



TF Destroyer: October 3, 2009 COP Keating/OP Fritsche Assault Post Reporting

Prior to the attack against COP Keating on 3 OCT 09 the following AAF leadership were present at a meeting in Bar Mandagal to discuss the assault:

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Commander

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following leaders were present:

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At another meeting in Binoz, the

(b)(6) had a separate meeting in Binoz as well the night prior.

AAF leaders who participated in the actual attack were

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overall commander. (b)(6) was suppose to attack COP Lowell simultaneously, however this attack did not occur.

Over 200 fighters took part in the attack against COP Keating and OP Fritsche with half from surrounding districts in Nuristan and the other half from Pakistan who were affiliated with Lashkat Tayyiba.

The following AAF Leaders were reportedly killed during the assault: Qari Rahman, Qari Yaya, Mullah Zahir, Captain Omar, Abdul Rahman, Commander Hameedullah, Commander Gul Zaman, and Hussein Ahmad.

Over sixty insurgents were killed and over 30 wounded during the initial attack with another 40 to 60 killed during later engagements and bomb drops. According to reports, all of the wounded were taken to Mirdish for treatment since Pakistan was too far away and would be noticed by CF. A majority of the dead were buried in Kamdish due to the significant distances to most of their home villages and increases presence of CF aircraft patrolling. Around mid October Taliban leaders Dost Mohammad, Juma Khan, Engineer Sattar, and Haji Usman were expected to return to Kamdish for a memorial service for all of the dead fighters who participated in the attack.