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NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZ PRT)

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Threat Levels

6. The threat to NZDF personnel operating in Bamyan is **MEDIUM**.
The threat level for NZDF personnel serving in other areas of Afghanistan is **HIGH**.

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Purpose: (maximum of 6 lines)	To update the Minister of the recent security event in Bamian Township.
Recommendations: (maximum of 6 lines)	Minister is requested to <u>note</u> the report.
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20 October 2008

Minister of Defence

TG CRIB, AFGHANISTAN – IED ATTACK

1. The Senior National Officer (SNO) of Task Group (TG) CRIB has advised that there has been an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in Bamian Township on 16 October 2008.
2. At 1035 hours local an explosion within the bazaar was reported by numerous sources. The scene was quickly cordoned off by local National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Afghan National Police (ANP) officers. The NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team dispatched an explosives team to investigate the site and subsequently reported that it was a "low order blast", possibly originating from a mortar placed on the rear of a bicycle. The bicycle was standing in the street approximately two metres from a pharmacy and was still intact after the explosion.
3. The device caused very little damage, and no injuries were reported.

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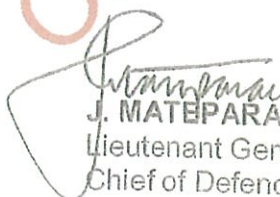
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Further investigation regarding evidence recovered and persons detained by the NDS are currently ongoing.


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Threat Levels

5. The threat to NZDF personnel operating in Bamyan is **MEDIUM**.
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Purpose:	The purpose of this note is to summarise the outcome of a 4 February 2009 NZPRT Patrol into Baghlan, Province Afghanistan.
Recommendations:	Note the outcome of the patrol. Note that the patrol achieved its stated intent.
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PATROL REPORT:

NZPRT PATROL INTO BAMYAN / BAGHLAN PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY AREA ON 04 FEB 09

1. The purpose of this note is to advise you of the results of a recent patrol conducted by the NZPRT (Bamyan) into the adjoining Baghlan Province, Afghanistan. The purpose of the patrol was to: demonstrate NZPRT support to Government of Afghanistan initiatives to maintain a secure environment; provide a direct positive impact on security in the area; reassure the local population of NZPRT effectiveness and concern for their safety; and demonstrate to threat groups NZPRT ability to operate across provincial boundaries.
2. The NZPRT conducted a coordinated operation consisting of three discreet patrols operating in the provincial boundary area between Bamyan and Baghlan provinces (see map 1). The patrol was conducted by Kiwi Team (KT) 3 into GARDENDAH Village in conjunction with two other teams providing a support role from BAGHAK and DO ABE villages within Bamyan Province (see map 2).
3. During the patrol it was discovered that all (approximately 10 key village leaders) were absent in TALA-WA BARFEK at a meeting to discuss the road from BAGHAK Village to GARDENDAH Village (the only vehicle track into GARDENDAH Valley) which has been affected by snow and ice.

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While key leader engagement was not a primary aim of this patrol, the presence of village leadership may have enhanced its outcome

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In their absence the local villagers and farmers appeared cautiously friendly to KT3 personnel and generally happy to see the patrol. No approaches were made to the patrol for support

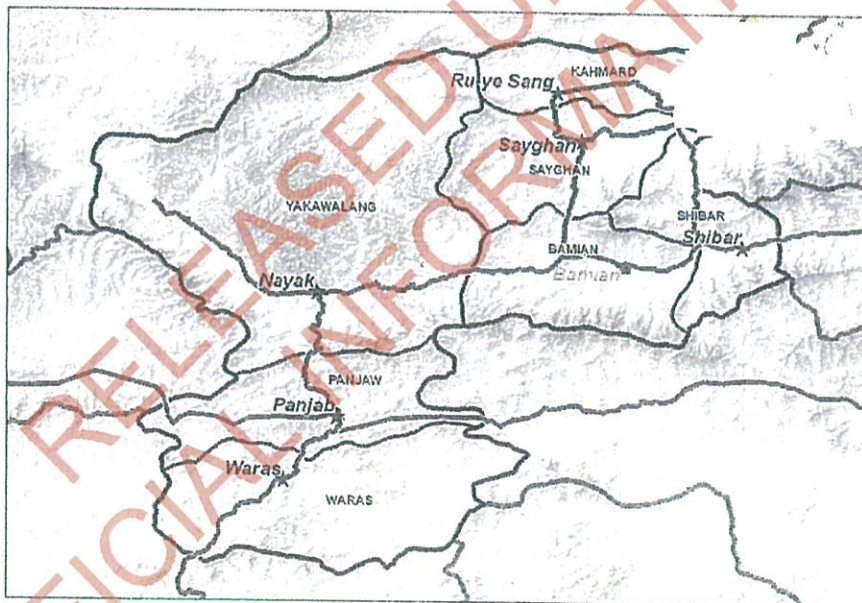
and the patrol did not note any immediate support as being necessary.

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4. KT3 found rocks placed across the road on their way out of the village but returned to BAGHAK Village without incident. It is not known who placed the rocks or the reasons for their emplacement. All patrols were conducted successfully as planned and without incident, achieving the desired effect. There are no immediate plans for a further patrol in this area.

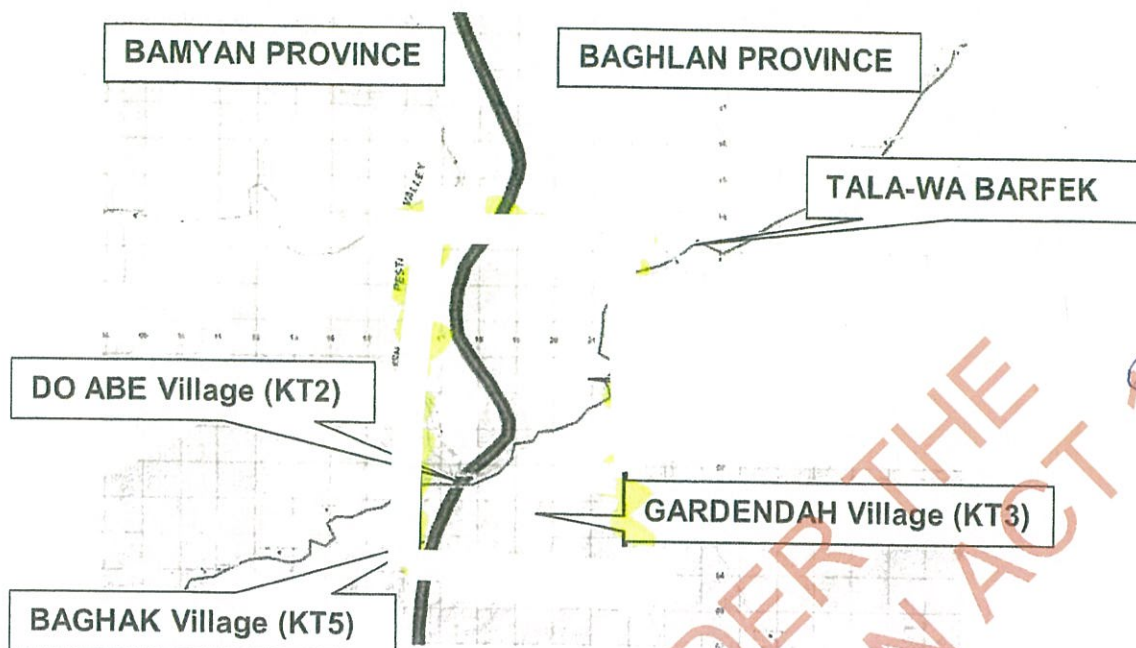
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MAP 1: BAMYAN PROVINCE AFGHANISTAN



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MAP 2: OPERATIONS AREA



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BRIEF NUMBER 237 AS AT 20 FEBRUARY 2009

1. This brief is designed to provide you with key information related to the multi-national response to international terrorism. The applicable security classification is indicated at the beginning of each section.

2. New statistics released by underlines the challenges facing the Afghanistan Government and its international allies as the Taliban insurgency continues to consolidate its hold over large parts of Violence in Incidents involving improvised explosive devices in Escalating Taliban activity was the primary factor but the rise was also due to

6(a) 6(a) 6(a) 6(b)(i) In addition to carrying out operations against security forces insurgent influence has grown throughout the country. The Taliban are a

6(a) of violence In 2009 it is anticipated that levels

6(a) 3. The Afghan presidential elections have now been set for the 20 August 2009. Afghanistan's Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) justified the delay in holding elections by stating that weather conditions, security conditions and the inaccessibility of parts of the country would not allow elections to be held earlier in the year as required by the constitution. The IEC pointed out that fundamental principles such as universality, fairness, and transparency could only be satisfied by delaying the elections. The point was widely agreed noting concerns about the overall electoral processes. Concurrently the announcement highlights

4. With a later election now decided, the political debate is shifting towards a related dispute.

and will require a political deal to resolve.

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Threat Levels

5. The threat to NZDF personnel operating in Bamyan is **MEDIUM**.
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Insurgency

- 6(a) 1. Insurgent activity in Afghanistan remains compared
with the same period in 2008. is relatively calm while in
the number of incidents slightly

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Governance

- 6(a) 2. The Supreme Court's opinion on retaining
office and authority up until the 20 August election date continues to be debated in
Parliament.

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The elections are still four months away, and it is assessed that
until that date,

Elections

3. Recent weeks have seen an increased momentum for putting in
place the procedures and safeguards for free, fair and credible elections. Candidate
nominations for both presidential and provincial council elections started on 25 April. The
US\$ 224 million election budget has been finalised. The Electoral Complaints
Commission has been formed: its five members have considerable experience with
previous elections in Afghanistan and elsewhere. The Media Commission which will

monitor the media coverage, and ensure fairness in exposure and campaigning is being formed.

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The security planning process needs to be accelerated as any delay would have a substantial impact on the whole electoral process.

Narcotics

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4. The poppy harvest has commenced

Drought conditions; greater success in eradication programmes and counter-narcotics operations; and difficulty in acquiring precursor chemicals have contributed to lower narcotics output.

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Insurgents have also been directed by their leadership to cooperate with farmers; most fighters have reduced operations in order to assist with harvesting, transportation and the provision of security.

Bamyan

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Strategic Military Threat Level

6. The strategic military threat for NZDF operations in Bamyan is set at MEDIUM. The level for NZDF operations in other areas of Afghanistan is set at HIGH.


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Insurgency

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2. Following on from the announcement of the change
in command in Afghanistan, was most insistent that coalition nations
pass back to their countries that while

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the headquarters would remain a NATO
HQ. It is also intended to form an AFPAK centre of excellence of

placed on training greater numbers of

Greater emphasis is also to be
and speakers.

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Consequences of Civilian Casualties

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Deaths resulting from foreign military operations do cause bitter resentment, but anger over suicide attacks and other acts of violence against civilians committed by insurgents is much more muted. Inter-tribal fighting has been occurring for centuries and civilian casualties are considered an unfortunate but unavoidable product of tribal conflict.

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Possible Poisoning of Female Students

4. incidents at girl's schools during the past month, have resulted in the hospitalisation of students. In each case the students suffered symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, low blood pressure and loss of consciousness.

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direct evidence indicating that female students in possibility that a similar incident could take place

There is no will be attacked, however the can not be discounted.

Bamyan

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IRAQ

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Strategic Military Threat Level

7. The strategic military threat for NZDF operations in Bamyan is set at **MEDIUM**. The level for NZDF operations in other areas of Afghanistan is set at **HIGH**.

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BRIEF NUMBER 241 AS AT 24 July 2009**

Insurgency

1. The use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in Afghanistan is in line with the overall in violence. At this stage, incidents are concentrated in

In the first six months of this year the number of IED attacks in comparison to the same period last year. Attacks are occurring at a rate of around , and although approximately half of all IEDs are found and rendered safe, insurgents rapidly adapt their use to exploit any perceived weakness.

Despite the attacks, feedback from the local populace indicates that they remain supportive of the Afghan Government and are opposed to the presence of insurgents.

As a result of these attacks, the NZDF is implementing measures to improve force protection.

Political – Military

4. The European Commission (EC) has presented preliminary results of an EC funded study on the ANP. This study was commissioned by the Minister of the Interior to assess whether the current size and role of the ANP is in accordance with Afghanistan's needs.

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Strategic Military Threat Level

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