/stamp:/ retain permanently

/handwritten:/ 455-145

148 /circled/

JOINT COMMAND FOR KiM /Kosovo and Metohija/ Strictly confidential number 455-145 15 April 1999 MILITARY SECRET
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
Copy no. _____

ORDER

to break up and destroy the ŠTS /*Šiptar*/Albanian/ terrorist forces/ in the Čičavica sector

Map: 1:50.000 Kosovska Mitrovica 2 and 4 and Priština 1 and 3

1. THE ENEMY:

In the past several days ŠTS concentration and combat activities have increased in the general Mt. Čičavica sector, in the villages of Dubovac, Krasalić, Menica, Žilivoda and Sibovac.

Sabotage and terrorist activities have intensified in the following sectors: village of Dubovac, Krasimirovac and Žilivoda.

The aim of the ŠTS action: dominate Mt. Čičavica and from there attack VJ /Yugoslav Army/ and MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ members/units in sabotage and terrorist raids. ŠTS are armed with automatic weapons, light machine-guns, anti-armour equipment (*Osa*, *Zolja*, *Armbrust*) and 60 mm and 82 mm mortar for support.

On the dominant heights of Mt. Čičavica and on shuttle routes on Mt. Čičavica, we can expect surprise attacks and hit-and-run action where mines are used and engineering equipment for setting up barrier systems.

In the deployment areas, they have built fortification structures for action and protection, and barrier systems /?by laying/ mines around the paths leading up to the plateau of Mt. Čičavica.

In public buildings, booby traps may be expected, especially in schools, shops and clubs.

As regards support weapons, in addition to their own 60 mm and 82 mm mortars /?and/ anti-armour equipment, support by NATO aviation may be expected with about 10 combat planes and the use of cluster bombs.

1

2. TASK OF THE PRIŠTINA CORPS:

The Priština Corps, with reinforcements and armed non-Šiptar /Albanian/ inhabitants in KiM, support the MUP forces in breaking up and destroying the ŠTS in the zone of responsibility.

Task: support the MUP forces in cutting off, breaking up and destroying the ŠTS in the general area of Mount Čičavica. At the same time, secure the state borders with the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia, prevent the infiltration of the ŠTS and the aggression of NATO forces against the FRY by closing off the routes leading from the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia into the territory of the FRY, protect /line illegible/ command and combat monitoring and control of the territory.

With a part of the troops prevent the ŠTS from spilling over and pulling out from the Lab area into the Kosovo Pomoravlje area. Engage the armed non-*Šiptar* population to secure military installations and communication routes and to protect and defend the non-*Šiptar* population.

Command Post in the sector of the PrK /Priština Corps/ Command buildings in Priština.

3. NEIGHBOURING UNITS:

- **3.1.** The NK /Niš Corps/ deploys troops in its original zone, secures the state borders with the Republic of Macedonia, prevents the infiltration of ŠTS and aggression against the FRY from the Republic of Macedonia. Breaks up and destroys the ŠTS in the Pčinja district in readiness for joint action with the Priština Corps.
- **3.2.** The 2/203rd mabr /mixed artillery brigade/ trains the AAG /army artillery group/-3. Task: support of PrK troops from the army artillery group Kuršumlijska Banja sector on request.

4. DECISION:

I have decided to support the forces of the MUP in carrying out an attack by deploying the main forces for blockade purposes, and auxiliary forces to secure communication routes and combat monitoring and control of the territory.

Aim: Protect people and SRT /military assets/ from air strikes and missile attacks, cutting off the ŠTS in the general Čičavica area, inflict losses on the ŠTS, support the forces of the MUP, and prevent the pulling out and spilling over of the ŠTS.

Provide further additional security and defence of the state borders, prevent the infiltration of the ŠTS and aggression of NATO forces by closing off the routes from the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania, ensure road viability and combat monitoring and control of the territory.

Battle to last 1-2 days.

Combat disposition:

- troops to break up and destroy the ŠGS /as printed/
- troops to surround and cut off
- defence troops
- troops to secure the state borders
- support troops
- troops for PVO /anti-aircraft defence/
- troops to secure communication routes and control the territory
- troops to secure combat action
- troops for command and communications

Readiness:

- for reinforced in-depth security of the state borders, the prevention of ŠTS infiltration and an aggression by NATO ground troops **immediately**;
- to break up and destroy the ŠTS in the Čičavica sector at 0600 hours, on 16 April 1999.

5. UNIT TASKS:

village of Poklek.

5.1. /line illegible/ village of Veliki Belaćevac – Krši Kules (trig point 742) – Čiča Glava (trig point 762)

Task: support the forces of the MUP in breaking up and destroying the ŠTS along the following axis: Čečen (trig point 728) – Koruzi (trig point 820) – village of Vasiljevo, break up and destroy the ŠTS on the eastern slopes of Mt. Čičavica and in the following sectors: village of Gornji Grabovac, village of Dobroševac, village of Vasiljevo, prevent the ŠTS from spilling over and pulling out from Čičavica into the Kosovo Polje and Lipovica sectors.

Ensure complete road viability and combat monitoring and control of the territory in the zone of responsibility.

Support I – KAG /corps artillery group/-52, on request.

Command Post in Kosovo Polje.

5.2. 37th mtbr/motorised brigade/ (some of the 1st mtb/motorised battalion/, 2nd mtb, okb/armoured battalion/ and inžb/engineer battalion/) sets up a blockade along the following line: Ratkovića brdo – village of Gladno Selo – village of Godance – village of Gradica – village of Krasalić – village of Dubovac – village of Tarađa – village of Bukoš.

Task: support the forces of the MUP in breaking up and destroying the ŠTS along the following axis: Čečen (trig point 728) – Koruzi (trig point 820) – village of Vasiljevo, break up and destroy the ŠTS on the western slopes of Mt. Čičavica and in the

following sectors: village of Dobroševac, village of Vasiljevo, prevent the ŠTS from spilling over and pulling out from Čičavica into Drenica.

Ensure complete road viability and combat monitoring and control of the territory in the zone of responsibility.

Command Post in Srbica.

6. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT:

Focus intelligence support on direct reconnaissance of the strength, make-up and deployment of the ŠTS along the attack axes and in the sectors from where an intervention of larger ŠTS is possible.

Collect information about the enemy, and carry out continuous of intelligence support tasks along the axes of use of combat groups by using reconnaissance organs, and in coordinated action with the MUP.

7. SECURITY SUPPORT:

Focus security support on counter-intelligence protection of the elements of the units' combat disposition.

While performing the tasks, take the necessary measures for the protection of personnel and SRT.

Any captured terrorists are to be taken to collection centres for prisoners of war at the brigade PKMs /rear command posts/, and then handed over to the MUP.

During combat operations all uncontrolled access of members of units to populated places is to be prohibited, including the looting of property and enemy military equipment, dead bodies and access to enemy shelters before the arrival of specialist organs.

Individuals responsible for defeatism, desertion or sabotage are to be isolated and taken /next line illegible/.

8. COMBAT SECURITY:

During attack, use the appropriate disposition to safeguard against surprise terrorist action and pay full attention to protecting the wings and flanks.

In the course of the attack, focus security on protecting combat vehicles from ŠTS action from close range, in particular in populated places and on forested land.

9. MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT:

In preparation for the implementation of the task, directly prepare all units morally and psychologically in order to ensure the motivation and readiness of the troops to carry out the task.

Point out to the loyal civilian population the importance of the right attitude, in particular towards refugee groups and the private property. Treat representatives of the media in the spirit of the orders issued.

Keep pointing out examples of brave conduct by individuals and units and any success achieved in combat. Prevent all attempts at hostile psychological and propaganda activity against Corps units by providing timely information to all the troops.

Consistently adhere to the International Law of War in all situations.

10. LOGISTICS SUPPORT:

Logistics support with reinforcement units shall be regulated by the commands of the units in action with their own troops and resources.

The following amounts of ammunition and fuel are authorised for this task:

- 2 combat sets of ammunition for small arms and 1 combat set for other weapons
- 0.5 tankful for all motor vehicles

Repair seriously damaged TMS /materiel and technical equipment/ with your own troops and resources by relying on the 202nd PoB /Logistics Base/.

Provide assistance to injured personnel with your own troops and resources, and for seriously injured personnel request a medical helicopter through the OC /Operations Centre/ of the PrK Command.

Provide combined food to personnel. Provide water supplies from verified sources.

Organise fire prevention in all units in the deployment sectors and the combat operations sectors by fire surveillance and reporting. Use establishment resources and personnel to extinguish minor fires.

Block and secure areas affected by large fires, and following the end of combat operations, proceed with containing the fires by using MUP fire fighting units.

Weapons, ammunition and other military hardware, which was seized or found, /line illegible/. When gathering military hardware that was left behind or found, be aware of booby traps.

11. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The PrK command post at peacetime location building.

Maintain communications with the PrK command and subordinated units according to existing communication documents, including the mandatory use of general KZ /cryptographic data protection/ documents.

Communication readiness at 0500 hours on 16 April 1999.

Signals: according to signals table.

12. Sending reports:

- a) Regular: about readiness to carry out attack
 - daily by 1800 hours with the situation at 1700 hours
 - following completion of task
- b) Interim reports if required
- **13.** Organise coordinated action with MUP forces in preparing and carrying out combat operations before the beginning and in the course of combat operations.

During combat operations, the Joint Command for KiM shall command and control all forces from the Priština sector.

JOINT COMMAND FOR KIM