

OBJ LEFTY GROVE—EXTORTION 17 CRASH

As of 092300z AUG 11

5 AUG 2011, Sayedabad District, Wardak Province

MISSION: Coalition Forces (CF) and 7 x APU Soldiers conducted a HAF to capture/kill **Qari Tahir (LEFTY GROVE)** IOT disrupt TB networks and collect actionable intelligence on TBSL. (1 x TF Soldier accompanied assault force.)

TARGET SIGNIFIGANCE: **Qari Tahir (LEFTY GROVE)** is assessed to be the new overall TB Commander of the Tangi Valley following the death of **Din Mohammad (DUNLAP, EKIA)** operating in Sayed Abad District, Wardak Province. **Qari Tahir** is directly associated with

RESULTS: 6 x EKIA, 1 x CH-47 Shot down by suspected RPG with 38 PAX (30 US, 7 Afghan Partner Unit, 1 Contract Interpreter) and 1 x Military working dog onboard, 38 FKIA.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

—EXTORTION 17 CRASH

The Assault Force (AF), (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c conducted a HAF raid with an infil HLZ approx 2km from the OBJ. Upon infil, AF PID'd armed MAMs demonstrating hostile intent and engaged with AWT in self-defense, resulting in 6 x EKIA.

While moving to contain the OBJ, AF reported multiple MAMs squirting from the target compound and requested Immediate Reaction Force (IRF) support to interdict.

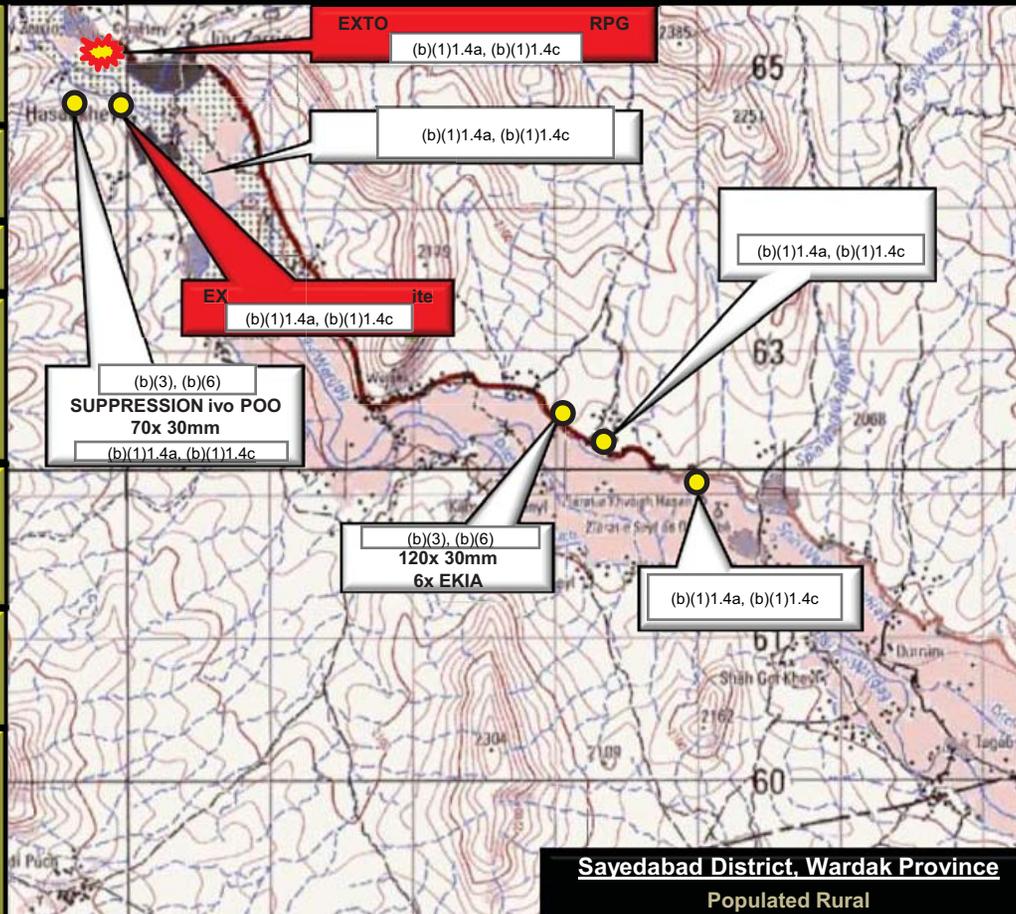
At 2130z the IRF was directed to infil and interdict the squirters that had moved Northwest of the objective area.

At 2209z, while enroute to contain suspected combatants, the IRF acft (1 x CH-47 callsign Extortion 17), escorted by AC-130 and AWT, was struck from a suspected RPG approximately 4 km from OBJ Lefty Grove. The acft had 38 personnel onboard. Fires and ISR assets were immediately shifted to the site with no reports of movement.

Due to location and enemy situation, AF moved by foot 3.9 km to secure the crash site. AF arrived at 0015z and immediately secured the area. TF Pathfinder (RC-East Quick Reaction Force) infil'd to HLZ, linked up shortly after at the crash site, and assisted TM (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c in securing the immediate area.

AF arrived at the crash site at 0015z and immediately secured the area. The AF reported 6 x FKIA initially, but had to pull back from the site due to secondary explosions and burning wreckage. At 0328z, GFC assessed no survivors.

At 0726z, TF (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c the BSO, linked up with the AF to lead in evacuation of the remains and debris. Remains of 38 x FKIA were recovered. Throughout the day, the AF and BSO element were provided with multiple aerial resupplies and EOD / CSAR pax / equipment in order to continue recovery operations. The AF was replaced by a TM (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c early on 7 AUG 11. TM (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c exfiltrated crash site at 091530z AUG 11.



EXTORTION 17 CRASH—SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (1/3)

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AF Timeline on OBJ Lefty Grove

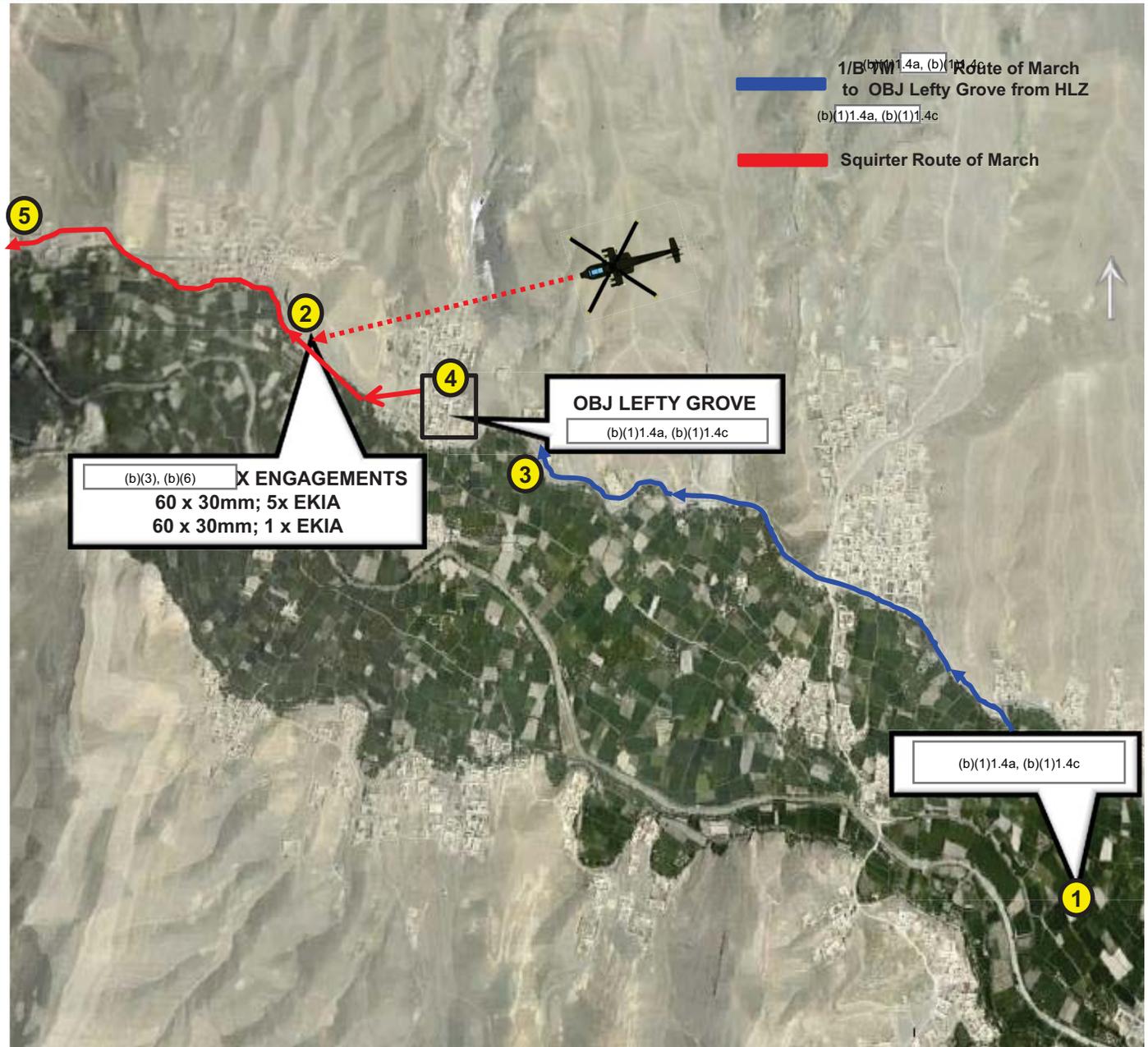
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1831Z: AF (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c set infil complete, HLZ (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

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1901Z: (b)(3), (b)(6) AWT, PID'd 8 x MAMs w/ RPGs and AK-47s demonstrating hostile intent.
1905Z: (b)(3), (b)(6) cleared hot by (b)(3), (b)(6) (JTAC).
1910Z: AWT engaged 8 x INS w/ 60 x 30mm. Result is 5 x EKIA. 1 x INS remained, multiple INS squirted Northwest along the road.
1917Z: (b)(3), (b)(6) requested (b)(3), (b)(6) immediately re-attack original strike area. Result was 1 x EKIA.

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1924Z: AF reached Objective Rally Point (ORP).

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1950Z: AF commenced callout on 10 series buildings.
2133Z: 10 series clear; Bldg 69 clear; AWT strike area SSE = 6xEKIA, 2xAK-47, 1x RPG, 6 x frag grenades.

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2100Z: (b)(3), (b)(6) reported that squitters from OBJ area have stopped and entered a compound IVO (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c.
2130Z: the IRF was directed to infil and interdict the squitters that had moved Northwest of the objective area.



EXTORTION 17 CRASH—SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (2/3)

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Extortion 17 Crash Timeline:

2154Z: Extortion (EX 17) AWT (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c to (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4b, (b)(1)1.4c IRF in order to (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c squirrel (b)(3), (b)(6)

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2209Z: EX 17 was RP inbound on a 120 heading following the southern side of the green valley at 100-150ft AGL. (b)(3), (b)(6) has visual of EX 17 in short final for LZ (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

2209:48Z: All four AWT crewmembers identified a distinctive red flash from the approximate POB. Two back-seaters (NVS) immediately identified a second flash (RPG impacting right side of EX 17). EX 17 immediately started to spin and descend rapidly.

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2210:10Z: "Extortion is down" reported on AWT internal comms.

2210:35Z: (b)(3), (b)(6) reports to (b)(3), (b)(6) that EX17 is "down". EX 17 impacted the ground VIC (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c with an approximate heading of 330.

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2211Z: (b)(3), (b)(6) breaks left, descended, and suppressed the POB (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c with 70x 30mm in self-defense. (b)(3), (b)(6) established left hand orbits at 1000ft AGL and maintains security over EX 17.

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2230Z: AF at OBJ Lefty Grove initiated movement to crash site by foot.

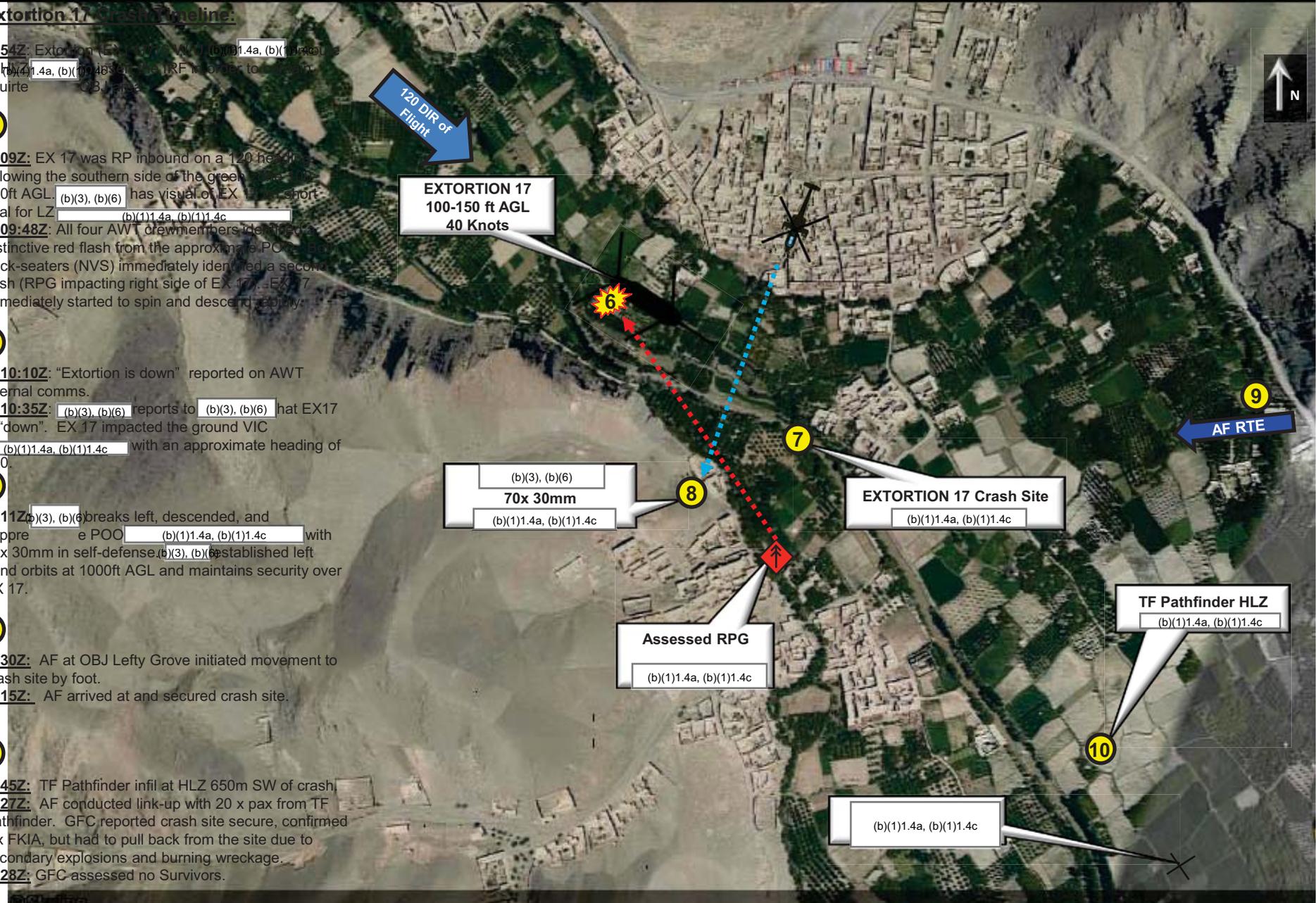
0015Z: AF arrived at and secured crash site.

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2345Z: TF Pathfinder infil at HLZ 650m SW of crash.

0027Z: AF conducted link-up with 20 x pax from TF Pathfinder. GFC reported crash site secure, confirmed 6 x KIA, but had to pull back from the site due to secondary explosions and burning wreckage.

0328Z: GFC assessed no Survivors.



EXTORTION 17 CRASH—SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (3/3)

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Recovery Timeline:

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0721z: BSO (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c pickup complete with TF (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c at crash site. Crash site was centrally located in vicinity of (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c at this time.

1155z: BSO departs crash site with the remains of a 38 x FKIA. TF Pathfinder and T (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c remain to continue site sanitation and provide security.

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Throughout the afternoon of 6 AUG 11, heavy rains forced the BSO to delay multiple attempts to reinforce the crash site. Furthermore, the rains created a flash flood of up to 2 feet of rushing water that filled the riverbed, scattered debris, and ultimately delayed the site sanitation. The debris field is depicted in blocks A-E. The main fuselage, nose, and 2 x engines were found in the riverbed (site A).

2230z: TM (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c CSAR element, and EOD linked up with TM (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c at the crash site.

2253z: RIP completed; (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c assumed security and sanitization duties with TF Pathfinder and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c.

2253z: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c moved to exfil HLZ.

0006z: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c reported, exfil complete.

Throughout 7 and 8 AUG 11, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c and enablers continued to destroy and break apart debris using torches, saws, thermite grenades, and high explosives. Multiple resupplies were conducted via air delivery and by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c. Inclement weather delayed the clearing and sanitization efforts.

081405zAUG11: Vast majority of remaining debris and recovered items were taken away via a BSO convoy.

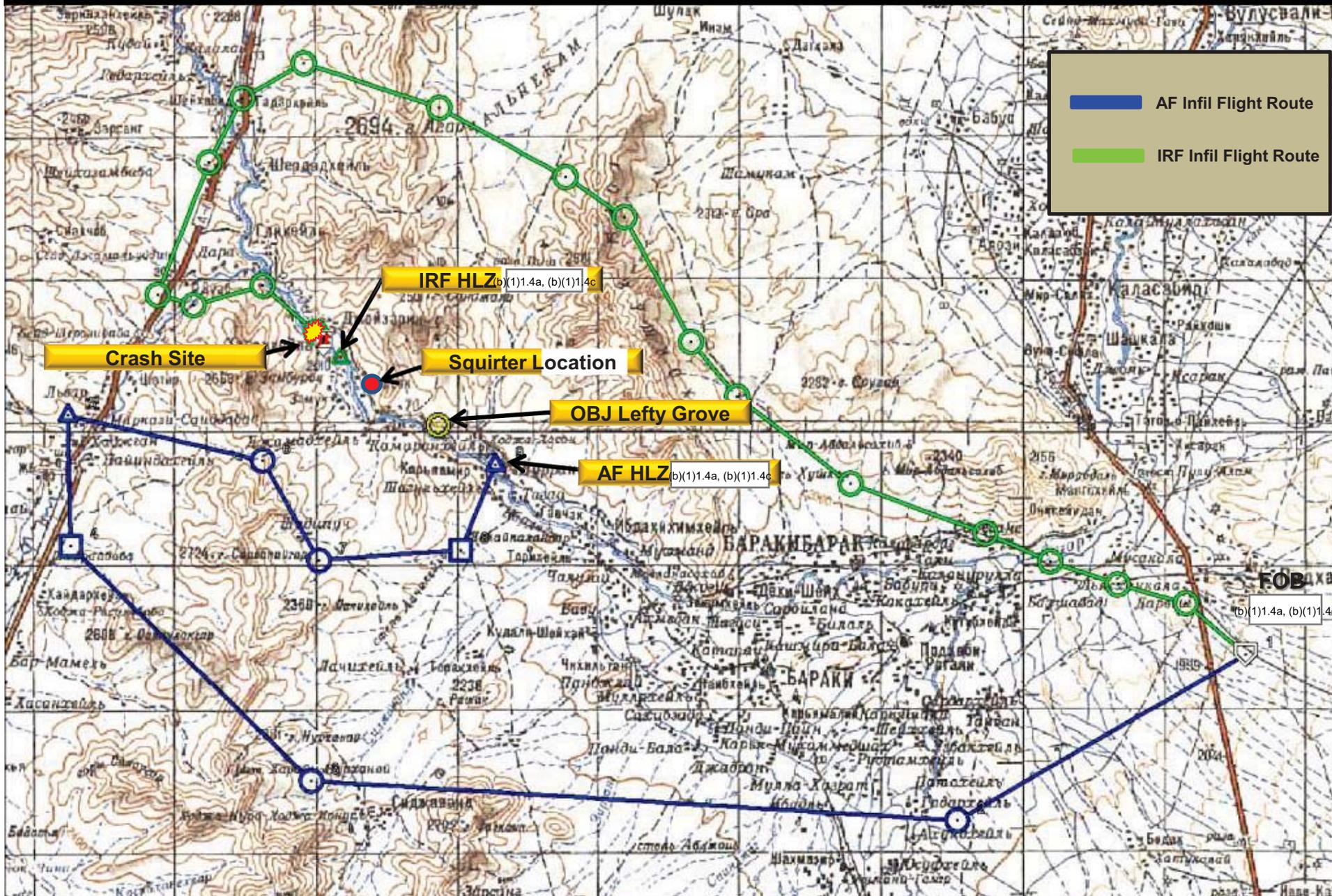
091536zAUG11: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c complete 53 PAX.

091657zAUG11: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c.

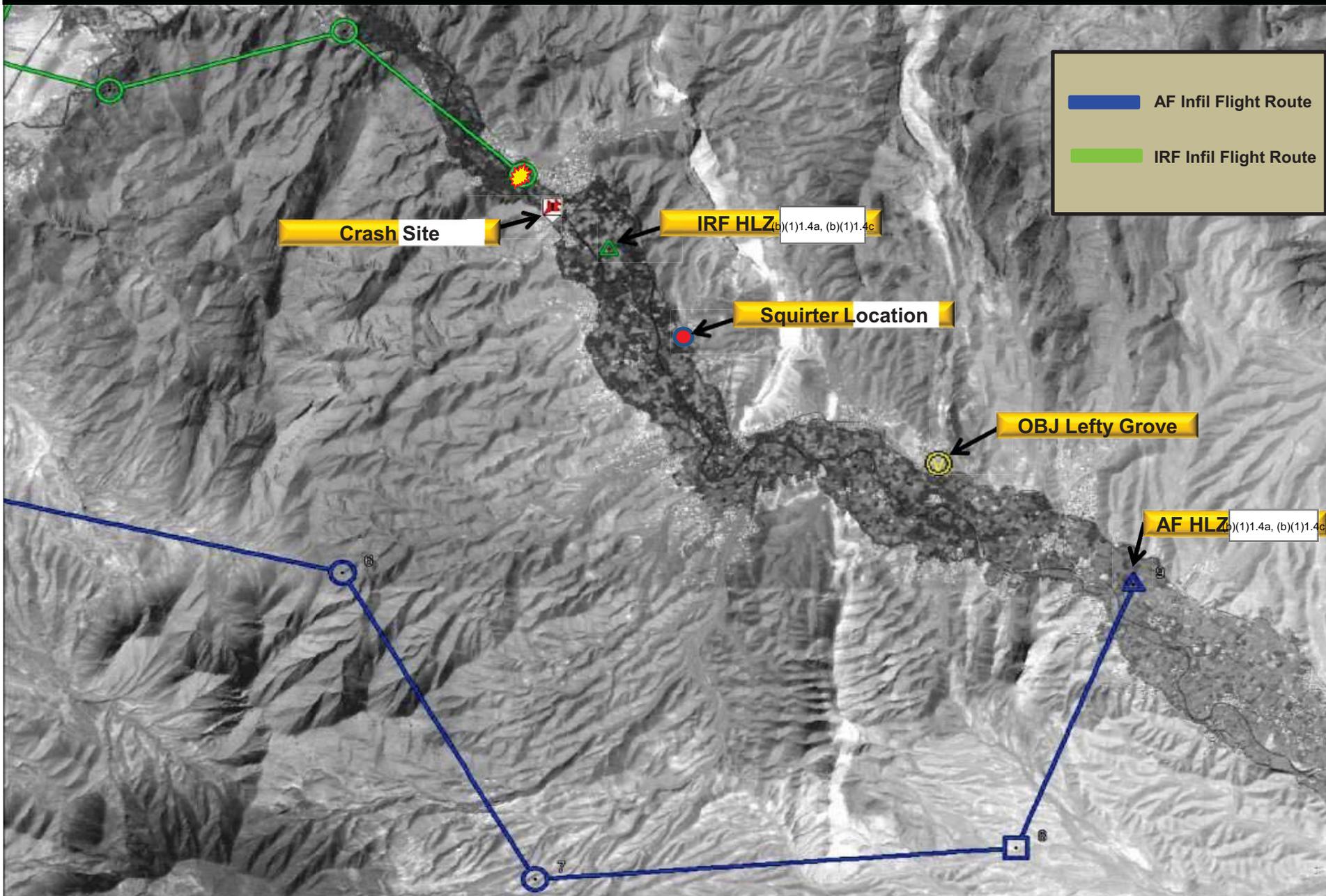
091745zAUG11: Extortion 17 Crash Site deemed 100% clean, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c removed all remaining debris away and all friendly forces have RTB.



EXTORTION FLIGHT ROUTES (1/2)



EXTORTION FLIGHT ROUTES (2/2)



1/B OFFSET INFIL ROUTE (1/2)

INFIL HLZ to Objective Rally Point



OFFSET

40 min

2 K

6845FT - 6594 ft

1/B OFFSET INFIL ROUTE (2/2)

Objective Rally Point to OBJ LEFTY GROVE



100M

1/B ROUTE OF MARCH TO THE CRASH SITE

