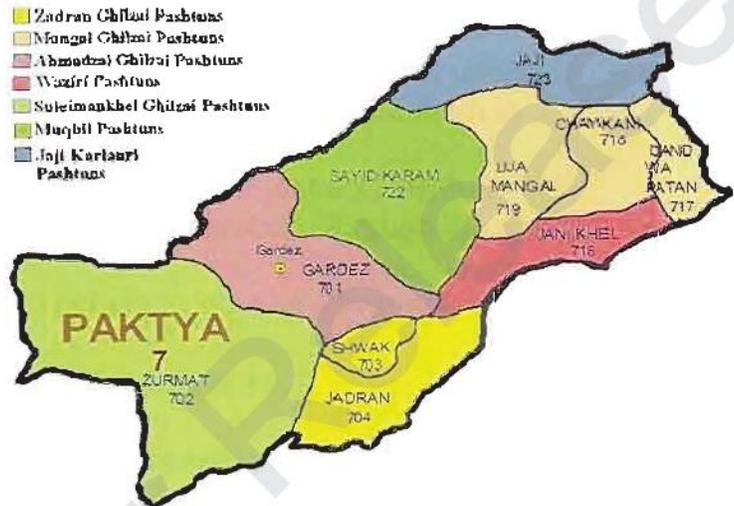


Post Operation IO and Mitigation

Gardez District; Paktya Province (b)(1)1.4a

The atmospherics for Paktya Province:

QUESTION (PROVINCE WIDE)	%
RURAL MALES LITERATE	40%
RURAL FEMALES LITERATE	22%
OVERALL LITERATE (URBAN & RURAL)	31%
VIEWS TB AS ENEMY	55%
VIEWS AQ AS ENEMY	60%
VIEWS USA AS ENEMY	25%
ACCESS TO TELEPHONE	60%
ACCESS TO RADIO	100%
STATES FAMILY FINANCES BETTER THAN LAST YEAR	19%



GOV: Juma Khan Hamdard, former gov of Balkh and Jowzjan provinces, former HIG, fought against TB in '94, then helped TB in '97

Tribal Confederation: Pashtun

Area Tribe: Zadran Ghilzai - Resides in the Zadran, Shwak, and Zurmat districts of Paktia. Jalaluddin Haqqani is an influential member of the Zadran tribe. The Zadran also live in Khoswt and Paktika provinces. Zadran are historically anti-CF and the tribe of the Haqqanis. Rivals with the Tani tribe. One Ph.D described them as "great robbers" and "utter savages" and that their country was formerly a refuge for bad characters.

BSO: (b)(1)1.4a

PRT: Gardez (US)

POST OBJECTIVE IO THEMES AND MITIGATION RECOMMENDATION

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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT: TI is a Taliban weapons facilitator operating in Gardez District, Paktya Province. In addition to weapons facilitation, TI has been involved in planning VBIED attacks as well as an attack on the Mumtaz Hotel in Kabul City, Kabul Province. TI also maintains contact with multiple TB CDRs and sub-CDRs in southern Paktya.

FACTUAL STATEMENT: A partnered Afghan and Coalition AF conducted a combined operation in Gardez District against a TB sub-Commander. The AF conducted a peaceful callout prior to attempting to enter the building. Shots were fired when two MAM's with weapons displayed hostile intent resulting in 2 EKIA's and 2 EWIA. 8 detainees were taken off of the objective and 3 LN



JOINT PRESS RELEASE



GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE

2010-09-CA-02-004

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بلواگرو سره به تر او لری بیرته افغان ملی پولیسو ته وسپارل شول او د ایتلافی قوتونو لور
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Honorable People of Paktya Province,

On February 15, eight detainees who were captured three days earlier in a military operation in Khattaba village, Gardez District, and who were believed to be tied to the criminal insurgency, were handed over to ANP and released in the presence of high ranking Coalition Force Officers.

The Leadership of Coalition Forces in Afghanistan and Paktya Province express their deepest condolences for the loss of life that took place that day in Khattaba and hope that the rapid release of the detainees may in some way help the village's families to heal during this painful time.

GIRoA, ANSF and Coalition Forces are working together for your safety and to bring prosperity to your communities; they hereby vow to you that the outcome of the investigation into the tragic deaths in Khattaba will be shared with the great people of Paktya and that those elements responsible for this act will be brought to justice.



NEWS RELEASE

ISAF Joint Command - Afghanistan



2010-02-CA-054
For Immediate Release

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From:
To:
Cc:

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: COA Refined for Release of Detainees ~~(SECRET)~~
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2010 15:01:00

Classification: ~~SECRET~~
Caveats: No Caveat

I just relayed the following to (b)(3), (b)(6) at 1920 hours local:

- Next meeting with BG Bowes at 2000.
- Per agreement between LTG Yarman and BG Bowes for pax will be present for handoff of prisoners from coalition custody to Afghan custody at Goode LZ, (b)(1)1.4a LTG Yarman, Parliamentarian Wardag, DG Mangal, MG Fatah
- (b)(1)1.4a
- BG Bowes feels last coalition involvement in the process may be by him at Goode. All further actions (b)(1)1.4a will be handled by GIRA and ANSF (202 Zone).

Other evolving details per BG Bowes:

- (b)(1)1.4a
- Press, family, elders would receive prisoners from 202nd Zone at ZHQ.

Next conversation between BG Bowes and LTG Yarman will be later tonight. MTF after that call.

Weather impact on air movement is TBD. Might cause delivery time to shift right. MTR (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a ops will continue to coordinate air movement and backward planning timeline with (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a ops. OEF pax participation in movement to Sharona for detainees pick up is confirmed.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 6:16 PM

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: RE: COA Development reference Release of Detainees ~~(SECRET)~~

Importance: High

Sir – We just left MG Fatah’s office after 3 hours with him. We didn’t really discuss anything about the (b)(1)1.4a investigation etc, but he did mention to us at the end that the people of Gardez were promised that the detainees would be released tomorrow. He said that CFs had already made the agreement and he made it sound as if an announcement had already been made. I briefly mentioned the weather and the possibility that this could cause problems for aviation and he stated that the CFs already promised their release to the people. I just hope the weather doesn’t interfere and the promise is a good one.

(b)(1)1.4a

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(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 5:07 PM

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: COA Development reference Release of Detainees ~~(SECRET)~~

Classification: ~~SECRET~~

Caveats: No Caveat

Thank you for the reiteration.

Reminder for all...the discussion ref MG Fatah and Zone involvement this morning was as a COA. Final decision is TBD based on BG Bowes and LTG Yarman's decision. As I just briefed DG Mangal doesn't see them being part of the transfer. After I'm able to talk with BG Bowes and (b)(3), (b)(6) we will finalize the plan. Time TBD.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Is there any guidance from higher on timing of announcement of the release once we determine who will be involved? We will need to mitigate potential crowd/riot concerns in downtown Gardez. I would prefer GIRoA/ANSF hold off on a public announcement until after the actual hand over. Thoughts or guidance from higher on this? NOTE: I have not asked ANSF/GIRoA about timing of an announcement yet because I haven't told them the prisoners were being released. I have only said we are working on it.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 3:48 PM

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: RE: 505th Zone & Potential Release of Detainees ~~(SECRET)~~

Classification: ~~SECRET~~
Caveats: No Caveat

No. They will be released.

Airborne!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 3:17 PM

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: 505th Zone & Potential Release of Detainees ~~(SECRET)~~

Classification: ~~SECRET~~

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

Great point / concern. My impression from my conversations last night with (b)(1)1.4a is that the detainees are definitely going to be released and (b)(1)1.4a is just waiting for us (b)(1)1.4a to let them know the timeline (timeline determination will be based on information gathered by (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) and BG Bowes during KLE's today...as of time of this email we are still waiting for them to RTB).

That said, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6) Is there ANY chance the detainees won't be released? We will work the details of where the aircraft fly for pick up (likely Goode then RTC) and then where we return the detainee's to (RTC???) based on the results of the KLE's today and how the ANSF and GIRoA want to move forward on the release (as we discussed last night).

Please let us know about certainty of release and we will provide details of the plan ASAP!

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 2:39 PM

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: Potential Release of Detainees

Importance: High

Sir – Reference the potential release of the detainees tomorrow, I discussed some concerns with your Battle Captain this morning as well as the Ops NCO for the (b)(1)1.4a. I told them that I cannot effectively approach MG Fatah about this until the approval for release has been confirmed and flight information is available. We cannot take the chance that the "OK" will not be given to release the detainees tomorrow which would cause us to lose all credibility with the Zone, the tribal elders and Shura members; especially at this point in time. Thus, until I am certain it is a go, I will not talk to him about supporting the release but will do so immediately upon approval. Lastly,

(b)(1)1.4a

V/R

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Classification: ~~SECRET~~

Caveats: No Caveat

From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted] (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: FW: IJC PRESS RELEASE #054: Joint force operating in Gardez makes gruesome discovery (UNCLASSIFIED)
Attachments: [2010-02-CA-054-Joint force operating in Gardez makes gruesome discovery.pdf](#)

Here is the initial press release.

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 10:07 AM
To: IJC Media Operations
Subject: IJC PRESS RELEASE #054: Joint force operating in Gardez makes gruesome discovery (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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[Redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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From:

To:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc:

Subject:

FW: ISAF-MOI RELEASE-004-ISAF-MOI Investigation into Pakiya Incident (UNCLASSIFIED)

Gentlemen,

Here is one of the initial press releases from ISAF.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: ISAF NU HQ PRESSOFFICE [<mailto:PRESSOFFICE@hq.isaf.nato.int>]

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 1:06 PM

To: undisclosed-recipients

Subject: ISAF-MOI RELEASE-004-ISAF-MOI Investigation into Pakiya Incident (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: NATO/ISAF UNCLASSIFIED

Sir/Ma'am,

Please see the joint MOI-ISAF press release below.

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Afghan and international security forces work together to eliminate the insurgents and terrorist threats and to ensure the safety and well-being of the Afghan people.

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From:
To:
Cc:

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: FW: (b)(1)1.4a Follow Up KLE's 16FEB10 ~~(SECRET)~~
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010 16:44:31

Gentlemen, as requested, below is the latest update that (b)(3), (b)(6) on the atmospherics in Gardez right now and other topics related to (b)(1)1.4a. It's pretty comprehensive and I think it will tell you what you need to know. This email was sent two days ago, the last day that (b)(3), (b)(6) conducted KLEs. But he has several more meetings planned with tribal and government leaders over the course of the next two days. More to follow from that. Thank you.

Very respectfully,

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:34 PM

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: (b)(1)1.4a Follow Up KLE's 16FEB10 ~~(SECRET)~~

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Caveats: No Caveat

Sir,

We returned around 1830 following two of the four planned KLE's. We've arranged to meet with DG Mangal and NDS tomorrow afternoon.

BG Wardak only (BG Deestiger got called away and was not present)

- Said he made 3-4 visits with the family and provided \$6,000 of a total of \$10,000 that the AUP will provide them. During visits AUP delivered oil, rice, fuel, and other items for the home
- The sentiment of the people and family is good and getting better daily. All of the problems the first day were due to two former Gitmo detainees who were instigating problems with the assembled crowds. S2 will follow up reference the names and background on the alleged instigators.

- (b)(6) of two dead males, Dawoud and Zahir, and patriarch of family) told the family "the incident is over, it is time to put water on the 'heat' and calm the people down".
- Release of the detainees and return of the weapons yesterday, was "EXTREMELY good" and is known province wide.
- Reference the alleged stolen money, BG Wardak said "I don't think he would have that much money in his house, and if he did, we need to ask where he got it." I thought this was an interesting turn of events, given (b)(6) didn't say anything about money until I was on the objective for well over an hour. He only mentioned the theft of money after he went into a room by himself with BG Wardak. When they came out, he started claiming to me that the coalition stole his money.
- The AUP has arranged to pay Dawoud's AUP salary to (b)(6) for the rest of the (b)(6) life. This was confirmed by (b)(3), (b)(6), PHQ is working with GIRoA to try and do the same with Zahir's (other dead male) prosecutor pay.
- Both BG Wardak and MG Fatah indicated that they offered the remaining (b)(6) a job with the AUP. They are doing that IOT prevent him from siding with the AAF who are actively recruiting him following (b)(1)1.4a
- When asked what to do next he said

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- (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(5)

MG Fatah

- Reiterated comments by LTG Yarman reference the family going to Kabul to meet with GEN McChrystal (I assume he got this from LTG Yarman who stayed on the ZHQ compound while he was in Gardez).
- LTG Yarman called while we were with MG Fatah and reiterated his comments from yesterday. He confirmed that he arrived back in Kabul and asked that we call BG Bowes so the two of them can link up. We will pass the message later tonight and then get out of the middle of their communications since BG Bowes is no longer co-located with us at (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a
- MG Fatah said he clearly understands the difference between coalition forces in Paktya and "SF". But he is concerned the bad deeds of the few may ruin the "good work the other 100,000 are doing".
- 11 children were orphaned as a result of the operation. 6 children orphaned by the death of Zahir and his wife. 5 children were orphaned by the detention of (b)(6) (who was released yesterday) and the death of his wife.
- It is interesting to note that MG Fatah is VERY sympathetic to all claims by the family and the villagers. For example he told me Dawoud and Zahir would have lived if they were allowed to go to the hospital but the special forces wouldn't let them go.
- MG Fatah said he had three meetings with the family so far and that he should be the

From: AF Commander
To: (b)(1)1.4a
Subject: FW: (b)(1)1.4a Mitigation & 2nd ABP Update ~~(SECRET)~~
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2010 04:11:33
Importance: High

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TERMS: NONE

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 3:36 AM
To: AF Commander
Subject: FW: (b)(1)1.4a Mitigation & 2nd ABP Update ~~(SECRET)~~
Importance: High

(b)(3), (b)(6) ~ environmentalals from an interview with MG Fatah, the PC of the 505th Zone.

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2010 2:02 PM

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: (b)(1)1.4a Discussion with 505th Zone AUP Cdr
Importance: High

ALCON:

We met with MG Fatah this morning and discussed the ongoing investigation into the results of the (b)(1)1.4a operation yesterday. We discussed their investigation, temperament and mood of

the populace, etc.

MG Fatah informed us that all the local elders, populace, leaders from Kabul are very concerned with the killing of the innocent women and the way in which the operation was executed without the use of the AUP or ANA from the Gardez Area. The local populace blames CFs for the unwarranted and unlawful killing of these civilians and are especially concerned with the death of the women (one of whom was 9 months pregnant). The locals do not trust CFs or the GIROA to protect human rights since they cannot even protect women which makes the Taliban no worse than us. There are a lot of negative feelings especially since they feel that they were **deceived and** that the Coalition Forces lied to try and cover up their killing of the women by saying **that CF found** the bodies of the women tied up when in fact, according to their reports, they were **shot by the CF** when they came into the courtyard to cover the bodies of the Daoud brothers.

The locals in Gardez under the direction of the local elders planned on boycotting all things tied to GIROA and CFs, as they see the government and CFs as being complicit in human rights violations and the deaths of all the innocents, especially the women. They planned on boycotting schools, etc. and any projects supported by GIROA. MG Fatah and the Kabul delegation met with the tribal leaders, calmed the situation and convinced them not to execute a boycott and protests to which the tribal elders agreed so long as the following demands were met. The following demands were relayed to us by MG Fatah from the tribal elders:

- Return of 400,000 Afghans taken in the raid
- Release of the 8 men taken back to the 505th Zone HQs
- Turnover of informant to Afghan **Police for prosecution** for passing false information resulting in the death of innocent civilians

I informed MG Fatah that I would **pass along the Gardez Leaders demands** but that is all I could do.

According to MG Fatah their investigation so far has indicated that the family was celebrating the final day of the six day celebration for the birth of a child and the family was all inside the house when the raid element arrived on scene. When Mohammad Daoud heard the noise in the courtyard and the initial breach activities of (b)(1)1.4a he went into the courtyard thinking that he was being attacked by the Taliban since he was an AUP Intelligence Officer responsible for interfering with their activities in Zormat. The report has been corroborated by the Gardez University Deputy (who was attending the celebration) who called the Paktya PHQ AUP by cell phone at 0420 to indicate that the compound was being attacked by Taliban. According to MG Fatah, there was already an AUP element standing by at the Paktya PHQ because they had been informed earlier in the day that CF's would conduct a raid at some place in Gardez that night and would call them in to **assist in the actual execution**. The call from CFs did not occur but they responded to the scene upon the cell phone call from the University official (name unknown).

He further stated that there was no indication that Daoud or anyone else from the party fired at the CFs and that they were killed before they had any opportunity to try and defend themselves in what they believed to be an attack by the Taliban. The AUP is convinced that CFs were given false information by the Taliban in an effort to try and indirectly target Mohammad Daoud and Mohammad Zahir because they interfere with AAF activity as a police officer and prosecutor. He

further stated that everyone knows that the CFs (which he regularly referred to as the Special Forces) lied about finding the women executed because the women killed were the wives and sisters of the men killed, all attending a celebration of birth

Two dead men:

Mohammad Daoud (b)(6) was an ANP officer Intelligence Officer, Captain from Zormat. Just complete our Intel class last week

Mohammad Zahir (b)(6) was the prosecutor for Ahmadabad District, Paktia

Three dead women (one of which was 8-9 months pregnant and lost the child):

(b)(6)
Daoud's Wife and (b)(6)
(b)(6)

MG Fatah, CID and the officials from Kabul continue to investigate the situation and working with the family member and the local leaders to maintain peace and order. They will conduct another Shura at 1430 today at the Zone HQ's to discuss the way ahead. We will have representatives at the Shura to listen and gather further details.

V/R

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

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(b)(1)1.4a
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From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
To: IJC Media Operations
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KABUL, Afghanistan (Feb. 12) - An Afghan-international security force found the bound and gagged bodies of three women during an operation in the Gardez district, Paktiya province last night.

The joint force went to a compound near the village of Khatabeh, after intelligence confirmed militant activity. Several insurgents engaged the joint force in a fire fight and were killed. Subsequently, a large number of men, women, and children exited the compound, and were detained by the joint force. When the joint force entered the compound they conducted a thorough search of the area, and found the bodies of three women who had been tied up, gagged and killed. The bodies had been hidden in an adjacent room.

The joint force immediately secured the area and requested expert medical support and will conduct a joint forensic investigation.

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NATO says insurgents killed; family says civilians



By AMIR SHAH, Associated Press Writer Amir Shah, Associated Press Writer – Fri Feb 12, 4:40 am ET

KABUL – A joint Afghan-NATO force killed several insurgents during a raid on a compound where troops discovered the bodies of two men and two bound and gagged women, NATO said Friday. Family members accused U.S. soldiers of killing innocent civilians.

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Civilian deaths during military operation are a hot-button issue in Afghanistan, and U.S. commanders have issued strict orders to limit the use of force when civilians are at risk. President Hamid Karzai has also called on NATO to stop night raids into private homes because they offend Afghan culture and help turn people away from the government and its allies.

The Interior Ministry sent a team Friday to Paktia to investigate the incident, indicating the high level concern over new allegations of civilian casualties.

NATO forces have pledged to "cooperate fully in this joint investigation," said Brig. Gen. Eric Tremblay, spokesman for the International Security Assistance Force.

In a statement, NATO forces said the operation took place Thursday night in the Gardez district after the joint force received reports of militant activity at a compound near the village of Khatabeh.

"Several insurgents engaged the joint force in a fire fight and were killed," the statement said, without saying how many had died. Then "a large number of men, women, and children" exited the compound and were detained by the joint force, it said.

An initial statement said the joint force searching the compound made a "gruesome discovery" — the bodies of three women who had been bound, gagged and killed. The bodies had been hidden in an adjacent room, the statement said.

But a second statement several hours later said the joint force found the bound and gagged bodies of two women and two dead men. There was no explanation for the initial discrepancy.

Eight men have been detained for questioning, NATO forces said, adding that a joint forensic investigation will be conducted.

However, relatives of the dead accused American forces of being responsible for the deaths of all five people when contacted by The Associated Press by phone.

A man who identified himself as Hamidullah said he had been in the home as some 20 people gathered to celebrate the birth of a son when a group of men he described as "U.S. special forces" surrounded the compound.

When one man came out into the courtyard to ask why, Hamidullah said he watched U.S. forces gun him down.

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Then they killed a second man, Hamidullah said. The rest of the group were forced out into the yard, made to kneel and had their hands bound behind their back, he said, breaking off crying without giving any further details.

A deputy provincial council member in Gardez, Shahyesta Jan Ahadi, said news of the operation has inflamed the local community that believes the Americans were responsible for the deaths.

"Last night, the Americans conducted an operation in a house and killed five innocent people, including three women. The people are so angry," he said.

Ahadi said the operation had not included any Afghan forces, saying "The government didn't know about this."

"We strongly condemn this," he said, suggesting that locals might organize a demonstration to protest.

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The bodies were discovered during an operation by Afghan and NATO-led forces in Paktia province, a volatile region along the border of Pakistan. NATO's International Security Assistance Force said the bodies of two men and two women were found, with the women bound and gagged, and the U.S. official said the people were shot "execution-style."

An honor killing is a murder carried out by a family or community member against someone thought to have brought dishonor onto them. The U.S. official said it isn't clear whether the dishonor in this case stemmed from accusations of acts such as adultery or even cooperating with NATO forces.

"It has the earmarks of a traditional honor killing," said the official, who added the Taliban could be responsible.

Afghan and NATO officials are investigating the incident, which occurred in the village of Khatabeh in the province's Gardez district. The operation unfolded when Afghan and international forces went to the compound, which was thought to be a site of militant activity. A firefight ensued and several insurgents died, several people left the compound, and eight others were detained.

Paktia is the same province where a military base was the target of an assault that wounded five U.S. soldiers on Thursday, authorities said. Both the U.S. official and a Paktia province spokesman confirmed that a suicide attacker, apparently wearing police garb, carried out the action. The U.S. official said it may never be fully determined if the uniform was stolen or the bomber was a turncoat.

On December 30, a suicide attack on a U.S. base in Afghanistan killed seven CIA officers and a Jordanian army captain. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, also on a base in eastern Afghanistan.

-CNN's Barbara Starr contributed to this report.

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Afghanistan: "The Forgotten War"

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American Forces Press Service

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The combined force targeted a series of compounds in Farah's Baghwa district near Tali Zardad after intelligence information indicated militant activity.

As the combined force approached one of the buildings in the targeted compound, a militant hiding inside tossed a grenade at them. After calling for the militant to surrender, the combined force attempted to enter the building, and the militant detonated a suicide vest he was wearing. No members of the combined force were harmed by the blast.

After the explosion, a large number of armed militants attempted to maneuver on the combined force. The combined force engaged the **militants, killing more than 20** and wounding one. At least five other militants were captured and **were detained along with** the injured individual, who received medical treatment for his injuries.

In addition to the suicide vest and grenade used by the first militant, the combined force found a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, RPG rounds, grenades, a machine gun, multiple assault rifles and ammunition magazines, bomb components, handheld radios of a type often used by militants for communications and a heavy machine gun.

In the Mohammad Agha district of Logar province last night, a combined force searched a compound after intelligence indicated militant activity and captured a Taliban subcommander with ties to several militant networks believed to be responsible for bombing attacks.

Yesterday, a combined patrol discovered four mortar rounds and a 55 mm shell in one area and three 155 mm Russian-era artillery rounds in another area of Kandahar City.

No Afghan civilians were harmed during these operations, officials said.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's Interior Ministry and NATO's International Security Assistance Force are conducting a joint investigation into the suspicious death of four Afghan civilians found in eastern Afghanistan's Paktia province.

A combined force of Afghan and international troops last night found the bound and gagged bodies of two women and the bodies of two men during an operation in the province's Gardez district.

The force went to a compound near the village of Khatabeh after intelligence confirmed militant activity there. Several insurgents engaged the force in a firefight and were killed. Subsequently, a large number of men, women and children left the compound, and were detained by the force. Members of the combined force found the bodies inside.

The force immediately secured the area and requested medical support for a combined forensic investigation.

Eight men were detained for further questioning.

"ISAF continually works with our Afghan partners to fight criminals and terrorists who do not care about the life of civilians," ISAF spokesman Canadian army Brig. Gen. Eric Tremblay said. "The Interior Ministry of Afghanistan has sent a high-ranking delegation today to jointly investigate this incident. We will cooperate fully in this joint investigation and provide any assistance the Interior Ministry requires."

(Compiled from International Security Assistance Force Joint Command news releases.)

Dallas Morning News UPDATE: WAR REPORT

07:18 AM CST on Friday, February 12, 2010
The Associated Press

BOMBERS KILL 32: Two suicide bombers struck outside a police complex Thursday in northwestern Pakistan, killing 15 people in the latest strike against security forces. Of the 15 dead in the town of Bannu, at least nine were police. On Wednesday, a suicide bomber killed 10 police officers and seven civilians in the Khyber tribal region near the Afghan border. The suicide bombings follow reports that the Pakistani Taliban's top commander, Hakimullah Mehsud, died from wounds sustained in a U.S. missile strike in mid-January.

AVALANCHE TOLL AT 171: Rescue teams continued digging through mounds of snow Thursday searching for avalanche victims as the death toll rose to 171. About 3,000 people had been rescued from the snowbound Salang Pass, a major route from the capital to northern Afghanistan. It was not known how many people might still be buried.

FIVE AMERICANS WOUNDED: A suicide attacker wearing a border police uniform blew himself up at a U.S. base in Paktia province, near the Pakistan border, wounding five Americans, officials said.

CNN.com

Bodies found gagged, bound after Afghan 'honor killing'

February 12, 2010 – Updated 1824 GMT (0224 HKT)

Kabul, Afghanistan (CNN) – Four people found dead in a southeastern Afghan compound appear to be victims of an honor killing, a senior U.S. military official said on Friday.

The bodies were discovered during an operation by Afghan and NATO-led forces in Paktia province, a volatile region along the border of Pakistan.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force said the bodies of **two men and two women** were found, with the women bound and gagged, and the U.S. official said the **people were shot "execution-style."**

An honor killing is a murder carried out by a family or community member against someone thought to have brought dishonor onto them.

The U.S. official said it isn't clear whether the dishonor in this case stemmed from accusations of acts such as adultery or even cooperating with NATO forces.

"It has the earmarks of a traditional honor **killing**," said the official, who added the Taliban could be responsible.

Afghan and NATO officials are investigating the incident, which occurred in the village of Khatabeh in the province's Gardez district.

The operation unfolded when Afghan and international forces went to the compound, which was thought to be a site of militant activity. A firefight ensued and several insurgents died, several people left the compound, and eight others were detained.

Paktia is the same province where a military base was the target of an assault that wounded five U.S. soldiers on Thursday, authorities said. Both the U.S. official and a Paktia province spokesman confirmed that a **suicide attacker**, apparently wearing police garb, carried out the action.

The U.S. official said it may never be fully determined if the uniform was stolen or the bomber was a turncoat.

On December 30, a suicide attack on a U.S. base in Afghanistan killed seven CIA officers and a Jordanian army captain. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, also on a base in eastern Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, more than 20 "enemy militants" were killed Friday by Afghan and international forces in the country's western region, NATO's International Security Assistance Force said.

The **deaths** occurred during an operation in Farah province targeting a Taliban commander thought to be responsible for planning suicide attacks, the military said.

When a militant threw a grenade at troops approaching a building, the forces called for his surrender, it said. The troops tried to enter the building when the militant detonated a suicide vest.

After that blast, a large number of armed militants tried to confront troops, who killed the insurgents, the military said. One alleged militant was injured and five were detained, it said. Troops found weaponry, such as grenades, firearms and handheld radios.

Farah borders Helmand province, where international and Afghan troops are gearing up for a major assault on the Taliban.

AP Associated Press

Taliban claim responsibility in US base attack

By AMIR SHAH (AP) – 1 day ago

KABUL — Taliban forces claimed responsibility Friday for an attack **by a suicide bomber** on a U.S. military base near the Pakistani border that injured five Americans.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said the attack Thursday **night in eastern Afghanistan** was conducted by an insurgent wearing the uniform of a border policeman.

"Last night, a Talib by the name of Mohammad Omar wore a border police uniform, entered the base and blew himself up," he told The Associated Press by phone.

The attack occurred after sundown in a barracks at a U.S. facility in the Dand aw Patan district in Paktia province, about 35 miles (70 kilometers) east of the provincial capital Gardez, according to provincial government spokesman Roullah Samoun.

Abdul Satar, an adviser to the **Paktia Provincial Reconstruction Team**, said a U.S. delegation from Bagram had been sent to **investigate the incident** Friday.

A U.S. statement said "several" U.S. service members were injured in an explosion at a joint U.S.-Afghan outpost in Paktia but gave no further details.

The attack occurred about 400 miles (640 kilometers) northeast of the Taliban town of Marjah in southern **Afghanistan which is under siege** by U.S. and Afghan troops.

On Dec. 30 a **Jordanian** believed to be a double agent blew himself up at a CIA base in another eastern border province, Khost, killing seven agency employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer.

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Taliban Claims Responsibility for Bombing

Taliban forces claimed responsibility Friday for a suicide bombing that wounded several U.S. soldiers.

The incident took place Thursday at a joint U.S.-Afghan military base in the eastern Paktia province, near the Pakistani border.

A spokesman for the provincial governor, Roullah Samoun, said five soldiers were wounded in the attack. U.S. military officials confirmed several U.S. service members were injured in a blast at a base in the east, but provided no other details.

Meanwhile, Afghan and coalition forces say they are investigating an incident in the Gardez district of Paktia province.

The forces released a statement Friday saying Afghan and international security force members found the "bound and gagged" bodies of two women, along with two dead men, in a compound in the district.

The statement says the bodies were found during a security force operation, late Thursday, that resulted in the deaths of several suspected militants and the detention of eight men.

An earlier statement said joint forces found the bodies of three "bound and gagged women" hidden in a room in the compound.

U.S. and Afghan forces are moving closer to the Taliban stronghold of Marjah in southern Helmand province in preparation for a major offensive.

Commanders hope to regain control of the town – a major opium trafficking hub for the Taliban – and estimate they could face anywhere from a few hundred up to 1,000 Taliban fighters.

The New York Times

Afghanistan: Different Accounts Offered About Civilian Deaths

Several civilians were killed in Paktia Province on Friday when a joint Afghan-NATO force went to investigate a report of militant activity, but NATO and the Afghan police gave varying accounts of what happened. A NATO statement said the joint force went to a compound in the village of Khatabeh, in the Gardez district, where insurgents opened fire on them from a residential compound. Several insurgents were killed and a large number of men, women and children fled and were detained by the NATO force. Inside the compound, soldiers “found the bodies of three women who had been tied up, gagged and killed,” the NATO statement said. The Paktia Province police chief, Aziz Ahmad Wardak, confirmed the episode but said the dead in the house were two men and three women, who he said were killed by Taliban militants. He said the killings took place while the residents were celebrating the birth of a baby.

The New York Times

5 U.S. Soldiers Injured in Afghan Suicide Attack

Published: February 12, 2010

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber wearing the uniform of an Afghan border police officer, who wounded five American soldiers on Thursday, was in fact a border police officer working for the Taliban, a Taliban spokesman said Friday.

The Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, was contacted by telephone. The attack took place at a joint Afghan-United States military base in the Pathan District of Paktia Province, according to Rahoullah Samoun, the spokesman for the governor of Paktia in eastern Afghanistan. A statement from the International Security Assistance Force, the American-led NATO force in Afghanistan, said that several American soldiers had been wounded but that there were no fatalities.

On Dec. 30, in another eastern Afghan province, Khost, a Jordanian double agent attacked a C.I.A. base, killing seven Americans and a Jordanian. The Taliban claimed responsibility for that attack, too.

Elsewhere in Paktia Province, coalition officials and the Afghan police gave varying accounts of an episode in the Gardez District in which civilians were killed.

A statement from the coalition said Afghan and NATO forces had gone to a compound in the village of Khatabeh, where insurgents opened fire on them. Several insurgents were killed and a large number of men, women and children fled and were detained, the coalition said.

Inside the compound, the coalition said, soldiers “found the bodies of three women who had been tied up, gagged and killed.” The Paktia provincial police chief, Aziz Ahmad Wardak, said the bodies of two men had also been found in the house.

The three women had been killed by Taliban militants, he said.

Maj. Matthew Gregory, a United States Army spokesman, said Friday that the two men inside the house were killed by coalition forces after they opened fire on a joint patrol.



**Villagers accuse US Special Forces for killing five civilians
Police chief General Azizudin Wardak confirmed that the
five - two men and three women - were killed**

An Afghan provincial official and villagers has accused US special forces on Friday of killing five civilians in a raid on a home near Gardez in Paktia province.



Blood is seen near the footwear and a hairband inside a room where **five members of an Afghan family** were killed near Gardez, in Paktia province, south east Afghanistan, **Friday, Feb. 12, 2010.** (Photo: AP)

Gardez provincial council member Shahyesta Jan Ahadi **said:** "On **Thursday** night, the Americans conducted an operation in a house and killed five innocent people, including three women. The people are so angry."

A man who identified himself as Hamidullah said that he had been in the home as some 20 people gathered to celebrate the birth of a **son** when a group of men he described as "US special forces" surrounded the compound.

Saying he witnessed one man's **death**, **Hamidullah said:** "Daoud was coming out of the house to ask what was going on and then **they shot him.**"

They then killed a second man, according to Hamidullah, who went on to say that the rest of the group were forced out into the yard, made to kneel and had their hands bound behind their back.

He broke off in tears, without giving any further details.

Police chief **General Azizudin Wardak** confirmed that the five - two men and three women - were **killed on Thursday night** during a party, but he said that he did not know the full details.

"**Who killed them?** We still don't know," he said.

He added that an investigation was under way.

In a statement, Nato said that its forces had killed "several insurgents" in Gardez district after the Western military alliance received reports of militant activity at a compound near the village of Khatabeh.

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: ISAF-MOI RELEASE-004-ISAF-MOI condemns discovery in Paktiya (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Friday, February 12, 2010 08:20:49
Attachments: [20100212-NUI-3400-CA- MOI - ISAF condemns discovery in Paktiya.pdf](#)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: ~~FOUO~~

2010-09-CA-02-004

Afghan-International Security Force are Conducting a Joint Investigation into Incident in Paktiya

KABUL, Afghanistan (Feb. 12) - The Interior Ministry and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) are conducting a joint investigation in the incident in Paktiya province in the Gardez district near the village of Khatabeh today. A joint Afghan-international security force found the bound and gagged bodies of two women and **dead** bodies of two men in a compound during an operation last night.

"ISAF continually works with our Afghan partners to fight criminals and terrorists who do not care about the life of civilians. The Interior Ministry of Afghanistan has sent a high ranking delegation today to jointly investigate this incident. We will cooperate fully in this joint investigation and provide any assistance the *Interior Ministry* requires," said Brig. Gen. Eric Tremblay, ISAF Spokesperson.

The joint force went to a compound, after **intelligence confirmed** militant activity. Several insurgents engaged **the joint force in a fire** fight and were killed. Subsequently, a **large number of men**, women, and children exited the compound. Eight **men** were **detained** for further questioning.

Afghan and international security forces work together to eliminate the insurgents and terrorist threats and to ensure the safety and well-being of the Afghan people.

- ends -

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: ~~FOUO~~

From:

To:

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject:

Latest and Greatest

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We (myself, (b)(3), (b)(6)) just spoke with Deputy Governor Mangal and were told the following:

1. The DG, NDS Deputy and ANP Deputy are at the site of the incident – CF are no longer with them.
2. There will be NO PRESS CONFERENCE tonight. DG Mangal was ordered by the MOI to not conduct any media events until after the investigation.
3. The investigation is expected to be complete tomorrow.
4. The DG did speak with the media earlier today and passed along information in line with our talking points: the basic known facts, and that this is a joint operation/investigation. It is unclear whether this information was passed **on before** or **after** deputy provincial council member (b)(6) made his **accusatory and erroneous** remarks.
5. (b)(6) is not in Gardez... he's in **Jalalabad**, where he gave his remarks to a local AP stringer.

So, the press conference will happen no earlier than tomorrow. They will keep us informed of time/place and we'll send one of our RIAB DJs to cover the event.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

VR,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: NIPR docs
Date: Friday, February 19, 2010 15:53:04
Attachments: [Interview with the detainees.docx](#)
[Gardez incident news clips.docx](#)
[Two embarqaed RIAB Messages on \[redacted\] msa](#)
[FW IJC PRESS RELEASE #054 Joint force operating in Gardez makes gruesome discovery \(UNCLASSIFIED\).msg](#)
[FW ISAF-MOI RELEASE-004-ISAF-MOI Investigation into Paktiva Incident \(UNCLASSIFIED\).msg](#)

Here you go, sir. Lots of entertaining reading to put you to sleep tonight.

[redacted]
(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 7:44 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: [UNCLASSIFIED] RE: IO Question and Update

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~
CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

Sir,

I'm pretty sure that's what happened. The really bad part is [redacted] at Salerno received them as well and didn't forward them. That tells me no one bothered to check the cc: line for accuracy.

One thing that kind of surprised me was the Khowst folks didn't ping us to let us know they'd gotten them.

How did the picture and awards ceremony go? Did they play [redacted]

V/R

[redacted]
(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

SIPR: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 14:58

To: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED] RE: IO Question and Update

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

This is the first I've ever seen these products. Did the originator mess up on who they were intending to send them to?

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From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 4:38 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: IO Question and Update

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CAVEATS: NONE

TERMS: NONE

Sir,

I'm at (b)(1)1.4a safely. I'm also working off the Investigating Officer's e-mail account (their network is different). Looks like I'll be leaving on 21 Feb, not tomorrow.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6)

V/R

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

IO actions:

- Attempted GIRoA/ANSF press conference to highlight the joint aspect of the Afghan/ISAF operation and investigation & refute erroneous news claims (nixed by Mol)
- No further messaging allowed through ISAF channels
- Localized KLEs by ISAF representative; very little coordination/SA with TM Paktya
- Swift detainee release was well received (but no messaging allowed)

Lessons Learned:

- Presenting a united front is critical IOT not drive a wedge between partnered elements
- Afghans will draw their own conclusions in the absence of forthcoming information, leading to inaccurate reporting
 - Time is critical in pushing out an initial statement – don't need all details, just initial facts to quell media/civilian anger and get out factual information (stress ISAF/ANSF partnership, GIRoA was informed, joint investigation, etc)
- Need access to lessons learned from other CIVCAS incidents
- Need standardized 60-minute battle drill t/o JOC which emphasizes the importance/timeliness of IO efforts
- BN leadership and BDE leadership need to sync guidance
- Need to enforce info sharing/cooperative working relationship with third parties operating in battlespace; create IO plan prior to operations
 - Received a post-operation IO and mitigation plan six days later
- BN IO needs situational awareness of the IO actions taken by investigating officers, visiting media, etc
- Include requirements in the 60-minute battle drill for updates every ½ hour, hour, etc

BLUF: We lost the IO battle in our silence, and continue to fall further behind as we remain silent

Interview with the detainees who are released today

- 1- How have you been treated at the detention center?
- 2- Question was from (b)(6) He said that I was treated very well by American troops at the detention facility.
- 3- Second question was from (b)(6) He also confirmed the he has been treaty very good by American soldiers at the detention facility and he added that I felt like home not like prisoner. Actually he was said that he was agreed and got happy at the prisoner.
- 4- Third question was from (b)(6) He said that I was treated very well by American soldiers and added that I had no problem when we were in custody.
- 5- Forth question was from (b)(6) He has also confessed that he was mannered like others at the detention center since they were detained from Sharabudin house in Gardez.
- 6- Fifth question was from (b)(6) He has said that I was treated and behaved very well at the detention center since he was detained by US-Special Forces.
- 7- Sixth question was from (b)(6) He also like others confirmed that he was treated very well by American soldiers and he says that we had not problems in the detention center since; they have been in detention center. On the other hand, (b)(6) also claimed that he was tortured by Special Forces at the first time when he was captured by American troops from the house in Gardez.
- 8- Seventh question was from (b)(6) He also said that he had no problem at the detention facility and added that he was treated very well by American troops. (b)(6) also claimed that he was tortured at the first time when he was captured by American troops.
- 9- Eighth question was from (b)(6) He said during our custody at the detention center, we had not any problems and spent several nights at the detention center without any problems and without any torment or torturing. (b)(6) also claimed that he was tortured at the first time when he was captured from the house in Gardez city few days ago.

Note: At the meantime, (b)(6) also claimed that their cell phones, one driving license, around 10,000 Pakistani Rupees has been lost; one of them claimed that \$30, 00 is still missing.

Afghan-Combined Force Find Three Women Dead, Kill Two Militants in Paktya

Kabul, Afghanistan – An Afghan-international combined force found the bodies of three local women after killing two militants during an assault in Paktya last night. The women appeared to have been dead for some time.

A combined Afghan-coalition force went to a compound near the village of Khatabeh, in the Gardez district after intelligence confirmed militant activity. As the assault force approached they were met with an imminent threat from the armed militants. The combined force engaged, killing two militants and wounding two others. None of the joint force was harmed in the assault.

During the subsequent search of the compound the security force found the bodies of three local women. There will be an investigation to determine the cause of death.

The joint force also found multiple weapons, including automatic rifles and a grenade.

The Taliban continue to kill innocent Afghan citizens through their indiscriminate attacks in marketplaces, schools and on public roads. Afghan and coalition forces partner to protect the Afghan people and to defeat all hostile Taliban organizations.

KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES (NOT FOR RELEASE – FOR RESPONSE TO QUERY ONLY):

Coalition Forces are actively combating militant IED operations

Eliminating militant IED operations are a key focus for Coalition Forces. The highly indiscriminate nature of IED and suicide IED operations makes them a threat not only to Afghanistan's security forces and their Coalition partners, but also to innocent Afghan civilians. Afghan National Security Forces and their Coalition partners will continue to aggressively pursue those who would use these weapons to bring harm to civilians, attempt to destabilize the government and impede the overall development of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

ANSF, Coalition Partnership vital to securing peace, stability in Afghanistan

Afghan National Security Forces and their Coalition Forces partners have made great strides in combating the enemies of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. That continued partnership is a key element to defeating those who would threaten innocent Afghans and their way of life. Together, ANSF and their Coalition partners are striving to ensure a secure, stable and prosperous future for the people of Afghanistan.

Cultural, Religious sensitivities

Coalition Forces remain keenly aware of all cultural and religious sensitivities of our host country. To the fullest extent possible, all religions, religious symbols, edifices and practitioners are treated with the appropriate respect.

Protection of non-combatant civilians during operations

Coalition Forces take every precaution to ensure non-combatant civilians are protected from possible hostilities during the course of every operation. An example of these precautionary measures includes but is not limited to temporarily relocating non-combatant civilians away from probable hostilities. Coalition Forces also ensure any weapons or explosives found during operations are removed or destroyed to ensure non-combatant civilians are not inadvertently harmed.

Destruction of weapons caches

Non-combatant civilian safety and security are at the forefront of every Coalition Forces' operation. With this in mind, Coalition Forces destroy weapons and explosives caches to prevent accidental harm to non-combatant civilians who may discover the items. Additionally, destruction of the weapons and explosives ensures militants are denied the use of the items to bring harm to innocent Afghan people or Afghan National Security and Coalition Forces.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (NOT FOR RELEASE – FOR RESPONSE TO QUERY ONLY)

Q: Was anyone injured or killed?

A: There were two militants killed and one wounded.

Q: What are the names of the detainees?

A: Militants often go by several different aliases so it can be difficult to determine their identities until we thoroughly question and individually process them for detention.

Q: Did this operation involve any airstrikes?

A: No. Coalition forces did not use any close air support.

Q: Were any women or children present?

A: There were one woman and two children protected.

Q: Where were the participating units from?

A: To protect possible future operations, we will not discuss the staging location or composition of forces.

Q: How many personnel participated in the operation?

A: In the interest of preserving operational security, we do not discuss the specific details of forces in use during a mission.

Q: What kind of damage was done to the compound?

A: There was minor damage to the compound.

Q: How and when were the three women killed?

A: The women were found when the force entered. It appeared they had been dead for some time. There will have to be an investigation to determine cause and approximate date of death.

From: [redacted]
To: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: RE: CIVCAS crisis mitigation (~~SECRET~~)
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:18:57
Attachments: [redacted] 12 FEB 2010 Gardez District of Paktya Province.msg

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~
CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

[redacted]
(b)(3), (b)(6)

Attached is Post Op Mitigation product [redacted] *Post Objective, 11 - 12 FEB 2010, Gardez District of Paktya Province* email.

Please keep in mind that these talking points and civil affairs recommendations are provided for discussion with GIRA officials and non-media key communicators. They are not intended for media engagements or discussions with U.S. audiences. Seek guidance from PAO personnel prior to any discussions with media representatives.

Hopefully, you should have already received these. (either directly or via [redacted] – if not, I'll need updated emails to get you on distro)

The investigation is ongoing and results will be published when complete. Unfortunately, I can't help w/ the [redacted] mandate. I do understand your position, and our IO shop works quickly to push releasable info out to the BSOs/PRTs for Post Op Mitigation/Consequence Management.

R,

[redacted]
(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

From: [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 9:22 AM
To: [redacted] LNO
Subject: FW: CIVCAS crisis mitigation (~~SECRET~~)

Classification: ~~SECRET~~
Caveats: No Caveat

Sir,

[redacted]
(b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)
To:
Subject: RE: Phone Number
Date: Friday, February 19, 2010 15:41:59

Sir,

I'll transfer it over. There was no denial of the erroneous statements... and there were a lot of erroneous statements (the whole bombardment thing on the objective, for example). It's basic PA knowledge that in an information void, people will draw their own conclusions, truthful or not. That's something brigade and CJTF obviously don't understand.

NIPR files coming soon...

VR,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 7:18 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Phone Number

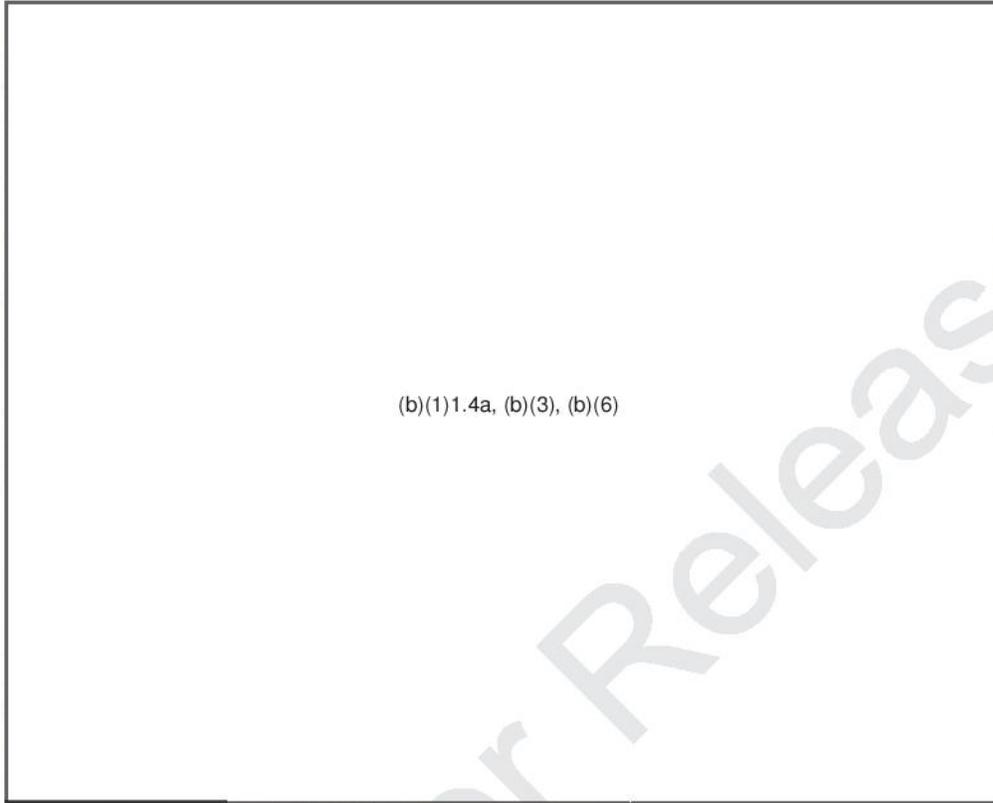
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Thanks,

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

From:
To:



(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc:

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Date: Friday, February 12, 2010 09:55:31
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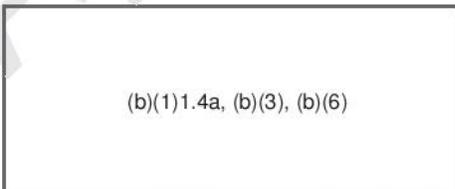
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CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

ALCON,

Attached are the post-operation products for the operation in Paktya last night.

Please call with any questions or concerns.

V/r,



(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(1)1.4a

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TERMS: NONE

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To: [Redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: (b)(1)1.4a Press Releases for 12 Feb 10
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The (b)(1)1.4a press releases for 12 Feb are attached. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Two embargoed RIAB Messages on (b)(1)1.4a

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[100217 - Draft IO Message of Condolences regarding \(b\)\(1\)1.4a with Pashto Translation.doc](#)

[100216 - Detainee Release IO Message with Pashto Translation.doc](#)

Gentlemen, as requested, here are the two messages we have so far produced and translated. It's coming on NIPR since that is how we deliver our messages to the RIABs. There is no unclassified information in them and they contain no operational details that have not already been exhaustively reported in the Afghan press.

We look forward to receiving your guidance and approval so we can finally get our side of the story out. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)