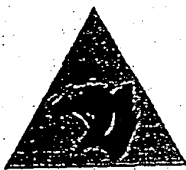


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**PRISONER HANDLING AND TACTICAL QUESTIONING PROCEDURES (PHTQ)**

References:

- A. MND SOI 390 Tactical Questioning of Detainees.
- B. ITD 9 Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC).
- C. 19mb/g3/101 Timeline dated 18 Sep 03.
- D. Tactical Questioning Report HQ 3 Div Force MI.

GENERAL

1. The aim of PHTQ is to gain time sensitive tactical intelligence from a detainee and to determine if they require detention and further questioning at JFIT. Timely intelligence gained from TQ can lead to cascade operations and general building of the intelligence picture. Correct prisoner handling is vital in order to gain maximum benefit from tactical questioning and remain within the confines of the Geneva Convention. These two components (PH&TQ) are inextricably linked and must be considered together, not as separate entities.

CONDUCT

2. Reference A defines how PHTQ should be conducted and highlights the importance of using qualified personnel (Para 3). 19 Bde have fully endorsed MND (SE) SOI 390 and full direction is enclosed at Annex A. BGs are to ensure prisoner-handling procedures are strictly adhered to. Reference B covers vital issues that all soldiers must fully conversant with when dealing with detainees. Reference C highlights time lines to be adhered to from detention to movement to TIF or release (further information can be found at Annex B). Reference D provides a framework for TQ to follow (Annex C) in order to extract information of tactical value and assist JFIT. A simple Bde produced PH Aide Memoir is at Annex D. It is intended to assist commanders at all levels to ensure detainees' welfare and maximum benefit from TQ.

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PHTQ TIMELINE

1. The detention of individuals either as part of a planned or reactive operation is an expected activity. It should continue to happen. Information, which may be held by detainees, may be of immediate tactical value. TQ of detainees in a controlled environment is often the only way in which this can be determined.
2. TQ must only take place after an individual has received a medical examination. It should be conducted by qualified personnel only. They must have passed the PH&TQ course run by JSIO.
3. TQ should be conducted in a single session. If the questioner assesses that the detainee has more useful information, they should be transferred to the TIF for further questioning. Comds should use discretion at this stage. If he believes that the information is time critical then further questioning may be justified. This should be annotated in the final report.
4. The table below details the timeline which must be followed following the arrest and TQ of suspects. The timeline below is a minimum requirement and discretion should be employed by comds to ensure that, where possible, a more lenient regime is followed.
5. 'A'hr indicates arrival time at the location for TQ:

Ser	Time (a)	Required Activity (b)	Remarks (c)
1	A Hr	Arrival at TQ location Medical Inspection Water made available	A detailed log is initiated. To be conducted by a RMO
2	A + 1 onwards	Water made available hourly	Water to be avail more frequently if required
3	A + 3	Examination by RMO	Record kept.
4	A + 6	Meal provided. Examination by RMO	Record kept
5	A + 9	Examination by RMO	Record kept
6	A + 12	Meal provided.	
7	NLT A + 14	Final Examination by RMO Depart for TIF	BG to inform Bde if this timeline will not or has not been met, with justification.
8	A + 16	Consolidated report to Bde HQ	This must include any complaint made by the detainee during his questioning. It must state whether no complaint has been made.

7. Medical Records. Records must be kept of all medical examinations. This will allow the detainees to be transferred to the TIF on or before the 14 hour mark, without the concern that he/she will not receive medical attention before 0900hrs when the TIF medical staff start their duty.

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