knowledge of radiological, biological and chemical weapons - weapon of mass destruction.

(b) Persons with knowledge of organised crime organisations and operations.

(c) Persons with substantial knowledge of terrorist organisations and operations.

(8) CPERS who display a willingness to assist interrogation staff in the achievement of their primary task and whose assistance can be material to the achievement of that task.

b. Category B. CPERS who have sufficient information of intelligence value to warrant further interrogation or who may be of assistance to interrogation staff.

c. Category C. CPERS who have information of limited, immediate tactical value, which is, therefore, time sensitive.

d. Category D. CPERS of no intelligence interest.

8. The above definitions are a broad guide only and considerable latitude shall be exercised by interrogation staff in the categorising of captured personnel.

9. The timely interrogation and exploitation of CPERS in Category A and B is vital to the achievement of the primary aim of interrogation. The swift transfer of Category A CPERS to a SIC or CSIC is therefore extremely important.

10. When a capturing unit moves a captured person who is assessed or presumed to be Category A or B to a medical facility or to a holding point, the intelligence organisation should be alerted as soon as possible to ensure the early exploitation of his intelligence potential.

**PROCEDURE AT INTERROGATION UNIT**

11. Interrogation Units (IUs) receiving CPERS shall adopt the following procedure:

a. Allocate an Interrogation Serial Number to CPERS selected for interrogation.

b. Identify the Common Capture Report and any associated documents and equipment.

c. Search the CPERS to ensure that they are properly disarmed and that all