

MAP 2: RC- NORTH SIGACTS 13 - 19 SEP 2010

The usual level of violence (as well as type of attacks) occurred in the Dowlatabad area (mostly IEDs disrupting movement along HWY 1). However, on Election Day INS relied on direct fire attacks to harass CF and ANSF and to attack polling centers.

RC-N saw perhaps the greatest and most worrying level of attacks on Election Day 2010. The number and types of attacks were different from the 2009 presidential election and involved a large number (nearly 20) direct fire attacks on that day alone (including at least four conducted directly against polling centers). Activity also increased significantly IVO HWY 1 in western Balkh Province.

At approximately 0600 18 SEP, a force of as many as 40 INS took over a polling center in Tagab, Badakhshan Province. It was not until more then five hours later that ANSF were able to re-take the polling center. The attack effectively prevented local citizens from taking part in the election.

Qaisar District saw a significant number of direct fire attacks, all of which occurred on 18 SEP (during the election) and were primarily focused on CF convoys and bases. There were some attempts at harassing polling centers as well.

Activity remained high in the Baghlan – Kunduz Corridor and accounted for more than one third of the total for all attacks during the last week. Half of the events in this area (nearly all direct fire events) took place on Election Day.













