

4 x contacts during Obj BURNHAM

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1. First contact occurred during run into HLZ. As first CH47 landing in HLZ AWT reported to me on PSR(S)1 that they had seen MAMs moving to a cache and retrieving weapons, once on the ground AWT informed JTAC PID MAMs with weapons moving to high ground, gave gen vic overlooking HLZ. Check friendlies safe. I confirmed that they had seen weapons and upon receiving the PID gave approval as the Ground Com to engage. JTAC informed AWTs and AC-130 cleared to engage IAW ROE ^{PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, P} tgt engaged.

2. Second contact was a follow on from engaged group of INS. AWT PID weapons requested permission to engage. Tgt were 60m SW of FF route from HLZ to A1. On receiving confirmation of PID of weapons authority was given to engage. AWTs only engaged with 30mm.

3. Third contact was with Tf81. Squirter from first two contacts moving south up ridge to Sqn HQ position. Followed in to last safe moment unable to determine if armed, squirter gave rapid change to route which would have taken him into dead ground and then possible out flank onto high ground. Due to the steepness of the terrain would have been in dead ground. Gave order to fire 1 shot engagement.

4. Fourth contact 8 MAMs seen moving by foot N towards FF along bottom of valley at speed. Suspected pos Villagers approaching due to fire. Stopped short then began to climb above FF on ridge to E. FF withdrawn AC-130 stated pers manoeuvring in a tactical manner. Delayed engagement until better able to confirm intent.

Tgt split into smaller parties and continued to climb. NE direction of route confirmed to take pers above FF A1 and overwatch of HLZ. Progress meant suspected INS would arrive in position prior to exfil. INS shown TTP of using cache. Made decision to engage. Integrated engagement by AC-130 and AWT on tgt. Did not engage all aircraft requested another engagement to eliminate movers, request denied due to threat neutralised.

Ground forces clearing A1 and A2 and A3 did not engage. All cleared through graduated response. Call out, no response, EMOE all COIs empty

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