

Kiowa: Operation Silent Thunder



Mission 06: Darkness Falls

Date/Time: 10 AUG 2006 2200UTC (0200LT)

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Situation

Tonight's the night. Your recent reconnaissance mission yielded the coordinates of Elsayed's Damascus safe house. We're sending in Condor to extract him for U.S. custody. A secure interrogation cell awaits his arrival aboard the Tarawa. Our intelligence and special operations teams are prepared to use every known method to obtain information about the Shadow.

While we expected your reconnaissance of the safe house to be covert, Damascus's SAM radar activity and radio chatter spiked significantly as you departed. Given the urgency of this operation, we've requested Israeli assistance for SEAD/DEAD tonight. Their air force is eager to provide F-16 support and will initiate our evening activities. They'll target Damascus's SAM threats, allowing you to escort Rascal and Condor back to the safe house for Elsayed's extraction. Their operation is known as Operation Kraken's Wrath and will commence independently to yours. They will let you know when they've eliminated the SAM threat.

Blue Task

Your flight departs UNIFORM at 0200 local time, which is an unfortunate choice for a covert night operation this month. A full moon will be high in the sky, forcing us to operate beneath it. To minimize risks, we've chosen a time when Elsayed and his associates are most likely asleep. As you depart UNIFORM, you'll pick up the Special Forces team aboard the Blackhawk and escort them to a pre-designated staging area. As you approach, the Israelis will begin their DEAD runs, targeting long-range SAM search and tracking radars. Once these threats are neutralized, you'll need to approach the safe house cautiously, looking for mobile SAM units that the Israeli jets might have missed. Based on your previous sensor data, there are two mobile SAMs parked outside the safe house: an SA-9 Gaskin near the house and an SA-8 Gecko slightly west. These are designated 1T and 2T on your data cartridge. Be especially aware of sectors ALPHA, BRAVO, and CHARLIE, as we believe they house additional Al-Zalam defense units and may deploy more mobile SAM threats.

You must eliminate the mobile SAMs outside the safe house to allow Rascal to ingress and drop in Condor. Once Condor exits, Rascal will hover at a safe distance from the LZ. Keep the LZ clear of insurgents and scout vehicles so Rascal can return to exfiltrate Condor and Elsayed back to the Tarawa.

A Reaper will be overhead during the operation to provide additional spotting if needed.

MISSION: Escort Special Forces into the Safe House to extract Elsayed back to the Tarawa for "questioning".

Mission Elements

[-01-] Cold start from UNIFORM

[-02-] Rendezvous with Rascal at WP01

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[-03-] Follow waypoints to WP06 where Rascal will Hover and wait for your all clear

[-04-] Assault mobile SAMs at 1T and 2T to clear a path for Rascal. Radio "all clear" to clear Rascal into Safe House

[-05-] Cover LZ while Condor enters building and extracts Elsayed

[-06-] Return to UNIFORM following WP7-WP9

[-07-] Land at UNIFORM (WP10)

Red Assets

We know Al_Zalam has parked 2 mobile SAMs outside of the Safe House. Besides these units and the SAM batteries that the Israeli's are tasked with eliminating, we expect scout activity using technical with Kord machine guns. As we've seen in the past, they like traveling in groups of two. Expect to see these scouts in an about most populated villages and towns in the Damascus area.

We are especially concerned about sectors ALPHA, BRAVO and CHARLIE as they are known hot spots for insurgent, scout and mobile SAM activity. While there's a Reaper in the vicinity, we can't guarantee it'll locate all enemy units that may or may not be in the region. Be alert, we need that target back on the Tarawa tonight.

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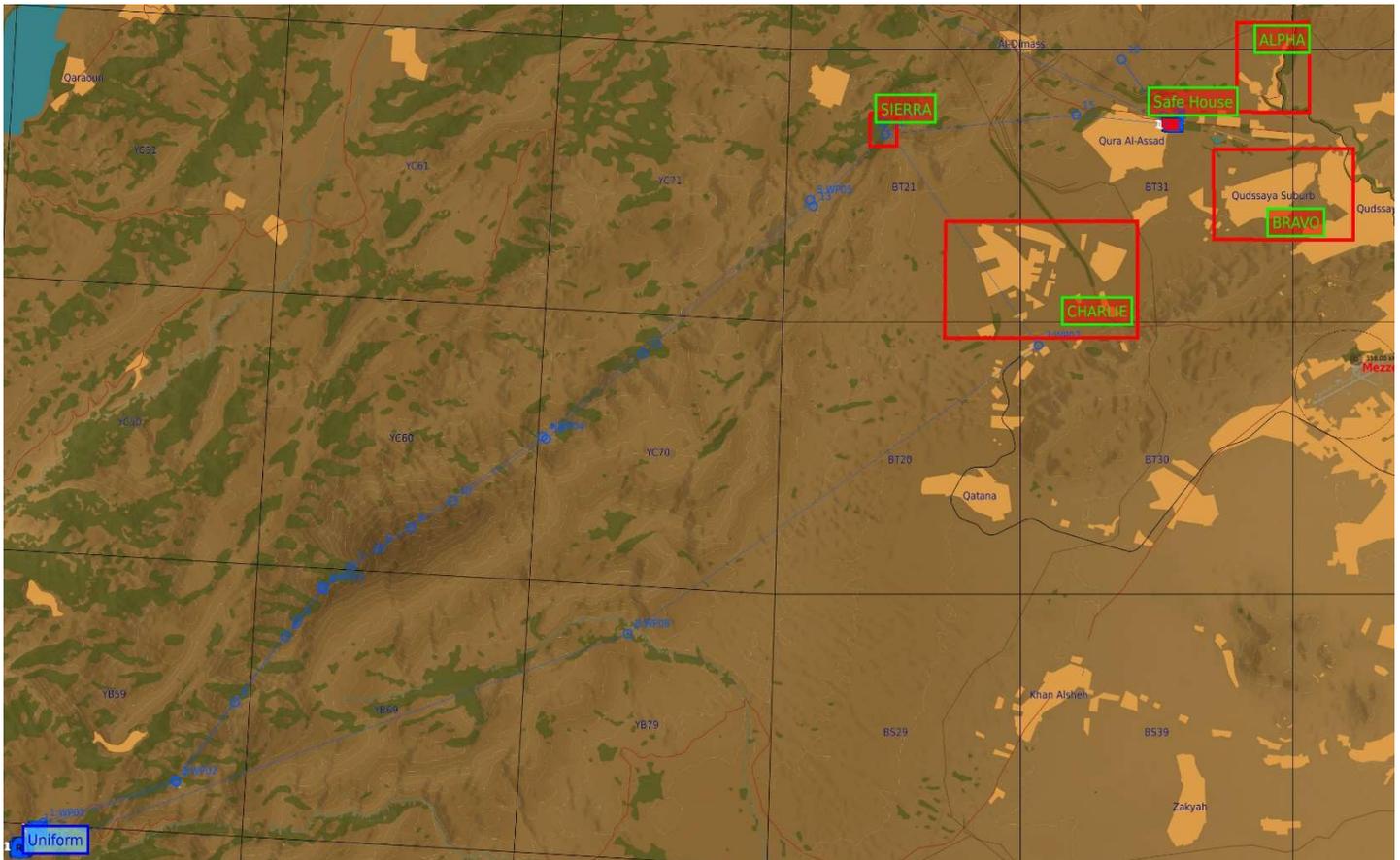


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