An aerial photograph of a coastal town and harbor. The town is built on a hillside overlooking the water. A large white ship is docked in the harbor. The surrounding area is green and hilly.

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## Human Terrain

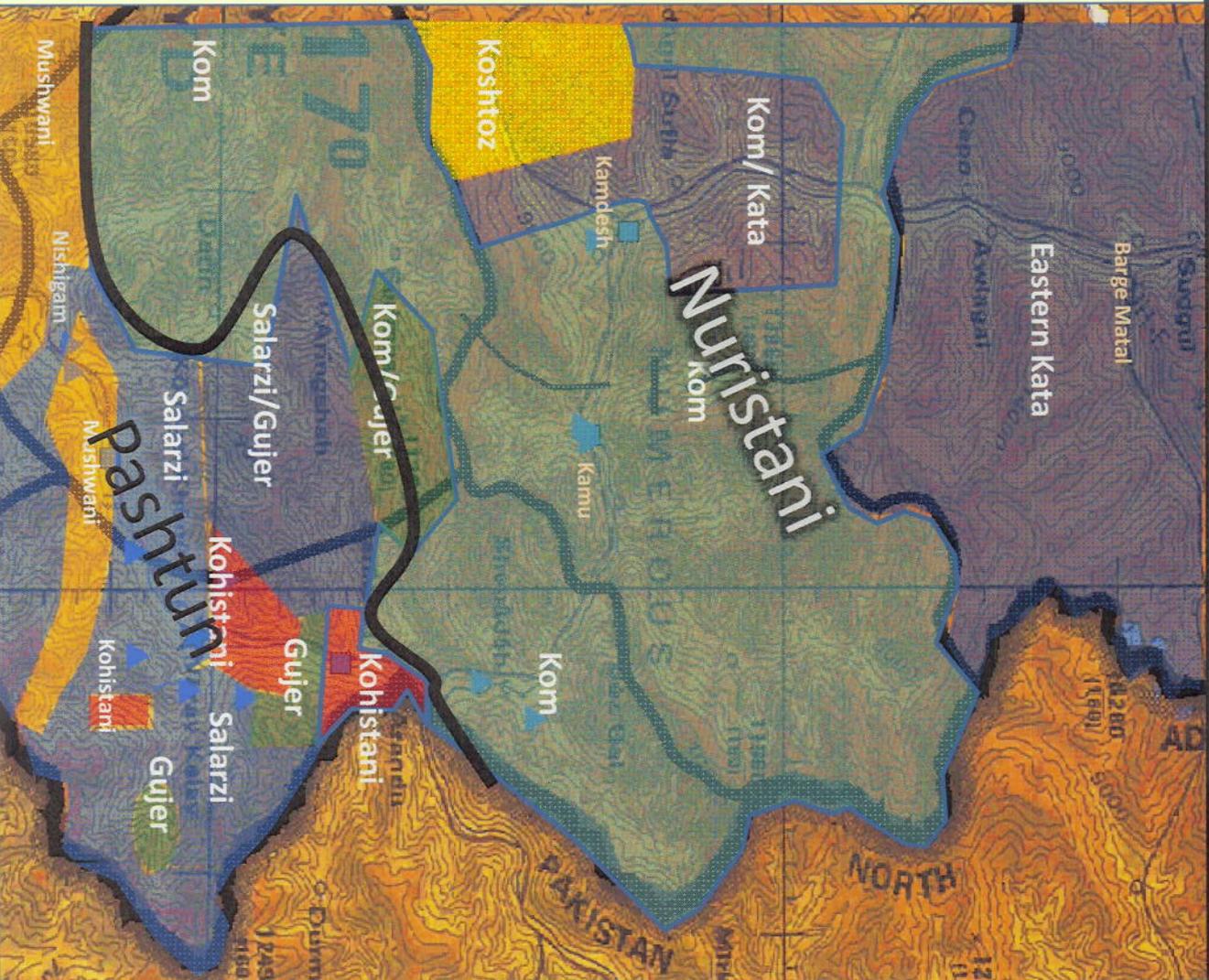
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### Kom-Nuristani Kamadesh

- Opposes outside interference
- Historically support HIIG
- Significant tribal conflicts between Kom, Kushtozi, and Kata
- Limited Afghan identity, and historic enmity toward Pashtun government structures



### Kata-Nuristani Barge Matal

- Ethnicity spans Nuristan
- More tied to Paroon and supportive of GIROA
- Resistant to TB occupation

### Ethnic Pashto Majority of Ghaziabad and Naray

- Multi-ethnic villages less prone to sectarian/tribal violence
- Stronger Afghan identity and historic connection to Afghan central government



## Enemy Situation

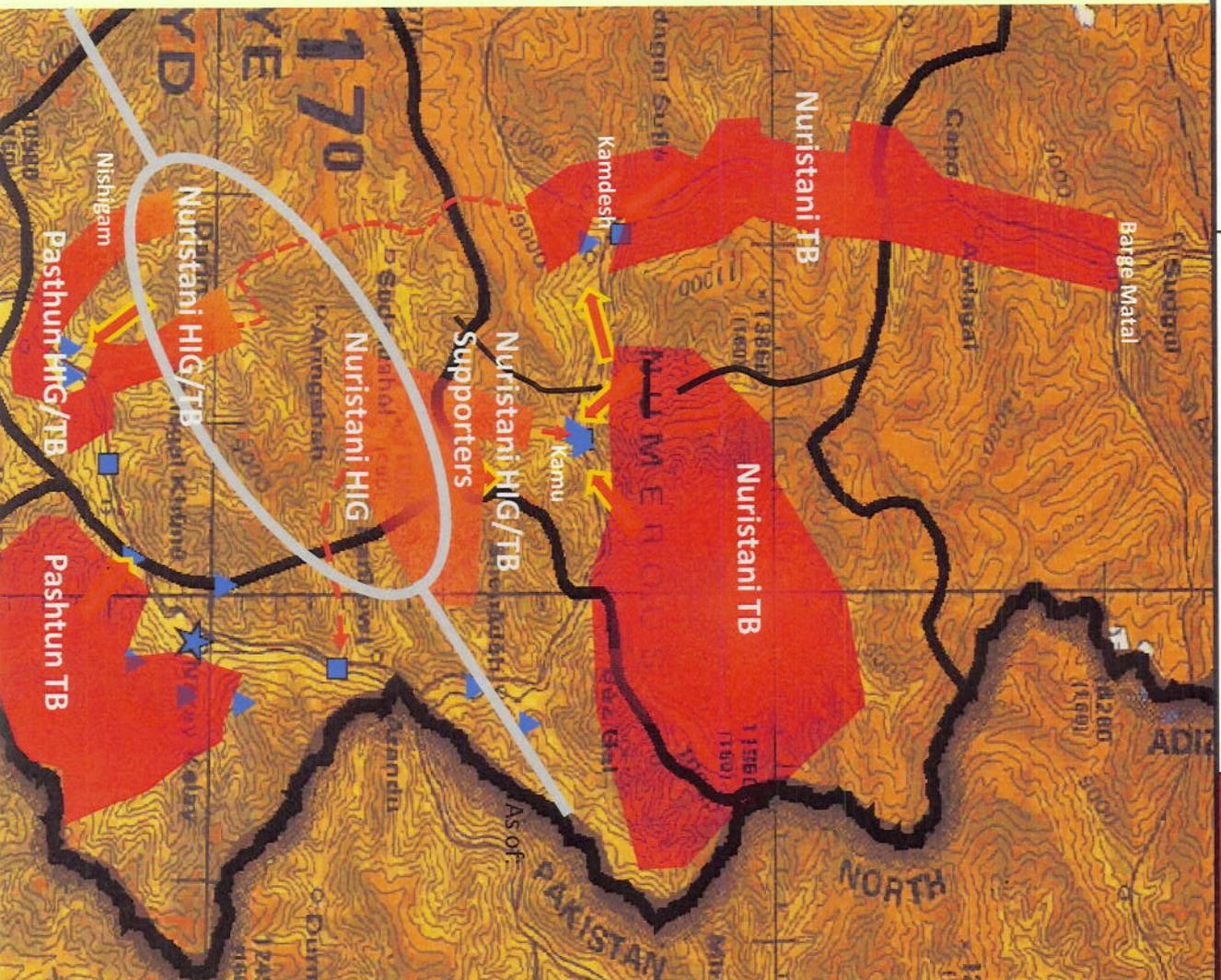
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### Kamdesh Problem Set

- TB leaders reinforce local cells with imported fighters for kinetic ops
- ISAF and GIROA influence are an irritant to the population, and enable short term cooperation against common enemy
- TB's disregard for population and traditional social order is a source of contention for HIG strongholds in Kamdesh



### Ghaziabad and Naray Problem Set

- Traditional HIG working for TB for money and opportunity to fight
- Permeable border and terrain isolation facilitates TB influence in tertiary valleys

# Enemy Development

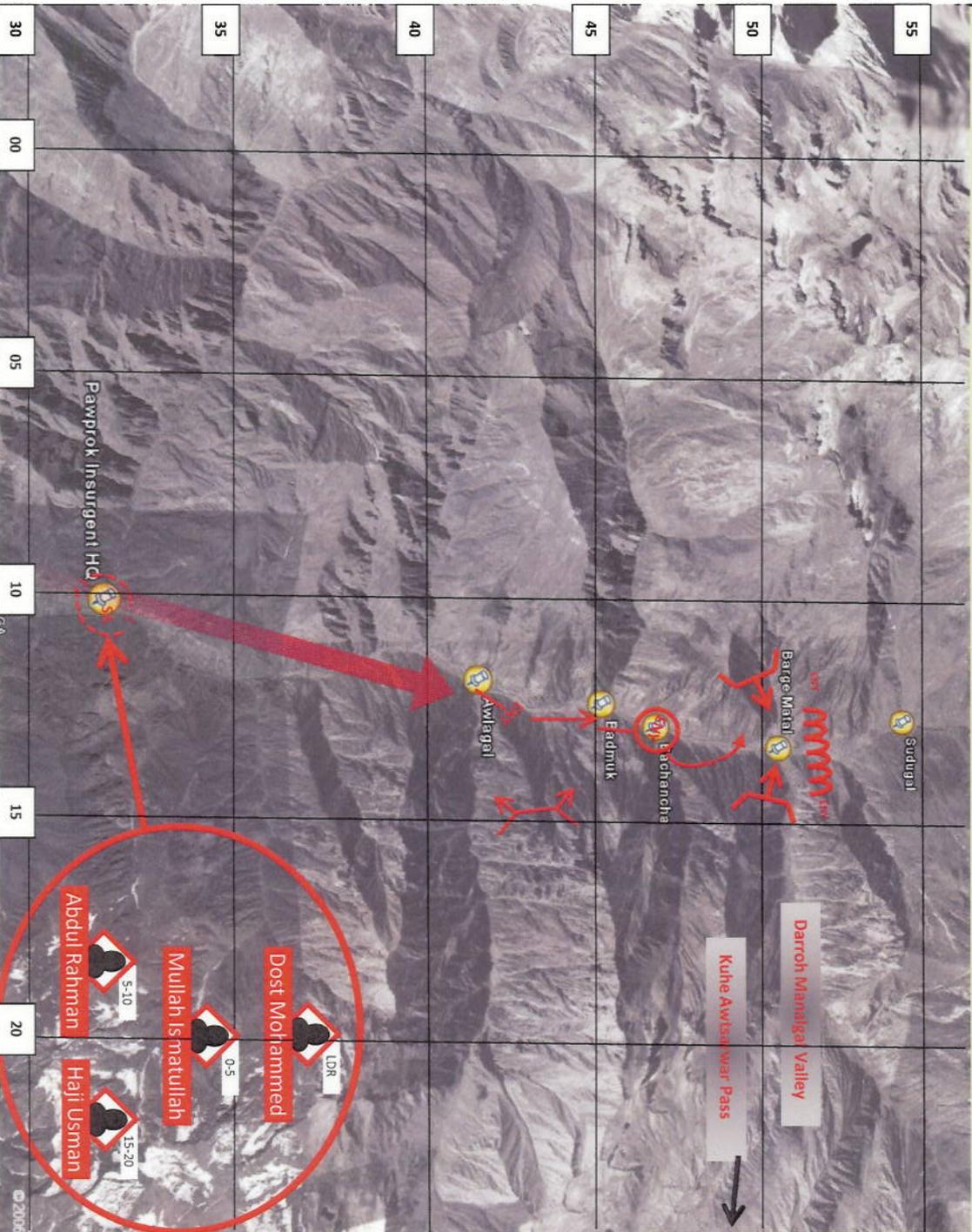
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Barge Matal

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As of 16JUL09

**Task:** Seize the village of Barge Matal from ANSF  
**Purpose:** Establish a Taliban foothold on a community that has been unresponsive to TB ideology  
**Method:** By assembly of a force of external fighters from Kamdesh and Ghaziabad to augment a core force of quazi-local fighters from Pawprok and Awlagal and to defeat ANSF fighting positions at Awlagal, Badmuk, and in Barge Matal.  
**End State:** An alternative insurgent headquarters that has higher collateral damage limitations and a viable Summer-only pass for insurgent leaders to pass to Parroon from PK via the Kuh-e Awsarwar Pass



**Insurgent Leaders:**

- Mullah Sher Jamil Rahman
- Haji Usman - Wounded
- Abdui Rahman - Wounded
- Mullah nassin
- Barakatullah - Killed
- Mulaui ismatullah
- Mulaui Sayid Rahman
- Hussain Ahmed
- Muhammed Aili – Killed

TB Leaders massed an insurgent force of approx 30x well trained Taliban fighters from Pawprok, with 60-90 low-level fighters from the standard Kamdesh force pool.

Fighting began in Awlagal where ABP positions were pushed back to Badmuk.

From there Taliban fighters used SBF positions along the ridge lines to support their advance into Barge Matal.

Locals of Barge Matal are Eastern Kata Nuristanis with a history of repelling outside influences, including Taliban (7JUL09).

**Local Taliban Structure:**

Traditional Taliban force structure is predominantly centered on the Kam-Nuristani district of Kamdesh, where Taliban leaders are able to maintain their influence over local nationals through physical intimidation and manipulation of the tribal structure. Their method of sustaining their base of support revolves around indoctrination to spread their movement's ideology and incentivizing militant activity through financial inducements.

**Assessment:**

The Taliban of Kamdesh, so far have only demonstrate military capacity to remove ANSF from Barge Matal. Any long-term occupation of Barge Matal would be conditional on the withdrawal of ANSF, a large expenditure of combat resources to sustain their presence, and a long drawn out period of shuras and engagements to sway the otherwise hostile locals to their cause.



# Tactical Situation

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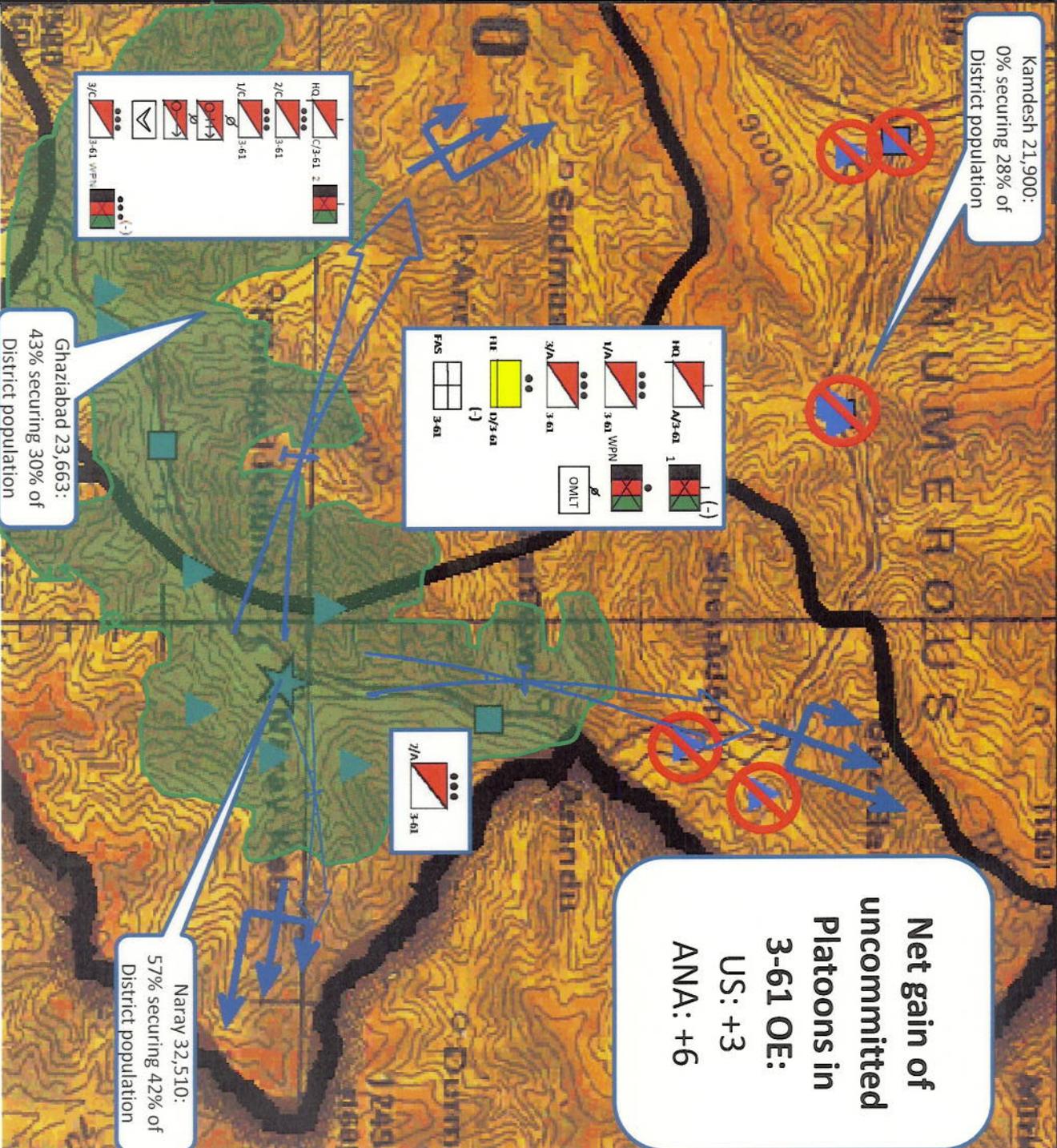
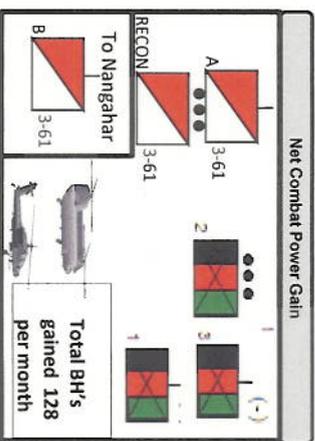
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## Southern AO

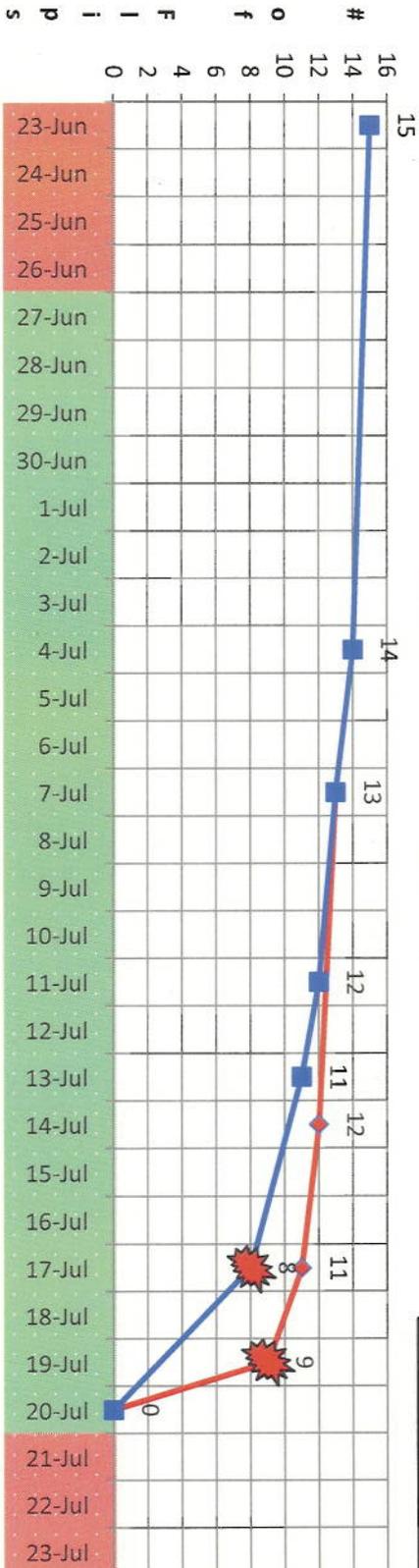
Task: Conduct COIN focused operations in the population centers of OE Destroyer to disrupt AAF coercion and expand economic development and GIROA influence in Naray and Ghaziabad districts

- Offensive in Nature
- Expanded COIN effort to 29 villages immediately ~ 57,000
- Net Gain of forces and blade hours extends operational reach to enemy support zone



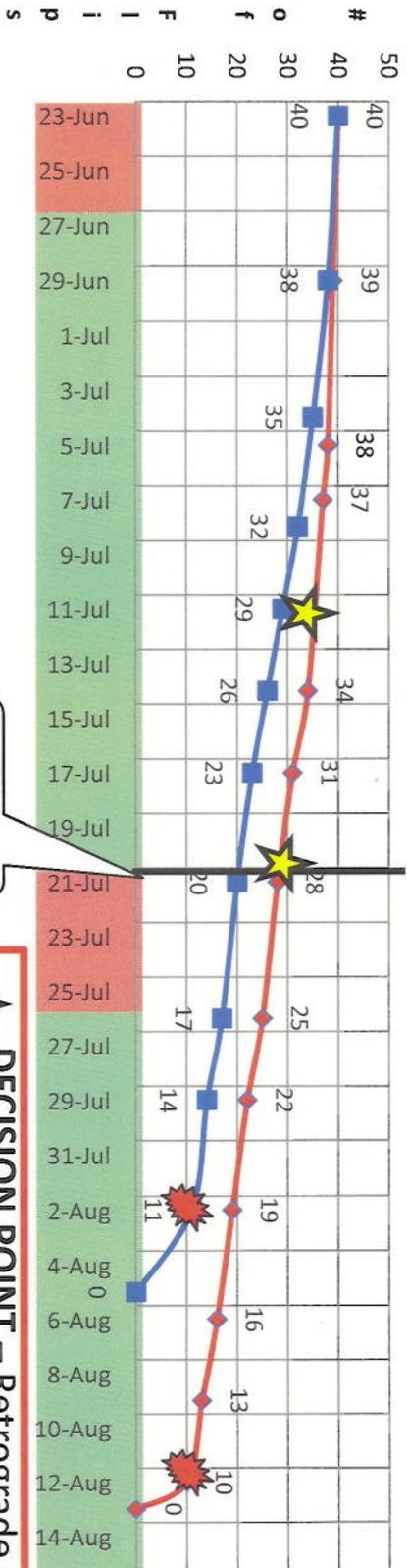
# AO North Retrograde Glide Path

## Hatchet Retrograde



• Planned for 3 loads per night  
 • Recently received no more than 2 per night

## Lowell Retrograde



**Loads by Type**  
 Mission Non-essential: 10  
 Mission Enhancing: 20  
 Mission Critical: 10

**DECISION POINT - Retrograde of Mission Enhancing Point of No Return**

## RISK

- Refocus of Nuristani Taliban from Kamdesh District to Naray
  - Pakistan based finance redirected to south

## • Nuristani Taliban Continues expansion

- Lack of GIKoA presence provides platform for TB force projection into neighboring Districts
- Current set offers no flexibility to emerging threats
- Increased Freedom of movement to central and western Nuristan

## MITIGATION

- Triple uncommitted ISAF and ANSF Maneuver forces in Naray/Ghaz
- Reduced KAMGOW needs free 158 blade hours/month
- Removal of Unifying ISAF irritant potentially opens fractures between HIG & TB

- Tribal boundaries provide social barrier to Expansion
- Geography is natural obstacle in Nuristan
- Additional ISAF forces available to higher threat corridors in RC East

**Current CERP Focus:**

- 1. Irrigation
- 2. Transportation (capillary roads)
- 3. MHP

**Future CERP Focus**

- 1. Vocational - Human Capital
- 2. Enhance existing manufacturing
- 3. Trade Based Agriculture
- 4. Cellular?

**PRT/AED/USAID/NGO**

- 1. Education
- 2. Transportation (MSR)
- 3. Health
- 4. Cellular?

**Positive incentives**

- Human capital development
- Infrastructure development
- Economic growth
- Information operations

**Negative incentives**

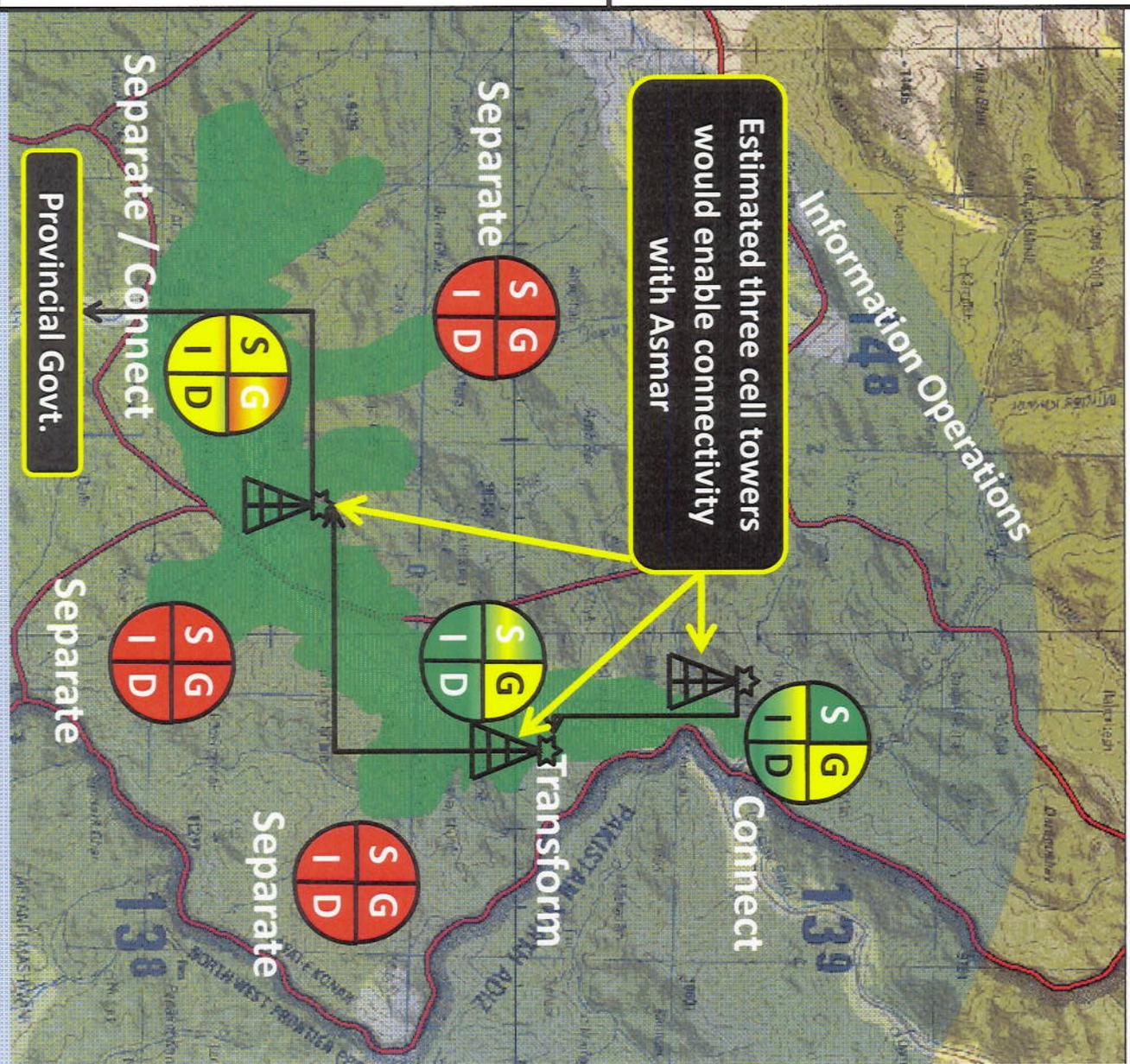
- Kinetic operations (deliberate and routine)
- Opportunity cost – loss of development

**S – Security**

**G – Governance**

**D – Development**

**I – Information Operations**



**Communication and banking infrastructure are hard obstacles to breach.**

Lack of banking makes government more susceptible to corruption. No internet or communication limits contact with Provincial Government

Sustainable timber trade is a major potential source of **government revenue and economic growth**. Inability to execute any timber trade legally forces smuggling and promotes corruption.

**Afghan financed District Govts.**

• Rule of Law  
• Provincial budgeting / funding  
• District taxation capability  
• Cellular communication

**Provincial / National development**

**Primary engine of development and government is US funds**

Budgeting and revenue process is necessary for sustainable local government administration and development

• Banking in district capitals  
• District government independent management

**District development**

• Budgeting training

• Financial management training for line directors

• Utility fees – to sustain MHP systems

• District government management of local projects

• Shura liaison between line directors and population

• Population coordination with Shura and district government

• Population identification of community problems

• Economic subsistence

**Village development**

# Back Up Slides

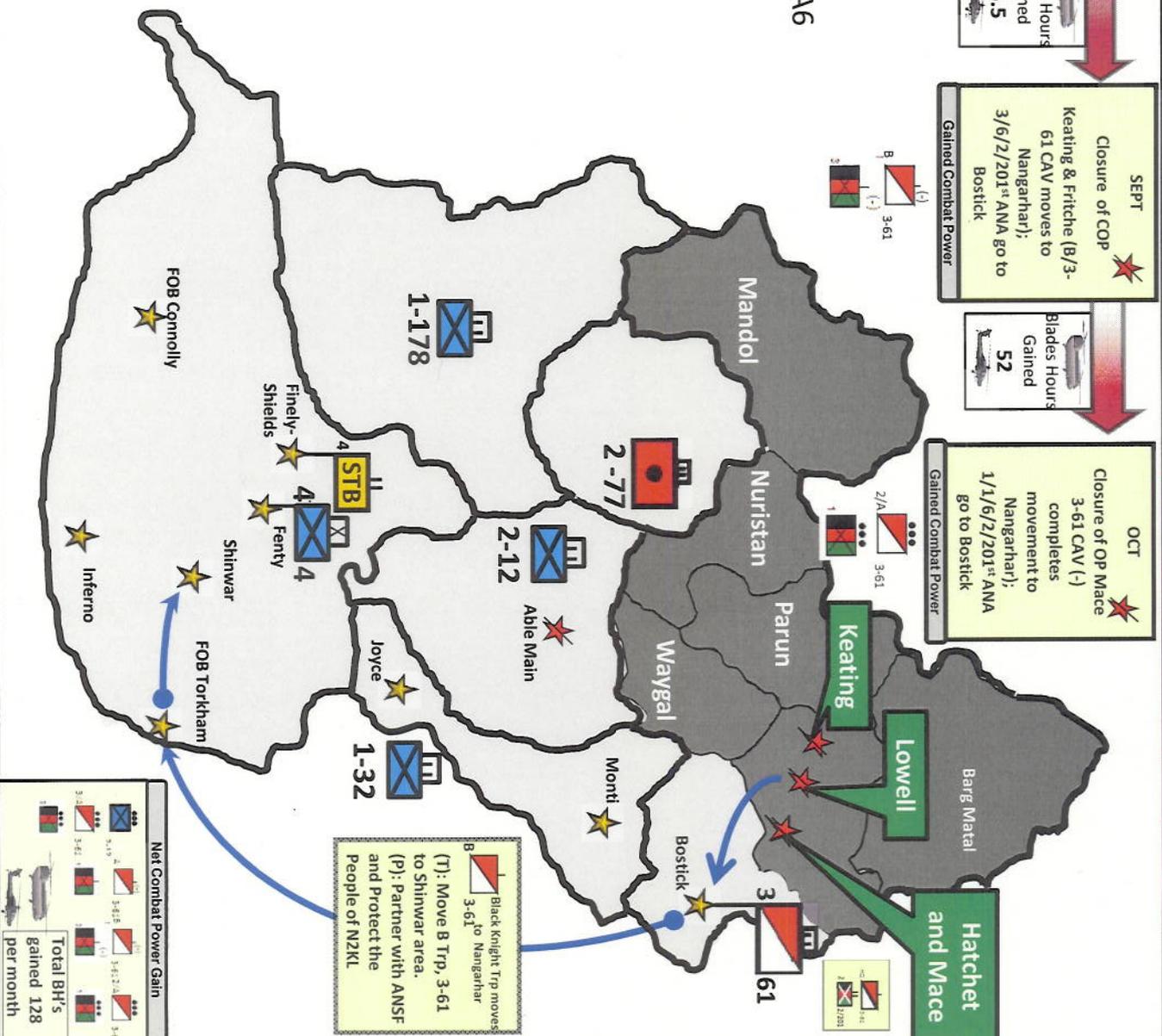
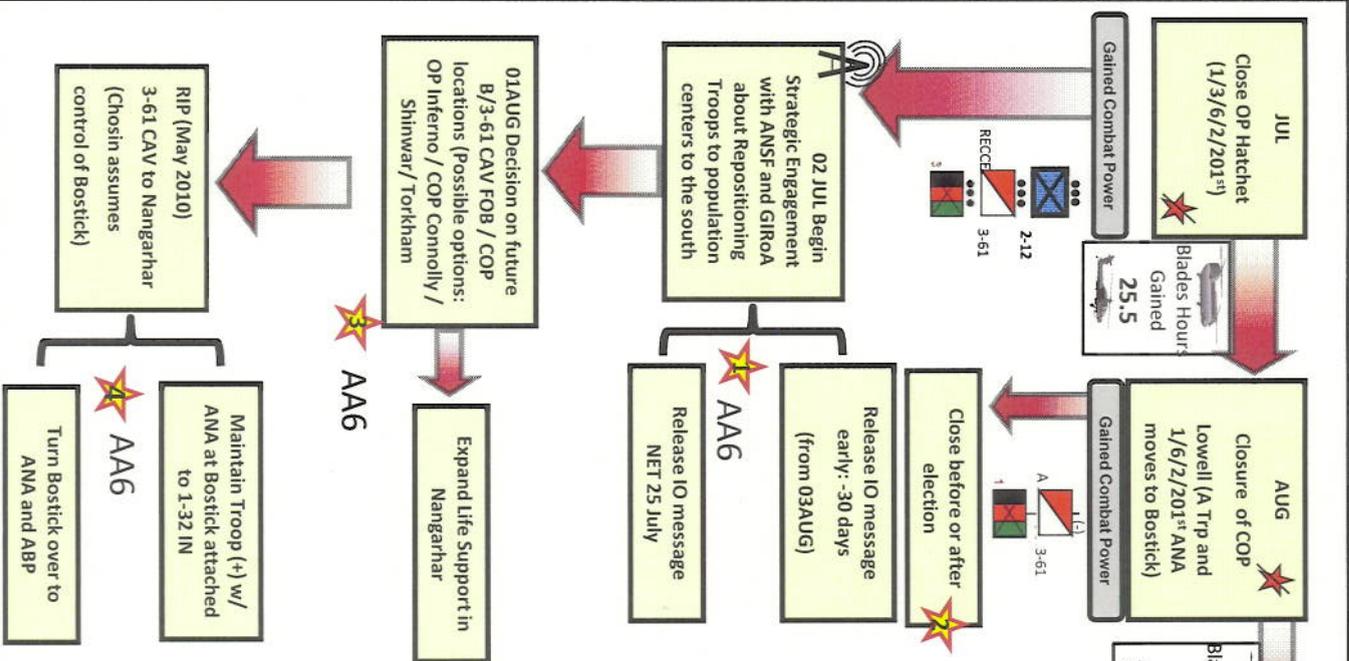
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# Operational Timeline (Macro Look)



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PHASE I  
JULY

PHASE II  
AUGUST

PHASE III  
SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Favorable Weather Expected

Poor Weather Expected

