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DSS-Afghanistan Elections Daily Situation Report

**Elections Related Security Incidents - 1800 hrs 16 Sept to 0900 hrs Sept 10
(For all security incidents in Afghanistan see the DSS-A Daily Incident Report)**

1800hrs 16 Sept -0900 hrs 17 Sept 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.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN

Nil

Election Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN

Kunduz

On 16 September, Mawlawi Rahman Nahwi, a candidate from Kunduz City, complained that in the eastern part of Kunduz city, many candidates could not run campaigns due to intimidation from local militia under a known former commander. According to the candidate, elders of the area were told to vote for a specific candidate that this former commander supports.

On 16 September, the Kunduz IEC reported that 25 polling centres (seven in Imam Saheb, six in Kunduz, three each in Qala-e-Zal and Dasht-e-Archi, two each in Chaharadara, Aliabad, and Khanabad) are to be closed since the ANP cannot provide security.

Badakhshan

On 16 September, Badakhshan Province, Faizabad District, Dashti-e- Qurugh area, at

approximately 2130 hrs, unknown gunmen shot and killed a supporter of a Parliamentary candidate. ANP investigation is on going as three suspects have been arrested in connection to the incident.

Baghlan

On 16 September, Baghlan Province, Puli-e-Khumri District, Dand-e-Shahabuddin area, approximately around 1815 hrs, IM mobile patrol struck a RCIED which was followed by SAF by AGE in the vicinity. Reportedly IM called for air support. Subsequent engagements were ongoing in the general area.

Takhar

On 16 September, Takhar Province, Khwaja Bahuddin District, Areq Qeshlaq village and Katak Jar village (time not specified) it was reported that AGE intimidated the villagers not to participate in the WJ Parliamentary Election. They further warned that those who would participate would be punished.

On 16 September, Takhar Province, Yangi Qala District, Kaftal Ali village a large number of AGE (about 100) appeared in the area and warned the villagers not to go to the polling centres otherwise they would be punished. The local authorities indicated that the polling centres in Ishanabad, Alam Jar and Omar Khiel, villages are likely to be closed due to such threats and insecurity.

Number of UN Elections Missions planned, Completed, Ongoing

Will be ammended

Remarks:

All Staff accounted for by 0900 hrs.

Northern Region:

General security situation: The general Security Situation in Northern Region remained calm and quiet with the exception of Kohistanat and Sayyad Districts of Sari Pul Province and Dazab and Qushtepa Districts of Jawzjan Province. In the mentioned districts AGE has been sighted and reportedly planning to attack IEC/ANSF/IM movements in the area.

All Political campaigns in the region have ceased and ANSF is on high alert for the electoral process.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN:

NIL

Elections Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN:

On 16 September, a group of AGE attacked an IEC convoy at Bandahr Village (2206112) at the ANP CP, Kohstanat District in Faryab Province, which was transporting election material to Bandahr, Dhendara (2206114) and Takban Lafra (2206122) Polling Centers. The ANP engaged

the AGE and the convoy managed to withdraw to safer area. The fighting is still ongoing. All convoy personnel are safe.

Number of UN missions:

Planned	Completed	Ongoing
6	0	0

Remarks:

NIL

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.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN

Nil

Election Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN

On 16 September, Badghis Province, Muqur District, Chah Kabalai area, at 1800 hrs, eight (8) local elders and seven (7) local IEC staff were reportedly abducted by AGE, after a meeting that had been convened by AGE. The insurgents were reported to have transported the abductees to an undisclosed location in Murghab District. No further details available at this time.

16 September, Hirat Province, Ghoryan District, District Centre, 2100 hrs, approximately 1710 hrs, an IED detonated close to a business premises belonging to a candidate for the forthcoming Parliamentary Elections. No casualty was reported.

On 16 September, Hirat Province, Ghoryan District, District, District Centre, at 1700 hrs, an IED detonated in close proximity of an ANP CP. No casualty or damage was reported.

On 16 September, Badghis Province, Murghab District, Eshaq Zai village, at 1830 hrs, an IEC employee driving his private vehicle en route to Murghab was stopped by AGE and abducted. His whereabouts remains unknown.

16 September, Badghis Province, Ab Kamary District, Bobakha area, at approximately 1830 hrs, two IEC employees were abducted by AGE and taken to Mahmoodzai Village of Sang Atash area.

On 15 September, Hirat Province, Adraskan District, Konjan area, a candidate for the forthcoming Parliamentary Election and two supporters were abducted by an armed group. The criminals are demanding a ransom for the release of the abductees whose whereabouts remain unknown. No further details are available at this time.

On 15 September, Hirat Province, Kushk District Center and Turghundi areas, during the night, AGE distributed leaflets warning locals not to take part in the forthcoming Parliamentary Election.

On 15 September, Hirat Province, Gulran District, during the night, AGE distributed leaflets warning locals not to take part in the forthcoming Parliamentary Election.

Number of UN Elections Missions planned, Completed, Ongoing

Completed - Nil

Ongoing - 2, UNDP/ELECT to IEC and UNAMA to OCCR.

Planned – Nil

Remarks: Nil

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, even in a very view numbers. Streets seem to be nearly abandoned

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:

NIL

Zabul Province:

NIL

Kandahar Province:

NIL

Helmand Province:

NIL

Nimroz Province:

NIL

Number of UN Elections Missions planned, completed, ongoing

Completed – 0

Ongoing - 0

Planned – 2

Remarks:

Staff Accounted for (1600hrs report)

South-Eastern Region:

General Security Situation: No change to the last report

Election Security Incident Affecting UN: Nothing to report

Election Security incident not Affecting UN:

On 16 September, Paktika Province, Yahya Khel District, Ghabi Khel village, at 17:00hrs, AGE Attacked an Elect convoy with SAF. Reportedly Electoral Materials are safe. The DFC was seriously injured (Mr. Mohammad Zaheer) in the incident. Purportedly the attack was directed at the ANP escorts.

Number of UN Elections Missions Planned,

Completed: UNAMA MAU traveled to OCCR at the ANA compound at Camp Lightening.

On Going: Nil

Deployment/Redeployment of Security Assets: None

Remarks: All Staff are accounted for both National and International.

Eastern Region:

General Security Situation: The general security situation in the region for last 16hrs (1700hrs, 16/09/10 – 0900hrs, 17/09/10) has been calm apart from two incidents (illegal check points) reported in Kunar Province.

Election Security Incidents Affecting the UN:

Nil.

Election Security Incidents Not Affecting the UN:

It was reported that at about 1930hrs, along the main access road between Asmar and Nari Districts, Kunar Province, numbers of AGE setup numbers of illegal check points and issuing verbal warning to occupants of all passing vehicles, not to cast their votes in the coming election.

It was reported that at about 1850hrs, along the primary road between Watar Pur District and Kuru, Kalauna area, Kunar Province, AGE groups setup numbers of illegal check points and issuing verbal warning to occupants of all passing vehicles, not to cast their votes in the coming election.

Deployment/Redeployment of Security Assets

No change.

Number of UN elections missions planned; completed, ongoing:

UNDP ELECT missions from the UNDP/ANBP Compound, Jalalabad Air Field (JAF) and IEC Office were successfully conducted during the period (0630hrs – 0840hrs) without any incident.

Remarks:

UNDSS ER will continue to monitor and assess the situation in the region and will swiftly advise relevant offices upon any signs of civic disorder.

Central Region:

General security situation: No change.

Elections Security Incidents affecting the UN:

NSTR

Elections Security Incidents not affecting the UN:

Will be updated

Number of UN elections missions planned, completed and ongoing:

NIL

Remarks:

Nil

Central Highlands Region

General security situation: The security situation in Central Highlands Region remained calm with the exception of Kijran District that witnessed a security incident.

Elections Security Incidents Affecting the UN: Nil

Elections Security Incidents not Affecting the UN:

On 16/09/10 Daykundi Province Kajran district Kichaie Mamoor village at around 1530hrs, ANA and IM deployed around 40 soldiers and two helicopters in order to ensure the security of elections. At the level of Kichaie Mamoor check point, there was an armed clash between national and international forces. As a result, one IM soldier was killed, and another international and national soldiers were injured. At this stage, it is not known who of the two forces started the shooting.

Number of UN elections missions:

Planned:	2
Completed:	2
Ongoing:	0

Deployment of Security Assets: Four DSS/UNAMA vehicles

Remarks:

NIL

End of report

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