

Kiowa: Operation Silent Thunder

Mission 05: Wild Hunt

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Situation

You've arrived at UN FARP 4-31 code-named UNIFORM, nestled on a Southern Lebanese hillside. The FARP itself is a small, functional setup, blending into the arid landscape with minimal infrastructure visible to the naked eye. The isolation of the hillside location offers a vantage point, providing a clear view of the surrounding valleys and villages where operations are conducted.

Emotions are running high and while you have Secretary General Annan's permission to use the FARP, the rank-and-file operating and maintaining this facility don't hide their disdain for your presence. Be extra diligent in your preflight inspections and ensure your Helo's are in top flying condition. While you haven't seen any evidence of sabotage, you cannot assume the UN staff isn't capable. The sooner you complete this operation and get out of the country, the better.

Upon arrival, Condor began working their interpreter ("terp") network for intelligence on the whereabouts of Elsayed. Overnight, the Terp Network identified three possible locations for Elsayed. While he's maintained a low profile, he's been sloppy in doing so. First off, he continues to drive the same Luv Tigr you identified back in Beirut. We can use this to our advantage given the locals don't tend to drive this type of vehicle. Secondly, he's been communicating over unsecured channels allowing the terps to intercept these transmissions and generate a set of targets based on where he's been or discussed over the past few days. Today's mission takes you to 3 distinct target locations where confidence is high you'll find Elsayed. Each of these target locations is a target point in your nav system. Once you get into proper observation position, use your MMS in Prepoint mode to recon the target point looking for the Luv Tigr. Radio back your findings and await further instructions. With any luck you'll locate Elsayed and you can follow him back to his safe house at a safe distance. Once the location of the safehouse is known, we can arrange for a little visit from our Special Forces team.

Blue Task

Your objective is clear today, locate Elsayed and track his movement back to whatever he's using as a base of operations. Intelligence suggests that he's located in one of three locations situated to the Northwest of the UN FARP 4-31. This operation demands stealth and precision; every movement must be calculated to avoid detection. The villages are small, with narrow, winding roads that provide plenty of cover for Elsayed, making the search even more challenging. You need to recon each of the three locations and provide intel back to HQ on what you are observing.

Once the Lieutenant is located, your orders are to shadow him discreetly. The key to success lies in maintaining visual contact without revealing your presence. The MMS is critical for success in this operation.

MISSION: Find Elsayed and track him to his safehouse.

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Mission Elements

- [-01-] Cold start from UNIFORM
- [-02-] Follow waypoints to WP04 and observe TGT 1 (Radio what you see)
- [-03-] Follow waypoints to WP06 and observe TGT 2 (Radio what you see)
- [-04-] Follow waypoints to WP07 and observe TGT 3 (Radio what you see)
- [-05-] Land at UNIFORM (WP08)

Red Assets

Our arrival up here wasn't as covert as we hoped. Al-Zalam, doesn't just lose scouts to desertion. Couple their loss of scouts along with our noisy arrival and we have to expect Al-Zalam suspects some enemy activity in the region. Let's hope they don't have the full picture of what we have going on up here. Regardless, don't expect resistance to be non-existent. Any village/town in the region should be considered hostile with potential to house insurgents or even scouting units in and about their jurisdiction. As you travel between waypoints, be aware of your surroundings and avoid over-flying populated areas. Scouting groups often deploy technical vehicles armed with retrofitted Kord 12.7mm heavy machine guns which given the Kord's effective range and armor-piercing capability make it a formidable opponent for low-flying helicopters. Avoid the towns, stay low, and utilize the terrain to your advantage and you should be ok.

Lastly, Damascus is a major population zone located Northeast of our location. Their residents are known for overt support of Al-Zalam and open to housing SAM batteries in and around their homes and infrastructure. We know of at least one SA-2 site North of Damascus but expect there are other sites about the region. The closer you get to Damascus, the more likely you'll encounter SAM activity to include mobile launchers like SA-8/SA-9/SA-15.

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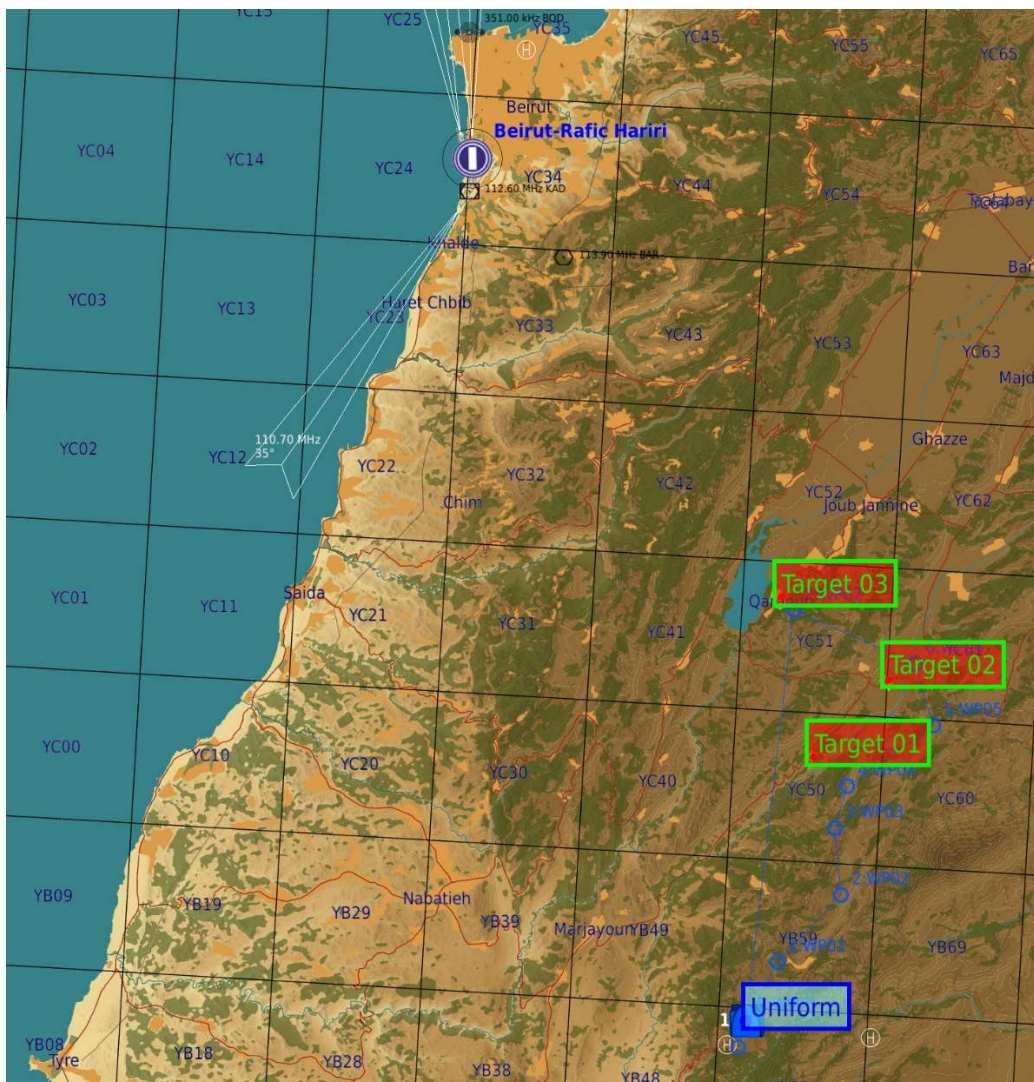
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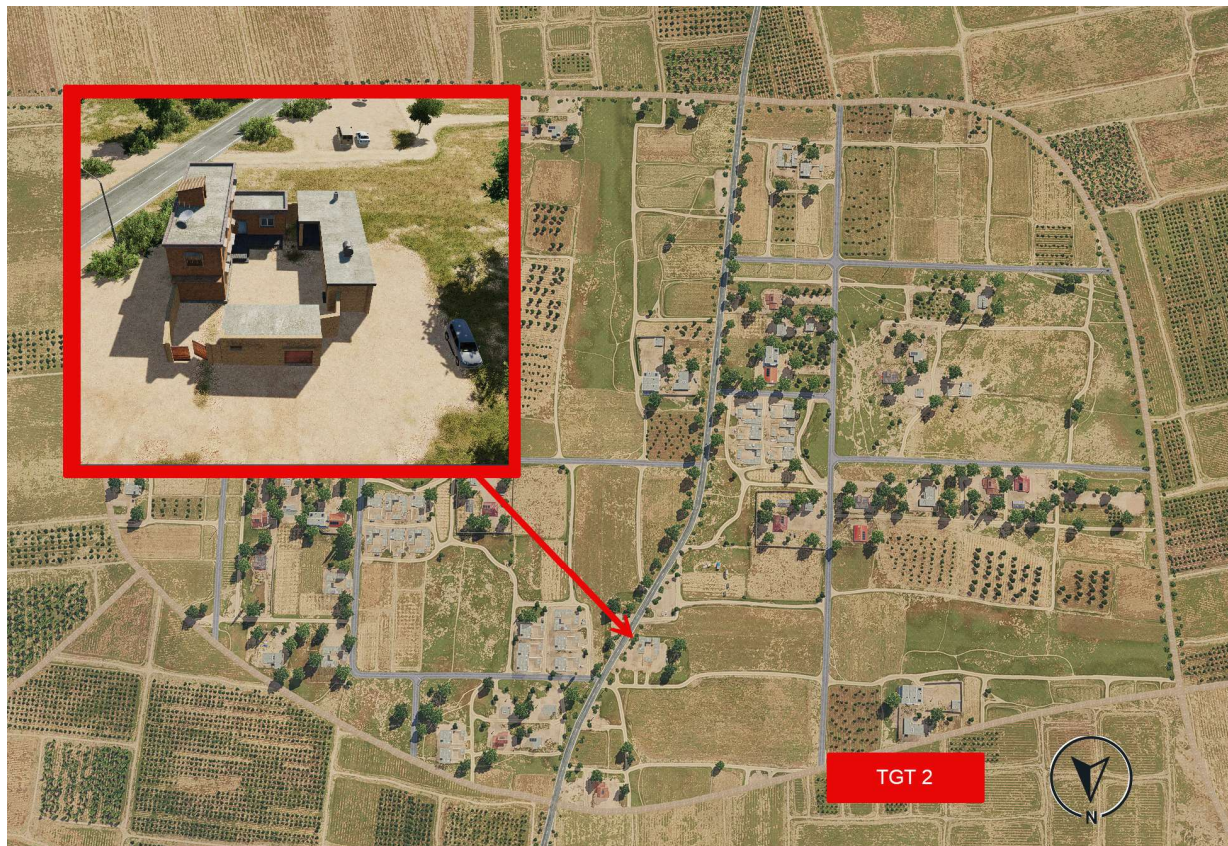
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