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FRAGO 010 - PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

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GROUPING

- 1 X SECT TO EACH BG.
- 1 X SECT AS POINTER TEAM
- 2 X SECT FOR GENERAL TASKING AND SPEEDING OFFENCES

INTRODUCTION

PHASE 3B/4 OF OP TELIC HAS ALREADY COMMENCED IN SOME PARTS OF THE UK AO IN S IRAQ, AND UK AND COALITION FORCES ARE NOW CLEARLY IN OCCUPATION OR TRANSITIONING TO THIS STATE OF SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

ONCE UK OR COALITION FORCES ARE IN OCCUPATION OF EITHER THE WHOLE OR PARTS OF IRAQ THEN, AS THE OCCUPYING POWER, THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR "PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY" (HAGUE REGULATIONS IV ARTICLE 43).

THE PURPOSE OF THIS FRAGO IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW THE UK, AS AN OCCUPYING POWER, WILL DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR "PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY" IN ITS AO.

THE PROCEDURE IS DESIGNED TO BE SIMPLE AND EASILY UNDERSTOOD SO THAT IT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT CONFUSION. IT WILL ALSO EVOLVE AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE ON THE GROUND.

A COMMANDERS GUIDE TO PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND THE CURRENT ROE IS INCLUDED AT ANNEX A. UNITS ARE TO ENSURE ITS CONTENTS ARE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED.

BRIGADE POWERS

STOP/SEARCH/TEMPORARILY DETAIN

THE POWERS TO STOP SEARCH AND TEMPORARILY DETAIN ARE THE PRINCIPLE POWERS WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE BRIGADE IN THE DISCHARGE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR "PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY".

UNDER THE ROE, ALL SOLDIERS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP, SEARCH AND TEMPORARILY DETAIN.

- 680 BRAVO (ONE). PERMITS THE TEMPORARY DETENTION OF PERSONS POSING A THREAT TO COALITION FORCES OR ELEMENTS UNDER UK PROTECTION OR OTHERWISE INTERFERING WITH OR THREATENING THE COALITION MISSION.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE POWER TO STOP SEARCH AND TEMPORARILY DETAIN CAN BE USED EITHER IF A PERSON IS A THREAT TO FORCE SECURITY OR WHERE SOMEONE HAS COMMITTED A CRIMINAL OFFENCES. BOTH ARE REGARDED AS "INTERFERING WITH OR THREATENING THE COALITION MISSION".

REASONABLE FORCE MAY BE USED TO EFFECT A SEARCH. HOWEVER, MALE PERSONNEL ARE NOT TO PHYSICALLY SEARCH ANY FEMALES OR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 UNLESS AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH IS IMPERATIVE FOR REASONS OF FORCE SECURITY, IN WHICH CASE, AUTHORITY SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM AN OFFICER OF AT LEAST FIELD RANK.

ALL SEARCHES ARE TO BE PROPERLY RECORDED AND SEARCH PROFORMAS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ONCE A SEARCH HAS TAKEN PLACE.

ONCE A PERSON HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY DETAINED, HE SHOULD EITHER BE RELEASED OR HANDED OVER TO THE ROYAL MILITARY POLICE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AND, IN ANY EVENT, WITHIN SIX HOURS. THE DETAINEE SHOULD ALWAYS BE HANDED OVER TO THE

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ROYAL MILITARY POLICE WHERE A THREAT TO FORCE SECURITY OR WHERE A SPECIFIED ARRESTABLE OFFENCE HAS BEEN COMMITTED. THESE ARE:

- A. MURDER
- B. MANSLAUGHTER
- C. RAPE
- D. SERIOUS ASSAULT
- E. KIDNAPPING
- F. FALSE IMPRISONMENT
- G. RIOT
- H. VIOLENT DISORDER
- I. POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES
- J. SMUGGLING
- K. ARSON
- L. SERIOUS CRIMINAL DAMAGE

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RIOT CONTROL

AS WELL AS THE POWER TO STOP, SEARCH AND TEMPORARILY DETAIN, BG MAY ALSO DEAL WITH LAW AND ORDER THROUGH THE USE OF RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT. UNDER THE ROE, SERVICE PERSONNEL MAY BE DEPLOYED TO USE PUBLIC ORDER CONTROL EQUIPMENT AGAINST IRAQI NON-COMBATANTS. THIS INCLUDES BATONS, RIOT CONTROL CLOTHING AND BATON ROUNDS.

REASONABLE FORCE MAY BE USED IN RIOT CONTROL.

ENTRY AND SEARCH OF PREMISES

THE CURRENT ROE DO NOT INCLUDE POWERS TO ENTER AND SEARCH PREMISES. HOWEVER THE POWER TO ENTER AND SEARCH PREMISES IS PERMITTED UNDER THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT AND, AT THE PRESENT TIME, IT SHOULD BE ASSUMED THAT THIS POWER IS EXTANT.

WHERE A SEARCH IS EFFECTED, A RECORD OF THE SEARCH SHOULD BE MADE ON PROFORMAS PROVIDED BY THE RMP. THESE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RMP.

DOGS

THERE IS NO SPECIFIC POWER TO USE DOGS UNDER THE ROE BUT THE USE OF DOGS WOULD BE PERMITTED UNDER THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT. DOGS MAY THEREFORE BE USED.

RMP POWERS

ONCE THE ROYAL MILITARY POLICE HAVE ATTENDED THE SCENE AND THE TEMPORARY DETAINEE HAS BEEN HANDED OVER, DELIVERED TO A POLICE STATION OR PW HOLDING FACILITY THEN THE MILITARY POLICE MAY ARREST THE TEMPORARY DETAINEE.

ARREST

ON ARREST, THE ARRESTED PERSON SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THEY ARE UNDER ARREST AND THE GROUNDS FOR THE ARREST. THE PERSON SHOULD BE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING CAUTION:

"YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE."

THE MILITARY POLICEMEN MAKING THE ARREST SHALL RELAY THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST TO THE CUSTODY OFFICER AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AND THE CUSTODY OFFICER SHALL BEGIN A WRITTEN CUSTODY RECORD IN RELATION TO THAT PERSON. THE CUSTODY OFFICER IS TO:

- SEARCH THE ARRESTED PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ROE. WHERE PRACTICABLE, SERVICEWOMEN SHOULD SEARCH FEMALE DETAINEES AND SERVICEMEN SHOULD SEARCH MALE DETAINEES.
- SEIZE AND RECORD ITEMS OF AN EVIDENTIAL VALUE RECOVERED FROM THE ARRESTED PERSON.
- RETAIN ALL ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, OTHER THAN CLOTHING, FROM THE ARRESTED PERSON. THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ARRESTED PERSON UPON RELEASE. DETAILS OF ANY ITEMS SEIZED SHOULD BE RECORDED IN THE CUSTODY RECORD AND COUNTERSIGNED BY THE ARRESTED PERSON IF PRACTICABLE.

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