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GUIDE FOR COMMANDERS - LOOTING

INTRODUCTION

UNDER THE ROE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POWERS THAT COMDS MAY USE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF LOOTING. IT IS PERMITTED FOR UK FORCES TO PREVENT CRIME. HOWEVER, REASONABLE FORCE MUST BE USED TO ACHIEVE THIS. THE VARIOUS POWERS OPEN TO COMDS ARE SET OUT BELOW.

POWER TO STOP, SEARCH AND DETAIN

UNDER THE EXTANT ROE ALL SLDRS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP, SEARCH AND TEMPORARILY DETAIN THOSE INTERFERING WITH THE COALITION MSN. THESE POWERS CAN BE USED TO DEAL WITH BOTH PERSONS SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING A CRIMINAL OFFENCE (SUCH AS LOOTING) OR THOSE PERSONS WE CONSIDER TO BE A THREAT TO OUR SY. BOTH CASES CAN BE DEALT WITH USING "INTERFERING WITH OR THREATENING THE COALITION MSN".

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SHOULD BE ADOPTED WHEN AFFECTING A SEARCH:

- REASONABLE FORCE CAN BE USED.
- MALE PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT PHYSICALLY SEARCH FEMALES OR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS UNLESS AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH IS IMPERATIVE FOR REASONS OF SY AND THE SEARCH IS AUTHOURISED BY A FIELD OFFR.
- UNDER 14'S CAN ONLY BE SEARCHED IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR GUARDIAN.

PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY DETAINED SHOULD BE RELEASED A SOON AS POSSIBLE UNLESS THERE ARE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE COMMITTED A SPECIFIED OFFENCE OR IF THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A THREAT TO SY. SUCH PERSONS SHOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE RMP, WHO WILL DETERMINE

WHETHER SUCH A PERSON IS TO BE HELD AS A DETAINEE (CRIMINAL BASIS) OR AN INTERNEE (AS A PERCEIVED THREAT TO SY).

PUBLIC ORDER CONTROL

UNDER THE ROE, COMDS MAY ORDER THAT RIOT CONTROL MEANS ARE USED. THIS INCLUDES THE USE OF BATONS AND BATON ROUNDS AND THE WEARING OF RIOT CONTROL CLOTHING WHERE IT IS APPROPRIATE. IN THE INSTANCE OF PUBLIC DISORDER, SUCH AS WIDESPREAD LOOTING, COMDS AT ALL LEVELS SHOULD KEEP TIGHT CONTROL AND ENSURE THAT ONLY APPROPRIATE FORCE IS APPLIED.

USE OF WARNING SHOTS

THE ROE ALLOW FOR THE USE OF WARNING SHOTS TO BE FIRED IN THE VICINITY OF CIVS IN ORDER TO DETER LOOTERS. WNG SHOOTS SHOULD ONLY BE FIRED AS AN ESCALATORY MEASURE, WHEN OTHER METHODS HAVE FAILED, AND THE SITUATION IS SUCH THAT IN THE COMMANDERS ASSESSMENT LETHAL FORCE MAY BE REQUIRED.

SELF-DEFENCE

AT ALL TIMES, UK FORCES HAVE A RIGHT TO DEFEND THEMSELVES, MEMBERS OF THEIR UNIT OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COALITION FORCE. IF, DURING THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER, THE LIFE OF A UK SOLDIER IS BEING THREATENED THEN LETHAL FORCE MAY BE USED. OBVIOUSLY THIS RIGHT TO DEFEND ONESELF OR ANOTHER IS INVIOABLE AND CANNOT BE LIMITED BY THE ROE.

CONCLUSION

THIS IS A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE POWERS AVAILABLE TO COMDS WHEN COUNTERACTING THE PROBLEM OF LOOTING. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A SHORT GUIDE TO SLDRS IS TO BE PRODUCED SHORTLY TO GIVE THEM CLEAR GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT LEVEL OF FORCE CAN BE USED BY THEM.

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