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to smash and destroy the ŠTS /šiptar /a derogatory name for Albanians/ terrorist forces/ in the Jablanica sector

Map 1:50,000 Sections: Kosovska Mitrovica 3, Peć 4, Đakovica 2 and Prizren 1

1. THE ENEMY:

In the past few days ŠTS stepped up their build-up and combat operations in the general area of Jablanica.

Sabotage and terrorists operations have been stepped up, as have attacks on civilians in the sectors of the following villages: Jablanica, Žabelj, Grgoč, Dašinovac, Kruševac, Rznić, Gornji Ratiš and Donji Ratiš.

The objective of the ŠTS attacks: to take economic and public features, take control of the main roads and create favourable conditions to monitor and control the territory.

The ŠTS are armed with automatic weapons, PM /light machine-guns/, machine-guns, PO /anti-armour/ equipment (hand-held anti-artillery rocket launchers, *zoljas* /hand-held rocket launchers RBR-64mm M80/ and Armbrust hand-held rocket launchers) and the support equipment - 60 mm and 82 mm MB /mortars/.

Expect ambushes and surprise attacks on supply columns and individual m/v /motor vehicles/ of the VJ /Yugoslav Army/ and the MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ along the road.

Fortifications for attacks and protection are being built in areas of redeployment and defensive positions are being constructed by laying mines in groups along the roads leading to and from the populated areas. Booby traps were laid in schools, houses and shops in the populated areas.

2. PRIŠTINA CORPS /PrK/ TASK:

The PrK, along with reinforcement and armed non-šiptar population, provides support for MUP forces in smashing and destroying the ŠTS in the zone of responsibility.

T a s k: provide support for MUP forces under blockade to smash and destroy ŠTS in the general area of Jablanica. At the same time, secure the DG /state border/ towards the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia, prevent infiltration of the ŠTS and NATO aggression against the FRY /Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/ by closing the axes from the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia to FRY

territory, protect the troops, RMS /strategic war supplies/ and RMR /strategic war reserves/ from NATO air strikes, secure military features and communications and ensure the combat control of the territory.

With part of the forces prevent the spilling over and pulling out of the ŠTS from Jablanica to Mališevo areas. Engage armed non-šiptar population in securing military features and communications and for the protection and defence of the non-šiptar population.

The KM /command post/ in the sector of the PrK command buildings in Priština.

3. ADJACENT FORCES:

3.1. The NK /Chief of Office/ engages forces in his parent zone, secures the DG with the Republic of Macedonia, prevents the infiltration of the ŠTS and aggression against the FRY from the Republic of Macedonia.

Smash and destroy the ŠTS in the Pčinja district, on standby for coordinated action with the PrK.

3.2. 2/203 mabr /the 2nd battalion of the 203rd mixed artillery brigade/ sets up AAG /army artillery group/ -3. **Task:** support PrK forces from the Kuršumlijska Banja sector on request.

4. DECISION:

I have decided to support MUP forces in carrying out the attacks by engaging main forces on the axis: Crmljane village-Dašinovac village-Donja Luka village, and the auxiliary ones on the axis: Rastavica village-Ratiš village.

The objective: block the ŠTS in the general area of the Jablanica sector and then, in a coordinated action with the MUP forces of the Republic of Serbia, smash and destroy the ŠTS on the lines of attack from the semi flexible attack position.

Continue with the reinforced security of the DG, prevent infiltration of the ŠTS and aggression of NATO ground forces by closing off the axes from the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania, secure military features, communications and combat control of the territory.

Combat to last one or two days.

Combat deployment:

- forces to smash and destroy the ŠTS;
- forces to block the territory;
- forces to secure the DG;
- forces to close off axes from the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania;
- forces for PVO /anti-aircraft defence/;
- forces for support;

- forces to secure military features and communications and to monitor and control the territory;
- forces to secure combat operations;
- forces for command and liaison.

Readiness:

- for increased in-depth security of the DG and prevention of infiltration by the ŠTS and aggression by NATO ground forces – immediate;
- for smashing and destroying the ŠTS in the Jablanica sector at 0700 hours on 3 April 1999.

5. UNIT TASKS:

5.1. The 125th mtbr /Mororised Brigade/ BG /combat group/ -1 with mb/252 okbr /mechanised battalion of the 252nd Armoured Brigade/, BG-5 and BG-6) from the line of blockade of the Gramočelj-Dugačka Livada-Rašić-Gornje Barane-Vranovac-Čelopek-Kraljane villages to support MUP forces on the offensive.

T a s k: provide support for MUP forces in smashing and destroying the šTS along the axis: Kraljane-Jablanica-Maznik-Čalopek-Vranovac-Dašinovac-Prekoluka-Donji Ratiš villages; smash and destroy the ŠTS in the sectors of the following villages: Jablanica, Zabelj, Maznik, Dašinovac, Papić, Rznić, Glodane, Donji Ratiš and Gornji Ratiš.

Ensure that the roads in the Jablanica sector are fully passable and ensure the combat control of the territory.

KM /command post/ in the sector:

5.2. The 549th mtbr (BG-5): supports MUP forces on the offensive from the Crmljane village-Raskoc village line of blockade.

T a s k: Support MUP forces in smashing and destroying the ŠTS on the axis: Crmljane-Grgoč-Bardončić villages; smash and destroy the ŠTS in the following sectors: Suka Crmljan /hill/, Luka village, Straža village and Grgoč village.

Continue to ensure that the roads are passable and ensure the combat control of the territory.

KM in the sector: Meče village.

5.3. The 252nd okbr: imposes blockade along the line: Grabanica village-Bandera village-Volujak village-Labučevo village-Boka.

T a s k: in a coordinated action with MUP forces from the Republic of Serbia and the 125th mtbr prevent the pullout of the ŠTS from the Jablanica sector to the sectors of Mališevo and Drenica and ensure that the Kramovik village-Klina road is passable.

KM in the sector: Klina.

6. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT:

Focus intelligence support on direct reconnaissance of the strength, composition and disposition of the ŠTS on the axes of attack and in the sectors from which intervention by strong ŠTS forces is possible.

Gather information on the enemy and implement intelligence support tasks on the axes of combat group use through constant engagement of reconnaissance and in a coordinated action with MUP organs.

7. SECURITY SUPPORT:

Focus security support on counter-intelligence protection of the elements of unit combat disposition.

When implementing tasks, undertake the measures ordered to protect troops and SRT /combat hardware/.

Conduct terrorists apprehended to prisoner-of-war collection centres at brigade PKM /rear command posts/ and then hand them over to MUP organs.

When conducting combat operations, prohibit the uncontrolled entry of unit members into populated areas, looting of property and military equipment belonging to the enemy, the robbing of bodies and entry into enemy shelters prior to the arrival of the specialist organs.

Isolate defeatist, deserting and sabotage elements in good time and conduct them to the corps PKM.

8. COMBAT SECURITY:

During the attack, use a suitable deployment to secure against surprise terrorist operations and devote full attention to the protection of the wings and flanks.

During the attack, focus security on protecting combat vehicles against ŠTS close-range fire, particularly in populated areas and wooded areas.

9. MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT:

When preparing for the implementation of the task, in all units secure the motivation and readiness of soldiers to implement the task through direct moral and psychological preparations for the implementation of the task.

Demonstrate to the loyal civilian population the need for a fair attitude, particularly towards refugees and the property of citizens. Treat representatives of the information media in the spirit of the orders given.

At all times point out examples of courageous conduct by individuals and units, and the successes achieved in combat. Prevent any attempt of hostile psychological and propaganda activity against the corps units through timely briefings of all forces.

In all situations adhere consistently to the provisions of the International Laws of War.

10. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT:

The PoOb /Logistical Support/ of reinforcement units shall be regulated by the commands of the units engaged using their own forces and equipment.

The consumption of the following is permitted for this task:

- Two b/k /combat sets/ of ammunition for infantry weapons, and one b/k for other weapons
- 0.5 /?p/r/ /tankful/ of fuel for all motor vehicles.

Carry out repairs of seriously damaged TMS /materiel and technical equipment/ using your own forces and equipment, relying on the 202nd PoB /Logistics Base/.

Take care of the injured using your own forces and equipment, but engage the medivac helicopter for those seriously wounded, requesting this through the PrK Command OC /Operations Centre/.

Feed troops /?in combination/. Provide a water supply from verified sources.

Organize PPZ /fire prevention/ in all units in deployment sectors and sectors where combat operations are under way by organizing fire watches and reporting. Engage establishment troops and equipment to extinguish minor fires.

Block off and secure sectors where there are larger fires, and when combat operations are completed, begin localising fires using MUP fire-fighting units.

Gather weapons, ammunition and other combat hardware seized or found in redeployment areas and then hand them over to the organs of the 202nd PoB. When gathering combat hardware and equipment that has been abandoned and found, beware of booby traps.

11. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS:

PrK KM in its peacetime building location.

Maintain contact with the PrK Command and subordinate units according to current communications documents, with mandatory use of general KZ /cryptographic protection/ documents.

Communications to be ready at 0630 hours on 3 April 1999.

Signals: As per signals table.

12. Send reports:

- a) Regular: - on readiness to launch attack
 - daily by 1800 hours with the situation at 1700 hours
 - upon completion of task
- b) Interim: - as necessary

13. Organize coordinated action with MUP forces concerning preparations for and implementation of combat operations before and during the combat operations.

The joint command for KiM from the Priština sector shall command and control all forces during the combat operations.

JOINT COMMAND FOR KiM

<p style="text-align: center;">COMMAND OF THE 549TH MOTORISED BRIGADE St Pov No. 1334-1 3 April 1999</p>
