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Measures for the stabilisation of
defence – OrderFor the purpose of stabilising defence in the zone of the Brigade, I hereby issue the
following

O R D E R

1. Establish full combat control of the sectors covered by battalions – divisions by
deploying units in a more suitable manner and taking hold of vital features by
manoeuvring part of the troops.

Relocate units of the Pe} VOd /Military Department/, PJ /?Police Units/ Command,
177th VTOd /Military Territorial Detachment/, and 1/113th VTOd from the sectors
previously assigned and occupy features around Pe} in order to block the area and
protect our and other forces in the region. NB /Chief of Security/ and NOBP /Chief of
Intelligence and Security/ shall assess the number of the remaining [TS //iptar
/derogatory for Albanian/ terrorist forces/ in the area of responsibility of the Brigade
and pass it on to the OONP /organ for operations and training/.

Assessment of the number of [TS in the area of responsibility of the Brigade

There are around 300 *iptar* terrorists in the sector of Rugovska Klisura /gorge/ who
are putting up resistance to our forces. In the areas of Racaj, Pacaj, [eremet and
Dobro{ villages are some 200 individuals who took part in b/d /combat operations/
against the VJ /Yugoslav Army/ forces, and are now in these villages dressed in
civilian clothes and posing as refugees. In the areas of Jablanica and @abelj villages
are some 50 *iptar* terrorists. Another 100 individuals who took part in combat
operations against our forces are in the area of Blagoje, /?Naklo/, Zabr|e, Osoje, ju{ka
and Zaha~ villages wearing civilian clothes and living in their native villages.

Deadline: 25 April 1999

Responsible: Commanders of battalions – divisions, VTJ /?military territorial
units/, NB and NOBP

2. Engage all MUP units in the area of responsibility of the Brigade as follows: g/s
/main forces/ shall secure and control the territory, and p/s /auxiliary forces/ shall

maintain public order, secure private property of citizens, and guarantee the functioning of the organs of authority – Pe} MUP in the municipalities of Pe}, Istok and Klina, and \akovica MUP in the municipality of De~ani.

The 73rd Trod /expansion unknown/ of the MUP and the reserve brigade shall scour the ground in the triangle bordered by \akovica and Rastavica and [i{man villages.

Part of the forces of the 22nd Trod of the MUP, the 177th VTOD and the 2nd Battalion of the 58th lpbbr /Light Infantry Brigade/ shall mop up Rugovska Klisura and Belopoljski Stanovi.

The NB shall prepare a proposal for the engagement of MUP forces in the area of responsibility of the Brigade.

Two companies from the 22nd MUP Manoeuvre Detachment have been deployed in the area of responsibility of the Brigade – the territory of Pe} municipality – and five companies from the 73rd MUP TrOd have been deployed as follows:

- in the sectors of Donji Streoc, Istini}, Gornja Luka and Donja Luka villages,
- in the sectors of Po`ar and Kodralija villages,
- in the sectors of Rzni} and Glo|ane villages,
- in the sectors of Junik, Babalo}, /?Rostovce/ and Prilep villages,
- in the sectors of Pono{evac, Korenica and Smonica villages.

A PJP /Special Police Unit/ from the Pe} MUP shall also act as a manoeuvre formation in combat operations in Rugovska Klisura.

Deadline: 25 April 1999
 Responsible: Commanders of battalions – divisions, VTJ, NB, Chiefs of the Pe} and De~ani MUPs

3. Reception, accommodation and care for the civilian population shall be carried out in accordance with the orders already given by the Brigade Command.

The civilians shall be accommodated in secured settlements. Prevent any wilful treatment of the civilian population, especially by lower-ranking commanding officers (such as prohibiting their return to populated areas). MUP organs shall prepare lists of returnees for these populated areas and send one copy to the 125th mtbr Command.

Deadline: Ongoing task.
 Responsible: Commanders of battalions – divisions and MUP Chiefs.

COMMANDER
 Colonel Dragan @IVANOVI]
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