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To the PrK /Priština Corps/ Command and the Đakovica IKM /Forward Command Post/

Regular Combat Report

Very Urgent

1. There are still ŠTS /Šiptar /Albanian/ Terrorist Forces/ at the Padež border post – Rasa e Kosares feature axis. During the reporting period, a group of some 50 members of the ŠTS have been spotted near the Padež border post. Firing positions of an 82 mm mortar have also been spotted at the rear slope of Vis, some 600 metres from the Padež border post. During 26 April, two helicopters were spotted rising above the Morina pass. They stayed there for a minute or two and again went down (disappeared from the visual field) in the territory of the RA /Republic of Albania/. So far, helicopters have been spotted flying in the territory of Albania towards our DG /state border/, but this was the first time they made the aforementioned manoeuvre and returned to the territory of Albania.

During the night of 26 and 27 April 1999, strong infantry fire was opened at our forces in the Rasa e Kosare and Košare village sectors, most probably with the aim to

make our forces withdraw. During the reporting period, a bst /recoilless gun/ was operational in the Rasa e Kosares sector (at the R /?inscription/ of Rasa e Kosares) and from Mala Glava, tt. /trig. point/ 1157 sector on our sectors in Škoza and Košare villages. In the Musina kuća /house/ sector, ammunition and food were brought in on horses and several wounded members of the ŠTS were pulled out.

During the day at 0800 hours, a column of Šiptar civilians was formed on the following axis: Šeremet village – Pačaj village - /illegible/ Dakovica and further on.

We believe they want to pull out from the sector of operations of our forces in the general area of the Ramoč facility.

In the period between 1145 and 1215 hours, mortar fire was opened from the territory of Albania in the deployment sector of the PVO lav /light artillery platoon/ 20/3 /20 mm triple-barrel gun/ /?by some 500 metres/.

Our forces did not sustain any losses. Around 1530 hours, NATO aircraft opened fire from aircraft guns at our units engaged in mopping up operations and dropped IC /infra-red/ decoys. Our forces did not sustain any losses.

2. Units of the brigade are focused on reinforcement, setting up obstacles and making decoy firing positions. Part of the forces is engaged in mopping up the terrain from ŠTS in the general area of Reka, in keeping with your decision.

3. Our forces did not sustain any losses, and the losses of the ŠTS are unknown because mopping up of the terrain is still underway.

4. Morale: Despite harsh weather conditions, morale is satisfactory. The brigade is doing everything in its power to improve living conditions.

5. During 26 April 1999, fire was opened at NATO aircraft and the following ammunition was consumed: 1 S-2M missile, 450 shells for 20/3 mm /triple barrel gun/ and 130 shells for 30/2 mm /double barrel gun/.

6. The commander's decision for the next day: Continue fortification and laying obstacles in the defence sector. Step up vigilance on the state border, continue monitoring the situation in the Republic of Albania and continue work on making as many decoy firing positions for the artillery, anti-aircraft defence and OMJ /Armoured Mechanised Units/ as possible. Part of the forces to continue mopping up the general area of Reka in a concerted action with the MUP /Ministry of the Interior/

7. Requests:

Same as on the previous day.

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Commander

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