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07 SEPT 03

OP QUINTESSENTIAL FRAGO 2

Ref:

A. OP QUINTESSENTIAL INTSUM

Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: DELTA

1. **SITUATION.**

a. **En Forces.** See INTSUM.

b. **Friendly Forces.**

(1) **Bde Intent:** Disrupt fuel smuggling operations.

(2) **Flanks.** 1 KINGS have activity in AOR which may transit 1 QLR AOR on SAA. 40 Regt RA will now track wheeled tankers from the docking locations identified by our operation thus far.

2. **MISSION.** No change.

3. **EXECUTION.**

a. **Concept of Ops.**

(1) **Intent.** My intent is to switch effort from static OP's focused upon the SHATT AL ARAB and the tracking of barges to the land based wheeled tankers smuggling fuel to the barges. The overall intent remains unchanged and is to disrupt large-scale fuel smuggling operations in the AOR, in order to defeat the misconception amongst the IZ People, that CF condones the activity.

(2) **SQM Phase 1.** To gather intelligence and judicial standard evidence of fuel smuggling operations is still incomplete. Precise intelligence on the ground based operation is required in order that the Bde lift operation can be planned and case of smuggling must be proved through the judicial system, prior to a larger scale operation. OP North, manned by ANZIO is to be withdrawn at 072300DSEPT03. OP South, will be withdrawn at 080800DSEPT03. Any final trigger before that time will be passed to 38 Bty, 40 Regt for their tracking assets to pick up. Recce PI will be taken off task at 072300DSEPT03. All ISTAR assets are to compile their photographic evidence and OP logs and send it to the ISTAR officer as an OP QUINTESSENTIAL Phase 1 report by 081800DSEPT03. Phase 2 - Routine patrol activity is now authorised to gain detailed intelligence on fuel smuggling within the AOR. Reports to be sent daily to the ISTAR officer. ANZIO is to re-insert OP North at 102300DSEPT and conduct a company lift op triggered by OP North. The trigger is sighting of wheeled tanker filling barge in either A1 or A2. ANZIO is to apprehend all pax and collect evidence for processing through the judicial system. The lift op is to be completed by 122300DSEPT.

ME. Gathering of judicial standard evidence on fuel smuggling.

b. **ANZIO Msn.** No Change.

Stand down Grain silo OP.
 Re-insert OP 102300D
 Conduct Coy lift operation triggered by OP Lift OP by 122300DSEPT
 Gather evidence during routine pttls on fuel tankers.

c. **BURMA Msn.** No Change.

Gather evidence during routine pttls on fuel tankers.

d. **CORUNNA Msn.** No Change.

Gather evidence during routine pttls on fuel tankers.

e. **SOMME Msn.** No Change.

Withdraw OP at the Palace front gate.
 Gather evidence during routine pttls on fuel tankers.

f. **ISTAR.** No change.

Fuse intelligence and liaise with SO2 Legal and 19N TCC, in order to trigger Phase 2.

The ISTAR WO is responsible for providing equipment and advice on OP capability.

g. **19 MB TCC.** The possibility of using Nimrod MR2 to sp this operation during tracking, which may be in to the Persian Gulf is being investigated.

h. **Coord Instrs.**

(1) **Timings.**

DTG	Action	Remarks
072300	OP North withdrawn	OC ANZIO
072300	Recce off task	OC SOMME
080800	OP South withdrawn	OC SOMME
081800	Review of Int	CO/ISTAR
102300	Re-insert OP North	OC ANZIO
100400-122300	Conduct triggered Lift op	OC ANZIO
122300	Extract OP North	OC ANZIO

(2) **Routine Ptl Activity Reports.** The collation of further background intelligence will be critical to the success of the operation. Coys are to use th format at Annex A, to gather info on fuel tankers VCPs.

(3) **Follow Up Action of Routine Ptl.** Coys are follow up information gathered during routine pttl activity, which is linked to fuel smuggling. This is to be co-ordinated through ISTAR and with a view to gathering evidence for later use rather than making an immediate impact. Removing the low level operatives will not necessarily lead to the final prosecuting of the organisers, however the

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tactical questioning of some low level operatives will be considered.

(4) Involvement IZP. IZP are to be taken on the lift operation to observe our actions and participate where possible. However OPSEC is to be maintained and they are not to be informed of the details of the operation in advance.

(5) Detainment. Pax are to be arrested under suspicion of illegal smuggling of fuel and are to be taken to BG Main where questioning will take place and the evidence bundle will be compiled. All arresting soldiers must write statements with the attached RMP at BG Main. **Detainees are not to be conditioned** but must be handcuffed.

(6) Photographic evidence. All photographic evidence is to be handed to BG G2 immediately after the lift op is completed.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT.

a. CSS. CSS issues for OPs and Recce ISTAR assets to be returned to the control of the ISTAR WO. BG CSS assets will be made avail if req'd, requests through ISTAR.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Locs:

- (1) BG MAIN - No Change.
- (2) SOMME Ops Rm for Recce HF Link.

b. Liaison:

- (1) ISTAR WO for OPs & Recce.
- (2) ISTAR for Bde TCC & Legal.

c. Comms. The RSWO is to ensure HF Comms are avail for Recce and SOMME Ops Rm. Remainder on BG Net. RSWO is to ensure comms link on UHF for Nimrod MR2 if made avail.

d. OPSEC. No change to Ref A.

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Annex:

A. Fuel Tanker VCP Report Form.

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