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Zvornik Light Infantry Brigade

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VERY URGENT

TO THE COMMANDS OF: the 1st Zpbr /Zvornik Infantry Brigade/, 1st Bpbr /Birač Infantry Brigade/, 2nd Rmtbr /Romanija Motorised Brigade/, 1st Vlpbr /Vlasenica Light Infantry Brigade/, 1st and 5th Plpbr /Podrinje Light Infantry Brigade/, 1st Brlpbr /Bratunac Light Infantry Brigade/, 1st Mlpbr /Milići Light Infantry Brigade/, 5th map /mixed artillery regiment/ and Skelani spb /Independent Infantry Battalion/ .

Warning Order op. no. 1

1. Since the middle March of this year, the enemy launched a wide-ranging offensive with the objective of taking over Serbian territory, dividing Republika Srpska along several axes, destroying and expelling the Serbian people from the territory of the former Bosnia and Herzegovina and creating their own state.

Three months ago the enemy launched and is still conducting operations throughout the theatre and in the zones of all Republika Srpska Army corps. The largest operations are in the area defended by the 2nd KK /Krajina Corps/, 1st KK, SRK /Sarajevo-Romanija Corps/, DK /Drina Corps/ and IBK /Eastern-Bosnia Corps/.

Apart from hitherto large-scale activities against the DK area of responsibility and those of 1st Zpbr, 1st Bpbr and 1st and 5th Plpbr, it may be expected that the enemy will launch an even heavier offensive activities in the Kladanj and Olovo area. At the same time their forces from the enclaves of Srebrenica and Žepa will act in order to cut the Drina Corps area of responsibility in two, and connect the enclaves with the central part of the /illegible/, which is held by the Muslims.

2. The Command of the Drina Corps, pursuant to Operations directive no. 7 and 7/1 of the GŠ VRS /Main Staff of the Army of Republika Srpska/, and in view of the current situation at the front and in its own area of responsibility, has to obtain forces for the intervention and repulsion /illegible/ of the enemy's attacks, to conduct active combat operations along the entire front, particularly towards Kladanj and Olovo. The Corps units shall ensure the following:
 - a) The 1st Zpbr shall form forces equivalent to a light battalion /illegible/ with combat hardware and strong support for the conduct of /illegible/ activities along an independent axis.
 - b) The 1st Bpbr shall form a combat group the size of a reinforced company with /illegible/ support for activities along separate axis and as part of /?the/ battalion.
 - c) The 2nd Rmtbr shall form a combat group the size of a reinforced company with strong support for activities along a separate axis and, as a part of /?the/ battalion, and one tank platoon which will act as a part of /illegible/ and independently as necessary.

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- d) The 1st Vlpbr shall form a combat group the size of a reinforced company /illegible/ with combat hardware and strong support for the operation along /illegible/ axis and as a part of /?the/ battalion.
- e) The 1st Brlpbr and the 1st Mlpbr shall detach forces equivalent to a light battalion with combat hardware and strong supporting equipment for the conduct of active combat operations in their areas of responsibility.
- f) The 5th map shall detach all types of artillery weapons that will be engaged in support of the forces carrying out active combat operations.

3. All Corps units, apart from the above tasks, must give /illegible/ for active combat operations and switching from defence to attack with all the forces in their areas of responsibility.

4. The deadline for the formation of all these units is 8 July 1995.

Complete all preparation of the units for the conduct of offensive activities by 4 July 1995.

Finish taking away the units from the 1st Zpbr, 1st Bpbr, 1st Vlpbr, 2nd Rmtbr and /illegible/ by 1200 hrs on 5 July 1995.

/illegible/ On 5 July 1995 reconnoitre the axis of attack of the units responsible for the conduct of active combat operations.

5. The Corps Command shall make all preparations for RiK /Command and Control/ of active combat operations from the IKM-1 /Forward Command Post/ which shall be operational as of 1400 hrs. on 4 July 1995.

The planning of the forthcoming active combat operations with all-possible modifications and drafting of all necessary combat documents is to be finished by 3 July 1995, and the documents for the units conducting active combat operations delivered at my order.

COMMANDER

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