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Very Urgent

To:

President of Republika Srpska
Commands of: 1st and 2nd KK /Krajina Corps/ SRK /Sarajevo-Romanija Corps/, IBK /Eastern Bosnia Corps/, HK /Herzegovina Corps/, DK /Drina Corps/, V /Air Force/ and PVO /Anti-Aircraft Defence/, VRS /Republika Srpska Army/ CVŠ /Military School Centre/, SRK IKM /Forward Command Post/ - 2, VRS GŠ IKM – 2, VRS GŠ IKM – 3, HK IKM – 1 and SRK IKM - 3

I – Situation on the front

1. 1st KK z/o /zone of responsibility/
 - a) The enemy:

In the 30th pd /infantry division/ z/o /zone of responsibility/ the enemy carried out strong attacks with artillery support. In the 7th mtbr /motorised brigade/ zone of responsibility, they attacked positions in the Vršćine, Prika, Jelovača, Rudina Kosa and Hamzića Vrh sectors. In the 31st lpbr /light infantry brigade/ zone of responsibility they attacked positions on Ključka Kosa and Tisova Kosa. In the 19th pbr /infantry brigade/ zone of responsibility they attacked positions in the Krčevi sector with artillery support. They regrouped behind the lines. In the 22nd pbr zone of responsibility they carried out an attack from the direction of Debela Jela and Srneća Brda on our positions in the Željezne Grede sector. When the Puma helicopter carrying General Rupert SMITH was flying over the Turbe sector the Muslims opened fire on it. In the OG /Operations Group/ 9 zone of responsibility they carried out the most intensive operations in the Trebava pbr zone of responsibility, firing along the whole demarcation line. They fired tanks on positions in the Jasenica sector; they provoked with infantry weapons and sporadically with MB /mortar/ in the 16th K /Krajina/ mtbr /motorised brigade/, 2nd okbr /armoured brigade/, 4th bl /Banja Luka/ lpbr and Vučijak lpbr zones of responsibility. In the Ozren TG /Tactical Group/ zone of responsibility they provoked by firing on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th olpbr /Ozren light infantry brigade/, and Srbac lpbr positions. They opened heavy infantry fire in the Prnjavor lpbr zone of responsibility, and fired sporadically with 60 mm and 82 mm mortar in the Čevaljuše sector. In the 1st olpbr zone of responsibility m/v /motor vehicle/ movement was observed along the Malešići – Lukavica axis, and a helicopter overflight on the Lukavac – Jezero – Modrač and Banovići – Lukavac axes. In the TG – 2 zone of responsibility they provoked with fire along the whole demarcation line, and in the Dubokosa sector they fired with 60 mm mortar. Under the cover of

fog and dark they tried to establish the 27th mtbr p/k /forward line of defence/ in the Mali Kapak and Balabanovac sectors. They were observed in time and their intentions were thwarted. In the TG – 5 zone of responsibility they sporadically fired with infantry weapons, and on the 11th Dubica pbr positions they fired with PATs /anti-aircraft guns/ as well. There were no combat operations in the TG 1, 3 and 6 zones of responsibility.

Five NATO aviation overflights were registered in the Corps zone of responsibility.

b) Situation in the Corps:

The Corps units repelled enemy attacks and the defence line has not changed. The units connecting with the 7th mtbr (a police battalion and one unit from Banja Luka) withdrew from positions and then the Ustashas entered Pribelje village. The Ustashas went behind the 7th mtbr rear and its right flank is not secured. If urgent measures are not taken to close this axis there is a real threat that Vitorog might be taken, which would open the axis towards Šipovo.

c) Losses: five slightly wounded and three severely wounded soldiers.

2. 2nd KK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

In the north-western part of the front they provoked along the whole demarcation line. Around 2200 hours they attacked Kozji Rog without success. They used loudspeakers to call the population to surrender and tell the population of Krupa na Uni to move out - otherwise in five days they would experience the same fate as Grahovo. In the south-eastern part of the front they have been entrenching and fortifying the achieved positions using engineering machines along the following line: the Cigalj feature (tt. /trig. point/) 1073), down the Radoševac Kosa towards the Carevac feature (tt 935) - Vidovića Glavica (tt 934). A tank was observed on both the Zekonac and Vidovića Glavica features, and there were three tanks on Cigalj. They fired with 120 mm mortar on Peći and Zebe villages. The most intensive fire was from 120 mm howitzers and VBRs /multiple rocket launchers/ along the Grahovo Drvar road.

b) Situation in the Corps:

On the north-western part of the front our forces fortified positions, laid obstacles and carried out reconnaissance. The 11th lpbr and 2nd IDO /reconnaissance and sabotage detachment/ were involved in active operations, but they have not moved the line of contact. In the south-eastern part of the front our forces were fortifying positions, received and deployed units which came from other Corps as reinforcement. During the day we carried out reconnaissance of the Ustasha forces and equipment. After our units had abandoned positions the Ustasha forces entered Pribelje village.

c) Losses: there were no losses.

3. SRK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

Early in the morning the enemy launched a succession of attacks at Ilidža. They fired on our forces with all types of weapons. They focused their fire on the concrete plant. Their assault groups fired with RPG /hand-held rocket launchers/ and plastic explosive in combination with pt /anti-tank/ mines. The enemy continues to use sniper rifles along the Lukavica, Trebević, Vogošća and Hreša roads, and on Grbavica. They fired on Grbavica with 82 mm mortar. In the Trnovo part of the front they fired on our positions and on Trnovo proper. A concentration of their forces has been observed in the following sectors: Trebečaj, Brutus, Lisičje Glave and Godinje. Movement of seven m/v /motor vehicles/ was observed in front of the Ilijaš pbr positions.

b) Situation in the Corps:

The Corps units are building up b/g /combat readiness/. They are building up fire support and protection facilities, undertaking camouflage and MEP /mines and explosives/ control measures.

c) Losses: one slightly wounded soldier in an unusual incident.

4. IBK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

In the Majeвица part of the front they fired with mortar on Pipera village at about 1800 hours. In the Nikolići and Savići villages sectors, two IDG were observed around 2100 hours; they activated our mine fields and withdrew. Later they fired with mortar on the Cerik sector. Around 0800 hours this morning a 2nd battalion, 2nd Maj. /Majeвица/ lpbr enemy IDG was observed again. Last night around 2200 hours, in Posavina, they fired with infantry weapons and 82 mm mortar on Delina and Ravan villages. This morning around 0600 hours they fired on the 5th K /Krajina/ lpbr p/k. They rotated troops on Vranović and in Brka village.

b) Situation in the Corps:

The Corps units responded to fire and enemy movement accordingly. The commands focused their activities on preparing and sending the 1st IBK lpbr to the 2nd KK zone of responsibility. In the Majeвица and Posavina TG commands, briefings were held and tasks were assigned for the forthcoming period.

c) Losses: two dead soldiers (including one in an unusual incident).

5. HK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

They did not engage in operations during the day, except on the Treskavica plateau where fighting is ongoing. They provoked along the Drina axis all day, particularly from the left to the right Drina bank.

b) Situation in the Corps

The Corps units are in full combat readiness, with considerably increased number of troops on the p/k/. Five Muslim soldiers were captured in the course of the day.

c) Losses: six slightly wounded soldiers.

6. DK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

In the north-western part of the front in the 1st Zv /Zvornik/ pbr zone of responsibility they fired less intensively from the Anđelići sector. A group of about 100 Muslims was observed in the Kozjak sector. They were trying to break through towards Tuzla. They fired from the Goražde enclave on our units in the following sectors: Grbovac (tt 1025), Sjenokos, Jelaska Kosa, Čurovi and Jabuka village. No enemy units were detected or offered resistance along the axis of our units' attack (search). At 1930 hours we received information that the enemy were building rafts in the Crni Potok sector and escaping to the right Drina bank.

b) Situation in the Corps:

The Corps forces are firmly holding the achieved positions. Part of the forces have been controlling the territory and setting up ambushes for groups from the Srebrenica and Žepa enclaves, and part of the forces are carrying out offensive operations (search of terrain) in the former Žepa enclave. They have reached the following line: Brestovik – Mrkodo – Završje – Ostrovrh – Pogledala – Krušev Do – Luke.

c) There were no losses.

II Situation on the territory

In the 2nd KK zone of responsibility the population is frightened and distrustful. After General MILANOVIĆ and RS authorities' statements the atmosphere became better and refugees have been returning increasingly. In the IBK zone of responsibility there is distinct disapproval because despite the fact that a state of war has been proclaimed cafes owned by people who have not joined the VRS remain open to date. In the DK zone of responsibility, in front of the Dugandžići municipal hall, about 60 soldiers from the 3rd battalion of the 2nd Romanija mtbr, who had been absent due to a planned bath, gathered requesting information about the Olovo SO /municipality/ president with regard to his responsibility and detention. The brigade command is taking care of this problem. Soldiers in all units are pleased because a state of war has been proclaimed.

III Airspace

The NATO countries' enemy coalition air force carried out reconnaissance and observation of the approaches and over Republika Srpska territory, and trained their crews to fire on our forces and installations. Increased activity was registered compared to the previous day and a total of 53 enemy formations were registered. Forty-seven enemy formations violated the RS airspace. The enemy air force focused their activity on the area above the sectors of Sarajevo, Zenica, Mostar, Srbobran, Kupres and Glamoč - Grahovo. No aviation guidance on objects on the ground was registered. The enemy electronically jammed the VOJIN /Air Surveillance, Warning and Guidance Centre/ units' communication. Twenty-six aircraft and 31 a/p /sorties/ were registered over RH /Republic of Croatia/, including: combat aviation: three MIG-21 a/p; 17 transport helicopter h/p /?helicopter sorties/, including MI-8 MI-3 and AB-212 /types of helicopters/. In the Stara Gradiška sector VOST /visual intelligence/observation post/ observed one HV /Croatian Army/ helicopter.

IV – The Republika Srpska Army Main Staff has decided that the VRS GŠ decision remains unchanged with regard to the report of 30 July 1995.

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I – Situation on the front

1. 1st KK z/o /zone of responsibility/

a) The enemy:

In the 30th pd zone of responsibility the enemy carried out an infantry attack on the 7th mtbr positions, from the direction of Budovača on Demirovac; and they attacked the 22nd pbr positions in the Sećijske Vode and Dubovačko Brdo sectors. From the direction of Snježnica they attacked our positions in the Debele Jele sector, and during the night they tried to infiltrate an IDG, which was discovered in time. In the TG – 2 zone of responsibility they sporadically provoked along the whole demarcation line. They are offering resolute defence and fiercely resist our forces along the axes of offensive operations. In the OG 9 zone of responsibility they fired with infantry weapons on the 2nd okbr and 2nd bl /Banja Luka/ lpbr positions. They fired five projectiles on Dobož town. They increased artillery fire on the Vučijak lpbr positions, firing about 25 projectiles of different calibres on Jabučić Polje and Ševarlije. In the Ozren TG zone of responsibility they provoked with infantry weapons along the whole front line. They attempted an IDG incursion on Nikolino Brdo, but without success. In the TG – 5 zone of responsibility they fired on the 43rd mtbr positions, and they fired 11 projectiles on Jejovo (11th lpbr KM /command post/). In the morning they fired on the Ignjić Mahala sector. They did not carry out combat operations in the TG – 1, 3 and 6 zones of responsibility.

b) Situation in the Corps:

The Corps units are at the ordered level of combat readiness. All enemy attacks have been successfully repelled and there were no changes of defence lines. We responded to enemy fire by firing at specific targets. TG-2 units have been carrying out

offensive operations engaging their main forces facing Kosovnjak and Previja. Fighting is ongoing.

c) Losses: seven slightly wounded and three severely wounded soldiers.

2. 2nd KK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

In the morning, and afternoon, in the Krupa part of the front, the enemy captured the following features: Kotorani, tt /trig. point/ 414, elevation 395, Gradina, tt 201 and Osmače. In the 17th lpbr zone of responsibility the enemy carried out an attack in the Drenovo Tijesno sector. On the Bihać part of the front the enemy fired intensely with infantry and artillery weapons from the Vrska sector. In the 1st Serbian br /brigade/ and 15th lpbr zone of defence the enemy fired sporadically with infantry weapons. In the Glamoč part of the front, at 1430 hours the enemy opened infantry fire in the Golija sector. Then on the Velika Golija and Tikva plateaus they fired ten artillery projectiles on the 5th lpbr positions. At 1900 hours on 3 July 1995, in the Grahovo part of the front, the enemy fired about 45 shells from the Nuglašica village sector on the Peulje village, and at 1950 hours they fired ten VBR /multiple rocket launcher/ projectiles on the /?Peuljska Draga/ sector. At 1345 hours a m/v /motor vehicle/ column arrived in Crni Lug.

b) Situation in the Corps:

Units on the Krupa axis are trying to stabilise the following line of defence with own and attached forces: Strmac – Kokerna – Svinjarica – tt 335 – Velika Dobrinja – k. /elevation/ 406. In the Bihać part of the front the 1st lpbr units carried out active combat operations, but due to strong enemy resistance they were not able to capture the Vršak feature. The remaining forces are following enemy movements and firing on observed targets. On the Grahovo axis the column that came to Crni Lug was fired at, and the enemy probably sustained casualties.

c) Losses: 15 slightly, seven severely wounded and eight missing soldiers.

3. SRK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

Today the enemy carried out an attack in the general Hadžići sector. The most intense combat operations were carried out between 1100 and 1400 hours when more than 300 shells of different calibre fell on Hadžići village. The enemy fired with sniper rifles and 82 mm and 120 mm mortars in the Vogošća – Rajlovac – Grbavica – Lukavica – Dobrinja and Vojkovići areas. Ilijaš suburb is constantly under enemy artillery fire. Combat operations are currently less intense on the /?Nišići/ axis, with frequent firing from 82 mm and 120 mm mortars. Combat operations are ongoing on the Trnovo axis and are developing in favour of our units.

b) Situation in the /?Corps/:

The Corps units are carrying out planned combat operations. All enemy attacks have been successfully repelled. In the Trnovo part of the front the Corps units are on the offensive; fighting is ongoing and the units are making progress.

c) Losses: three dead; 15 slightly wounded and two severely wounded soldiers.

4. IBK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

In the Majevisa part of the front the enemy fired on Piperi village with two 82 mm shells around 2200 hours on 3 July. Today around 1200 hours they fired three howitzer shells at Piperi village again. In the other parts of the front the enemy carried out sporadic provocations with infantry weapons. Around 1800 hours on 3 July, in the Posavina part of the front, they fired two 82 mm shells on the Greda feature and then they attempted an infantry attack on the 2nd Semberija lpbr positions. This attack was successfully repelled. In the 1st Posavina pbr zone of responsibility the enemy carried out reconnaissance in force on the right Lukavac River bank, opening infantry fire.

b) Situation in the Corps:

During the day the Majevisa TG intervention units attacked enemy positions in the 3rd Majevisa lpbr zone of responsibility and neutralised three bunkers. However, due to strong enemy resistance they were not very successful. We are working on improving vigilance in all units in order to prevent surprises.

c) Losses: two dead and one slightly wounded soldier.

5. HK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

They fired six 82 mm mortar projectiles on the Kunak sector, Trebinje – Dubrovnik axis, from 1055 – 1115 hours. At 1340 hours, in the 8th h /Herzegovina/ mtbr the enemy launched an infantry attack on the Zelenika – Porim and Rošci – Plužne Njive axes. In the Goražde part of the front the enemy provoked sporadically with infantry weapons. On the Treskavica plateau the enemy did not engage in offensive operations; irrespective of sustained losses they are trying to keep the temporarily taken positions by determined defence.

b) Situation in the Corps

The Corps units are in full combat readiness and carrying out active defence. They respond to the HVO /Croatian Defence Council/ and Muslim fire accordingly. An infantry attack on the 8th hmtbr was thwarted. On the Treskavica plateau combat operations are ongoing in the Mali Konik, Velika Vratila and Pašina Planina sectors.

c) Losses: five slightly wounded and four severely wounded soldiers.

6. DK zone of responsibility

a) The enemy:

In the last four days the enemy launched substantial combat operations against the Corps units. In the western part of the front they fired four 82 mm mortar mines on Osmaci village. Around the Srebrenica and Žepa enclaves they did not carry out combat operations, and in the Goražde sector regrouping of enemy forces was observed in the *Pobjeda* factory sector.

b) Situation in the Corps:

The Corps units are at the ordered level of combat readiness, firmly holding the achieved defence positions. They have been regrouping forces with the objective of totally enclosing the Srebrenica enclave.

c) There were no losses.

II Situation on the territory

The situation on the territory has not changed significantly from the last report.

III Airspace

The NATO countries' enemy coalition air force carried out reconnaissance and observation of the approaches and over Republika Srpska territory, and trained their crews to fire on our forces and features. Increased activity was registered compared to the previous day and a total of 52 enemy formations was registered. Forty-three enemy formations violated the RS airspace. Activity of two VON /expansion unclear/ was observed in the Visoko and Lukavac sectors. A total of 34 aircraft was registered in the Republic of Croatia airspace.

IV – The Republika Srpska Army Main Staff has decided that the VRS GŠ decision remains unchanged with regard to the report of 30 July 1995.

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