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AMBUSH OF GOS CONVOY**

10KM AFTER KAURA VILLAGE

ON

20 DECEMBER 2004

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References:

- A. GoS Complaint dated 20 Dec 04.
- B. SEC 4/TH/18/OPS dated 05 Jan 05.

INTRODUCTION

1. GoS lodged a complaint to the effect that their Logistical Convoy had been on the way from Kabkabiya to El Fashir had been ambushed around 10km from Kaura village.
2. Team H was tasked to conduct the investigation.

ASSESSMENT

3. The team established that 14 SLA fighters ambushed the GoS convoy about 12.5km before the Umm Checkpoint on the 20 Dec 04. Consequently, 1 SLA fighter was killed, and another one, who was wounded, captured.

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4. On its way to El Fashir on the 04 Jan 05, the team saw SLA fighters in the same general area of the ambush, with a truck driver who informed the team that the SLA fighters had robbed him of 3000 SD.


CONCLUSION

5. SLA violated Art 2(2) of the N'djamena Agreement and Art 1(1) of the Abuja Security Protocol, by ambushing a GoS convoy 12.5km from the Umm Checkpoint on the 20 Dec 04.


RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that:
- a. SLA should educate its soldiers on the N'djamena Agreement and Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.
 - b. Parties should move their soldiers away from the main roads.
 - d. GoS should treat POWs in accordance with International Humanitarian Law.

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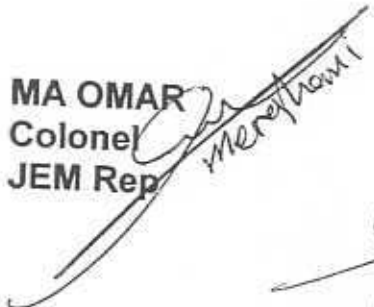
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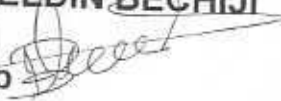
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1. Report on Ambush on GoS Convoy 20km After Kaura Village on 20 Dec 04.

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SECTOR 4 HQ

HQ Sector 4
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05 Jan 05

Investigation report
Ambush of GOS convoy
Location: 10Km after Kaura village

INTRODUCTION

1. A complain was lodged at sector 4HQ by the 7 Brigade commander through GOS representative at the sector on Monday 20th Dec 04 of an alleged ambush on a logistic convoy going to El Fashir from KABKABIYA around 10 km from Kaura village.
2. Team Hotel was tasked to investigate the complain of the alleged ambush in the area. The team departed Sec. HQ at 09:30hrs on Tuesday 21st Dec 04, first to Umm checkpoint (military camp) to talk to the commander in order to collect information about the incident. Umm military camp is 15 km beyond the ambush point. The team also went to investigate the captured SLA fighter in El Fshir on its second day of interview on Tuesday 04 Jan 05.

INVESTIGATION

1. The Team interviewed the following:
 - a. Lieutenant Mohamed Hessien (camp commander Umm camp).
 - b. Corporal Ali Hadine Mostafa (medical assistant).
 - c. Sergeant Abakar hammad fares.
 - d. Haroon Hessien Idris Abdallah (captured SLA fighter).
2. The team gathered that the convoy was ambushed 10Km after Kaura village and 15Km before Umm checkpoint by 14 SLA fighters.
3. During an exchange of fire, one Khaled Mohamed SLA fighter (later confirmed to be the leader of the group) was killed and another SLA fighter called Haroon Hessien Idris Abdallah was captured and taken to Umm checkpoint for First Aid treatment on three gun shot wounds sustained during the attack before being taken under custody in El Fashir.
4. Khaled's dead body was left unburied on the day of the ambush and GOS soldiers collected two weapons (AK47) after the incident belonging to the deceased and the captured.
5. At the ambush area the team saw a new grave believed to be where the remains of Khaled was buried perhaps some few hours before the arrival of investigation team on 21st Dec 04.
6. The team on its way to El Fashir on the 04 Jan 05 saw SLA fighters in the same general area of the ambush with a truck driver, who informed us that 3000 SD was taken from him by SLA fighters.

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ASSESSMENT


1. There is frequent movement of SLA fighters on the road between Kabkabiya and El Fashir.
2. The team observed that an ambush did occur in the area as empty cases were littered around and a fresh grave was found in the area.
3. Considering the movement of SLA fighters in the area is considered as a violation of the ceasefire agreement.
4. Money is frequently extorted from drivers and passengers on this road.

CONCLUSION

1. In conclusion, the team holds SLA responsible for the attack on the GOS logistic convoy on the said date. As information from both GOS and the captured SLA fighter indicates, the attack was a planned ambush by SLA.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The SLA authorities should be urged to respect and honor the ceasefire agreement.
2. The SLA authorities should be advised to keep their fighters off this high way and desist from harassing civilians and extorting money from them.
3. All parties to the conflict should be reminded to be mindful of the International rules governing the treatment of prisoners of war.


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MAJOR
TEAM LEADER

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PERSONAL CONTACT REPORT

1. Report number: TH/18/10

2. Who initiated the contact?

Team Hotel (reporter) – however, upon arrival of the team the contact came forward.

3. Means of contact: (personal meeting / technical)

Personal interview.

4. Date of the interview:

21st December 2004

4. Person(s) met with:

Lieutenant Mohamed Hessien(camp commander UMM camp) .

5. Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report – 1 to 5): 3

6. Summary of meeting:

- a. On Monday 20th Dec at 10:00hrs a logistic convoy was ambushed by about 17 SLA fighters whilst traveling from Kabkabiya to El Fashir.
- b. During the attack the GOS soldiers killed 2 SLA fighters and injured 1 who was later captured and taken to Umm checkpoint where he received First Aid treatment before taken to El Fashir by the same convoy
- c. According to him, the captured revealed that their camp is called Azaba sheltering 74 fighters, south of Korma village.

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Personal interview.
4. Date of the interview:
21st December 2004
5. Person(s) met with:
Corporal Ali Hadine Mostafa (medical assistant at Umm checkpoint).
6. Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report – 1 to 5): 3
7. Summary of meeting:
 - a. The captured SLA fighter was injured on his right arm, right thigh and his left fingers.
 - b. He gave him First Aid treatment before being evacuated to EI Fashir.

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3. **Means of contact: (personal meeting / technical)**
Personal interview.
4. **Date of the interview:**
21st December 2004
5. **Person(s) met with:**
Sergeant Abakar Hammad Faris (in charge of the ambushed convoy).
6. **Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report – 1 to 5):** 3
7. **Summary of meeting:**
 - a. His convoy was escorting three empty fuel tanks was attacked from the front 10Km after Koura village by SLA fighters.
 - b. His men returned fire during which they killed ISLA fighter called Khalid and captured one fighter belonging to GEM.
 - c. Two AK47 rifles belonging to the deceased and the captured.
 - d. The captured was given First Aid treatment at Umm checkpoint before taken to El Fashir.

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PERRSONAL CONTACT REPORT

1. Report number: TH/18/10
2. Who initiated the contact?
Team Hotel (reporter) – however, upon arrival of the team the contact came forward.
3. Means of contact: (personal meeting / technical)
Personal interview.
4. Date of the interview:
04th Jan 05
5. Person(s) met with:
Haroon Hessien Idris Abdallah (captured SLA fighter)
6. Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report – 1 to 5): 3
7. Summary of meeting:
 - a. He said that he belongs to SLA fighters, and he was the bodyguard to khaled (the deceased).
 - b. On Sunday 19th Dec 04 whilst moving from their Azaba camp to the Mora Mountains across the Kabkabiya – El Fashir high way their commander Khaled told them to spend the night at the ambush point where they deployed in a linear ambush form.
 - c. On 20th Dec 04 around 10:00hrs a convoy of 9 GOS vehicles approached from Kabkabiya, and the GOS soldiers started firing at them killing their commander, injuring him whilst their colleagues ran away.
 - d. He was captured by GOS soldiers, and 2 weapons was collected by GOS soldiers
 - e. He confirmed that he received First Aid treatment in Umm checkpoint before being taken to El Fashir where he was starved for 2 days without food and water to take a bath and subjected to beatings everyday except 3 days before the team went to see him on Tuesday 04th Jan05, he further stated that he was taken to the hospital once in El Fashir.



SLA COMMANDER MET IN KABKABIYA - UMM CHECK POINT ROAD



CAPTURED SLA FIGHTER