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(U) OPERATIONS ORDER 075-2015-09 (Mission 08 – Dam Rush):

(S) F-15E Sortie of Area of Responsibility (AOR) – On-Call CAS Support for Recapture of Dzhvari Dam

(S) Task Organization: JSOC / Operational Commander, Hawg Flight Lead, Hawg Flight Wingman.

I. Situation

(S) Hawg Flight (4 x F-15E Flight) is tasked with providing On-Call CAS for support of friendly ground forces in the recapture of the Dzhvari Dam. Hawg Flight will be available for CAS operations as requested in the AOR.

A. Enemy Forces

(U) 1. Weather conditions in the AOR are variable with high temperature in the low 70's. Partly cloudy conditions are most likely. Moonlight illumination is 1/8 strength within the next 24-48 hours.

(U) 2. Terrain: The region consists of heavily forested areas, man-made and natural obstacles, urban areas, and variable elevation.

(U) 3. Identification of enemy forces: Al-Doran and Rebel forces will range from semi-skilled militia fighters in mixed military gear, to highly skilled infantry and anti-tank personnel with full body armor and light to heavy weapons. Armored assets and motorized infantry units have been spotted in the region. Fixed wing Air Support for the enemy is not likely. However, rotary assets are possible.

(S) 4. Location(s): Intelligence for the Dzhvari Dam area consists of multiple locations of enemy units. Target Area Codename: DELTA is a stronghold of enemy forces occupying the Dzhvari Dam area. Grid locations; KN 57158 38884, KN 57441 38812, KN 57423 38554 consist of AAA static emplacements, mobile Surface-to-Air Missile teams, heavy enemy armor, light enemy armor, transport vehicles, and enemy insurgents. Target Area Codename: VICTOR is a small village NW of the Dzhvari Dam. Grid locations; KN 59097 41444 consists of enemy command elements, AAA static emplacements, mobile AAA armor, mobile Surface-to-Air Missile teams, heavy enemy armor, light enemy armor, transport vehicles, and enemy insurgents.

(S) 5. Activity: Enemy activity in the region is on-going and imminent. A large enemy force has overtaken Dzhvari Dam and the surrounding area. Wolfpack-4, MARSOC Reconnaissance forces have setup a Listening / Observation Post (LPOP) at grid location; KN 55075 37716 SW of DELTA. Dagger 2-2, US Army Green Beret "A" Team members and Warrior 3-1, Georgian Special Forces Brigade members are positions in the city Dzhvari, grid location KN 57520 34344.

(S) 6. Strength: Target Area Codename: DELTA is a stronghold of enemy forces occupying the Dzhvari Dam area. Grid locations; KN 57158 38884, KN 57441 38812, KN 57423 38554 consist of AAA static emplacements, mobile Surface-to-Air Missile teams, heavy enemy armor, light enemy armor, transport vehicles, and enemy insurgents. Target Area Codename: VICTOR is a small village NW of the Dzhvari Dam. Grid locations; KN 59097 41444 consists of enemy command elements, AAA static emplacements, mobile AAA armor, mobile Surface-to-Air Missile teams, heavy enemy armor, light enemy armor, transport vehicles, and enemy insurgents. Morale of the enemy forces is very high. Enemy equipment

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ranges from anti-air weapons, small arms, crew-served weapons, heavy machine guns, anti-tank weapons, and light armor. The enemy force is believed to have the capability to reinforce key terrain within 1-2 hours with platoon to company size units.

(U) 7. Probable course(s) of action when the enemy is contacted: Hold-and-Defend their established positions in the Target AO's. Rules of Engagement are Weapons Free on confirmed enemy forces. Contact Command for authorization for force on non-positive identified forces in the region.

B. Friendly Forces

(S) 1. Mission and concept of next higher unit:

(S) Wolfpack-4 (MARSOC Reconnaissance forces, SF Unit): (Callsign: Wolfpack-4)
1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 1 x Recon Operator, 2 x Snipers (1 x Recon HMMMV)

(S) Dagger 2-2 (US Army Green Beret "A" Team, SF Unit): (Callsign: Dagger 2-2)
1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 18 x Operators, 4 x Grenadier, 2 x Medic, 4 x Support Gunner, 6 x Demo Experts (Units will use 2 x BMP and 4 x Cobra IFV vehicles for transport)

(S) Warrior 3-1 (Georgia, Georgian Special Forces Brigade, SF Unit): (Callsign: Warrior 3-1)
1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 18 x Operators, 4 x Grenadier, 2 x Medic, 4 x Support Gunner, 4 x Sniper / Recon (Units will use 2 x BMP and 4 x Cobra IFV vehicles for transport)

(S) Hawg Flight (Close Air Support): (Callsign: Hawg 1-1)
4 x F-15E pilots (Hawg Flight) (Flight Lead): (Hawg 1-1)

(S) Uzi 1-1 (US, UAV Reconnaissance, Predator): (Callsign: Uzi 1-1)
1 x UAV Operator

(S) 2. Location and planned actions of units; Dagger 2-2 is tasked with the capture of Dzhvari Dam area, Target AO: DETLA. Warrior 3-1 is tasked with the capture of a village NW of the Dzhvari Dam area, Target AO: VICTOR. Wolfpack-4 is tasked with providing situational awareness of the battlespace and coordinating CAS in the AO. Uzi 1-1 is tasked with providing situational awareness of the battlespace for friendly forces in the AO. Units providing fire support as directed: Hawg Flight (CAS)

C. Attachments/Detachments

(U) Attachment: None

II. Mission

(S)(1) Eliminate Enemy Air Defenses / Enemy Armor / Enemy Insurgents at the Dzhvari Dam Target AO's (DELTA & VICTOR).

(S)(2) Provide CAS for friendly forces in the Target AO's.

(S)(3) Complete tasks as directed by the Operational Commander in the region (Whiplash-1).

III. Execution

Intent

(U) The immediate recapture of the Dzhvari Dam AO.

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A. Concept of the Operation:

(S) The operation will be conducted during the late afternoon. Wolfpack-4 has been positioned at their designated LPOP for 3 days conducting reconnaissance on the Target AO's. Dagger 2-2 and Warrior 3-1 are positioned in the city of Dzhvari awaiting their assault on their designated Target AO's. Hawg Flight will depart Kutaisi AB and make contact with Wolfpack-4 at WP2/WP3 and call On-Station. Hawg Flight will prosecute enemy targets at the DETLA and VICTOR target AO's once cleared by Wolfpack-4.

(S) Once all major enemy anti-air, armor, and ground forces are neutralized at the Target AO's, Warrior 3-1 will be cleared into the Target AO: VICTOR to conduct sweep and clear operations. Dagger 2-2 will move to their Target AO: Delta and conduct sweep and clear operations, and neutralize any explosives threatening the Dzhvari Dam.

(S) Wolfpack-4, Dagger 2-2, and Warrior 3-1 will secure the target AO's and EXFIL once follow-on forces arrive.

B. Tasks to Maneuver Units

(S) CSAR assets are on alert and positioned at FOB Suse. Multiple Conventional and Non-Conventional Coalition Forces are operating in the region. Utilize emergency radio if ejected and on the ground. Follow SERE SOP for the AOR. Whiplash-1 will task assets for search and rescue or support for DURESS calls from friendly forces in the AO. Always announce when crossing into another team's AOR or Sector to avoid friendly fire.

C. Tasks to Combat Support Units

(S) CAS Flights will provide CAS as directed by ground force commanders.

D. Coordinating Instructions

(S) Team leaders will coordinate what movement speed, type of formation, and rules of engagement for their respective members. Whiplash-1 may dictate diversion in plans depending on the battlefield situation.

IV. Service Support

(S) Kutaisi Air Base is the main service and support airport for fixed wing assets in the AOR. Senaki Air Base is the designated alternate airfield in the AOR. Whiplash-1 will task CSAR assets from FOB Suse with CASEVAC transport if required.

A. General

(S) RV FOB Suse with CASEVAC patients.

B. Material and Services

(S) Contact Hotel (CP) for resupply needs.

C. Medical Evacuation:

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D. Personnel:

(S) EPW's will be transported to FOB SUSE and held at the TIF Cropper.

E. Miscellaneous:

(S) Special equipment. Biometrics scanner.

V. Command & Signal

A. Command

(S) Hotel (CP) (Whiplash-1) has overall command of the region. Wolkpack-4 has overall command for coordinating CAS at the Target AO's. Dagger 2-2 has overall command of ground forces in the Target AO's. Hawg Flight Leader has overall command of Hawg Flight personnel for this sortie.

B. Signal

(S) Main Communications will be portable and long range encrypted radio signals. Ground teams must meet with the COMSEC NCOIC to ensure CCI keys are current before mission start. (Will be present at airstrip on FOB SUSE)

Frequency: 251.000 UHF (Interflight and Command Communications)

Frequency: 135.000 VHF AM (Air-to-Air, Fire Direction Center)

Frequency: 33.000 VHF FM (Ground Operations)

(S) Loss of communications:

(S) Ground forces: Deploy WHITE smoke if in need of immediate help, with no communications. Closest friendly unit will backup team in duress. Inter-personal communications devices and manual hand and arm signals should be used by team for movements. Fixed wing assets: Return to Kutaisi Air Base. Fly upwind of airfield and flare six times to alert ground forces you are without radio communications. Tower will utilize light gun and give further instructions for landing. Pilot must be with 1.5 km's of airfield for proper utilization of manual / alternate communication methods.

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