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Executive Summary

TALA-WA BARFEK: Possible Suspects named in the Murder of German Journalists.

BAMIAN: Possible **External** Intelligence in BAMYAN Province.

BAMIAN: **PSR(sen)1** reported to be in Pakistan.

TALA-WA BARFEK: Locals openly carry Weapons in BARFEK village.

Area of Operations

1. ~~(R REL// ISAF, NATO)~~ **TALA-WA BARFEK.** On 28 Feb 09, **PSR(sen)1** telephoned the NZPRT to pass on information that on 01 Mar 09, four criminals are to attend a Buzkashi match in DO ABE Village, KAHMARD District. The four persons are:

a.

PSR(sen)1

b.

c.

d.

2. ~~(R REL// ISAF, NATO)~~ The four were reportedly involved in the murder of two German journalists in BAGHLAN Province in Oct 06 and also involved with the 30 Mar 08 IED near ISH PESTA Village. **PSR(sen)1** said that as far as he was aware, the four were going to DO ABE for the game; however, he believed that their presence may also for illegitimate purposes.

3. ~~(R REL// ISAF, NATO)~~ ^{PSR(sen)1} also stated that Qari MUSA¹ is involved in bringing IEDs into TALA-WA BARFEK from PAKISTAN. As of 28 Feb 09, he is in PAKISTAN however ^{PSR(sen)1} expected him back in the area soon (NFI). ^{PSR(sen)1} passed on exactly the same information in three separate phone calls on the day to the NZPRT and on the last, asked if patrols were going to arrest the men.
4. ~~(S REL// ISAF, NATO)~~ NZPRT S2 Comment. ^{PSR(sen)1} has previously reported these names amongst a list of seven involved in the murder off German journalists in 2006². Buzkashi games are a meeting place for a number of persons of interest in the area; it is possible that the four are using this event as a cover for other activities such as meetings or passing of equipment. ^{PSR(sen)1} information regarding their previous involvement in an IED attack may indicate that they may be involved in an IED attack in the near future. **End Comment.**
5. ~~(R REL// USA, ISAF, NATO)~~ BAMIAN On 28 Feb 09, NZPRT elements conducted a meeting with ^{PSR(Sen)1} ANP ^{PSR(Sen)1}, BAMYAN Province. ^{ANSF} stated that ten days ago, ^{PSR(sen)1} who is reported to be **External** Intelligence has been conducting meetings with people from ISH PESTA and KAHMARD in order to recruit support. ^{ANSF} also stated that ^{PSR(sen)1} intends to supply his supporters with weapons and munitions. ^{ANSF} stated that following people have pledged their support to ^{PSR(sen)1}:
- a. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from KIRMAG village (Possibly 42S UE 55053 55752),
 - b. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from KIRMAG village,
 - c. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from KIRMAG village,
 - d. ^{PSR(sen)1} (reported to be ^{PI} brother)
 - e. ^{PSR(sen)1} from SAR-GULI village (42S VE 172 157, see Fig 1),
 - f. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from SAR-GULI village,
 - g. ^{PSR(sen)1} from SAR-GULI village,
 - h. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from YAKHAK village (42S VE 044 160, see Fig 1),

¹ Qari MUSA is a known Taliban supporter and possible criminal leader operating in the KAHMARD and TALA-WA BARFEK Districts. It was also reported the MUSA is currently in PAKISTAN and frequently transports money from PAKISTAN in order to conduct attacks. Reported to be highly trained in IED construction and use.

² See NZPRT Daily INTSUM 050/09 27 Feb 09.

³ The NZPRT has information on a ^{PSR(sen)1}, who is a Taliban supporter and has been involved in anti-GoIRA and anti-ISAF propaganda.

⁴ It is possible that this is ^{PSR(sen)1} from ISH PESTA village who it is reported had a meeting with nine Taliban pers at his house in Dec 08.

- i. ^{PSR(sen)1} from FEROZAK village (42S VE 080 130, see Fig 1),
- j. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from FEROZAK village,
- k. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from TANGY MOIK village (42S UE 031 043, see Fig 1),
- l. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from TANGY MOIK village,
- m. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from TANGY MOIK village,
- n. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from DOSAHK village (42S UE 897 155, see Fig 1),
- o. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from DOSAHK village, and,
- p. ^{PSR(sen)1} (NFI) from DOSAHK village.

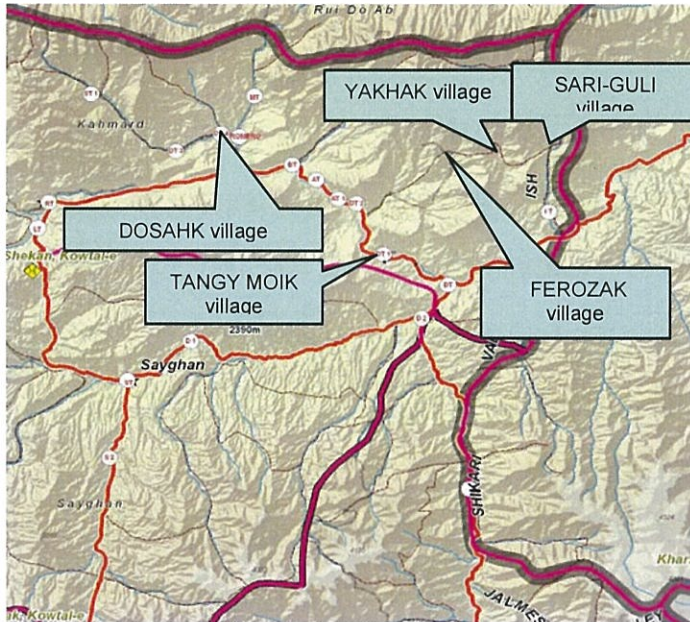
^{ANSF} stated that these men sided with the **External** Intelligence Service due to the insults committed against their villages by the NZPRT entering without permission. According to ^{ANSF}, this happens regularly, as NZPRT patrols do not follow correct protocol for entering residential areas. ^{ANSF} finished by saying that ^{PSR(sen)1} is still in TALA-WA BARFEK, staying with an unnamed person who is in possession of two anti-aircraft machine guns (AAMG), and that he intends to shoot at ISAF helicopters (NFI).

6. ~~(R REL// USA, ISAF, NATO)~~ ^{PSR(sen)1} stated that ^{PSR(sen)1} mission was to destabilise or disrupt the voting process in the up coming afghan election and to conduct offensive operations against NDS and ISAF forces. ^{ANSF} went on to say that the main offensive is expected to begin once the weather clears up, possible around the afghan new year (21 March).

7. ~~(S REL// USA, ISAF, NATO)~~ **NZPRT S2 Comment.** It is likely that AGE will attempt to use the cultural difference as a recruiting drive in preparation for the summer campaign against ANSF and ISAF forces. It is likely that BAMYAN Province will see influence from both IRAN and PAKISTAN during the election period. PAKISTANI influence will be restricted to the KAHMARD, SHIBAR and SAYGHAN Districts; this is due the predominantly TAJIK make up of these areas. **End Comment.**

⁵ The NZPRT has information on a ^{PSR(sen)1} from FEROZAK, who is alleged to have been involved in a rape of a small boy June 08.

Fig 1. Location of villages



8. (~~R REL// USA, ISAF, NATO~~) **BAMIAN**. During the same meeting with **ANSF**, it was reported that **PSR(sen)1** is not in TALA-WA BARFEK, but is still in PAKISTAN. **ANSF** also reported that around the 14 Feb 09, **ANSF** was in TATAR village, SAMANGAN Province attending the funeral of **PSR(sen)1**. It was also reported that **PSR(sen)1** travelled alone using a motorbike. (~~S REL// USA, ISAF, NATO~~) **NZPRT S2 Comment**. It is assessed that **PSR(sen)1** did not travel to SAMANGAN and is likely to have remained in PAKISTAN; it is possible that he sent an associate in his place in an attempt to confuse CF as to his whereabouts. Following, the distribution of ISAF wanted posters **PSR(sen)1** is likely to be easily recognised by CF, **ANSF** and the local population within SHIBAR and KAHMARD. **End Comment**.

9. (~~R REL// ISAF, NATO~~) **KAHMARD**. On 28 Feb 09, **NZPRT** elements met with **DO ABE NDS**, **ANSF** at their office in the **DO ABE Bazaar**. **ANSF** stated that **PSR(sen)1** will be returning to the **KAHMARD** area on approximately 21 Mar 09 for recruitment and to distribute money. (~~S REL// ISAF, NATO~~) **NZPRT S2 Comment**. **PSR(sen)1** return to the area is doubtful due to considerable risk attributable to his high profile. It is possible that he will instead send an associate to carry the money or perform recruitment on his behalf. The 21 Mar 09, is Islamic New Year (Nawroz) and is celebrated widely throughout **BAMYAN** Province. **End Comment**.

10. (~~R REL// ISAF, NATO~~) **ANSF** also stated that on approximately 25 Feb 09, **TALA-WA BARFEK ANA** arrested **PSR(sen)1**, son of **PSR(sen)1** at **PASKOL** Village (NFI), **TALA-WA BARFEK**. He was arrested for the murder of two journalists

⁶ **PSR(sen)1**

ANARDARAH Village area (GR 42S VE 195 679).

(NFI), which occurred on land, owned by ^{PSR(sen)1} This information was corroborated by **ANSF** on 01 Mar 09. **ANSF** stated that ^{PSR(sen)1} is currently in jail in POL-E KHOMRI, BAGHLAN Province. **(S REL// ISAF, NATO) NZPRT S2 Comment.** Current information indicates that there is no ANA presence in BAGHLAN Province; however, it may be confusion on the part of the NDS and the arrest was carried out by the ANP. It is possible that once again the journalist referred to are the Germans from 2006. **End Comment.**

11. **(R REL// USA, ISAF, NATO) KAHMARD.** On 01 March 09, NZPRT elements conducted a meeting with **ANSF** stated that both the ANP and PRT in BAGHLAN Province are weak and in BARFEK village, locals openly carry weapons. RAZAQ also provided the following information on ^{PSR(sen)1} .

- a. ^{PSR(sen)1} is reported to be a commander of ten personnel and carries either a pistol or an AK-47 when in DO ABE (42 S VE 083 023).
- b. Two years ago, ^{PSR(sen)1} stole a van in BAMYAN killing some of the occupants and taking the van to TALA-WA BARFEK, selling it two-three months later.
- c. At an unspecified time, an ANP officer (NFI) attempted to arrest ^{PSR(sen)1} and was beaten up, the officer subsequently left the ANP as no action was taken against ^{PSR(sen)1}
- d. ^{PSR(sen)1}
- e. ^{PSR(sen)1} currently resides in DAHANE ZAW village (42S VE 24025 12198), TALA-WA BARFEK District.

Individual's physical description

12. **(R REL// USA, ISAF, NATO)** ^{PSR(sen)1} warned the NZPRT from walking amongst the crowd, as it was unsafe and there may be suicide bombers (NFI). When asked if there was an imminent threat against NZPRT elements or **ANSF**, **ANSF** stated that there was not, but people from TALA-WA BARFEK and SAMANGAN cannot be discounted. At the meeting, the NDS stated that they wished to arrest ^{PSR(sen)1} at the Buzkashi game with NZPRT support.

13. **(S REL// ISAF, NATO) NZPRT S2 Comment.** ^{PSR(sen)1} is a wanted criminal and has been linked to IED attacks in BAMYAN Province. Due to these reports implicating him in the movement of IEDs and equipment, it is possible that ^{PSR(sen)1} is a important part of the TALA-WA BARFEK criminal/INS network and his arrest may result in a loss of expertise. **PSR(R)1**

End Comment.

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF EVENTS

14. **(S//REL ISAF, NATO) Introduction.** Reporting this week has been dominated by information regarding activities taking place in or involving criminal/INS elements from TALA-WA BARFEK (TWB) District, BAGHLAN Province. Other reporting included anti ISAF/GoIRA being spread by ^{PSR(sen)1} in the northeast

and a copy of the propaganda DVD being played in DO ABE was obtained. Lastly, there were three separate reports of ANSF, PSR(sen)1 being involved in illegal taxation.

15. ~~(S//REL ISAF, NATO)~~ TALA-WA BARFEK District, BAGHLAN Province. A summary of reporting from TALA-WA BARFEK is as follows:

22 Feb 09. PSR(sen)1 reported that the people of TWB believe that security in the area is good. PSR(Sen)1 commented that Taliban associates were hiding in the mountains within the TWB area.

25 Feb 09. PSR(S)1 indicated that the HQN extremist network in NORTH WAZIRISTAN, PAKISTAN, had been providing logistical support to fighters from BAMYAN Province. Fighters from BAMYAN Province had requested to be supplied with various unspecified items (within a day). It was assessed that the fighters were possibly from TWB and perhaps inexperienced in obtaining INS items.

PSR(S)1

26 Feb 09. PSR(Sen)1 ANP PSR(Sen)1 stated that PSR(S)1 was heading into the KAHMARD District BAMYAN Province, in an attempt to gather information on activities happening in TWB. ANSF had reports that PSR(sen)1 is alleged to be going to TALA-WA BARFEK around 27 Feb 09. PSR(sen)1 is alleged to be distributing 50 AK-47s amongst PSR(S)1 supporters so they can conduct attacks against ANSF and ISAF forces. PSR(sen)1 (NFI) has moved to TWB from PAKISTAN with two anti-aircraft machine guns (AAMGs), in order to shoot down ISAF helicopters.

26 Feb 09. PSR(sen)1 (from TWB) was sighted in DO ABE attempting to avoid NZPRT patrols. PSR(S)1 was believed to be in town for BUZKASHI.

27 Feb 09. A man named PSR(sen)1 from TWB telephoned the NZPRT on 27 Feb 09 reporting seven people that were possibly involved in the murder of two German journalists around two years ago. PSR(sen)1 also stated that 3 remote controlled mines were being brought into TWB from PAKISTAN, and the personnel involved were being paid a large amount of money. There is a group of people involved but the only name PSR(S)1 could supply was PSR(sen)1 (NFI).

28 Feb 09. PSR(sen)1 also stated that Qari MUSA is involved in bringing IEDs into TALA-WA BARFEK from PAKISTAN. As of 28 Feb 09 PSR(S)1 is in PAKISTAN however PSR(sen)1 expected PSR(S)1 back in the area soon (NFI). PSR(sen)1 passed on exactly the same information in three separate phone calls on the day to the NZPRT and on the last, asked if patrols were going to arrest the men. Qari MUSA is a known Taliban supporter and possible criminal leader operating in the PSR(sen)1 and TALA-WA BARFEK Districts. It was also reported the MUSA is currently in PAKISTAN and frequently transports money from PAKISTAN in order to conduct attacks. Reported to be highly trained in IED construction and use.

16. ~~(S//REL ISAF, NATO)~~ NZPRT S2 Comment. The amount of reporting this week is likely attributable to a spell of good weather and the fact that the people of BAMYAN are only too happy to blame any security issues that occur in BAMYAN on TWB. Much of this information is rumour, which without further exploration into TWB will be hard to verify. Particularly, as the ANP in BAGHLAN are considered to be involved in criminal activities and have been known to exaggerate attacks against them. If, the information is genuine the quantity of reporting could be an indication of pending criminal/INS activities in the area. **End Comment.**

17. ~~(S//REL ISAF, NATO)~~ PSR(sen)1. This week there were a number of reports, which indicate PSR(Sen)1 ; PSR(sen)1 may be involved in illegal taxation.

a. 22 Feb 09. PSR(Sen)1

Summary of
alleged local
corruption/illegal
taxation

b. 25 Feb 09. PSR(Sen)1

PSR(sen)1

c. 26 Feb 09. PSR(Sen)1

18. ~~(S//REL ISAF, NATO)~~ NZPRT S2 Comment. Later this week it was confirmed that the by PSR(Sen)1 , that the checkpoint taxation was in aid of Naw Roz celebrations; what is not known is whether this type of taxation is sanctioned, if the taxation is fair, how the money collected is being accounted for and what amount of money is being sought. Given, PSR(Sen)1 reputation and previous allegations of corruption it is likely that PSR(Sen)1 intends to retain an amount of money for himself, by the sheer nature of the taxation it is unlikely to be fair, accounted for and as a result PSR(Sen)1 is likely to alienate himself among the local population further. It remains the assessment that PSR(Sen)1 bid to collect weapons is an attempt to have KAHMARD District declared a peace district for further remuneration and by taxing those who do not comply is in effect 'killing two birds with one stone. **End Comment.**

19. ~~(S//REL ISAF, NATO)~~ Propaganda. In addition to the propaganda alleged to be have been spread by External Intelligence at Para 1, there were two reports of anti CF propaganda this week:

a. 24 Feb 09. HUMINT reporting indicated that PSR(sen)1 returned to DO ABE (42S VE 083 023), from KABUL city and was spreading anti-Coalition Force propaganda in three mosques in

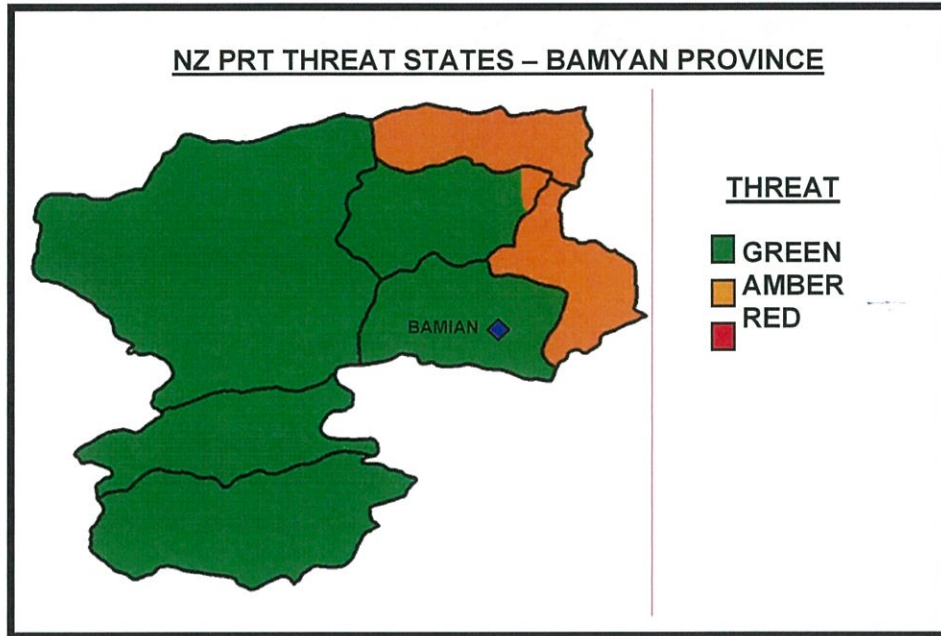
KAHMARD District, BAMYAN Province and one in SAMANGAN Province. PSR(sen)1 stated that the CF need to be prepared for the Taliban to attack in approximately three months and congratulated the local population an government, while stated that the CF are going to leave AFGHANISTAN after the Taliban defeats them.

- b. 27 Feb 09. NZPRT patrols obtained a copy of the anti CF DVD (still under going translation) that was playing in the DO ABE Bazaar on 16 Feb 09. It was bought, as a retail package from PSR(sen)1 phone number of the provider is PSR(sen)1. Reportedly, if you order four DVDs, you get the fifth one free and a free dartboard with George Bush's face on it and RPG shaped darts.

20. ~~(S//REL ISAF, NATO)~~ NZPRT S2 Comment. Aside from any External influence in the western and southern districts of BAMYAN Province, there have been seven reported instances of Propaganda during the TG CRIB 13 rotation of all, which were occurred in the north eastern and eastern, ethnically TAJIK areas of DO ABE and JALMESH. It is likely that the Propaganda only occurs in the areas where criminal/INS are likely to get a receptive audience; the PSR(sen)1 is unlikely to entertain such influence. End Comment.

21. ~~(S//REL ISAF, NATO)~~ NZPRT Assessment for period 21 Feb to 01 Mar 09. With President KARZAI having announced snap elections expected to take place on 21 Apr 09, local IEC and UN Elect planning is likely to go into overdrive. The announcement may not be favoured by the more rural voters as environmental conditions, especially heavy snow in the west and spring flooding, is expected to prohibit voting. It is possible that there will be a surge of voters attempting to register (which has been an ongoing process) at the last minute, which may see complaints in BAMIAN Town. TALA-WA BARFEK reporting is likely to fluctuate (depending on the weather) and will only continue to increase as spring nears. Given the earlier election, date will likely see criminal/INS activity refocus their efforts/plans to disrupt the electoral process. PSR(Sen)1

End Assessment.



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