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ORDER**On Engagement of Forces on Combating Terrorist in Kosovo and Metohia**

Map 1:50,000 Priština 1, 2, 3 and 4

1. ENEMY

In the course of the last 10-15 days ŠTS /Šiptar /derogative for Albanian/ terrorist forces/ increased activities and attacks on military objects, units in the area and members of the MUP /Ministry of Interior/, carrying out DTA /sabotage-terrorist actions/ on the towns. Especially aggressive and frequent attacks were carried out against the member of the VJ /Army of Yugoslavia/ and MUP in the areas of villages Batlava, Lužane, Obrandža, military objects in Stari Trg and on the roads Klina-Glogovac and Podujevo-Priština.

According to our information, the ŠTS is organising and grouping its forces in the following areas: GŠ /Main Staff/ Labska/?/ zone in the area of the village of Lapaštica in the elementary school near the cemetery; the Command of the 151st Brigade in the area of the village of Konjuševac, and a fraction of the brigade in the village of Burince, Staro Selo hamlet; 152nd Brigade in the village of Bradaš and 153rd Brigade in the wider area of the village of Zlaš, DTG /sabotage and terrorist group/ in the area of the villages of Manjance, Godišnjak, Glavnik, Laković and in Podujevo. A mine field has been discovered between the villages of Konjuševac and Burince.

A headquarters of the Drenica sector has been discovered on Drenica territory, in Likovac village. Three major operation forces, so called brigades are engaged in the

zone: 113th Brigade in Lauša village, 114th Brigade in Poljance village, and 141st Brigade in Likovac village. Parts of the 114th Brigade are in the areas of villages Gladno Selo, Likošane and Prelovac, Trstenik G. /Upper/ and D. /Lower/ Prekaze and in the area of Stari Trg, parts of the ŠTS from the Šaljska sector, which is setting up positions in the village of Mažić, broader area of k./?/ 1112, attacking the facility on tt /trigonometric point/ 1126 (repeater).

Information gathered and the activities thus far performed indicate that in the following period the ŠTS will increase attacks on military facilities, VJ units in the area, members of the MUP and communications.

2. MUP and VJ forces in KiM are still engaged on in-depth protection of the state border towards the Republic of Albania and Macedonia, protection of facilities and traffic on the main roads and control of the territory. Fraction of the forces is destroying and crushing the ŠTS in order to ensure normal traffic and control of the territory in the areas Malo Kosovo, north part of Drenica and along the roads Klina-Glogovac, Kosovska Mitrovica-Stari Trg and Priština-Podujevo.

3. I DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Introduce MUP and VJ forces, engage some forces in the area on unblocking of Priština-Podujevo, Klina-Srbica and K. Mitrovica-Stari Trg roads and block forces in the wider area of Tenešdol nek and north Drenica with a goal to energetically repulse the ŠTS forces from the mentioned roads and semicircle base in the mentioned areas, to crush and destroy ŠTS and ensure control of the territory.

Duration of combat operations on destroying ŠTS is 1-2 days.

Phase one, duration 1 day: destroy ŠTS along axes Lebane village- Glavnik village, Prvi Tunel-Stari Trg and in the areas, Čiča Glava, Carevica, Vasiljevo village, unblock Srbica and reach the line G. Prekaze- Prelovac

Phase two, duration 1 day: continue activities and crush ŠTS in the area of Poljance village and wider area of the villages of Dobroševac and Čikatevo.

Combat disposition: attack forces, blocking forces, forces for diversionary operations, forces for support, control of the territory, protection of combat actions, PoOB /logistics support/, commanding and communications.

Readiness for combat action at 06:00hrs on 20 March 1999.

4. TASKS OF THE UNITS

4.1. 15th okbr /Armoured Brigade/: with 3 PJP /Special Police Unit/ companies, forces in the area and introduced parts of the forces, in coordinated action with TG /tactical group/-211; attack along the axes: Prugovac village -Kisela Banja village, G. Stanovce village- Bariljevo village; Čiča Glava- Dobroševac village and Glogovac- Čikatovo village with the task as follows: with the intensive action of the BG /combat group/ 15-4 along the axes Prugovac village-Rimanište village, Teneš Do village - Rumanište village, D. Ljupče village-Kisela Banja, crush ŠTS in the areas of the villages Besinje, Rimanište, D. Ljupče, Majance and Kisela Banja, ensure conditions for safe traffic through the Tenešdol nek, and by diversionary actions of the BG15-1, 2 and 3 crush ŠTS along the axes of the villages Banin Most-Bariljevo-Vrbovac; G.Stanovce-Kozarica, Čiča Glava – Dobroševac and Klina- st /?old/ Čikatovo, in coordinated action with BG 15-4 destroy the forces in Tenešdol nek, block the withdrawing forces along the mentioned axes and generate false image of engagement of the main troops, by occupying suitable facilities for efficient territory control.

KM /Command Post/ in the area: the poultry farm.

4.2. TG-211: with 2 PJP companies from redeployment area in coordinated action with BG15-4 attack along the axis of Lužane-Konjuševac-D. Lapaštica, with the task as follows: with the main body of troops crush ŠTS forces in the area of the villages Godišnjak, Penduha, Burince, Konjuševac, Glavnik, and by using auxiliary forces on the facilities in the areas of Perane village and Obrandža and part of the forces of BG/TG on the object Prepolac by diversionary actions create conditions for fulfilment of the task with the main body of troops, preventing the withdrawal of the ŠTS towards G. Lapaštica, and by breaking of the forces ensure undisturbed traffic along Lužane-Podujevo-Prepolac road.

KM in the area: Radujevac village.

4.3. 37th mtbr /Motorised Brigade/ with PJP units Kosovska Mitrovica and Peć and 122mm howitzer battery of the 125th mtbr from the line of advance tt /trigonometric point/ 815-tt 728 (Čečan) attack along the axis Gradica village-Poljance village, with the task as follows: in coordination with the 125th mtbr break ŠTS forces in the areas of the villages Fetahović mahala, Dubovac, Mikušnica and as immediate task come out on the line Mandol mahala-Šabanović mahala-Gofalje and then continue the attack. In the following task reach the line of the village of D. Prekaze-Poljance and in coordinated action with the 125th mtbr, break ŠTS forces in the mentioned areas. Fraction of the PJP forces should secure the axes Prelovac village -Doševac village. Right borderline tt 812(uklj/?/)-k.662(uklj)-tt798(uklj).

KM in the area: tt815

4.4. 125th mtbr, PJP companies Užice and Novi Pazar and the Mechanised Battalion of the 252nd Armoured Brigade attack along the axes: Kosanica-tt 682 (DuškoI mahala); Srbica-Poljance village, Prvi tunel /first tunnel/-Mažić village, with the task as follows: the main body of troops in coordinated action with the 37th mtbr and MUP forces unblock the axis Klina Srbica and the town Srbica, providing the part of the forces from the object Konjsko Hill and Grudić Mahala and as immediate task block the forces in the area of D. Prekaze village, Poljance village, breaking ŠTS in the areas of G. Prekaze, Hodžić mahala village, Zenelović mahala village and then continue actions and in coordination with the forces of the 37th mtbr, break ŠTS in the areas of the villages D. Prekaze, Poljance. With auxiliary forces unblock the road Prvi tunel-Mažić village, break the ŠTS forces in the wider area of tt 1126 (repeater) and Mažić village continuing operations towards Bare village.

KM in the area: firearm factory in Srbica.

5. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT

Intelligence support shall focus on finding ŠTC on the axis of combat.

6. SECURITY SUPPORT

During the implementation of the task take measures in accordance with orders, for protection of manpower and SRT /combat hardware/. Take special measures in

prevention of losses due to booby traps or shooting during the blockade of the ŠTC in inhabited areas.

7. COMBAT SECURITY

During the execution of the attack, use appropriate disposition to shield against sudden terrorist actions. Give full attention to the protection of the wings and flanks.

8. MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

As a preparation for the fulfilment of the task, in all units organise moral and psychological preparations and make sure that the soldiers are motivated and ready to carry out the assignment.

Encourage need for a fair treatment of loyal civilian population, especially as regards the refugees and civilian property. In dealing with media representatives and the members of the OEBS, act in accordance with the orders.

9. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

PoOb /logistical support/ for reinforcement units shall be regulated by the commands of the engaged units through their own means and sources.

The following quantities are approved for the implementation of the task:

- 2 combat sets of ammunition for infantry weapons and 1 combat set for other weapons
- 0.5 combat sets /?. of fuel for all motor vehicles

Use own forces and means for the reparation of seriously damaged TMS /materiel and equipment/ and also the support of the 202 PoB.

Use own forces to ensure accommodation of the injured and for all seriously injured provide medical helicopter requesting it through the OC /Operations Centre/ Command of the PrK /Priština Corps/.

10. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

KM PrK in peacetime location.

Communication with the PrK Command and subordinated units shall be maintained in accordance with the existing communications documents. The application of general KZ /cryptographic data protection/ documents shall be obligatory.

Readiness of communications at 05:00hrs on 20 March 1998.

Signals: as in the table of signals.

11. Forward reports as follows:

a) Regular reports:

- on combat readiness
- daily reports as at 17:00hrs by 18:00hrs
- on completion of the assignment

b) Interim reports: - as necessary

12. Organise preparation of combat operations in coordination with MUP forces prior to the combat operations and while they are carried out.

The Joint Command for Kosovo and Metohia from the Priština sector shall command and control all forces while combat operations are carried out.

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