



Department of Defense

OPERATION EBONY STORM

CTF-143 Sabre – Target Package 01

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OPERATION EBONY STORM**Time Zone Used :** LOCAL TIME**From :** COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS CENTER**To :** PATROL LEADERS**Annexes :** ATO // AO // TGA**Risk level :** LOW**A1 : Situation**

In the southern Sahel region of the state of N'Darassa, the Popular Justice Front (PJF)—a rebel coalition backed by Russian PMC Redut—has initiated a coordinated offensive toward the eastern city of Djalbana, a critical urban center and logistics hub near the border. Intelligence indicates multiple armed convoys, including technicals, BMPs, and logistical vehicles, are advancing across open desert terrain from the south.

A2 : Weather**METAR:** Z19O 250650Z 18004KT 9999 FEW025 SCT027 20/12 A2992**SUNRISE:** 0556 LT**A3 : Enemy forces****A31 : Popular Justice Front (PJF)**

The PJF is an armed insurgent movement operating in eastern N'Darassa. Composed of former army defectors and tribal militias, the group has rapidly expanded its combat capability through arms trafficking and external support. It fields a mix of light and mechanized assets, including technicals (DShK, ZU-23-2), BMP-1 IFVs, and repurposed logistics vehicles.

A32 : Redut (Russian Private Military Company)

Redut is operating alongside the PJF as a force multiplier, providing advanced air defense, electronic warfare, and tactical command support. Redut contractors are confirmed to be escorting high-value convoys with SA-9 (Strela 1) mobile SAM systems. Redut's involvement significantly increases the threat level, particularly to air operations within the AO.

B1 : Mission

Conduct coordinated precision air strikes to disrupt the PJF's offensive operations by eliminating their C2 capabilities and destroying advancing rebel convoys en route to Djalbana :

B11 : Command Node Elimination

Engage and destroy the fortified villa compound south of Bakoumba housing the enemy's forward C2 node and P-19 radar system operated by Redut.

B12 : Mobile Convoy Interdiction

Locate and eliminate rebel convoys advancing across the desert toward Djalbana from the south axes. Prioritize columns escorted by SA-9 assets and logistics vehicles.

C1 : Execution**C11 : Weapons**

Loadout is free based on package role and patrol leader's discretion. No GPS spoofing or jamming is anticipated within the AO. **Use of submunition-based weapons is strictly prohibited** due to risk of collateral damage and post-strike contamination.

C12 : Intelligence

- The exact number of enemy convoys currently advancing toward Djalbana remains unknown. However, based on ISR reports and recent SIGINT intercepts, the total estimated vehicle count across all elements is approximately **50 units**, including technicals, troop carriers, logistics trucks, and at least one mobile SAM platform. Enemy forces appear to be operating in dispersed columns to avoid detection.
- Recent ISR and SIGINT indicate the PJF has established a forward command node within a walled villa compound. This site hosts a functioning P-19 early warning radar operated by Redut contractors and is assessed as the primary C2 facility coordinating the current offensive. Intermittent encrypted comms traffic confirms active coordination with multiple maneuvering ground elements.
- Time-sensitive intelligence suggests the PJF's objective is to reach Djalbana within the next 4–6 hours. Failure to interdict these

convoys before they reach the urban perimeter will significantly degrade friendly force options and increase the risk of prolonged urban engagement.

C13 : Anti-aircraft defense

- Primary threat consists of **SA-9 (Gaskin)** IR-guided SAM platforms, operated by Redut contractors and integrated into convoy escort elements.
- Additional low-altitude threats include **ZU-23-2** guns mounted on technicals and defensive positions around key infrastructure. **MANPADS teams** are expected to operate dismounted and may be embedded within convoy security or deployed near the villa-based C2 node.

C14 : Strike Phasing

N/A.

C15 : ROE

- **Positive Identification (PID)** is mandatory for all engagements.
- No strikes are authorized within 2 NM of urban areas.
- Jettison of weapons or external fuel tanks over inhabited areas is strictly prohibited.

C16 : Interception

N/A.

C17 : Civilian traffic

Civilian presence within the AO is limited but not negligible. Small population centers exist along the Bakoumba–Djalbana corridor, with intermittent local vehicle movement on secondary roads.

C18 : Support

TEXACO : TANKER 245.000 / FL20 PROBE

WIZARD : AIC 251.000

C19 : Remarks

- OSINT sources report the possible presence of two Mi-24 Hind attack helicopters near the AO. No visual or radar confirmation has been obtained at this time. Crews should remain alert to rotary-wing threats during ingress and egress.
- This is a joint operation conducted by U.S. and French forces under Combined Task Force 143 Sabre. French Mirage 2000C aircraft are integrated into the strike package and will operate alongside U.S. assets to neutralize enemy forces and degrade command capabilities in eastern N'Darassa.

C20 : Compliance

This operation is conducted under the authority of a bilateral security cooperation agreement between the Republic of N'Darassa and coalition forces. The intervention is authorized under Article 51 of the UN Charter in support of collective self-defense against non-state armed groups threatening regional stability.

C21 : Domestics

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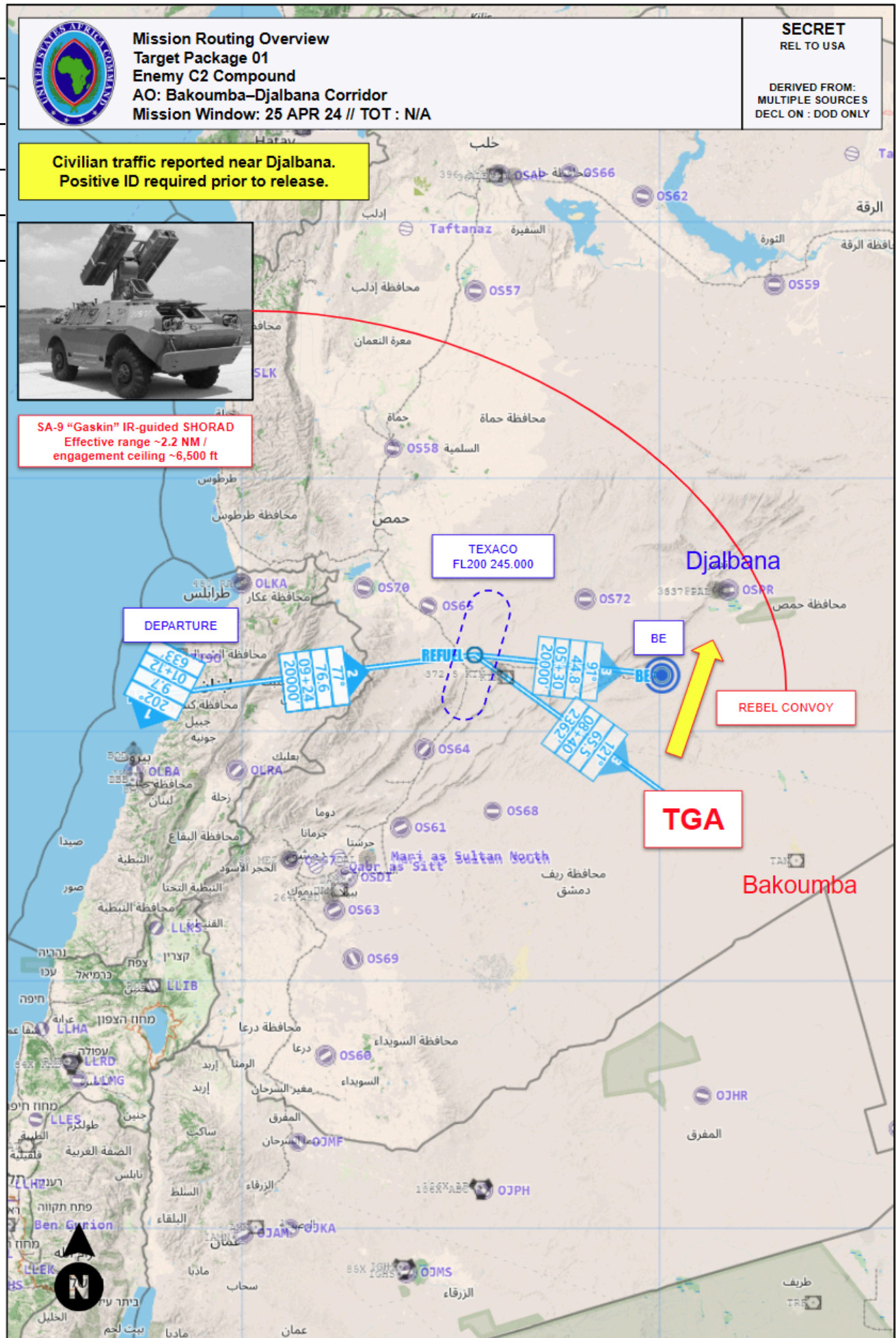
C22 : Operational Security

- **IFF Activation:** Transponders must remain off.
- **Open communications** in transit; radio discipline **only near the target area**.
- All tankers operate TACAN-silent.

C23 : What if ?

To be discussed at the oral briefing. Anticipation of situations with measures to be taken.

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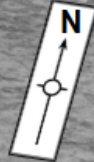
Target Graphic Alpha
 Enemy C2 Compound
 IVO : Bakoumba, Eastern N'Darassa
 MGRS : 37 S DT 23631 24473 / Alt 2362ft
 23 Apr 24 1046Z



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Primary targets are the P-19 radar installation and the main building assessed to serve as the enemy's forward command node.



Technical
 Vehicle-mounted
 with probable AAA

Water pump

Comm vehicle
 Truck with possible
 SATCOM

Main building
 Likely acting as the
 C2 node

Generators
 providing power to the
 radar and command
 infrastructure

P19 EW Radar
 Soviet-era 2D
 radar under net

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