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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

From 0600 hours on 15 July to 0600 hours on 16 July 1995

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

No activities of any influence to the security of the FRY /Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/ were registered in the Armed Forces of neighbouring countries.

Twenty-two air sorties were registered in Operation Deny Flight and eleven NATO air sorties in Operation Protect Safety Zone. During the day, NATO entered the VaP /airspace/ of the former BH three times, in the general sectors of Tuzla, Žepa and Srbinje (Foča).

There were no changes to the composition, location or activities of NATO PS /marines/, the ZEU /European Union/ or the 6th AF /the US Sixth Fleet/ in the Adriatic.

The Muslim forces are continuing to carry out surprise attacks and diversionary operations along the entire frontline.

Data is confirmed that the ŠVK /Chief of the Supreme Command/ of the MV /Muslim Army/ has completed preparations to continue the operations to lift the blockade of Sarajevo. An MV attack is expected along the Visoko-Ilijaš and Nišići-Vogošća axes.

Parts of the units of the 2nd Corps (254th and 255th Brigade) carried out unsuccessful attacks on Mt Majeвица and on the Kalesija-Memići axes in order to receive the broken-up parts of the 28th Division from Srebrenica, which are attempting to break out of encirclement towards Tuzla. Smaller parts of this division have managed to fight their way into Žepa.

The 3rd Corps Command is lifting the manning levels of ž/s /expansion unknown/ and MTS /technical equipment and materiel/ on the territory of Maglaj and Zavidovići in order to launch an attack on the Zavidovići – Vozuća axis.

Parts of the units of the 5th Corps (517th Brigade) carried out an attack on the Šturlić village – Komesarec village axis, 10 km south of Velika Kladuša.

The HVO /Croatian Defence Council/ GŠ /Main Staff/ is carrying out the additional mobilisation of v/o /conscripts/ in the territory of the HR HB /Croatian Republic of Herceg-Bosna/ and is dispatching them to the units holding positions on the Kupres, Glamoč and Grahovo axes.

Croatia is continuing to concentrate its forces in the general sector of Sisak and is bringing in two battalions from the 123rd Brigade (Požega village).

2. SITUATION AT THE STATE BORDER

At around 2300 hours on 14 July, members of the Mali Zvornik MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ caught two members of the MV (a lieutenant and a private). A pistol was found on the lieutenant. They were both wearing civilian clothes. They are now at the Mali Zvornik MUP.

At around 1600 hours on 15 July, a civilian called PETROVIĆ from Gornja Koviljača village at elevation Trbušnica, 15th Loznica grb /border battalion/ said that a wounded Muslim soldier (earlier acquaintance) called Rešid SIMONOVIĆ was staying at his place and was seeking medical attention. PETROVIĆ said that this man was from Bratunac, but the doctor at the Banja Koviljača MC /medical centre/ recognised him as being from Srebrenica. PETROVIĆ said that two other Muslim soldiers were having lunch in Banja Koviljača and had taken the bus to go to Mali Zvornik. Rešid, the wounded man, said that about 20-30 Muslims (men and women) were waiting in the Kozluk village sector and that they would try to enter the FRY /Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/ after nightfall.

On 15 July a team of the UN Monitoring Mission inspected a part of the d/g /state border/ in the Sjeverin and Rača elevation sectors of the 17th Priboj grb. There were no objections.

On 15 July wounded men were transported from the RS /Republika Srpska/ to the VMA /Military Medical Academy/ by HT-40s /transport helicopters/ between 1155 and 1700 hours on the Zaovina – VMA – Batajnica route and back.

According to the information of the OU /Intelligence Administration/ Centre in Sombor, waste was released into the Drava river from Osijek on 15 July. Its arrival is expected in the zone of responsibility. This waste material also includes gas tanks. Measures have been taken to avoid undesired consequences.

Attempts at illegal border crossings

On 15 July in the Globočica elevation sector, 57th Uroševac grb, border security organs caught a person (Yugoslav) trying to cross the border illegally from the BJRM /Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia/ to the FRY. He was handed over to the organs of the Uroševac MUP. Ten DM /German marks/ and 70 denars were confiscated from him.

On 15 July on Lake Skadar, 10th Zoganj grb, the border security organs caught a person (Albanian) trying to cross the border illegally from Albania to the FRY. After his personal identity card was checked, he was returned to Albania.

3. SITUATION, ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN THE UNITS OF THE VJ /YUGOSLAV ARMY/

1st Army

On 15 July 732 conscripts were called-up and 448, or 61% of the conscripts, responded to a one-day military training, the return of military equipment and the change of wartime assignment into units of the Army (36th okbr /Armoured Brigade/, 80th mtbr /Motorised Brigade/ and 544th mtbr).

RM /Navy/

Between 1230 and 1430 hours on 15 July, Dr Radoje KONTIĆ, Federal Prime Minister, the 2nd Army Commander and the RM Commander sailed around the Boka Kotor bay in the *Jadranka* motor yacht.

On 15 July in the Kumbor sector there was a one-day military training on the following subject: VOST /visual observation stations/ in the PVO /anti-aircraft defence/ system in the zone of responsibility of the RM. Sixty-three conscripts were called-up to the training and 17, or 27%, responded, as well as 15 officers, 10 non-commissioned officers and 25 privates. The training was marked as very good.

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4. UNUSUAL INCIDENTS

A lance corporal drowned during the weekend, a woman seriously wounded her husband, a non-commissioned officer; a soldier accidentally wounded himself; while joking, a soldier gave another soldier 1st degree burns; one soldier was seriously injured in a traffic accident; fuel, a pistol, ammunition and the civilian clothing of soldiers were stolen in two robberies, and searches were launched for two soldiers.

1st Army

On 13 July, due to recklessness and irresponsibility, in the dormitory of the 453rd okbr in Sremska Mitrovica, private first class Pavle KONSTANTINOVIĆ, born 24 November 1975 in Pančevo, while returning from the bathroom, poured some *Brion* after shave on his comrade, private first class Željko GOLUBOVIĆ, born 5 November 1976 in Zemun, and used a lighter to set him on fire. Both soldiers have been in the VJ since 18 March 1995, and are Serbs from the 453rd okbr in Sremska Mitrovica. Once it was lit, the after shave burst into flames and gave the soldier first degree burns on the right side of his back. Their unit bears responsibility for this joke, which could have had much more serious consequences. The injured soldier was taken to the VMA in Belgrade.

On 14 July, VP /Military Police/ organs established the theft of the civilian clothes of soldiers, and of 202 7.65-mm rounds from the supply dump, drawn by contract soldier Corporal Ervin SALOMON, born 5 March 1964 in Bačka Topola, in the VJ since 4 January 1993, Slovenian from the 36th okbr in Subotica. He abandoned his unit on 14 July and in his farewell note intended for his parents he said that he could not bear his guilty conscience for the theft of the clothes and the lack of ammunition, although his further intentions are not clear from the note. A search has been launched and the authorised MUP and border organs have been engaged.

On 14 July in a traffic accident in Apatin, caused by speed maladjusted to the road conditions, and in his attempt to avoid running over a pedestrian, contract soldier Saša JEVTIĆ, born 18 October 1973 in Apatin, in the VJ since 9 May 1995, Serb from the 32nd GDO /Border Sabotage Detachment/, lost control of a military m/v /motor vehicle/. As a result, the vehicle flipped over, causing serious physical injury: an injury to the ligaments of the right hand of passenger Ivan MAKSIMOVIĆ, born 18 October 1976 in Belgrade. There was damage of about 6,000 dinars to the vehicle. The on-site investigation was carried out by the responsible police organs, and the injured man was given medical attention.

On 15 July, in their own apartment, in a domestic argument between spouses, with her husband's *Magnum* pistol, the intoxicated woman seriously wounded her husband, Warrant Officer 2nd Class Rodoljub BOŽOVIĆ, born 27 July 1953 in Užice, in the VJ since 20 July 1972, a Serb from the 453rd okbr in Sremska Mitrovica. The wounded husband was taken to the surgical ward of the Sremska Mitrovica town hospital (he had suffered a perforating wound to the chest). He was operated on and is in critical condition. An investigation is underway.

2nd Army

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On 14 July, VP organs established that there had been an aggravated theft of fuel and lubricants at the 6th lpbr /Light Infantry Brigade/ in Priboj to obtain financial gain. /The perpetrator was/ the manager of the PP /expansion unknown/ warehouse, CL /civilian/ serving in the VJ, Radovan RAKOVIĆ, born on 5 February 1951 in Pribojska Banja, in the VJ since 1 January 1993. He admitted to stealing 420 litres of MB-86 fuel, 200 litres of D-2 fuel, 20 litres of DS-30, 40 litres of anti-freeze, 60 litres of solvent, 60 litres of ZUON oil, 35 20-litre metal jerry cans and a 7.62-mm M-57 pistol. Captain 1st Class Mićo VASIĆ, commander of the 6th lpbr, knew about all this but thought that the entire case would be resolved at his level, therefore he did not report it to the superior command. A detailed investigation will follow.

3rd Army

At around 1630 hours on 15 July, private Dejan VUKOMANOVIĆ, leader of the border patrol, born 15 March 1975 in Podunavci village, Kraljevo, in the VJ since 18 September 1994, a Serb, from the Gorožup elevation, 55th Prizren grb, suffered a perforating wound to the left femur muscle. He is not likely to suffer any consequences and has been hospitalised at the Prizren MC.

RV /Air Force/ and PVO

At around 1200 hours on 13 July, while using his weekend leave of absence, Corporal Radovan NESTOROVIĆ, born 8 November 1975 in Loznica, in the VJ since 16 December 1994, a Serb from the 492nd vb /?army base/ in Priština, drowned in an artificial lake at the Radalj spa in Radalj village near Mali Zvornik. He used his weekend off between 11 July and 16 July and was swimming in the lake, but failed to reappear. His body was found on 14 July, and the on-site investigation was carried out by the responsible military and civilian organs. It was established that he died as a result of drowning. He was buried on 15 July 1995.

Searches

Two searches for soldiers from the 3rd Army were launched on 15 July. No searches were suspended. The search for 250 soldiers continues.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

On 15 July communications were tested with the 4th Kolašin lpbr, and were marked as satisfactory. Communications with the 42nd Aleksinac mabr /Mixed Artillery Brigade/ and the 31st Kraljevo bVOJIN /Air Surveillance, Warning and Guidance Battalion/ were marked as good.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The units and commands focussed on maintaining the ordered level of b/g /combat readiness/, carrying out combat training and securing the state border and military features.

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