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**PRI[TINA CORPS COMMAND**  
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Idea for conducting an operation to defeat the  
 [TS //iptar /Albanian/ Terrorist Forces/  
 in the sector of northern Drenica and Podujevo

**TO THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ARMY COMMAND**  
**(to the Commander, personally)**

In the Corps Command we have planned and prepared commands, units and MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ forces to conduct an operation to defeat the [TS in the sector of northern Drenica and Podujevo, in accordance with your general idea and particular plans.

The specific idea of how the operation will be conducted is as follows:

1. Time:

– 20 and 21 March 1999 (Saturday and Sunday), both operations simultaneously.

2. Sectors and axes of operations, forces engaged:

2.1. Gornja Drenica sector

Gornja Klina – Srbica – Poljance – Dubovac – Ljubovac

Forces: BG /Combat Group/-125-1 with mb /mechanised battalion/ of the 252<sup>nd</sup> okbr /Armoured Brigade/ on the axis of Gornja Klina – Srbica – Poljance – Gornje Prekaze; 37<sup>th</sup> mtbr /Motorised Brigade/ on the axis of Dubovac – Poljance and Dubovac – Gornje Prekaze. On the axis of Gole{ – Glogovac, BG-15-2 shall conduct diversionary operations. MUP forces: 4<sup>th</sup> ~PJP /company of the Special Police Unit/.

2.2. Axis: Prugovac – Podujevo

General area: villages of Besinje – Rimani{te – Lu`ane – Glavnik – Busince – Penduha – Majance – Bariljevo.

Forces: BG-15-4 on the axis of the villages of Besinje – Rimani{te and Lu`ane.

BG-15-1: on the axis of the villages of Donje Ljup~e – Majance – Lu`ane and B. Most – Bariljevo; TG /Tactical Group/-211: on the axis of the villages of Lu`ane – Penduha – Glavnik, with a blockade in the sector of Obrand`a and Perane, and diversionary operations on the Prepolac pass.

BG-125-4: diversionary operations on the axis of the Stari Trg S^V /stationary communications node/ – [alja.

MUP forces: six MUP companies.

3. Objective of operation:

To destroy and neutralise significant [TS strongpoints, to unblock certain features, areas, and important roads; to create better tactical conditions for future engagements of our forces.

4. Procedure for operations:

– From the general concentration area, use pincer movements to seal off the general sector where the [TS are based, and selective operations on designated axes to defeat the terrorist forces and take important features and areas, and vantage points for future operations.

5. Mission possibilities:

By concentrating forces and engaging them simultaneously in both areas, we can take the [TS by surprise and neutralise these strongpoints, inflicting significant losses and effectively completing the mission.

The successful completion of the mission can significantly contribute towards the weakening of the overall position of the terrorists in Drenica and the Lab area.

6. Problems and failures in the operation:

– During planning, the insufficient strength of the 4<sup>th</sup> Company of the MUP PJP;  
– Organisation of specific coordinated action on axes, given that two units are being engaged for the first time: TG-211 and mb of the 252<sup>nd</sup> okbr.

A request has been made by the MUP for the engagement of additional forces, and additional reconnaissance and organisation of coordinated action is being organised for 19 March 1999.

COMMANDER

Major General

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