

Command of the BIRAČ Brigade

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Šekovići

DEFENCE ORDER Operative No. 1

Map 1:50 000, sections: Kladanj 1, 2, 3 and 4

Zvornik 1, 2, 3 and 4

1. - After the completion of moping up of the territory of SAO /Serbian Autonomous District/ Birač and the disarmament of the PVF /paramilitaries/, the ZB /Green Berets/ and HOS /Croatian Defence Forces/ are concentrated on the territory of Živinica, Tuzla and Kladanj.

The most probable aim of these forces is to use smaller or larger groups and attack our brigade's forces and the forces of the Birač TO /Territorial Defence/ in order to regain lost territories, particularly Kalesija and the Kalesija-Čaparde communication.

A part of the forces left behind, such as some renegade groups, will probably attack our troops, particularly the KM /command post/, communications centre and logistics units.

2. Task of the Brigade: to organize defence in the zones of the villages of Dubnica, Gojsalići, Skelani, and Karakaj.

By active operations, prevent renegade groups from organising and in a coordinated action with the Birač JTO /Territorial Defence Units/ restore the control over the territory and the functioning of the organs of government.

Defence readiness: immediately.

IKM /Forward Command Post/ in the area of the village of Milići.

3. SAO Semberija and Majevica forces will defend the right section; SAO Romanija forces will defend the left section.

4. I have decided to organize the defence in the zone ordered, grouping the g/s /main forces/ along the Tuzla – Kalesija - Čaparda line, and the supporting /forces/ along the line of Zelenika - Petrovići - Šekovići villages and the Kladanj - Tišča - Vlasenica line.

The task: prevent the violation of the SAO Birač western borders and taking of the territory by the PVF and at the same time conduct a/d /active operations/ against renegade groups in the interior of the territory.

Combat deployment: defence forces; a/d forces; BrAG /Brigade Artillery Group/; Lad PVO /Anti-Aircraft Defence Light Artillery Battalions/; rear company; KM and PKM /rear command post/.

4.1. Tasks for Units

1st pb /infantry battalion/ with 1/6 pb and mp oab /mixed anti-tank artillery battalion/ is to defend the region of the village of Dubnica, Vis (tt - /trig. Point/ 450), Kalesija. The task: by persistent defence and a/d and in a coordinated action with the 2nd pb, prevent the violation of the border in the defence area and the operations of renegade groups and enable the functioning of the organs of government.

Support: BrAG.

KM in the area of Kalesija.

2nd pb /infantry battalion/- is to defend the area of the village of Karavlas, Sljemenjak (tt 706), the village of Raševo.

The task: by persistent defence and a/d and in a coordinated action with the 1st pb and Od TOŠ /?Territorial Defence Detachment of Šekovići/, prevent the violation of the border in the defence area and the operations of renegade groups and enable the functioning of the organs of government.

Support: BrAG.

KM in the area of Šekovići, IKM /Forward Command Post/ upon a decision of the battalion commander.

Od TOŠ /?Territorial Defence Detachment of Šekovići/ is to defend the area of Dajčev do, Gradina, /and/ the village of Mitrovica.

The task: by persistent defence and a/d and in a coordinated action with the 2nd pb and the Od TOK /?Territorial Defence Detachment of Krivajevići/, prevent the violation of the border in the defence area and the operations of renegade groups.

KM /command post/ in the Šekovići area, IKM /Forward Command Post/ upon a decision of the detachment commander.

Od TOK /Territorial Defence detachment of Krivajevići/ - is to defend the area of Bašino brdo, the village of Krivajevići, /and/ Draguša.

The task: by persistent defence and a/d and in a coordinated action with the Od TOŠ /Territorial Defence Detachment of Šekovići/ and the 4th pb, prevent the violation of the border in the defence area and the operations of renegade groups.

KM in the area of the village of Majdan.

4thpb /infantry battalion/ - is to defend the area of Gostinac, the villages of Imamovići and Lalići.

The task: by persistent defence and a/d /active operations/ and in a coordinated action with the Od TOK, prevent the violation of the border in the defence area and the operations of renegade groups and enable the functioning of the organs of government.

KM in the area of Vlasenica, IKM upon a decision of the battalion commander.

5th pb with mč /bridge company/ (-1) okb /armoured battalion/ - is to control the territory of Bratunac municipality and secure the bridge over the Drina River in the area of Bratunac.

The task: in a coordinated action with the OTO /expansion unknown/ Bratunac fight the renegade groups and enable the functioning of the organs of government.

KM in Bratunac.

3rd pb with mv, mč, okb /mechanized platoon, bridge company, armoured battalion/ – is to control the territory of Milići municipality.

The task: in a coordinated action with Milići JTO /Territorial Defence Unit/ fight the renegade groups and enable the functioning of the organs of government.

KM in Milići.

6th pb (-1) – is to control the territory of Zvornik municipality.

The task: in a coordinated action with Zvornik JTO /Territorial Defence Unit/ fight the renegade groups and enable the functioning of the organs of government.

KM in Zvornik.

okb (-mč) – is to control the territory of Zvornik municipality, secure the bridges over the Drina River in the area of Zvornik and secure Zvornik – Kalesija communication.

The task: in a coordinated action with the Lad PVO /Anti-Aircraft Defence Light Artillery Battalion/ and Zvornik JTO fight the renegade groups /?by active operations/ and enable the functioning of the organs of government.

KM in the village of Karakaj.

4.2. Support

Form the BrAG composed of a mad /mixed artillery battalion/ (MBb-120mm and tab /expansion unknown/ ZIS-76mm /field/ gun -pack howitzer/).

Group commander - the mad /mixed artillery battalion/ commander.

The tasks: support the defence of the 1st and 2nd pb in defending their areas.

KM in the area of the village of Osmaci.

4.3. The basics matters

PVO: the focus of the PVO should be the protection of the bridges on the Drina River in the area of Zvornik.

In a coordinated action with the okb /armoured battalion/, the Lad PVO is to secure the bridges on the Drina River in the above mentioned area.

KM in the area of the village of Divič.

Anti-sabotage and anti-guerrilla action

All units in their areas have to secure necessary forces for this action.

In a coordinated action with the JTO and the police, detect renegade groups and prevent their actions.

4.4 Support of b/d /combat operations/

Engineering Support

The engineering support is to be focused on setting up obstacles.

Units engaged in border defence will facilitate setting up of MEP /mines and other obstacles/ according to the plan of the NI /chief of engineers/.

Intelligence Support

The intelligence support is to be focused on a prompt discovery of strong concentration of forces on the borders of SAO Birač as well as on detecting renegade groups in the area of defence.

The IČ /reconnaissance company/ is to be engaged according to the plan of the P Š /expansion unknown/ for intelligence.

Logistics support

The Logistics Company is to deploy in the area of Šekovići – the village of Tišča.

The logistics support is to be focused on supplying the units with ammunition, fuel and food.

Approved expenditures:

- ammunition of all kinds 1 b/k /combat set/
- fuel for all m/v /motor vehicles/ 1 p/r /tankful/

Security support

The security support is to be focused on the protection of secrecy of decisions and movements of our units, KM and CV /communications centre/.

In a coordinated action with the police and the JTO, engage the ČVP /military police company/ according to the plan of the NB /chief of security/.

Moral Support

The focus of the MOb /moral support/ is on maintaining the BM /combat moral/ of our units.

Especially work on maintaining the BM in the units that have sustained considerable casualties.

4.5. IKM in the area of Milići.

KM and PKM in the area of Šekovići.

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