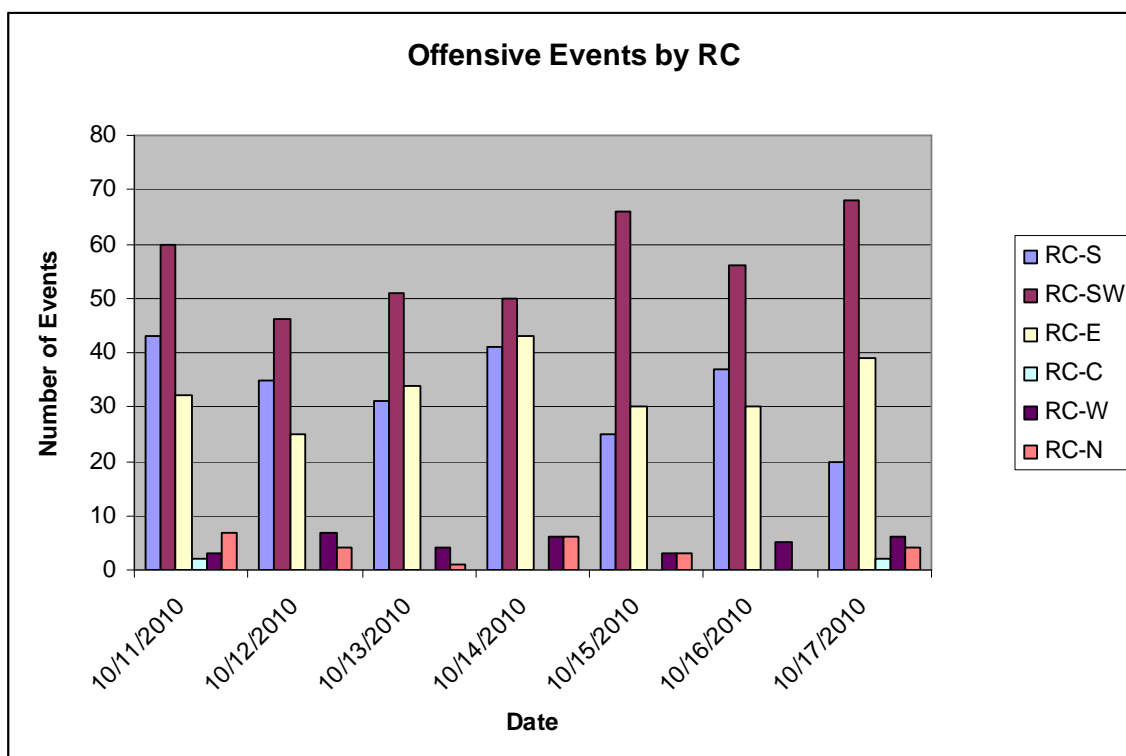




All Incidents Throughout Afghanistan 11 – 17 OCT 2010

Offensive Incidents by RC from 11 - 17 OCT 10							
	RC-S	RC-SW	RC-E	RC-C	RC-W	RC-N	CJOA-A
11-Oct-10	43	60	32	2	3	7	147
12-Oct-10	35	46	25	0	7	4	117
13-Oct-10	31	51	34	0	4	1	121
14-Oct-10	41	50	43	0	6	6	146
15-Oct-10	25	66	30	0	3	3	127
16-Oct-10	37	56	30	0	5	0	128
17-Oct-10	20	68	39	2	6	4	139
WEEK TOTAL	232	397	233	4	34	25	925



RC – NORTH:

1. General Assessment of RC-N AOR

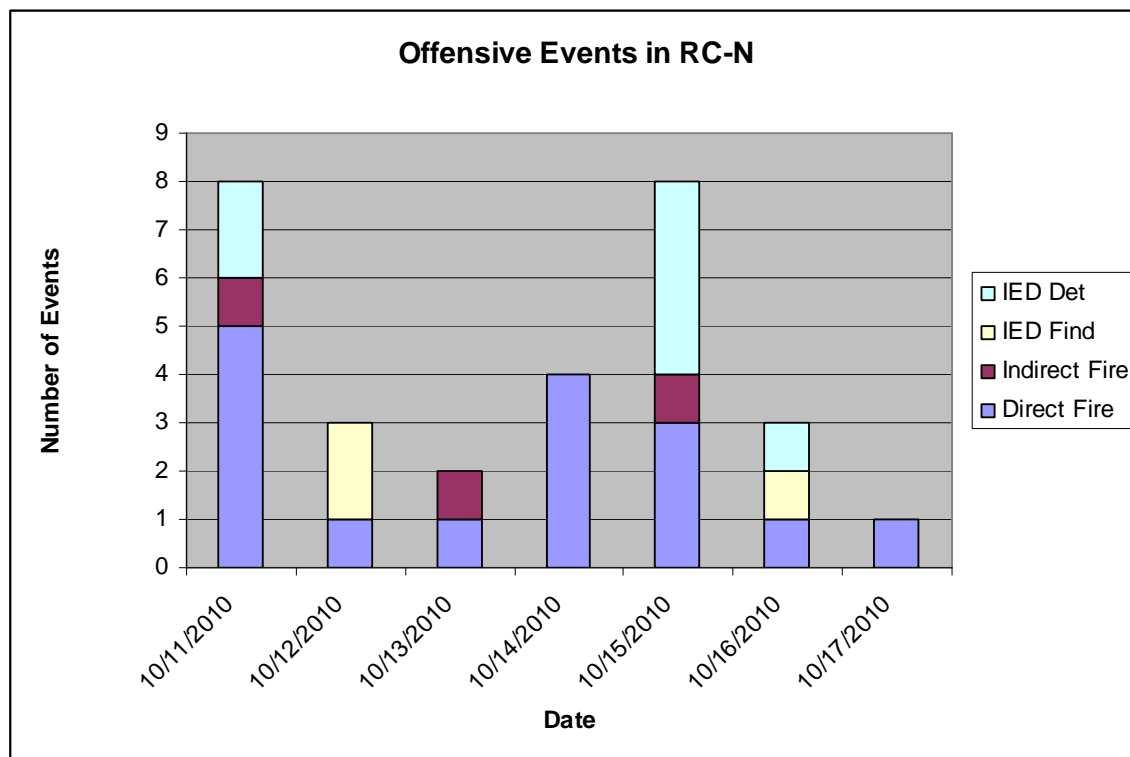
The number of enemy initiated events in RC-N increased significantly (27 events this week versus 19 last week). However, this level has been within the average of the last several weeks. Also, there were no major events this week, such as a suicide bombing or attempt on an official's life. Most of the events this week were relatively insignificant direct fire or IED incidents. Of some note were two events that involved large,



coordinated attacks by insurgents on ANP stations: one on 11 OCT in QUSH TEPAH (somewhat common in that district) and the other on 15 OCT in SAR-E PUL. The latter is significant because it took place in the city itself (provincial capital), which is out of the ordinary for this area.

Once again, half of these events (13) occurred in the so-called BAGHLAN-KUNDUZ Corridor (the main routes connecting Pul-e Khumri and Kunduz cities). This is the most historically active area in RC-N. However, QAISAR District, FARYAB Province saw a small spike in events, with IED incidents. Western BALKH also continues to be an area of growing concern as three offensive events took place there. Similarly, QUSH TEPAH seems to have returned as an area of concern in RC-N.

Insurgents continue to favor direct fire events over IED attacks, but not as great an extent as in the past. Direct fire events accounted for nearly two thirds of all events in RC-N this week, but IED events comprised nearly the entirety of the remaining third of all events. Direct fire events are concentrated in the BAGHLAN-KUNDUZ Corridor, QUSH TEPAH and in western BALKH while IED events are utilized throughout the AOR (though all of the events in FARYAB Province were IED incidents).



Graph 1: This graph shows the number and types of attacks by day from 11 – 17 OCT 2010

Significant Events:

11 OCT



Insurgents engage CF in CHAHAR DARAH, KUNDUZ Province

At 1145 insurgents fired sporadic SAF and RPG fire at a CF platoon while they were waiting for an EOD team to arrive to a possible IED site. No positive identification (PID) was gained on the enemy location and INS broke contact. No casualties or damage reported.

Insurgents attack police stations in QUSH TEPAH, JOWZJAN

At 0220 OCC-P JOWZAN reported to PRT Mazar-e Sharif that 100 INS were attacking the police station in QUSH TEPAH from all directions and requested support. At 0250 CAS was requested but was not available. At 0502 PRT Mazar-e Sharif reported that TIC was over and no support needed anymore.

INS engage logistics convoy in northern BAGHLAN-E JADID

At 0218 five INS fired SAF and RPGs at a combat-logistics patrol travelling north on HWY 3 52 km N of Pul-e Khumri. The INS engaged the convoy from two separate locations on both sides of the road. The convoy pushed through en route to FOB KUNDUZ. PIDed INS and returned fire. No casualties or damage reported.

IED strike on CF near Kunduz City

At 1025 a CF unit reported an IED Strike 9 km NW of Kunduz City while a unit moved to pick up EOD in CHAHAR DARRAH District. Three (3) ISAF soldiers and one (1) civilian interpreter were WIA. A second force with recovery assets and a medic team were sent to the spot. At 1709 the vehicle was recovered and all forces were back in FOB KUNDUZ.

IED blast kills one LN boy in western FARYAB Province

At 0902 a CF unit on patrol with their ANP partners came across a site where an INS placed IED detonated 73 km SW of Maimanah. One child died in the blast. A platoon secured the site and requested EOD support.

IDF attack on CF base in Kunduz City

At 2324 PRT Kunduz reported one rocket was observed flying over their camp IVO Kunduz City.

CF unit engaged with SAF and RPGs in BAGHLAN Province

At 1730 a CF rifle squad reported they received SAF and RPG 46 km E of Pul-e Khumri. An additional PLT was sent from ALI ZAYI hill to the location, IOT reinforce the location. No casualties or damage were reported.

INS attack a fuel tanker in western BALKH Province

At 1900 INS on motorcycles attacked a fuel truck with SAF 58 km W of Mazar-e Sharif. The fuel truck was totally destroyed. CF in SHIBIRGHAN sent out a team and ANA IOT support ANA forces at the spot. One civilian truck driver is missing after the incident.

12 OCT

IED found in QAISAR District, FARYAB Province



At 0725 a CF unit discovered an IED. The unit and US EOD were on the IED site IOT investigate. At 1159 US EOD conducted a controlled blast on the IED. At 1205 EOD reported PBA (post blast analysis) of the IED indicated it was a pressure plate IED with a battery pack and consisted of approximately 50 lbs of UBE (unknown bulk explosive).

IED found by ANSF in Taloqan

At 0645 the NDS in TALOQAN requested EOD support to clear an IED. The spot was IVO the house of Eng Omar, former governor of KUNDUZ province. At 0745 it was reported that there was no need of EOD support for ANSF any more. The IED was cleared by NDS. They pulled it away and shot at the IED until it was detonated.

Possible SAF against a CF convoy in BAGHLAN-E JADID

At 2012 PRT Pul-e Khumri reported SAF against a convoy. The CF convoy was driving on HWY 1 22.8 km SE of Pul-e Khumri when a vehicle in the convoy heard SAF and observed one armed person. No other vehicle in the convoy observed anything. No damage was found on any vehicle.

13 OCT

IDF attack on an Arbakai compound in BAGHLAN-E JADID

At 0021 a CF unit reported that INS fired one rocket in the vicinity of the SHAHABUDDIN Arbakai compound 8 km NW of Pul-e Khumri. The rocket landed approximately 200 m from the compound in an adjacent empty field. There were no casualties or damage from the attack.

INS engage CF unit with SAF west of Kunduz City

At 1730 a CF unit reported that at 1611 INS engaged one of their elements with recoilless rifle and SAF 10 km NW of Kunduz City. They returned fire with SAF and 60 mm mortars and the INS broke contact. No damage or casualties reported.

14 OCT

INS engage CF with SAF near Kunduz City

At 1430 a CF unit reported an INS attack with SAF IVO NARI SUFI village 5 km NW of Kunduz City. At 1435 CAS was requested. At 1447 CAS arrived on station in support. At 1617 firefight started again; CAS provided over watch. At 1808 CAS conducted show of force. No injuries and no damage were reported.

INS engage ANSF logistics convoy near Pul-e Khumri

At 1600 PRT Pul-e Khumri reported INS attacked an ANA CORPS log convoy at CHESMA SHER 14 km NW of Pul-e Khumri. The Commander of the 3/2/209 Kandak immediately sent his RECCE PLT from BAGH-E SHAMAL. During the TIC a CIV vehicle with ANA officers inside was damaged. No casualties were reported.

INS attack an ANSF base in QUSH TEPAH, JOWZJAN Province

At 0145 PRT Mazar-e Sharif reported an INS attack by SAF and RPGs at FOB QUSH TEPAH (manned by ANA and ANP soldiers) 68 km E of Maimanah. No ISAF units were



in the FOB. A CF unit in FOB DARZAB 12 km south supported them with CAS. Show of force was conducted. At 0400 engagement ceased. No casualties or damage reported.

INS engage ANSF with SAF east of Maimanah

At 1702 PRT Mazar-e Sharif reported that ANA was shooting SAF and mortars against INS 60 km E of Maimanah. A PRT Mazar-e Sharif rifle squad with a JTAC deployed to the ANA OP and received some SAF. No casualties or damage reported.

15 OCT

INS engage a CF convoy with SAF in CHAHAR BULAK District, BALKH Province

At 1625 the PRT Mazar-e Sharif TOC received information that a Turkish convoy travelling from Mazar-e Sharif to the Turkish PRT in SHIRBIGAN had received SAF in TEMORAK in CHAHAR BULAK district. There were approx 30 INS taking part in the action. The convoy drove through and no casualties or damage were reported.

Arbakai forces attacked in two IED events in western FARYAB Province

At 1353 a CF unit reported that an INS IED killed two Arbakai IVO SENJETAK village 50 km W of Maimanah. At 1454 another CF unit reported that a secondary IED detonated and killed another Arbakai and wounded two others. At 1521 the unit requested MEDEVAC for 1 x WIA Arbakai.

INS engage ANSF with SAF in CHAHAR BULAK District, BALKH Province

At 1703 the PRT Mazar-e Sharif TOC received information that INS blocked the road near KHAN ABAD village in CHAHAR BULAK district, 24 km WNW of BALKH District. The highway police went to the site and a short firefight between INS and the highway police ensued. No injuries reported.

IED strike against a CF vehicle near Kunduz City

At 1149 a CF unit reported an IED detonated against a route clearance vehicle (RG-31) while supporting another CF unit returning to base from the village of NARI SUFI, 9 km NW of Kunduz City. There were no reported casualties. The IED blast flipped the vehicle on its side and left a crater in the ground that made the route impassable by vehicle.

INS possibly engage provincial center in SAR-E PUL Province with SAF and IDF

At 0131 the PRT Mazar-e Sharif TOC received info from the Provincial Center office (PO) in SAR-E PUL that they were under attack and reported SAF, RPG and IDF. ANA reported that the local bank and the prison in SAR-E PUL were also attacked. At 0240 the SAR-E PUL provincial office received information that the INS had fled to the northwest and the situation calmed down. According G2 INT there are two ANP WIA and one local guard WIA at the prosecutor's office in Sar-e Pul. This information is not confirmed.

IED strike against ANSF in QAISER District, FARYAB Province

At 1455 a CF unit reported an IED strike against the ANP IVO SENJETAK 75 km SW of Maimanah. No ISAF units were at the spot. A US EOD team moved to the spot IOT support ANSF. Three ANP were KIA and one ANP was WIA.



16 OCT

NDS found UXO in QAISAR District

NDS reported an UXO found IVO FOB QAISAR (near Qaisar City). A platoon moved to the spot and an EOD team reduced two UXO. No casualties and no damage were reported.

INS engage CF with SAF and IED in western BALKH Province

At 16 1700 PRT Mazar-e Sharif reported a rifle platoon on patrol IVO JOY SHOR Village 56 km W of Mazar-e Sharif received SAF from 5 – 10 INS. On the way to reinforce the TIC, CF vehicle hit an IED. One CF was WIA and died during the treatment. Another soldier was WIA - sustained a neck injury.

17 OCT

CF engaged with SAF near Kunduz City

At 0749 TF Kunduz reported one of their units received SAF and RPG from west and northwest position while they were conducting a meeting with ANP KHALALZAY Village 10 km W of Kunduz City. One CF soldier was WIA (gun shot in shoulder). Artillery fired eight rounds of smoke in order to evacuate the soldier, who was brought to Kunduz City within 19 minutes. At 0850 the artillery fired four HE rounds against INS position. The INS used women and children IOT cover themselves at the mortar position.

RC – WEST:

1. General Assessment of RC-W AOR

Overall, there were 39 INS initiated, offensive engagements in RC-W, half of which were IED events (seven detonations and 13 finds). Two of these events are of note. One, on 11 OCT, was an IED detonation at the Chaghcharan Airfield that caused no damage but forced the closure of the airfield. The other event was more significant and involved a suicide bombing at the PRT compound in Chaghcharan City on 13 OCT. It is still not clear what the motivation for this event was, but it seems to have been linked to local power struggles with the PRT stuck in the middle. It is believed that the suicide bomber was used to give the appearance of an extremist attack and to undermine the local security forces and the PRT.

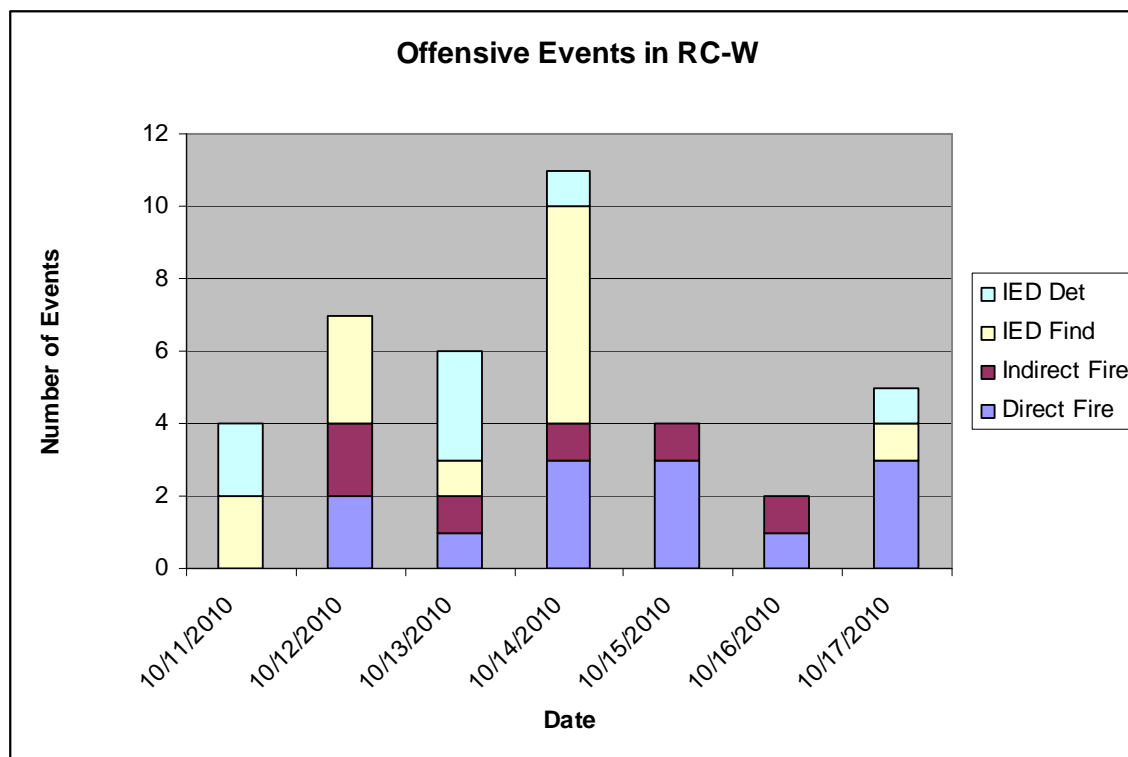
In GHOR Province, more events may happen in the future since local power brokers aim is to destabilize the area and keep their FOM in areas such as PASABAND and CHAGHCHARAN Districts. However, they seek to do so under the guise of deteriorating security and increasing Taliban/INS infiltration of the area.

Events in HERAT Province were much lower than in the recent past, with only a handful of events in RABAT-E SANGI and OBEH Districts. SHINDAND was surprisingly quiet this week.



Just under a third of all events took place in FARAH Province, with all but one of these events taking place in GULISTAN District or the Delaram area of KHASH ROD. These events were nearly all IED incidents (11 of the 13), but this week most were found.

The greatest concentration of events in RC-W was in BADGHIS Province, where 16 incidents occurred. All but four of these were direct fire events targeting CF and ANSF bases and outposts with harassing fire. These events were concentrated in MURGHAB District.



Graph 2: This graph shows the number and types of attacks by date from 11 – 17 OCT 2010

11 OCT

IED found in SHINDAND district: On 10 2000 OCT 10, TF – Central was informed by SHINDAND ANP and TRAFFIC ANP about a possible IED under a bridge of HW1 IVO AZIZ ABAD Village. TRAFFIC ANP cordoned the area over the night. On 11 0614 OCT 10, TF – Central moved to the PIED location and confirmed the presence, under the bridge, of a bag with some wires protruding from it. An EOD team approached the bag with a robot and disabled it by means of a small explosive charge. Exploitation revealed a plastic jug inside the bag. The jug contained some UXO (1 x mortar round and 2 x hand grenades) with wires attached to them but the ordnance was not set up to explode.



Figure 1: IED found under a bridge of HWY 1 in SHINDAND District, HEART

IED Found in KUSHK (RABAT-E SANGI) District: At 11 1200 OCT 10, elements of 207th ANA Corps found a VOIED (composed of pressure plate and 1 yellow jug of HME). ANA disposed of the device under CF supervision.

Explosion IVO SINI Village, MURGHAB District: A CF unit reported at 11 0845 OCT 10, 2 x wounded LNs (1 x adult male and 1 x child) were taken to OP DELOREAN and treated by US MEDICS. They probably stepped on some kind of explosive device in the nearby village of SINI. The 2 casualties were evacuated to BALA MURGHAB in 8 minutes, were the adult male later died of wounds.

Explosion at CHAGHCHARAN airfield: On 11 OCT 10 at about 0835 a PRT Chaghcharan patrol, checking the airstrip as part of their daily routine hit an IED at the end of the airstrip. The RCIED blew up 25 meters from the second vehicle in the convoy. No injuries or damage were reported.

12 OCT

Insurgent attack IVO LUDINA, MURGHAB District: At 12 1421 OCT 10, a CF unit reported that during an observation operation, they were engaged with small arms fire by 4 to 5 INS. At 12 1511 OCT 10 contact has ceased.

IDF attack against SHINDAND airfield, SHINDAND District: On 12 1945 OCT 10, an explosion was heard from the TF – Central compound. According to the information gathered, the point of origin was DEH-E PALAWAN Village. INS launched one rocket toward SHINDAND airfield. The rocket hit the ground inside the airport perimeter, near a watch tower at. On 13 0815 OCT 10, TF – Central went to the spot to carry out exploitation. They found a crater and the remains of a 107mm rocket.

INS attack against CF in MURGHAB District: At 12 1805 OCT 10, a CF unit reported their observation post was attacked with RPGs, machine gun and small arms fire by approx 10 INS located north of the OP. A TIC was declared. Personnel from the OP returned fire and a QRF was launched in support. At 12 1815 OCT 10 INS broke contact. No casualties or damage reported.



IED found in MUQUR District: At 12 0929 OCT 10, a CF unit, while patrolling the route between Mughab and Qale-yeh Naw, found a suspicious jug. It was covered by bushes. TF BADGHIS EOD TEAM searched the area trying to find a secondary IED, but nothing more was found. The EOD team reported that the jug was the remains of an IED. The jug was filled with some HME, but the pressure plate and batteries were not found.



Figure 2: IED found along the route between Murghab and Qale-yeh Naw

PPIED found in PUSHT-E ROD District: On 12 OCT 2010 at approx 1448, CF along with ANA reported while moving north in PUSHT-E ROD District found 1 x PPIED.

IED found on RING ROAD, BAKWAH District: On 12 OCT 2010 at approx 1028, route clearance located an IED while on a convoy from DELARAM to FOB FARAH on the RING ROAD, 39km NNE of BAKWAH. The IED consisted of a jug of HME and copper wiring. IED was rendered safe and evidence was collected for further exploitation.

IDF in PUSHT-E ROD District: On 12 OCT 2010 at approx 1049, a CF unit reported taking 3 x rounds of IDF in PUSHT ROD District. After the initial report, 1x additional round of IDF impacted 200 meters north of the patrol base. At 1116, the unit reported having eyes on 1 x unknown person approximately 1800 meters northwest of the PB and then receiving 4 x more rounds of IDF impacting northwest of the patrol base. 8 x rounds of IDF total fired at the patrol base. No casualties reported. Long range marksman engaged enemy mortar team, 1 x possible enemy KIA.

13 OCT

Explosion in HERAT City: At 13 1005 OCT 10, according to the 7th Police District, an explosion took place 100 m from 7th police department in HERAT City. The explosive device appeared to have been a small, homemade device. Three bystanders suffered light injuries.



INS attack against CF in MURGHAB District: At 13 1530 OCT 10, a CF unit reported that one of their observation posts received SAF from 3-5. This OP and another immediately returned fire and requested a CAS. At 13 1548 OCT 10 the TIC ceased. No casualties or damage reported.

IED strike during CF operation in GULISTAN District: IVO TANGAY at 13 1430 OCT 10 a TF Southeast convoy moving from BUJI BAST PASS to GULISTAN struck an IED, IVO TANGAY Village. Vehicle seriously damaged but no WIA, no KIA.

Border crossing incident between IRAN and LASH-E JUWAYN District: At 1223 Afghan Border Police reported that 6 x ABP in 1 x Ranger, while patrolling at night in LASH-E JUWAYN District, mistakenly crossed the border into Iran. Iranian border patrol guards took the ABP into custody and is still holding them. ABP are working to get the soldiers back to AFGHANISTAN. The detainees consist of 5x ABP patrolmen and 1x NCO with 1x ABP vehicle and 5x AK-47.

Suicide attack on PRT Chaghcharan: At 13 0953 OCT 10 a suicide bomber (SBIED) detonated near the PRT Chaghcharan camp entrance gate for pedestrians, near guard tower W2. Prior to the detonation, W2 informed the PRT TOC about a skirmish at entrance gate guarded by local contractors. The W2 guards heard one shot. Two local guard contractors approached W2 to warn them about a suspicious person approaching the camp. The W2 guards saw one suspicious person fast approaching W2. The W2 guard heard shouting from local guard contractors: "Talib, Talib, bomb, bomb", then the W2 guard pulled an interpreter and two local guard contractors inside the camp and closed the gate. At the same time the second guard, who was in the tower, immediately fired two shots at the suspect, but did not hit him due to an obstructed line of fire. The suicide attacker ran closer to the camp's gate and detonated. The vest is assessed to have included shrapnel (glass and ball bearings) and was composed of 5-7 KG of explosive material.

IDF against CF in PUSHT-E ROD District. On 13 October, at 1717, CF received indirect fire consisting in 3 x mortar rounds but they impacted 700 m away from the base. Neither casualties nor damage were reported.

PPIED found in GULISTAN District: On 13 OCT 10, at 1715, a TF Southeast convoy moving from BUJI BAST PASS to GULISTAN found a PPIED IVO DEYAK village, GULISTAN DISTRICT.

14 OCT

Indirect fire in MURGHAB District: At 14 1344 OCT 10, a CF unit reported that a round of IDF impacted approx 500 m south of their observation post.

Insurgent attack CF base in MUQUR District: At 14 1025 OCT 10, TF BADGHIS reported their base received sporadic SAF and RPG fire. They returned fire with against enemy position and 3 x 81 mm mortar rounds shot against enemy position. At 14 1101 OCT 10 fire ceased.



Six IEDs found IVO JAWKAR, MURGHAB District: At 14 0942 OCT 10, a CF unit reported 4 x IED were found between 14 0630 OCT 10 and 14 0920 OCT 10 in MURGHAB. The devices were as follows: 1st IED 5 - 8lbs HME, 2nd IED: 107mm warhead with matchbox pressure plate, 3rd IED anti personnel mine, no pressure plate or wires, 4th IED: 5 - 8lbs HME, matchbox pressure plate. All IEDs were disassembled and brought back to the unit's base. At 14 0925 OCT 10 the same unit's route clearance force found other 2 x IED. Both of these devices consisted of 5 LBS HME with pressure.

Insurgent attack against CF unit, MUQUR District: At 14 1420 OCT 10, TF BADGHIS reported that while they were recovering a vehicle damaged during an IED strike, elements securing the area received machine gun bursts.

IED strike IVO MUQUR Village, MUQUR District: At 14 0707 OCT 10, CF reported that during a mounted patrol along ROUTE 501, the 8th vehicle of their patrol was hit by an IED, resulting in 3 KIA. At 14 0923 OCT 10 the convoy split in 2 x sections (one continuing planned movement and the second heading back to their base) to support securing the site and recovery activities.

RPG and SAF against ABP in KUSHK (RABAT-E SANGI (KSK)) district: At 14 1245 OCT 10, 2 to 5 INS attacked an ABP convoy with SAF, RPGs and IEDs while it was moving along HWY 8. The strike resulted in no casualties and minor damage to a truck.

UXO delivery by ADRASKAN District NDS: On 14 0900 OCT10 ADRASKAN NDS delivered some UXO to TF-Central. The materials delivered are:

- 3 x Anti personnel mines;
- 1 x Anti personnel mine (inactive)
- 1 x Anti Tank mine;
- 1 x Anti Tank mine (inactive);
- 4 x 82mm mortar rounds;
- 2 x 122mm artillery rounds (HE);
- 1 x plastic jug filled in with ammonium nitrate;
- 1 x watch.

According to LTC FAISEL AHMAD, the ADRASKAN NDS chief, the UXO was handed over to the ANSF by the local people, while the jug and watch were found by NDS. UXO delivery to ANSF, likely represents a positive indicator of the ADRASKAN populace's confidence in the local GIROA representatives.

15 OCT

INS attack against CF base in MUQUR District: At 15 0829 OCT 10, TF BADGHIS reported that their base received machine gun fire.



IDF against CF in PUSHT-E ROD District: On 15 OCT 10, at 0720, CF received 1 x mortar round, 200 m from Eastern CHARMAS Village. No casualties or damage were reported.

Insurgent attack against a CF observation post, MURGHAB District: At 15 1610 OCT 10 a CF unit reported that 3 to 5 INS attacked OP IMPALA with RPG and SAF. When personnel from the OP returned fire, INS broke contact. No casualties or damage reported.

Insurgent attack against a CF observation post, MURGHAB District: At 15 1638 OCT 10 a CF unit reported that an unknown number of INS attacked OP CHEROKEE with RPGs and SAF. When ANA soldier on duty in the OP returned fire, the INS broke the contact. No casualties or damage reported.

16 OCT

Insurgent attack against a CF unit IVO LUDINA, MURGHAB District: At 16 0600 OCT 10, a CF unit report that one of their platoons received SAF from south of OP LIBERTY. The platoon returned fire and INS broke contact 16 minutes later. Half an hour later, the same platoon again took fire from 5 INS receiving. INS broke contact again. There were no casualties or damage.

UXO found IVO LUDINA, MURGHAB District: At 16 1014 OCT 10, a CF unit reported that they found 2 x mines.

IDF against CF in PUSHT-E ROD District: On 16 OCT 10, at 1256, a CF unit reported to have received IDF, consisting of 2 x rounds. Neither damage nor casualties were reported.

17 OCT

Insurgent attack in PASHTUN ZARGHUN (PZG) district: At 17 1330 OCT 10 OCC-R LNO reported that ANP in KARO Village were surrounded and attacked by insurgents. BDA: reports 3 x KIA ANP.

Insurgent attack against TF GHOST in OP LIBERTY, MURGHAB District: At 17 0640 OCT 10, a CF unit reported that a subordinate patrol received SAF from 2-3 INS. They returned fire and the engagement ceased.

IED found in SINI Village, MURGHAB District: At 17 1137 OCT 10 ANA patrol found and removed an IED (20 Kg of HME) in SINI Village. The IED was left in a safe area IVO a CF base.

INS attack against OP LIBERTY, MURGHAB District: At 17 1623 OCT 10, a CF unit reported that their observation post was engaged with SAF by 5 to 8 INS. OP personnel returned fire and submitted a request for CAS support. At 17 1625 OCT



10 a TIC was declared and mortar support was authorized. 2 x 120mm mortar rounds were fired and INS broke contact.

IED struck against an ANA vehicle, BALA BOLUK District: On 17 OCT 10, at 1335, an ANA vehicle struck an IED. The strike resulted in 2 x ANA KIA, 2 x ANA WIA and 1 x ANA vehicle destroyed.

RC – SOUTHWEST:

1. General Assessment of RC-SW AOR

During the past seven days, there were three hundred and twenty-seven (327) INS kinetic events in the RC (SW) AO.

There was one (1) DF attack, one (1) IDF attack, one (1) IED attack, one (1) IED find, and one (1) detainment in Reg-e Khan Neshin;

There were five (5) DF attacks, two (2) IED attacks, five (5) IED finds, and one (1) detainment in Garm Ser;

There were four (4) IED attacks and one (1) detainment in Nawa-ye Barakzai;

There were sixty-nine (69) DF attacks, nine (9) IED attacks, eleven (11) IED finds, one (1) IDF attack, ten (10) detainments, and two (2) cache finds in Marjeh;

There was one (1) DF attack, four (4) IED attacks, fifteen (15) IED finds, one (1) IDF attack, one (1) cache find, and one (1) detainment in Khash Rod;

There was one (1) DF attack, one (1) IED attack, and one (1) detainment in Washer;

There were four (4) DF attacks, seven (7) IED attacks, three (3) IED finds, one (1) complex attack, two (2) detainments, and one (1) cache find in Now Zad;

There were twenty-one (21) DF attacks, four (4) IED attacks, eight (8) IED finds, one (1) IDF attack, five (5) detainments, and two (2) cache finds in Musa Qal'ah;

There were two (2) DF attacks and two (2) IED finds in Kajaki;

There were twenty-two (22) DF attacks, eight (8) IED attacks, eleven (11) IED finds, four (4) IDF attacks, one (1) SAFire attack, two (2) detainments, and one (1) cache find in Sangin;

There were fifty-one (51) DF attacks, three (3) IED attacks, one (1) IDF attack, and one (1) SAFire attack in Nahr-e Saraj;

There were seventy (70) DF attacks, one (1) IED attack, two (2) IED finds, one (1) IDF attack and one (1) SAFire attack in Nad Ali;



There were twenty-two (22) DF attacks in Lashkar Gah.

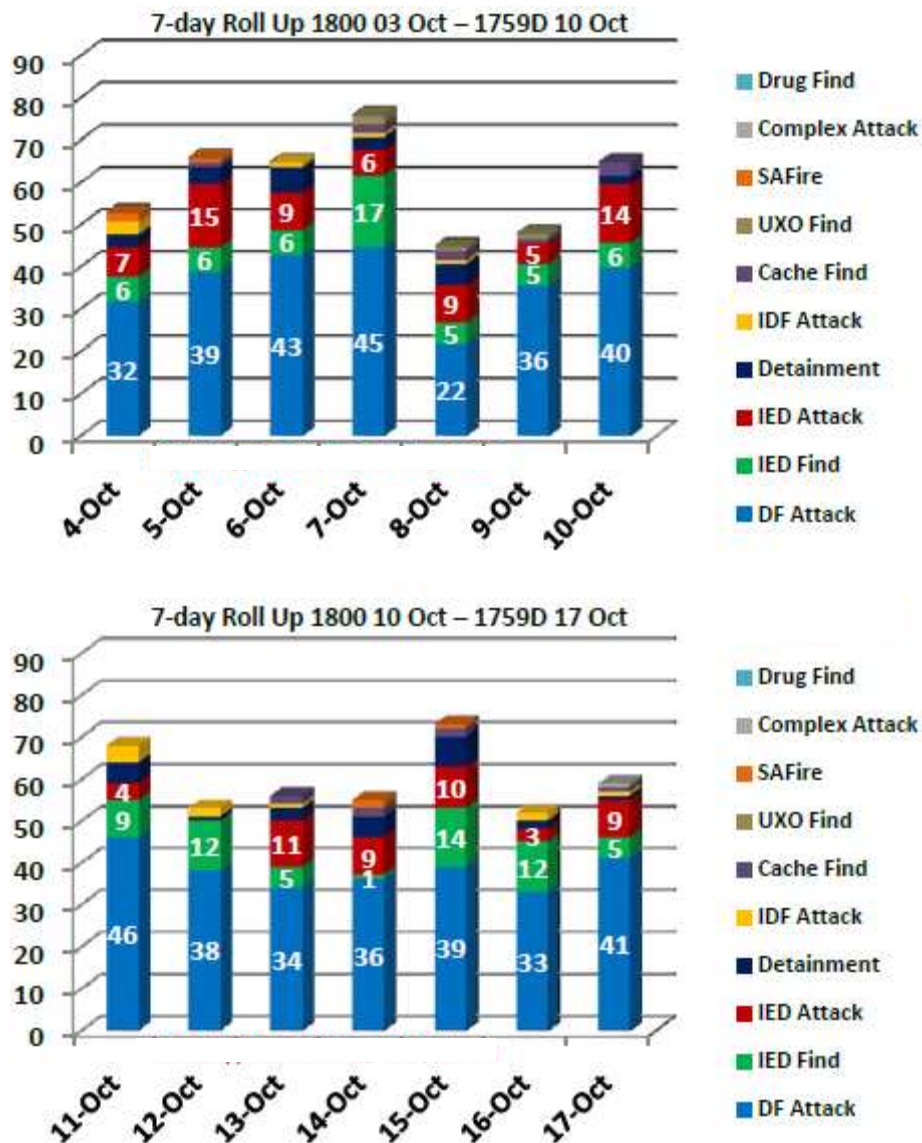


Figure RC-SW 1: These charts show the level of significant events in RC-SW over the last two weeks.

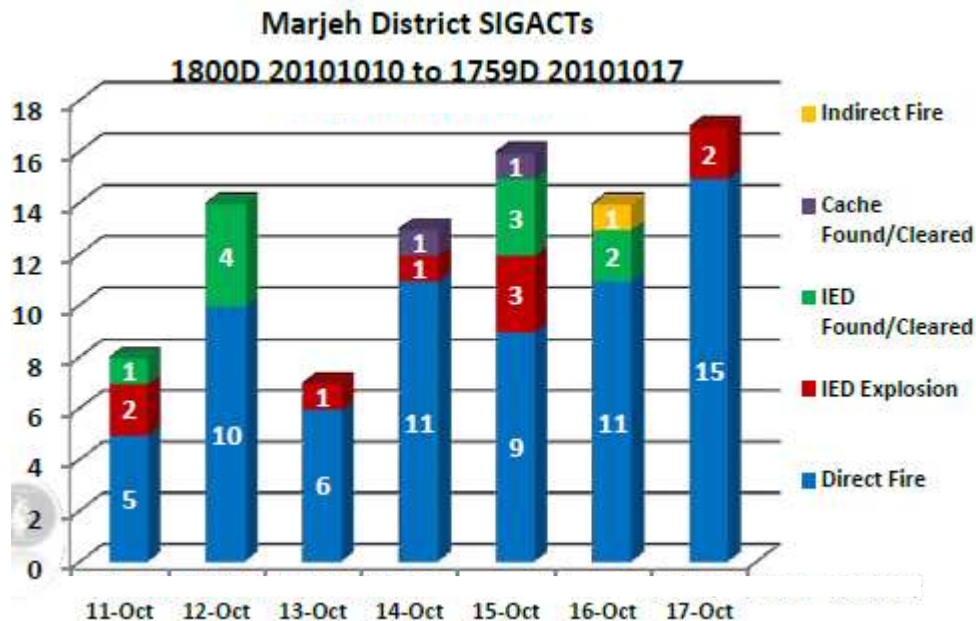


Figure RC-SW 2: This chart depicts the level of significant events in the Marjeh over the last week.

During the past 24 hours, there were seventeen (17) INS kinetic events in Marjeh District. There were fifteen (15) DF attacks and two (2) IED explosions.

Throughout the week, INS have continued to utilize harassing SAF attacks against static and dismounted CF patrols. Direct fire attacks remain the primary means of attack against CF. On 17 October, there were two IED explosions reported, one in 2/9's AO and one in 2/6's AO. The IED explosion in 2/6's AO was caused by a DFC IED with 10-15lbs of UBE and an unknown initiator. This explosion resulted in two USMC WIA. Over the last seven days, there has been an average of ten direct fire attacks per day, which represents a daily increase of approximately three events when compared to the last reporting period. This increase may be due to a shift in insurgent disposition as CF attempt to reduce insurgent freedom of movement in central Marjeh.



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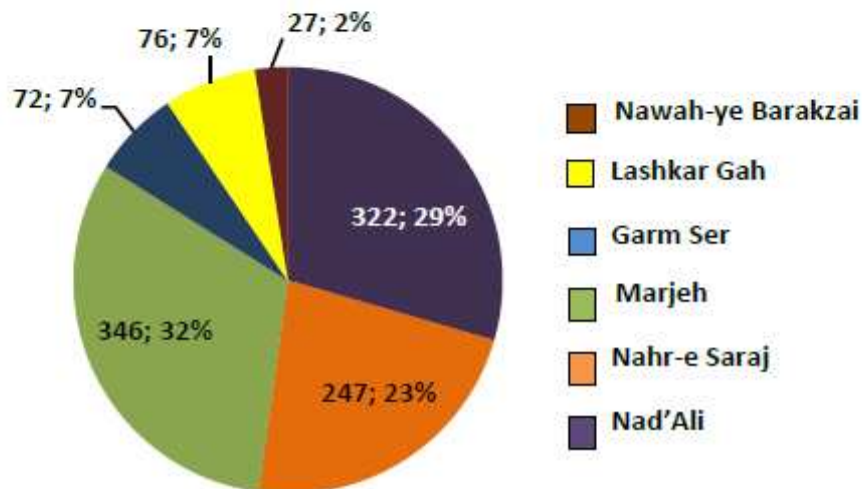
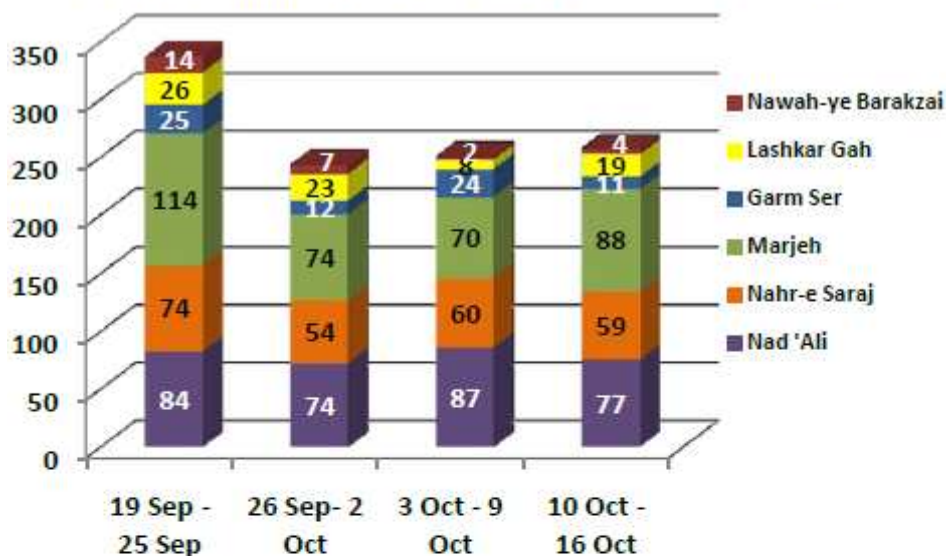


Figure RC-SW 3: This chart depicts significant events in the Central Helmand River Valley over the last four weeks.

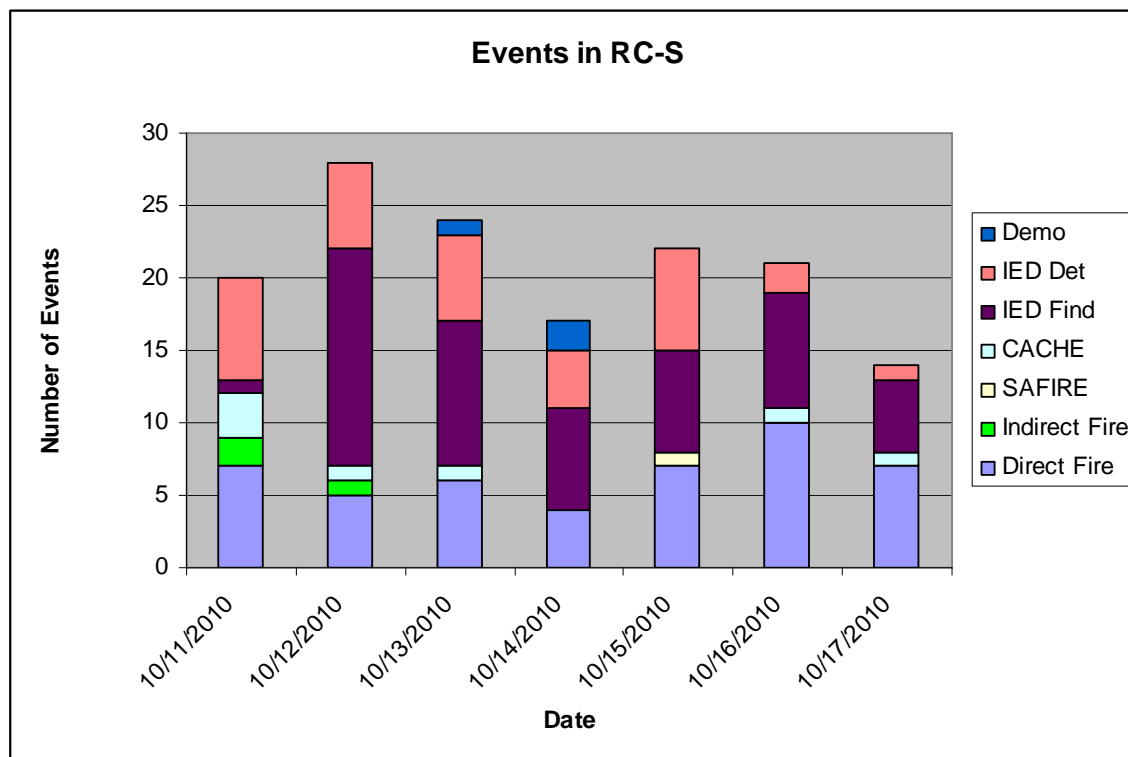
Kinetic activity in the Tier 1 districts has remained relatively constant over the past three weeks, with Marjeh, Nad 'Ali, and Nahr-e Saraj comprising the majority of kinetic activity in the Central Helmand River Valley. Aggressive CF operations in these districts will result in a relatively constant level of kinetic activity over the following week. Kinetic activity in Lashkar Gah, Garm Ser, and Nawah-ye Barakzai will remain low as insurgents struggle to retain a tenuous presence in these districts.



Multiple source reporting suggests that the TB are beginning to receive reinforcements and plan to conduct future operations IOT attempt to hinder CF operations within the AO. Multiple source reporting has stated that TB commanders are returning from Pakistan with instructions to conduct future attacks against CF. This corroborates with reports stating that the enemy continues to divert weapons, supplies, and fighters to the northern portion of the TFL AO IOT reinforce their holdings and prepare for future operations. Further reporting also indicates TB reinforcing positions within Musa Qal'ah as well as beginning to establish fighting positions. Although recent reporting suggests that TB are low on supplies and ammunition, this influx in fighters suggests that TB are preparing for operations within the near future. It is assessed that there will be a likely increase in kinetic activity as the influx of TB fighters begins to form within multiple districts within the AO. While CF efforts in the Southern AO seem to effectively disrupted enemy ratlines, it is assessed that TB within the northern portion of the AO are still able to use alternate ratlines to move somewhat unimpeded.

RC – SOUTH:

1. General Assessment of RC-S AOR



Graph 1: This graph shows the number and types of attacks by day from 11 – 17 OCT 2010

11 OCT

KANDAHAR



High levels of INS activity throughout KANDAHAR Province with 10 kinetic events; activity was again focused in the ARGHANDAB District and around the ZHARI/PANJWA'I area.

Total kinetic events throughout the AO were: There were 4 x direct/indirect fire events today resulting in no casualties and 1 x HME factory destroyed by aircraft utilizing 10 x GBU-38 and 7 x GBU-31. There were 6 x IED strikes today resulting in 9 x ISAF MIL WIA.

At 1105 11 Oct 10, a CF task force reported elements of ABP QRF detained 2 x trucks and 2 x insurgents in Spin Boldak District, Kandahar Province. The trucks contained: 15 x rolls of detonation cord, 600 x blasting caps, 400 x blocks of C4, 50 kg of possible Ammonium Nitrate, and bags of hollowed out apples filled with a white powder like the substance. The ABP QRF escorted the second truck to Kandahar before the ISAF troops arrived at scene. The ABP turned the truck drivers over to the Kandahar Provisional Authority. The EOD team was investigating the explosive laden trucks. While exploiting the trucks, MWD also found 30 x bags, approximately 50 kg each, of hashish.

At 1509 11 OCT 10, elements of a CF unit were conducting an independent mounted patrol in Panjwa'i District, Kandahar Province when they found a cache consisting of: 17 x hand grenades, 1 x AP mine, 1 x AT mine, 3 x RPG boosters, 1 x PKM (with 2 x ammo boxes and 2 x spare barrels), 1 x G3 assault rifle (with 3 x magazines), 1 x RPG (with 3 x rockets), 4 x bundles of detonation cord, 1 x possible pressure plate, 1 x possible time fuse, 1 x VHS transceiver, 4 x RC receivers, 4 x electric detonators, an unknown number of 7.62mm rounds and different types of batteries.

ZABUL

There was a low level of activity today with 2 kinetic events in the AO.

INS attacked an ASG Convoy with SAF resulting in 5 x trucks burning, IVO of CP11, Qalat district; ASG returned fire. Resulting 5 x ASG KIA, 5 ASG WIA.

FF discovered 1 x UXO (82mm) mortar round, 2.3 KM S of Fob LANE.

URUZGAN

There was a low level of activity today with 3 kinetic events.

CF at PB ATIQ heard 1 x rocket fly overhead which resulted 1 x explosion 150m NW of MNBTK, and also reported SAF to the W of their PB IVO an ANP CP. Exact location unknown.

INS engaged ANP manning checkpoint with SAF from the North. INS broke contact, checkpoint no longer receiving fire. No casualties.



CF observed 1 x round IDF at 4.2 KM NW of TARIN KOWT district. Land owning C/S cleared ground reported no CF in the area. No casualties or damage reported from ANA/ANP.

CF found 1 x 82 mm mortar round, 2 x IEDs, and 4 x possible IEDs at 1.9 KM NW OF TARIN KOWT district. Cordon was set, and EOD requested. EOD does not plan to action this until morning; C/S BULL 37 wants to stay on site to secure. TF 66 has OOB in this location, 1-2 SCR and TF 66 are deconflicting situation.

At 0736 11 Oct 10, elements of 404th ANP Zone and CF were conducting a combined mounted patrol in Tarin Kot District, Uruzgan Province, when they struck an IED. The strike resulted in 2 x CF WIA.

12 OCT

KANDARHAR

Medium levels of INS activity throughout KANDAHAR Province with 9 kinetic events; activity was again focused in the ARGHANDAB District and around the ZHARI/PANJWA'I area.

Total kinetic events throughout the AO were: 4 x direct/indirect fire events resulting in no casualties. There were 5 x IED strikes today. In addition, there were fourteen IEDs cleared.

At 1041 12 Oct 10, elements of 6th Kandak 1st Brigade 205th ANA Corps and a CF unit were conducting a combined dismounted patrol in Maiwand District, Kandahar Province, when they struck an IED. The strike resulted in 1 x CF WIA. The wounded soldier was evacuated to Kandahar Airfield where he subsequently died of his wounds.

ZABUL

There was a low level of activity today with 2 kinetic events in the AO.

There was a direct fire incident and a indirect fire attack today. Neither event caused casualties or significant damage.

URUZGAN

There was a low level of activity today with 1 kinetic event.

CF were struck by an IED in DEH RUD District. In addition, there was a cache found in TARIN KOT.

13 OCT

KANDAHAR



Medium levels of INS activity throughout KANDAHAR Province with 9 kinetic events; activity was again focused in the ARGHANDAB District and around the ZHARI/PANJWA'I area.

Total kinetic events throughout the AO were: 6 x direct and 3 x IED strikes today. In addition, there was a demonstration and a cache found.

At 1529 13 OCT 10, elements of the 1st Kandak 1/205th ANA Corps and a CF unit were conducting a combined dismounted patrol in Arghandab District, Kandahar Province, when they triggered an AP mine. The detonation resulted in 1 x CF WIA. The wounded soldier was evacuated to KAF.

At 1850 13 OCT 10, elements of a CF unit were conducting an independent static security operation in Arghandab District, Kandahar Province, when they received 1 x hand grenade and SAF from an unknown number of INS. The attack resulted in 1 x CF WIA. The wounded soldier was evacuated to KAF.

At 2100 13 OCT 10, elements of the 3rd ABP were conducting an independent dismounted patrol in Kandahar District, Kandahar Province, when they confiscated 1 x vehicle containing 5 x IEDs, 15 x RCIEDs, 5 x batteries and 3 x jugs of gasoline. 2 x detainees were taken to Kandahar City HQ. No casualties or damage were reported.

At 0550 13 Oct 10, elements of a CF unit reported an Afghan Civilian delivered IEDs to their base in Panjwa'i District, Kandahar Province. The delivery consisted of 60 x identical DFFCs all 8-12 inches long, 4 x inches diameter, blue in color with orange detonation cords.

At 0726 13 Oct 10, elements of a CF unit were conducting an independent mounted patrol in Spin Boldak District, Kandahar Province when they discovered 100 x IEDs (100mm HE projectiles). The troops cordoned the area and the EOD team was deployed.

At 1308 13 Oct 10, elements of 1st Kandak 3rd Brigade 205th ANA Corps and a CF unit were conducting a combined dismounted patrol in Zharay District, Kandahar Province, when they struck an IED. The strike resulted in 4 x CF WIA, and 1 x ANA Soldier WIA. The wounded soldiers were evacuated to the Kandahar Airfield.

At 0900 13 Oct 10, OCCR reported a demonstration of approximately 300 x LNs took place at Kandahar City, Kandahar District, Kandahar Province. The reason was a lack of GIRoA action on lifting the ban on right hand drive vehicles. The demonstrators were protesting the continued confiscation of right hand drive vehicles by the ANP. After 2hrs, the protestors selected representatives to meet with Governor Wesa and Ahmed Wali Karzai and the protest dispersed.

ZABUL

There was a low level of activity today with 1 kinetic event in the AO.



Friendly forces discovered an IED in QALAT District.

At 1055 13 Oct 10, elements of a CF unit were conducting an independent mounted patrol in Qalat District, Zabul Province, when they struck an IED. The strike resulted in 3 x CF WIA and 1 x vehicle destroyed. The wounded soldiers were evacuated.

URUZGAN

There was a low level of activity today with 2 kinetic events.

CF struck two IEDs (TARIN KOT and DEH RUD Districts).

At 1055 13 Oct 10, elements of 4th Kandak 205th ANA Corps and a CF unit were conducting a combined dismounted patrol in Chorah District, Uruzgan Province, when they struck an IED followed by small arms fire from an unknown number of insurgents. CAS on station supported the ground forces. The attack resulted in 1 x CF WIA. The wounded soldier was evacuated to the Kandahar Airfield.

14 OCT

KANDAHAR

Low levels of INS activity throughout KANDAHAR Province with 6 kinetic events; activity was again focused in the ARGHANDAB District and around the ZHARI/PANJWA'I area.

Total kinetic events throughout the AO were: 2 x direct fire events today.

There were 4 x IED strikes today.

At 0807 14 Oct 10, elements of 6th Battalion 2nd Brigade 205th ANA Corps and a CF unit were conducting a combined mounted patrol in Kandahar District, Kandahar Province when they struck an IED. The strike resulted in 1 x ANA Soldier KIA, 1 x ANA Soldier WIA and 1 x LN Interpreter wounded. The personnel were evacuated.

At 1324 14 Oct 10, elements of a CF unit were conducting an independent mounted patrol in Arghistan District, Kandahar Province, when they struck an IED. The strike resulted in 1 x CF KIA. A secondary IED was found and the EOD team was deployed in order to exploit the area.

ZABUL

There was a low level of activity today with 2 kinetic events in the AO.

There were two minor direct fire events and two demonstrations.

Zabul: At 1502 14 Oct 10, the Qalat Province Chief of Police, COL Wahidi, reported a non-violent demonstration of approximately 450 x LNs took place in front of the Qalat



Governor's Mansion in Qalat District, Zabul Province. The purpose of the demonstration is unknown at this time.

URUZGAN

There was a low level of activity today with 0 kinetic events.

An IED was found in TARIN KOT.

15 OCT

KANDAHAR

High levels of INS activity throughout KANDAHAR Province with 9 kinetic events; activity was again focused in the ARGHANDAB District and around the ZHARI/PANJWA'I area.

Total kinetic events throughout the AO were: There were 4 x direct/indirect fire events.

There were 4 x IED strikes today.

There was 1 x SAFIRE event today resulting in no hits and no casualties.

ZABUL

There was a low level of activity today with 2 kinetic events in the AO.

CF found three IEDs (two in QALAT and one in SHAH JOY) and were struck by one IED (in QALAT) and were engaged in a direct fire attack.

At 1508 15 Oct 10, elements of a CF unit reported an unknown number of Afghan Civilians in Qalat District, Zabul Province had struck an IED. The strike resulted in 5 x Afghan Civilians killed and 3 x Afghan Civilians wounded. Elements of 404th ANP Zone evacuated the casualties to the local hospital.

At 1444 15 Oct 10, elements of 2nd Kandak 2/205th ANA Corps and a CF unit were conducting a combined dismounted patrol in Mizan District, Zabul Province when they found a PPIED. While investigating the IED, they received small arms fire from 4 x INS 300 m south of their position. CF returned fire with small arms fire, snipers, and 4 x rounds of 120mm HE mortars.

URUZGAN

There was a low level of activity today with 3 kinetic events.

There were two direct fire attacks (one in DEH RUD and one in TARIN KOT), as well as an IED strike (in TARIN KOT).

16 OCT

**KANDAHAR**

High levels of INS activity throughout KANDAHAR Province with 10 kinetic events; activity was again focused in the ARGHANDAB District and around the ZHARI/PANJWA'I area.

Total kinetic events throughout the AO were: There were 8 x direct/indirect fire events today resulting in no casualties. There were two IED strikes, one of which resulted in CF casualties, as well as six IEDs found. In addition, there was a cache found that consisted of 20-30 mines.

At 0418 16 Oct 10, elements of a CF unit were conducting an independent dismounted patrol in Arghandab District, Kandahar Province, when they struck a mine. The strike resulted in 2 x CF WIA. The wounded Soldiers were evacuated to Kandahar Airfield.

At 1244 16 Oct 10, elements of 2nd Kandak 3rd Brigade 205th ANA Corps and a CF unit were conducting a combined dismounted patrol in Zharay District, Kandahar Province when they found a weapons cache. The cache consisted of 20-30 x AP mines. The EOD team was deployed to the area.

ZABUL

There was a low level of activity today with 3 kinetic event in the AO.

There was an IED strike in QALAT, a direct fire event took place in SHAH JOY and an IED was found in MIZAN District (this event was associated with a direct fire event).

At 1355 16 Oct 10, CF elements their base in Nawbahar District, Zabul Province received 2 x rounds of 107mm ineffective indirect fire. 1 x round impacted a doctor's home near the bazaar located 300 m north of the base. The incident resulted in 2 x Afghan Civilians wounded (1 x female and 1 x male child). The troops provided medical care and evacuated the casualties. Local population expressed outrage against the Taliban responsible for this attack.

URUZGAN

There was a low level of activity today with 1 kinetic event.

In TARIN KOT, a direct fire event occurred with no casualties or damage. An IED was found and cleared in the same district.

17 OCT**KANDAHAR**



Moderate levels of INS activity throughout KANDAHAR Province with 7 kinetic events; activity was again focused in the ARGHANDAB District and around the ZHARI/PANJWA'I area.

Total kinetic events throughout the AO were: There were 6 x direct/indirect fire events today resulting in no casualties and 1 IED event strike took place with no CF or ANSF casualties.

ZABUL

There was a low level of activity today with 1 kinetic event in the AO.

Insurgents attacked CF in an ineffective direct fire incident and an IED was cleared.

URUZGAN

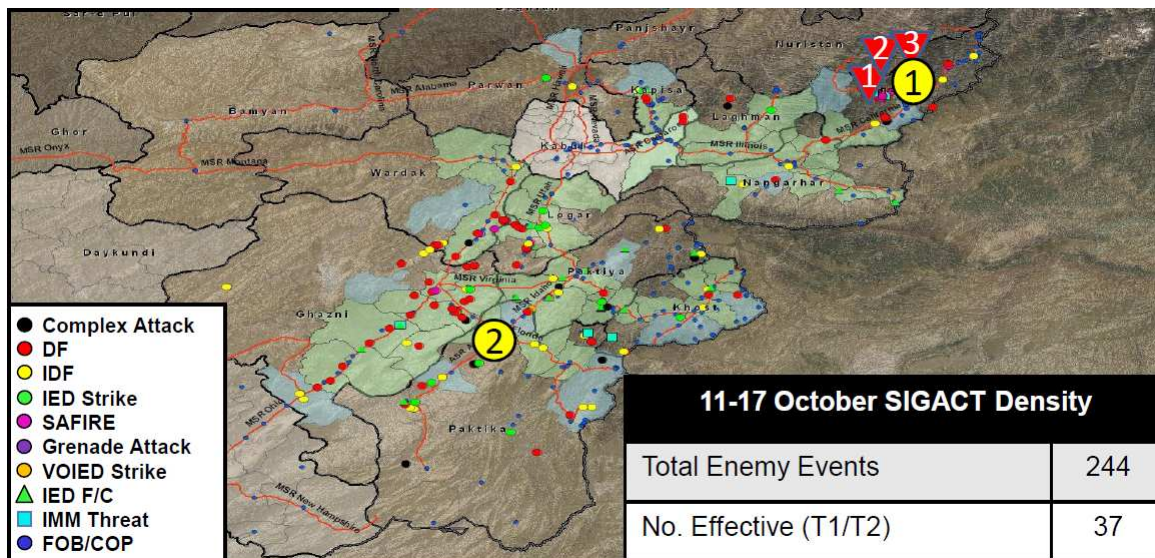
There was a low level of activity today with 0 kinetic events.

Two IEDs were found and cleared in TARIN KOT.

RC – EAST:

1. General Assessment of RC-E AOR

In **RC-East**, kinetic activity increased by 21% (244 this week, 201 last week) and attack effectiveness decreased by 17% (37 this week, 45 last week). Recent CF operation has likely hinders INS' ability to effectively attack. This was noted this week as we saw a decrease in effectiveness. Reporting continues to highlight the planning of multiple spectacular attacks to include NE Paktika, Central Khowst, and Jalalabad in Nangarhar.



Parwan, Panjshir, Kapisa and Bamyan



Kinetic activity has decreased from the normal op-tempo levels throughout the region. Reporting this week indicates INS continue to focus attack planning on BAF as part of the INS IO campaign. INS continue to stage and conduct attacks along the main supply route in KAPISA in order to limit ANSF/CF FoM throughout the province.

In **Parwan Province**, kinetic activity decreased from normal op-tempo levels. The Parwan Community Assistance Program has been launched from the UAE and the Parwan Directorate of Hajj and Religious Affairs. The program is comprised of three components; in-kind immediate assistance to Parwan mosques and Imams, monthly seminars by MoHRA-imams to discuss contemporary social issues through a moderate Islamic lens, and exchange activities for Afghan Imams. Neglect of religious communities in eastern Parwan has led many mullahs and Imams to preach against GIRoA/CF, though nearly all reject INS presence and their religious philosophies. GIRoA assistance is currently limited to an inadequate 70 USD monthly stipend paid to Imams at officially registered mosques. This neglect has allowed extremist and INS voices the opportunity to manipulate disenfranchised Islamic leaders.

In **Kapisa Province**, kinetic activity continues to remain at normal op-tempo levels. The trends in Kapisa continue to be the facilitation of fighters and logistics, INS targeting FOBs/COPs and CF patrols, and intimidation tactics against the local populace. Recent reporting indicates INS are continuing to target Road Maintenance Teams (RMTs) in Tagab and Nijrab Districts. INS typically conduct direct fire attacks and emplace IEDs to target the RMTs, likely in an attempt to disrupt security and development efforts. Additionally, reporting indicates that LNs in Tagab, especially IVO Jalokhel Village, have responded well to recent CF operations. The LNs stated that they feel very secure with a CF presence among them, however, their main concerns are CF coming to the area and not leaving any sort of protection behind. This may indicate INS support in Tagab is likely coerced. Reporting indicates that the success of the RMT initiative has led the residents of Shpee Valley, Alasay District to request an RMT of their own.

In **Panjshir Province**, kinetic activity continues to remain low; however, weapons smuggling continues to persist. A recent visit from Ambassador Eikenberry, MG Hood, and MOI Minister Bismullah Khan led Minister Khan to state in OSINT the launch of ALP in Parian District. The statement comes in response to Governor Keram's emphasis of the province's largest issues; unemployment and security, especially in Parian District, which borders Nuristan Province. Meanwhile, CF are meeting with all of the District Governors to outline the leaders' visions for the economic future for the districts. With the support of Governor Keram and the OCC-P, we will likely continue to see improvement to Panjshir's security situation. Overall stabilization of the province will also likely continue to encourage the locals to cooperate with GIRoA.

In **Bamyan Province**, the Malaysian Medical Team arrived in Bamyan and plans to concentrate their efforts in Panjab, Waras, Kahmard, and Yakawlang, with an emphasis on following and supporting the provincial Ministry of Public Health's Provincial Development Plan for 2011. The Malaysians have been welcomed to Bamyan and encouraged by local officials to develop a program to support community mosques and engage with the religious community.



Paktya, Paktika, and Khowst

In the **Paktya, Paktika and Khowst** area, INS will conduct attacks to maintain OP TEMPO before the winter and attempt to garner propaganda opportunities for recruiting and funding purposes through the winter season. High threat areas will remain to be FOBs/COPs in NE Paktika with an increased threat of IEDs in Gardez District, Paktya Province. INS are most likely to conduct attacks on softer targets such as GIROA infrastructures to undermine their ability to provide security for the populace.

In **Khowst Province**, reporting does not indicate an insurgent intent to conduct any large scale attacks in the region. However, the INS are planning to procure opportunities to increase their facilitation OPS. HQN elements IVO Tirezayi established a check point on the Pakistan side of the border to increase awareness of pro-GIROA/CF supporters among the populace. Recent INS failed attempts on the CF installations is causing the INS to take additional precautions before attempting any large scale attacks.

In **Paktya Province**, multiple reports indicate an increase in INS intent to employ IEDs in order to impede CF FoM. Reporting highlights IED emplacements in Jaji, Sayid Karam and Zormat Districts. According to multi-discipline reporting, the movement of weapons from Khowst Province into Paktya Province indicates INS intent to increase attack capabilities in the region. Additionally, a large number of IEDs were also transported from Ghazni Province into Zormat.

In **Paktika Province**, INS threat is persistent around Orgun District. INS networks operating in the region view CF presence as a hindrance to their operational and ideological goals. Additionally, the populace has been leaning more towards supporting GIROA/CF efforts in the region. This is also a critical factor in the INS's lack of FoM. Insurgent networks will likely employ intimidation tactics against local populace to garner coerced support and exercise security measures to evade coalition detection mechanisms to regain their FoA and FoM. CF FoM will likely be limited to the increase in emplacement of IEDs. INS are likely preparing to conduct spectacular attacks on a CF base to procure momentum for the winter.

Ghazni, Logar and Wardak

In the **Ghazni, Logar and Wardak** area, kinetic activity has slightly decreased from the normal op-tempo levels. High threat areas will remain in NE Ghazni, southern Wardak, and Central Logar. Attacks will remain focused on key CF and GIROA infrastructure and convoys traveling along key MSRs. Reporting during the week has highlighted fighters utilization of Logar and Wardak as safe havens to Kabul as they attempt to capitalize on the seams and sanctuary that INS in these provinces provide.

In **Ghazni Province**, reporting during the week has illustrated the movement of IED material, however recent operations will likely hinder IED activity next week due to the results of recent CF operations. If ANSF/CF maintain an adequate amount of pressure on INS, the populace will begin to separate as INS appears to be hindered by CF operations. Reporting continues to indicate the usage of Moqor District as a heavy C2



node for INS operations in the Southern Portion of Ghazni. Recent reporting has also indicated INS intent to conduct more complex attacks against the district center within Andar District. Andar/Miri District Center has been increasingly targeted since the beginning of September. The intent to attack DC is likely derived from INS overall intent to destabilize the government at the district level and supplement the need for GIRoA with TB ideology.

In **Logar Province**, reporting during the week continues to indicate the emplacement of IEDs along main and local roads throughout the district of Mohammad Agha as INS attempt to hinder CF FoM. These efforts to hinder CF FoM along roads are likely due to INS wanting to maintain positive control over key facilitation routes. It is likely INS IED networks operating within northern Logar will continue to emplace adequate amounts of IEDs to disrupt CF patrols and logistical operations prior to the winter months. Reporting indicates the presence of multiple suicide bombers with the intention of targeting two prominent GIRoA figures to include the Governor. This assassination is likely triggered as INS are losing support due to CF and NDS operations within Logar Province. The assassination of the Governor would leave a huge gap in governance within Logar Province that will allow INS to fill the void with their Shadow Government.

In **Wardak Province**, reporting during the week has indicated the preparation of multiple ambushes within the Tangi Valley, Sayed Abad District. Reporting indicates the emplacement of multiple IEDs meant to target CF and isolate villages from CF presence in the Tangi Valley and Jalrez District. This TTP is common for INS as they attempt to sustain their support zone. TB activity within Sayed Abad has illustrated the increase in INS intimidation on the local populace. Reporting indicates that in the Tangi Valley local store owners closed their shops due to INS pressure. These acts of intimidation hinder the locals view of security within the valley. Reporting also indicated the increase targeting of ANSF within Wardak by INS. This is likely to delegitimize ANSF's security efforts within the Province.

Nangarhar, Nuristan, Konar and Laghman

In **the Nangarhar, Nuristan, Konar and Laghman area**, kinetic activity continued to drop while INS planned to conduct high profile attacks. Additionally, reports of smuggling have increase, potentially indicating the initiation of INS stockpiling for winter operations throughout the region. High threat areas include SE Konar due to threat reporting indicating intent to conduct high-profile attacks, Nangarhar, due to the reported presence of suicide bombers who intend to detonate in the area. As winter approaches, INS CDRs will likely begin to leave for Pakistan where they will sustain safe-haven over winter.

In **Nangarhar Province**, INS are primarily attempting to expand influence in E Nangarhar by conducting attacks in La'lpur District. In W Nangarhar, reporting continues to indicate pockets of local resistance to INS influence which may provide GIRoA an opportunity to exploit by providing support to local economy. The threat to JAF remains consistent. INS are currently conducting surveillance operations at JAF indicating the possibility of a high-profile attack in the next 3-4 weeks.



In **Nuristan Province**, limited reporting this week continues to indicate IEDs threats. Additionally, there have been sporadic reporting indicating a possible INS threat in Barg-e Matal DC and INS intend to disrupt supplies going into Nuristan by attacking routes in Kunar. INS will likely continue harassing attack IVO CF bases. Furthermore, if reporting continues to indicate threats in Barg-e Matal, INS will likely conduct a large scale attack against the DC.

In **Kunar Province**, INS continue to maintain influence in S Kunar. In Ghakai Pass, Marawarah District, a known INS facilitation route, CF recovered a CH-47 that had been attacked and resulted in an emergency landing. While INS in N Kunar attempt to conduct activities, the conflict between INS and locals continues to hinder INS activities; therefore, TB senior leaders are attempting to mediate. This conflict had resulted from the incident of INS IED accidentally killing a brother of local village elder in July. CF operations in C Kunar have disrupted INS FOM; however, INS will likely regroup and retaliate against CF because C Kunar has been an INS stronghold. INS activity will likely continue and concentrate in C and S Kunar.

In **Laghman Province**, reporting indicates INS are planning for future operations and how to deal with local nationals. TB currently appear to be divided as to whether or not they should target development which assists local nationals, or allow local nationals access to development and only target CF/ANSF. The majority of TB continue to consider development a legitimate target, and will likely continue to target road construction in an effort to deny ANSF/CF FoM and access to the local nationals.

RC – CAPITAL:

1. General Assessment of RC-C AOR

The number of significant events in RC-C decreased over the period of 11 – 17 OCT 2010, with no confirmed offensive events recorded (a decrease of two event from the last reporting period). There was one cache found (in SHAKAR DARA), four mines cleared (in GUL DARA) and a demonstration in Kabul City by Kuchi residents who were expresses their frustration with their representatives in government.

During the period of 11 – 17 OCT 2010, the following event took place:

Protest in Kabul City on 11 OCT 2010. At 11 1045 OCT 2010 KCP reported that a group of Kuchis gathered for a demonstration and began to protest for their rights and for more attention from their representatives in government marched towards the parliamentary building. Demonstration ended peacefully at 11 1145 OCT 2010.

INS engage ANA Base with SAF. At 1000 12 OCT 2010 2 x INS fired from motorcycles as they passed the front of an ANA FOB on Jalalabad Road. The ANA stationed their pursued and captured the 2 x INS, who are being held at the ANA base.

Civilian Aircraft Crash in Kabul Province. At approximately 1935 on October 12, 2010, a civilian L-100 aircraft crashed east of Kabul International Airport (KAIA), Kabul Province. The aircraft specifically crashed into the mountains near Pol-e



Charki as it attempted to land at the airport. The plane was operated by Transafrik, a cargo carrier flying on behalf of National Air Cargo, and tasked with delivering a load of repair parts. Eight people were aboard, including one National Air Cargo employee. The aircraft was in communication with KAIA tower at the time of the incident. Witnesses from nearby Camp Blackhorse reported they saw the aircraft crash into a mountain.

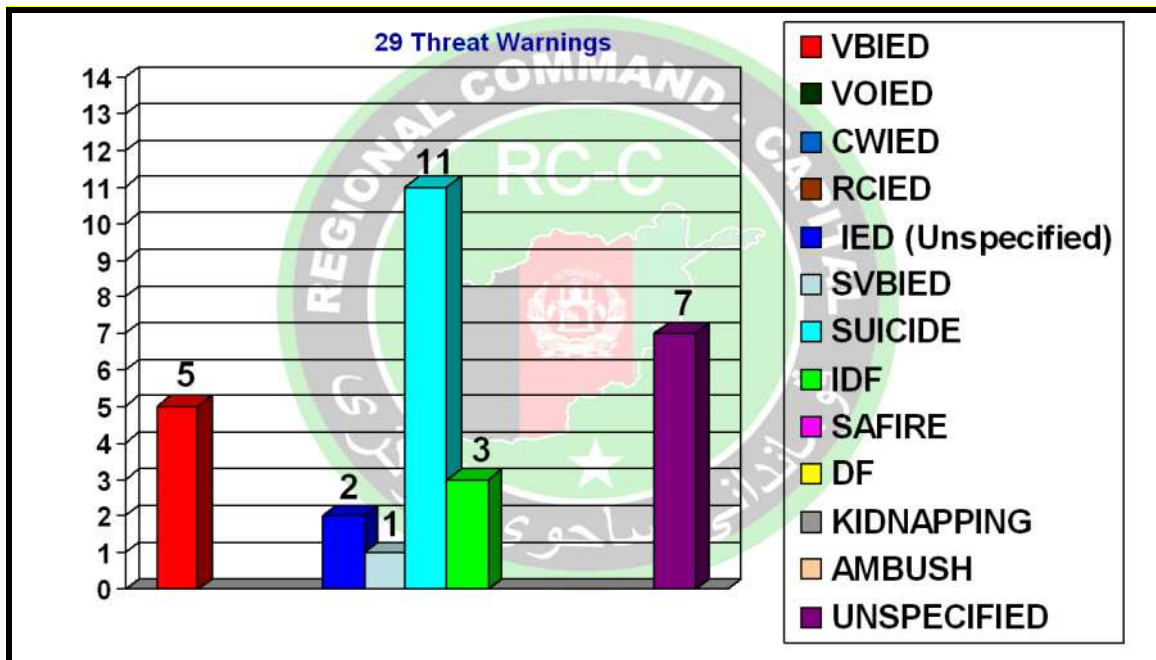
Possible Small Arms Fire against Military Convoy in Kabul. At approximately 1538 on October 12, 2010, a two-vehicle convoy from a CF task force was headed east on Route Violet, Kabul City, when a person in the last vehicle reported hearing a shot fired from the south side of the road. The convoy was near Check-Point V2 (42S WD19738 21697) at the time. No injuries or vehicle damage was reported.

Small Cache of Mines Discovered. KCP reported that at 13 1100 OCT 2010 7 rounds of anti-personnel land mines were found inside a hide out near the village of JANGALAK E CHAP DARA in SHAKAR DARA district.

Small-Arms Fire Reported by a CF Military Convoy in Kabul. On 16 Oct 10, at 2320, Camp Dubs BDOC received a call from Griffen 5 (NFI) that they received five rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of Rte Orange, (MGRS: 42 SWD 11837 21392), Kabul City. There were no injuries and the vehicles were not damaged. The convoy pushed through to their destination.

Mines Discovered in GUL DARA District. KCP Reported that at 17 1150 OCT 2010 4 x Anti-personnel Mines were found in the Chaiwarni area on a bridge and destroyed at the same area by KCP EOD Team. No casualties or damage was reported.

Threat Warnings:



The number of threat warnings slightly increased in comparison with last week. 29 threat warnings were received (+4). The types of threat warnings are shown in the chart above. These warnings included eleven SUICIDE THREATS, five VBIED THREATS, three IDF THREATS, two IED THREATS, one SVBIED THREAT, and seven UNSPECIFIED warnings. The most mentioned areas, assets and activities in these threat warnings are Parliament Building, ANSF/ISAF Bases/Camps, vehicles and HQs, GIRoA Buildings (especially MoD, MoI, MoFA, and Presidential Palace), Embassies, KAIA, Serena Hotel, the UN Compound on Jalalabad Road and Indian Guest Houses.

Current Security Assessment:

Due to the inability of various insurgent groups and networks to carry out a significant attack within Kabul City (or even against CF, ANSF or International Community compounds outside the city) over the last several months when media attention in the city was higher than usual, there is intense pressure to succeed in striking a high value target in Kabul. Reporting suggests insurgent leaders based in Pakistan are displeased with the inability of their networks to successfully attack Kabul, which has led them to increase their efforts to infiltrate the city and conduct an attack. A lack of events in Kabul City is not to be interpreted as a lack of threats.

Despite the general security success for ANSF, the security situation in Kabul City, particularly in the center, remains tense but under control.

The latest information indicates some insurgent groups intend to send suicide bombers to Kabul. However, the most likely threats to CF, ANSF and the IC in Kabul remain various types of indirect forms of attack, such as IED emplacements and, most likely, indirect fire attacks against large targets such as bases and FOBs.



On the other hand, insurgents maintain the capability to conduct a complex attack in Kabul City especially inside PD 2, 5, 8 to weaken GIRoA legitimacy and to attract international media attention.

Insurgents will continue to patiently watch for opportunities to attack ANSF and ISAF in order to demoralize the public and discredit GIRoA and ISAF. They will continue to try to create the perception that GIRoA members and relatives are corrupt and unable to govern and unable to cope with the population's grievances. Insurgent leadership is likely exploit any of the displeasure that arises from the upcoming announcement of results from the 18 SEP parliamentary election.