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DSS-Afghanistan Elections Daily Situation Report

**Elections Related Security Incidents - 0900 hrs 16 Sep – 1800 hrs 16 Sept
(For all security incidents in Afghanistan see the DSS-A Daily Incident Report)**

1800hrs 16 September 2010

Incidents Involving UN Staff

Nil incidents reported affecting UN Staffs.

Details follow:

Reports from DSS Crisis Coordination Center and UN Field Locations Afghanistan

Regional Reports

North-Eastern Region:

General Security Situation- The overall security Situation in the North East Region remains unstable. Kunduz Province, northern part of Takhar and Baghlan Provinces particularly districts along the main highway remain unstable, while Badakhshan Province though stable could easily deteriorate.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN

Nil

Election Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN

Badakhshan:

On 16 Sep 2010, at 1100hrs, an IED was safely defused by ANP as it was planted in Yaransha area on the way to Argo district. Reportedly, the target was the IEC Material convoy expected to leave today for Argo district.

Baghlan:

On 16 September, Dand-e-Ghori area, Puli-e-Khumri District, in the evening time, an IEC District Field Coordinator (DFC) who was assigned to cover Khwaja Alwan area in Chashma-i-Sher, Puli-e-Khumri District was abducted by unknown persons. The abducted person lived in Dand-e-Ghori area and his last contact with IEC was Wednesday evening around 1700hrs.

Number of UN Elections Missions planned, Completed, Ongoing

**Completed -
Kunduz:**

- 1400 hrs, HoO and FSCO meeting with Chief of Police at Police HQ.

Badakhshan:

- 0850 – 1130 FZH national HoO meeting with IEC operations to discuss sharing of information during the election.
- 1030 – 1130 LSA liaison visit to OCCP regarding E day reporting of information.
- 1050 – 1200 Human Rights Assistant attended meeting at Governor's compound for election related appointments.

Takhar:

- 1420 – 1530 LSA visited PD# 3 police and OCCP to liaise regarding security arrangement and reporting of information

Ongoing -

Badakhshan:

- 1340 – LSA attending OCCP afternoon meeting.

Takhar:

- Political assistant visited IEC provincial office to secure the Day PASS for E-day in case needed.

Planned – Nil

Remarks:

All Staff accounted for at 0900 hrs

Northern Region:

General security situation: General security situation remained calm in the region with exception of Darzab and Qush Tapa Districts of Jawzjan Province. Reports indicate that the AGE's presence in the mentioned districts has been noted lately and accordingly the AGE plan to attack IEC/ANSF/IM conducting election-related activities in the area. Reports also indicate that AGE have planted several IED/mines along the Qush Tapa-Darzab roads in order to target election-related movements in the area.

In Maymana City, Faryab Province, there is a visible presence of ANP at strategic locations, who are conducting vehicle search operations. Rumours about the presence of suicide bombers in the

city exist however no confirmation has been received from the official sources. The ongoing vehicle search operation in different parts of the city is believed to be a mitigating measure against rumours of suicide bombers as well as possible demonstration of ANP alertness for the coming Elections.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN:

NIL

Elections Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN:

On 15 September, Samangan Province, Dara-i-Sufi Payin District, Centre area, an IEC DFC received threatening messages on his cellular phone from AGE to quite job with IEC or otherwise face hard consequences.

On 15 September, Balkh Province, Nahre Shahi District, Shahrak Afghania and Turkmania Villages, village representative received a phone call from AGE, threatening villagers not to participate in the elections as they are going to attack the polling centers.

On 16 September, Samangan Province, Dare Suf Payin District, Kanda Moshak Village, at approximately 1500hrs, two IEDs detonated against ANP convoy escorting IEC transporting ballot materials. Two ANP vehicles sustained slight damages, but no casualties were reported.

Number of UN missions:

Planned	Completed	Ongoing
10	7	0

Remarks:

UNDSS NR has increased the number of external armed guards (UNPU) at the GHs in Mazar City, where the UN international staff have been concentrated at, as numerous ANP forces have been reportedly sent to secure the polling centres in various districts of Balkh Province.

Western Region:

General Security Situation Overall security situation in the Western Region remained unstable due to the prevailing AGE/IAG activities and sustained threat reporting. All two election-related security incidents occurred in Badghis Province.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN

Nil

Election Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN

On 16 September, Badghis Province, Qadis District, Band Jora area, at 1330 hrs, ANSF convoy escorting elections material from DAC to Gulchin village came under SAF attack by AGE. No casualty or damage was reported.

On 16 September, Badghis Province, Qadis District, Gulchin Village, Kotal Khaki area, 1400 hrs,

a reinforcement force of locals and ANP on their way to support ANSF convoy was ambushed in the area. No casualty was reported.

Number of UN Elections Missions planned, Completed, Ongoing

Completed - 2

Ongoing - 1 still at OCCR

Planned – Nil

Remarks:

All Staff accounted at 1700hrs

Southern Region:

General Security Situation - Overall security in SR is remains volatile, but was calm during the day. No significant incidents have been reported throughout the day. Shops in Kandahar and other district capitals are open and the public is on the streets

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN

Uruzgan

NIL

Zabul Province

NIL

Kandahar Province

NIL

Helmand Province.

NIL

Nimroz

NIL

Election Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN

Uruzgan province:

Sep 16, 1440 hrs Nachin area of TK city, convoys with election material left for Dehrawood and Chorah districts. The convoy to Chorah was not able to pass a demonstration of local population against the abuse of the Holy Qoran by international forces.

Zabul Province:

NIL

Kandahar Province:

NIL

Helmand Province:

Sep 16, Nad Ali District, during the day DFC asked CoP to provide accommodation for the night. CoP has been up DFC and threw and confined him in a container.

Sep 15, at approximately 17:00 hrs in Marja Area, Nad Ali District, Helmand province IEC sensitive material convoy coming from Lashka Gah was attacked by AGE, no casualties and no damaged to material.

Sep 15, at 1718 hrs AGE attacked an IEC convoy this afternoon in Marjah District. There were no casualties and no damage to the IEC materials reported. ISAF provided air support after the attack and the convoy was able to continue to proceed to its destination.

Nimroz Province:

NIL

Number of UN Elections Missions planned, completed, ongoing

Completed – 1

Ongoing - 1

Planned – 2

Remarks:

Staff Accounted for (1600hrs report)

South-Eastern Region:

General Security Situation: The general security situation in SER is volatile as information of AGE's preparing to attack election related activities continues to be received from the security entities in the region. In addition threats of attacks on IEC and UNAMA Office in Khost the stand threat on Suicide attack in Gardez city continues and possible targets in Gardez are Governor and ANP HQs Compounds, and UNMAC (UN compound in Gardez).

Election Security Incident Affecting UN: NIL

Election Security incident not Affecting UN:

Election Related Incident: On 15 September, Ghazni Province, Ab Band, Giro, Zana Khan, Rashidan, Qarabagh, Andar, Dih Yak, Muqur Districts, AGE warned local population not to vote in the upcoming parliamentary elections or otherwise face tough consequences.

On 16 September, Ghazni Province, Rashidan District, DAC, in the morning; AGE attacked an IEC helicopter with RPG/SAF. **(to be confirmed)**

On 16 September, Ghazni Province, Ghazni Center, Rawza Village, approx 0900hrs; an IED planted next to a local school was discovered and defused by ANP. **(This is a girl's school that is designated to be used as a Polling Center)**

On 15 September, Khost Province, Mando Zayi District, Dilpori area, nighttime; AGE distributed leaflets warning the locals not to participate in upcoming elections or otherwise be killed.

Number of UN Elections Missions Planned,

- **Completed:** UNDP/Elect mission Returned to base at 16:20hrs
- **On Going:** None

Deployment/Redeployment of Security Assets: None

Remarks: All staff accounted for

Eastern Region:

General Security Situation: The general security situation has been calm in the ER. Eight security incidents were reported in Kunar and Nangahar provinces out of which only one (a demonstration) was related to the elections.

Election Security Incidents Affecting the UN: Nil.

Election Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN:

On 16 September, at 1015hrs, locals numbering approx 500 staged a demonstration against the IEC's decision to close down several polling stations in Sherzad District of Nangarhar Province among others. Some of the protesters were reported to be armed thus raised the profile of the protest as a potentially violent one. The demonstration however ended peacefully at 1215hrs following the intervention of the ANSF and government officials who assured the protesters of redress of their grievances before the elections.

Deployment/Redeployment of Security Assets - no change.

Number of UN elections missions planned; completed, ongoing:

UNDP ELECT missions to the UNDP/ANBP Compound and IEC Office were successfully conducted during the period without any incident.

Remarks:

The protest may be restaged if nothing is done about the grievances raised within the short time (Friday) before the election date. UNDSS ER has lookouts in place for signs of civic disorder to advise the UN community accordingly.

Central Region:

General security situation: A number of demonstrations were held in Wardak Province against the elections involving approximately 1,500 people. In some cases, demonstrators blocked off the main Kabul – Kandahar road. Some demonstrations turned violent when demonstrators burned three IM contracted trucks and abducted three drivers. According to some reports, the demonstrators fired shots towards the ANSF and a passing ISAF convoy but no casualties were reported in these cases.

Elections Security Incidents affecting the UN:
NSTR

Elections Security Incidents not affecting the UN:

On 16 September, Wardak Province, Maydan Shahr District, approximately 1000hrs; reportedly 1000 people staged demonstrations against the elections. The demonstrators blocked the main Kabul – Kandahar road, set three IM contracted civilian trucks on fire and three truck drivers were taken hostage by the demonstrators. Reportedly, the demonstrators fired some shots at ANSF.

On 16 September, Wardak Province, Nerkh District, Qarimdad area, approximately 1000hrs; a group of people demonstrated by shouting slogans against the elections and IM, some unconfirmed reports suggested that the demonstrators opened fire at an ISAF convoy traveling in the area.

On 16 September, Wardak Province, Saydabad District, approximately 1030 hrs; a demonstration against the elections was attended by approximately 400 to 500 people. The demonstrators blocked the main Kabul – Kandahar road during the demonstrations.

On 16 September, Wardak Province; the ANSF reportedly discovered approximately 38 already positioned rockets. The ANSF is planning to defuse these rockets. The rockets were meant to disrupt the elections.

Number of UN elections missions planned, completed and ongoing: Nil

Remarks:

No remarks.

Central Highlands Region:

General Security Situation The security situation in Central Highlands Region remained calm. Only one traffic accident has been recorded so far.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN: Nil

Elections Security Incidents not affecting the UN: Nil

Number of UN elections missions:

Planned: 6

Completed: 3
Ongoing: 3

Deployment of Security Assets: Three UNAMA vehicles

Remarks: All staff accounted for

End of report

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