

INFORMATION OPERATIONS BATTLE DRILLS

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Information operations battle drills are designed to serve as the basis for planning during activation of the crisis action team. The drills are only a planning aid. The information contained in the drills must not be taken as a final and complete plan. The battle drills contain only generic tasks and purposes that must be refined to develop an IO concept that best addresses the situation at hand.

Battle Drills

Employment of QRF			
IO Concept: IO supports deployment of the QRF by displaying KFOR capabilities & resolve and supports MNBE) operations to return the sector to a stable, peaceful environment.			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
TFF Cmd Group	N / A	N / A	N / A
PSYOP	Develop and broadcast messages on radio stations	Highlight KFOR capabilities and resolve to maintain a safe and secure environment	Local leaders Local populace
		Ensure populace do not interfere in QRF operations	Local populace
CA	N / A	N / A	N / A
PA	Issue press release upon completion of operation	Focus media attention on the capabilities of the QRF	Local populace Local media
Maneuver	Engage local populace in area where QRF deploys	Ensure populace do not interfere in QRF operations	Local populace
IO Endstate: BCT's capabilities and readiness are demonstrated. BCT returns to steady state operations within the sector.			

Insurgent-Related Violence			
IO Concept: IO limits populace support for insurgent forces.			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
TFF Cmd Group	Engage key regional and local leaders	Reduce support for insurgency forces	Political leaders Civil leaders Hard-liners / extremists
PSYOP	Disseminate PSYOP print products to villages in and around insurgent area	Reduce populace support for insurgent forces and activities	Local populace
CA	Assess local leader and populace attitudes	Gauge public opinion / response to insurgency activity	Civil leaders Local populace
PA	BPT issue press releases	Disseminate factual information to counter-misinformation and propaganda	Political leaders Civil leaders Local populace
	BPT conduct press conference	Inform populace that KFOR does not support any insurgent groups or activities	Local populace
Maneuver	Engage key regional and local leaders	Reduce support for insurgency forces	Political leaders Civil leaders Hard-liners / extremists
	Disseminate PSYOP print products	Influence attitudes towards insurgency activities	Local populace
IO Endstate: Popular support for insurgent activities and violence are neutralized.			

Violent Act (Murder, Bombing, etc) Battle Drill			
Concept: In response to a violent act in the AOR, MNB (E) disseminates factual information about the incident and disseminates anti-crime messages to influence local leaders and populace to renounce violent crime and its perpetrators, and to assist UNMIK-P and KFOR with the post-incident investigation.			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
PSYOP	Prepare and broadcast radio messages	Inform populace of factual information concerning the incident, disseminate messages condemning the violence, and request the populace's assistance in solving the crime.	Local leaders Local populace
	Prepare leaflets	Disseminate messages condemning the violence and requesting the populace's assistance in solving the crime.	Local populace
Civil Affairs	Engage local leaders	Influence to publicly renounce the violent act.	Political leaders Civil leaders
Public Affairs	Issue press release	Inform populace of factual information concerning the incident and disseminate messages condemning the violent act.	Local populace
Maneuver	Engage local leaders	Influence local leaders to speak out against the violent act.	Political leaders Civil leaders
	Conduct face-to-face operations	Disseminate messages condemning the violence and requesting the populace's assistance in solving the crime.	Local leaders Local populace
	Disseminate PSYOP leaflets	Disseminate messages condemning the violence and requesting the populace's assistance in solving the crime.	Local populace
	Increase troop presence	Demonstrate KFOR's resolve to prevent and solve the crime.	Local leaders Local populace
Endstate: Reduce local populace acceptance of violent crime and tolerance for those who perpetrate the crimes. Increase populace assistance to UNMIK-P and KFOR.			

MSR Blockage			
IO Concept: Influence local leaders and populace not to clear the MSR and not interfere with KFOR operations.			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
TFF Cmd Group	N / A	N / A	N / A
PSYOP	Provide one TPT direct support to maneuver forces	Facilitate crowd control	Demonstrators / protestors
	Engage demonstrators	Influence demonstrators to clear the route and comply with the rule of law	Demonstrators / protectors
	Conduct face-to-face ops with local populace	Reduce civilian support for the demonstration	Local populace
CA	Engage demonstration leaders	Mediate a resolution to the problem	Demonstration leaders
	Assess local leader and populace attitudes after demonstrations end	Gauge public attitudes toward UNMIK and KFOR	Civil leaders Local populace
PA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maneuver	Engage demonstration leaders	Mediate a resolution to the problem	Demonstration leaders
	Engage demonstrators	Enhance freedom of movement / crowd control	Local populace
	Conduct face-to-face ops with local populace	Reduce civilian support for the demonstration	Local populace
IO Endstate: The MSR is cleared, BCT operates without hindrance in sector.			

Violent Demonstration			
IO Concept: MNB (E) influences local leaders and populace to discontinue their violent protests / demonstrations, setting the conditions for a return to safe and secure environment.			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
TFF Cmd Group	N / A	N / A	N / A
PSYOP	Provide one TPT direct support to maneuver forces	Facilitate crowd control	Demonstrators / protestors
	Broadcast radio messages	Warn of possible sanctions to be imposed against the populace	Local leaders Local populace
CA	Engage local leaders	Elicit and maintain support in dissuading violence and identifying instigators and dissuading violent activity	Political leaders Civil leaders
		Inform of possible sanctions against opstina	Political leaders Civil leaders
	Engage demonstration leaders	Mediate a resolution to the problem	Demonstration leaders
	Engage local UNMIK municipal administrator	Gain support for possible sanctions against populace	Local leaders Local populace
	Assess local leader and populace attitudes after demonstrations end	Gauge public attitudes toward UNMIK and KFOR	Civil leaders Local populace
PA	BPT issue press releases	Disseminate factual information to counter-misinformation and propaganda	Political leaders Civil leaders Local populace
Maneuver	Engage demonstration leaders	Mediate a resolution to the problem	Demonstration leaders
	Disseminate PSYOP print products and conduct face-to-face operations	Influence populace to cease violent activity	Local populace
IO Endstate: The local populace does not engage in violent activities that interfere with or degrade BCT efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment.			

Cordon and Search			
IO Concept: IO deters interference and limits adverse reaction by local populace to cordon and search operations. BPT exploit illegal arms / contraband seizure. O/O exploit BCT assistance provided to the local populace.			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
TFF Cmd Group	N/A	N/A	N/A
PSYOP	Provide one TPT direct support to maneuver forces	Facilitate crowd control	Demonstrators / protestors
	Conduct face-to-face operations with local populace in and around the c/s operation	Reduce civilian interference	Local populace
	Prepare and disseminate leaflets to populace in and around the c/s operation	Inform populace of activities associated with the c/s operation	Local populace
		Exploit success of the operation and gain future assistance from the populace	Local populace
	Develop and broadcast messages on radio stations	Provide factual information about the operation	Local populace
		Exploit success of the operation	Local populace
CA	Assess local leader and populace attitudes after conclusion of the operation	Gauge public opinion / response to entry of BCT troops & seizure of illegal material	Civil leaders Local populace
PA	BPT conduct press conference upon completion of operation	Generate positive and factual media coverage of operation and KFOR effort to maintain a safe and secure environment	Political leaders Civil leaders Local populace
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Maneuver	Disseminate PSYOP leaflets in and around c/s operation	Reduce civilian interference	Local populace
IO Endstate: Suspected cache site(s) cleared, weapons and illegal goods confiscated with minimal interference and documented with the public informed of progress towards a safe and secure environment. BCT IO postured to assist the local populace.			

IDP and Refugee Returns			
IO Concept: IO deters violence against returning IDP's / refugees and local populace interference with KFOR operations, while portraying a favorable and impartial image of MNB (E).			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
TFF Cmd Group	Engage key regional and local leaders	Gain support for the return of IDPs and refugees	Political leaders Civil leaders
PSYOP	Provide one TPT direct support to maneuver forces	Control IDP / refugee flow	Local populace IDPs / refugees
		Facilitate control of demonstrations against returning persons	Local populace IDP leaders IDPs / refugees
	Prepare and disseminate leaflets to populace in and around IDP / refugee areas and routes	Control IDP / refugee flow	IDPs / refugees
	Conduct face-to-face operations with local populace in and around IDP / refugee areas and routes	Gain populace support for the return of IDPs and refugees	Local populace
CA	Engage local leaders and populace	Identify and deter potential hostilities or demonstrations	Local leaders Local populace
		Reduce populace interference in KFOR operations	Local leaders Local populace
PA	BPT conduct press conference	Emphasize intent and capability of BCT to ensure safe return of IDPs and refugees	Political leaders Civil leaders Local populace
	Issue press release once operations begin	Publicize effective efforts in deterring and countering violent actions	Political leaders Civil leaders Local populace
Maneuver	Engage IDPs / refugees	Elicit and maintain cooperation of returning IDPs and refugees	IDP / refugee leaders IDPs / refugees
	Disseminate PSYOP print products and conduct face-to-face operations	Influence populace to not interfere with the return of IDPs and refugees	Local populace
IO Endstate: IDP and refugee return in sector is free of violent acts and uninterrupted by local populace. BCT maintains its credibility.			

Provocative Monuments / Nationalistic Symbols			
IO Concept: IO limits hard-liner influence and neutralizes populace support for provocative monuments / nationalistic symbols.			
Element	Task	Purpose	Target Audience
TFF Cmd Group	Engage key regional and local political and civil leaders	Gain leaders' assurances that inflammatory symbols will not be displayed	Political leaders Civil leaders Monument Council
PSYOP	Conduct face-to-face operations with populace	Reduce popular support for the display of inflammatory symbols	Local populace
	Prepare and disseminate leaflets to populace	Reduce popular support for the display of inflammatory symbols	Local populace
	Develop and broadcast messages on radio stations	Counter-misinformation and propaganda	Local populace
	Engage local UNMIK municipal administrator	Gain support for possible sanctions against populace	Local leaders Local populace
CA	Assess local leader and populace attitudes	Gauge public opinion/ response to BCT actions to prevent the display of inflammatory / nationalistic symbols	Local leaders Local Populace
	Engage local leaders and populace	Reduce support for the display of inflammatory / nationalistic symbols	Local leaders Local populace
	Engage key leaders of nearby other minority/ethnic group(s)	Encourage and warn other nearby groups stay uninvolved	Opposing ethnic group leaders
PA	Conduct press conference	Counter misinformation / propaganda	Local leaders Local populace
Maneuver	Engage local leaders	Reduce popular support for the display of inflammatory / nationalistic symbols	Political leaders Civil leaders Local populace
	Disseminate PSYOP print products and conduct face-to-face operations	Reduce popular support for the display of inflammatory / nationalistic symbols	Local populace
Other	JIC: Engage TMK leadership	Prevent TMK involvement or negative reaction	Local populace
IO Endstate: The display of inflammatory or nationalistic symbols is prevented and an adverse populace action is averted with no degradation to ongoing BCT peace keeping operations.			