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**PrK /Priština Corps/ COMMAND**

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**1 April 1999**

**VERY URGENT**

***Order* to engage PrK forces  
in securing and controlling the territory  
and sealing off the Jablanica sector**

In view of the latest military and political situation in the surroundings and the situation in PrK units in the zone of responsibility, and in order to maintain and consolidate b/g /combat readiness/ and take timely measures to ensure the functioning of government and security system, I hereby

**O R D E R:**

1. - Complete Operation *Mališevo* by 2000 hours on 1 April 1999 in accordance with the previously endorsed plan.
2. – On completion of the tasks in Operation *Mališevo*, regroup the forces as follows:  
  
- **15<sup>th</sup> okbr /Armoured Brigade/:** using part of the forces, secure control of the territory in the sector of Vlaški Drenovac, Mališevo, Ladovac and Dragobilje villages;

deploy part of the forces to the general area of Priština and put on stand-by for anti-landing combat at Kosovo plateau (Goleš, Obilić, Gračanica); establish control of the territory and law and order in the general area of Priština.

- **125<sup>th</sup> mtbr /Motorised Brigade/**: after completing their task, engage as follows:

- **BG /combat group/-125-5**: hand over the general area of the Volujak sector to the command of the 252<sup>nd</sup> okbr, then take the general area of the Kraljane village-Šaban Mahala village-/?Čalok/ Mahala sector and be on stand-by for active combat operations along the Kraljane village-Crna Gora-Dašinovac village axis.

- **BG-125-1** with mb /mechanised battalion/ of the 252th okbr: hand over the general area of the Ponorac village-Turjak village sector to the 252<sup>nd</sup> okbr command, then bring in /forces/ and take the general area of the Donje Barane village-Gornje Barane village-Turjak village sector, seal off Baranjski Lug and Jablanica from the north and be on stand-by for active combat operations along the Barane village-Istinić village axis.

- **BG-125-6**: on completion of the task seal off the Gramočelj village-Kodralija village line and be on stand-by for active combat operations along the Rznić village-Donji Ratiš village-Bardonić village axis.

Deploy the remaining forces in the general areas of Peć, Kosovska Mitrovica and Vučitrn and ensure that garrison commands function properly there.

- **549<sup>th</sup> mtbr:** using part of the forces, secure and establish control of the territory in the Krasta-Ostrozub village-Pagaruša village sector; using part of the forces, seal off Jablanica along the Crmljane village-Crmljane village /as printed/-Raškoc village line; with the remaining forces continue to provide in-depth security of DG /state border/ with the Republic of Albania and ensure that the garrison command in Prizren functions properly.

- **243<sup>rd</sup> mbr /Mechanised Brigade/:** using part of the forces, secure and establish control of the territory in the Blace village-Banja village sector; using the remaining forces, continue to carry out the task and ensure the functioning of the Uroševac garrison command.

- **252<sup>nd</sup> okbr:** using part of the forces, take over the sector of Ponorac, Turjak, Labučevo, Volujak and Svrhe villages from 125<sup>th</sup> mtbr and seal off Jablanica along the Gornja Grabanica village-Bandera-Boka line. Using the remaining forces, secure the communications and combat control of the territory in the zone of responsibility.

- **354<sup>th</sup> pbr /Infantry Brigade/:** using part of the forces, ensure the functioning of the Kuršumljija garrison post command and using part of the forces, carry out combat control of the territory in the assigned zone in Gornji Lab.

- **211<sup>th</sup> okbr:** will secure communications and combat control of the territory in the zone of responsibility, and ensure the functioning of the Podujevo garrison post command.

- **37<sup>th</sup> mtbr**: on completion of mobilisation and bringing in the mobilised part of the forces to the general area of Srbica, relying on suitable sectors and features, secure control of the general area of Drenica and the roads along the Kosovska Mitrovica-Gornja Klina village-Rudnik, Gornja Klina-Srbica-Glogovac and Gornja Klina village-Srbica-Jošanica village axes, and ensure the functioning of the Uroševac garrison command.
  
- **175<sup>th</sup> pbr**: organise defence in the assigned zone according to the previously endorsed plan. Secure communications and combat control of the territory and ensure the functioning of the Vitina garrison post command.
  
- **TG /tactical group/-252**: secure control of communications and combat control of the territory in the assigned zone and ensure the functioning of the Lipljan garrison post.
  
- **52<sup>nd</sup> mabr /Mixed Artillery Brigade/**: organise fire support for the Corps forces in accordance with the previously endorsed plan; secure communications and combat control of the territory in the assigned zone and ensure the functioning of the Gnjilane garrison command.
  
- **52<sup>nd</sup> arbr /Artillery Rocket Brigade/ of PVO /Anti-aircraft Defence/**: organise PVO forces of the Corps in accordance with the previously endorsed plan, secure communications and combat control of the territory in the assigned zone and ensure the functioning of the Đakovica garrison command.

- **192<sup>nd</sup> inžp /Engineer Regiment/**: after mobilising the remaining part of the regiment, bring in the regiment to the Mala village-Plana village-Kondžel-Tulare- /?Čungua/-Barbatovac village axis and deploy the regiment to the Pljakovo village-Spance village-Barbatovac village-Brdani Spanački village sector.

Using the part of the regiment mobilised earlier, continue to carry out the planned engineering support tasks. Speed up the training of the new unit and troop and MTS /materiel and technical equipment/ preparation to carry out engineering support.

4. – In all garrisons and garrison posts, redeployment areas and zones of responsibility, in a coordinated action with forces of MUP /Ministry of the Interior/, VTK /military prosecutor's office at the command/ and VTJ /?Yugoslav Military Prosecutor's Office/, and military investigating and judicial organs, ensure the control of the territory and the functioning of government, prevent looting, theft and other forms of crime and war profiteering, protect civilians from robbery and establish law and order.

Set up provisional units made up of experienced, select and well-prepared troops, and include Military Police establishment units, to carry out this task in garrisons and garrison posts.

Ensure that perpetrators and persons responsible for negative developments are identified and caught quickly and efficiently and the Military Court shall take the harshest measures envisaged by the Law against these persons.

**5. – Stand-by for:**

- completing the operation in the general area of Mališevo by 2000 hours on 1 April 1999;
- sealing off Jablanica by 1200 hours on 2 April 1999;
- establishing the system of government and security system by 1800 hours on 2 April 1999.

**6. – Reports:**

- on completed task – Operation *Mališevo* – by 2200 hours on 1 April 1999;
- on sealing off Jablanica by 1400 on 2 April 1999;
- on establishing and ensuring the functioning of government and security system by 2000 hours on 2 April 1999.

**RS/MT**

**C O M M A N D E R**

**Major General**

**Radomir LAZAREVIĆ**

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15<sup>th</sup> okbr, 211<sup>th</sup> okbr, 252<sup>nd</sup> okbr, 243<sup>rd</sup> mbr, 125<sup>th</sup>, 549<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> mtbr,  
175<sup>th</sup> and 354<sup>th</sup> pbr, 52<sup>nd</sup> mabr, 52<sup>nd</sup> arbr PVO, 192<sup>nd</sup> inžp, TG-252

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