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**FRAGO 29 TO OPO 005/03 - INTERNMENT PROCEDURES**

Ref:

- A. Annex M to OpO 005/03
- B. GC IV
- C. UN Declaration of Human Rights

Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: DELTA (note ZULU remains extant for aviation Ops).

Scope of Order: This FRAGO announces the intention for G2 Branch to assume overall control of the Internment Process in MND(SE). Further it confirms the procedures, outlined at Ref A, to be used in all cases where internment may or does result. The DTG G2 assumes this function from SO2 Detention will be published in a subsequent sweep up FRAGO.

TASKORG: See OpO 005/03

1. SITUATION. Civilians may be interned if they represent a threat to Coalition Forces. Additionally individuals may voluntarily request to be interned¹. Internment is the period spent in an internment facility without trial up to the point of release. This term is not to be confused with pre-internment custody by battlegroup personnel, which is in accordance with the ROE. It is distinct from detention which is used to incarcerate those guilty of criminal activity. Internees are assessed to be a threat to CF and their processing is now a G2 led G3 Ops responsibility.
2. MISSION. 1 (UK) Armd Div conducts security and stabilisation operations within bdrys, in order to set the conditions for IRAQ becoming a stable, self governing state.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Intent. No change. Legally compliant internment procedures are to be implemented across MND(SE) in accordance with Refs A and B. There is to be continuous scrutiny at all levels to ensure that appropriate persons only are interned.
 - b. Scheme of Manoeuvre. Internment may take place either as the result of a pre-planned lift operation in response to intelligence or as a reaction to a threat to Coalition

¹ Voluntary Internees are those persons who seek protection from the Occupying Power and who are interned for their own protection. They are not to be interrogated.

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Forces that manifests itself on the ground. The flow diagram at Annex A illustrates the process to be followed in both cases.

(1) Pre-planned Lift Operations. In all cases where a clear threat is identified and a lift is planned, the following procedure is to be followed:

i. A target pack is to be prepared detailing all available intelligence pertaining to the potential internee(s). The pack should include:

(a) Details of target personnel including assessment of threat posed to Coalition Forces

(b) G3 details of intended operation

(c) Assessment of potential consequences of lift operation

ii. The pack should be submitted through the chain of command to Div G2. Div G2 are to conduct the necessary deconfliction with J2X and other agencies prior to submitting the operation for G3 approval by the COS. This does not need to be a lengthy procedure and where necessary could be achieved verbally in time sensitive situations, but a written target pack must follow.

iii. The lift operation takes place. Immediately following the lift operation the suspect(s) is/are taken to the BG Internment Review Officer, who, having heard the circumstances of detention, shall determine whether:

(a) There is a case to answer. If there is no case to answer (ie the circumstances related do not pose a threat to Coalition Forces), then release.

(b) If the information shows that there is a threat to Coalition Forces, internment at the TIF for further exploitation by JFIT is to be authorised. The Internment Record, shown at Annex B, is to be completed. At this stage the CO is responsible for the potential internee and the legality of his pre-internment.

(c) If the information relates to purely criminal activities the RMP is to be contacted.

If the BG Internment Review Officer is unsure how to dispose of the arrested person he should consult G2 1 (UK) Armd Div who will seek legal advice if required.

iv. The suspect is taken to the Theatre Internment Facility (TIF) by the Battle Group concerned and handed over to the UK Military Provost Service

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(MPS), regardless of the nationality of the capturing BG². The MPS will allocate a UK Identity Serial Number (ISN) to the internee as they are booked in as well as a US ISN. It is vital that both these numbers are accurately noted on the Internment Record to assist in subsequent tracking of internees and ensure the efficient administration of their case paperwork. Examples of ISNs are as fol:

UK: UKDFO123456DM
US: UK9IZ109725EPW

v. The Internment Record should be photocopied at this stage with a copy retained with by the MPS for use by the JFIT to inform any subsequent interrogation. Annex B will be completed and be issued to the internee. Annex C is also to be completed. These three documents together are the internee paperwork and are all to be processed together. The original Internment Record is to be brought to Div G2 by the Battle Group as soon as the MPS have booked the internee in. A second copy should be delivered to Bde where appropriate with a third copy to be retained by the Battle Group.

(2) Reactive Internment. Where a direct threat to Coalition Forces is identified by troops on the ground an initial arrest should be conducted. The Battle Group Internment Review Officer should then conduct an initial assessment. Should he decide that internment is justified the process highlighted above should then be implemented. The circumstances of the internment, including a assessment of why the individual constitutes a threat, must be detailed in the Internment Record.

(3) Subsequent Procedures. Within 48 hrs Div G2 will review the case, informed by the Internment Record and initial JFIT interrogation, to confirm that the internee should remain interned and what further G2 enquiries might be required. Further reviews may be conducted if required as a result of any subsequent interrogation. A formal review of each case will be conducted by LEGAD HQ MND(SE) 21 days after internment to ensure that the circumstances and evidence justify continued internment. This review will then be followed at the 28 day point by a formal GOCs review to endorse the continued internment. Thereafter reviews will be conducted on an ad hoc basis as any new evidence comes to light. Each review is to be formally recorded on and Internment Review record a copy of which is at Enclosure 3. There are to be at least two reviews a year.

c. Other Tasks.

(1) BG. BGs are to appoint a BG Internee Review Officer (BGIRO) who is responsible to the CO for making the initial decision as to whether an individual is to be interned on the information provided by the patrol. This is likely to be the Bn Ops Offr or IO. It may not be a Service Police Officer, as a conflict of interests is likely to arise. However advice may be sought from the Service Police if a suspect's

² MOUs are being prepared which will provide final direction on the processing of other nation's internees. In the meantime they are to be processed as UK internees with their paperwork annotated with the nationality of the capturing BG.

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