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QUESTIONS ON THE HANDLING OF COMBATANTS & NON-COMBATANTS IN IRAQ

1. CDS would be grateful for answers to the questions posed below on UK and CF handling of detainees and on the wider policy and training issues of such handling. CDS requires the information urgently and **no later than 1200 Hrs Thu 13 May**. He has asked that CDI lead and PJHQ provide information applicable to Theatre. If there are areas where information is scarce or unavailable please notify the undersigned as soon as possible.
2. What are the procedures to prepare UK military personnel in the handling and interrogation of:
 - Combatants and
 - Non-combatants?
3. What are the procedures to prepare Iraqi military and police personnel in the handling and interrogation of:
 - Combatants and
 - Non-combatants?
4. Where are these procedures laid down? Are they linked to the Geneva Convention, and do they reflect existing international humanitarian law?
5. How are these procedures applied? Are they uniformly applied across UK, as well as Iraqi military and police working for the Coalition:
 - At the point of capture or detention?
 - During subsequent handling?
 - At the final detention or interrogation facility?
6. What checks and balances are in place to ensure consistency? (Both in UK policy and in application in Iraq).
7. What are individual commanding officer's stated responsibilities with respect to prisoner handling? Does the UK have a permanent cadre of trained staff to deliver training to deployed

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