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From: Burbridge Capt CW GBR (INET)
Sent: 17 September 2003 12:54
To: Fenton Maj E GBR (INET)
Subject: FW: Follow up to Incidents 15 Sep

Ed, Here are the answers you needed.

Charlie

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From: Richards Maj BL GBR (INET)
Sent: 17 September 2003 12:38
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From: Burbridge Capt CW GBR (INET)
Sent: 16 September 2003 16:19
To: Richards Maj BL GBR (INET)
Cc: Till Capt TPO GBR (INET)
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Ben, here are the answers to your questions.

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Ed

GOC has VTC with CJO this afternoon. He requires more detail on the incidents last night as follows:

1 KOSB ND

1. Cause. Your SINCREP stated that sldr concerned dropped his wpn. Please confirm and any other detail. It raises obvious question of was sling fitted etc.
 Soldier was on guard and dropped his weapon, which discharged and shot the child. Unable to answer question re: sling as weapon removed by SIB for investigation.
2. Was injury caused by direct shot or ricochet?
 Injury was caused by direct shot.
3. Any other extenuating circumstances.
 Unknown, as soldier has been removed by SIB for questioning. KOSB have not had the opportunity to speak to the soldier.
4. Any reaction today from locals?
 Peaceful crowd gathered, more to see what was happening than to protest, dispersed after casualty

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removed in Chinook.

Death in Custody

1. Can we confirm that the correct procedures were followed for TQ.
Yes, TQ conducted by Bde G2 qualified TQ.
2. Some concern here that prisoner had been in too long – 24 hrs Max? A breakdown of timings please showing how long he had been held.
See question 9.
3. Who was ic prisoners / overseeing TQ process? (rank not name)
Sgt and Cpl.
4. Any reaction today from locals?
No.
5. Circumstances of arrest?
As part of Op Salerno hotel searches, a number of terrorist related items were recovered from rooms. On questioning pax in hotel lobby, OC perceived link between items and pax leading to their arrest. Pax were detained and moved to battlegroup main by Bedford.
6. Did he need to be forcibly restrained on arrest?
No, he was just normally restrained.
7. Had the soldier/s been trained in arrest and restraint?
Precise extent in soldiers training in a and r procedures is unknown at present as they are still located at the TIF. However, all Anzio Coy personnel have received 2 x briefings in a and r procedures, including demo's and practicals.
8. Was he injured on arrival; if so, had a medic seen him?
Subject was examined by a doctor within 4 hours of his arrival at battlegroup main, with no injuries detected. He was further examined on at least 1 more occasion during his detention.
9. How long held and bagged? Did he need to be?
Subject was held for 36 hours in total, of which he was hooded for 23 hours and 40 minutes. There was a requirement for the hood as a part of TQ conditioning and disorientation process. Note subject attempted escape repeatedly throughout detention, on average every 10 minutes.
10. Were those responsible for detention properly trained and briefed?
Yes. Provo Sergeant of Provo Coy.
11. Any Iraqi witnesses?
Yes. 4 x Iraqi witnesses, all interpreters present during tactical questioning.
12. What sort of facility was used for detention?
3 roomed building, area of subject's detention had moving air passing through it.
13. Time of Post Mortem and what might be told?
Timing unknown, suspected verdict will be 1 of Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack).
14. Will Iraqi doctor pass information to CF?
It is believed the Post Mortem will be conducted by the CF.
15. Will UK be represented by qualified individual at Post Mortem?
N/A as it is believed PM will be conducted at Shaibah Medical Facility.

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