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From: Silverman, Lawrence R [SilvermanLR2@state.sgov.gov]  
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2003 8:19 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: FW: LRSC ATTACKED BY PKK IN NORTHERN IRAQ 08NOV03

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Here it is

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Deutsch, Robert S  
> Sent: Monday, November 10, 2003 1:43 AM  
> To: Silverman, Lawrence R; Hengel, Douglas C  
> Subject: FW: LRSC ATTACKED BY PKK IN NORTHERN IRAQ 08NOV03

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> ~~Information with E.O. 13526 that is classified SECRET.~~  
> ~~Subject: [Redacted]~~  
> ~~[Redacted]~~  
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PORTIONS WITHHELD UNDR 10 USC 424. RECOMMEND REFERRAL TO CENTCOM FOR REVIEW. NO DIA OBJECTION SUBJECT TO REDACTION OF THE PORTION WITHHELD BY DIA AND RESULTS OF CENTCOM REVIEW.

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Betts, Timothy A  
> Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2003 6:17 PM  
> To: Deutsch, Robert S  
> Cc: Hrycaj, Roman N; Cohen, Jonathan R  
> Subject: FW: LRSC ATTACKED BY PKK IN NORTHERN IRAQ 08NOV03

> Bob,  
> Below is the report of an engagement between the PKK/KADEK and US/Iraqi forces. PKK/KADEK won. It appears it was a chance encounter and that PKK/KADEK only attacked because one of their own was apprehended.

> Tim 6305 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: [Redacted]  
> Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2003 12:37 AM  
> To: Betts, Timothy A (Ankara), State;  
> [Redacted] 'dismirj@state.sgov.gov'  
> Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R (Ankara), State;  
> [Redacted] Embassy);

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> Subject: LRSC ATTACKED BY PKK IN NORTHERN IRAQ 08NOV03

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> ALCON, DIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3); 10 USC 424

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> Today we were attacked by PKK/KADEK in a deliberate ambush. We ended up with 1 IBP KIA and 13 IBP WIA, two of which are serious condition. Please ensure this gets to the proper people in the intel

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- > THE
- > UI MALE PULLED BACK THE VEST HE WAS WEARING AND DISPLAYED TWO PISTOLS,
- > FOUR
- > FRAGMENTATION GRENADES, AND MULTIPLE AK-47 MAGAZINES. (FIELD COMMENT-ON OR
- > ABOUT THIS TIME THE U.S. FORCES INVOLVED IN THE PATROL IDENTIFIED
- > THEMSELVES
- > AS U.S. FORCES). AFTER APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES THE UI MALE COMPLIED
- > WITH
- > THE DEMAND TO DISARM.
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- > 2. (S//~~REL USA AND MCFI~~) UNDER U.S. DIRECTION, THE IBP DETAINED THE UI
- > MALE. AT THIS TIME, U.S. FORCES NOTED TWO UI MALES ON THE RIDGELINE, ONE
- > TALKING ON A RADIO, AND THE OTHER THREATENING TO THROW GRENADES AT THE
- > PATROL. AT THIS TIME THE IBP IDENTIFIED ALL THREE MEN AS MEMBERS OF THE
- > KURDISTAN WORKERS PARTY. (FIELD COMMENT--THE PKK IS THE FORMER NAME FOR
- > THE
- > FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY CONGRESS OF KURDISTAN (KADEK).
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- > 3. (S//~~REL USA AND MCFI~~) THE IBP WERE RELUCTANT TO ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND
- > THE UI MALES ON THE RIDGELINE, AND THE PATROL DECIDED TO LEAVE THE AREA
- > WITH
- > THE ONE UI MALE DETAINEE. WHILE TURNING THE PATROL VEHICLES IN ORDER TO
- > PROCEED SOUTH FROM THE SITE OF THE DETENTION, WITH THE ONE U.S. FORCES
- > VEHICLE LEADING THE PATROL, THE PATROL CAME UNDER ATTACK FROM
- > APPROXIMATELY
- > 20 TO 30 KADEK MEMBERS, ARMED WITH SMALL ARMS AND ROCKET PROPELLED
- > GRENADES
- > (RPG).
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- > 4. (S//~~REL USA AND MCFI~~) THE FIRST TWO IBP VEHICLES FOLLOWING THE U.S.
- > VEHICLE CRASHED AND ROLLED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO AVOID BEING HIT BY SMALL
- > ARMS
- > AND RPG FIRE. THIS BLOCKED THE ROAD FOR THE OTHER TWO IBP VEHICLES
- > ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AREA. THE U.S. VEHICLE PROCEEDED SOUTH
- > UNTIL
- > REACHING A SAFE AREA// UTMCOORD: 38S LG 083221// TO CALL FOR BOTH AN IBP
- > QUICK REACTION FORCE (QRF) AND A U.S. QRF.
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- > 5. (S//~~REL USA AND MCFI~~) THE IBP PORTION OF THE PATROL WAS DETAINED BY
- > THE
- > KADEK MEMBERS AT GUNPOINT. THE KADEK MEMBERS TOLD THE CAPTAIN IN CHARGE
- > OF
- > THE PATROL "TELL THE AMERICAINS THAT IF WE SEE YOU HERE AGAIN WE WILL KILL
- > YOU ALL." (FIELD COMMENT-THIS WAS RELATED TO U.S. FORCES BY MEMBERS OF
- > THE
- > IBP PATROL WHO WERE DETAINED BY KADEK. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PATROL CLAIM
- > KADEK TOLD THEM THAT IF THE IBP RELEASED THE PRISONER THEY WOULD STOP
- > FIGHTING.)
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- > 6. (S//~~REL USA AND MCFI~~) THE KADEK MEMBERS RECOVERED THE DETAINEE AND
- > FLED
- > THE SCENE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE QRF FORCES. ONE IBP OFFICER WAS
- > KILLED IN THIS INCIDENT AND 13 WERE WOUNDED. NO U.S. CASUALTIES WERE
- > SUSTAINED.
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- > 7. (S//~~REL USA AND MCFI~~) U.S. FORCES RESPONDING TO THE INCIDENT INCLUDED
- > TWO UH-64 APACHE AIRCRAFT WHICH ENGAGED FOUR KADEK MEMBERS IN THE AREA OF
- > THE AMBUSH. NO KNOWN BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF THIS ENGAGEMENT WAS
- > CONDUCTED.
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- > COMMENTS: (TEAM COMMENTS) 1. (S//~~REL USA AND MCFI~~) INFORMATION /
- > SOURCE
- > ASSESSMENT: TEAM ASSESSES THIS REPORT B1 - INFORMATION IS PROBABLY TRUE,
- > SOURCE IS TOTALLY RELIABLE.
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THIS IS KADEK'S FIRST KNOWN ARMED  
ACTS IN IRAQ. CONSIDERING KADEK ESCAPED FROM

IT IS LIKELY THEY WILL GROW BOLDER WHEN DEALING

AVAILABLE FOR RECONTACT

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NONE.

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(U) NORTHERN, IRAQ (20031108).

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> DRV FROM: (U) MULTIPLE SOURCES.

> DECL: (U) X1.

> Any comments any of you have on what this may mean for future PKK/KADEK  
> issues are welcomed. All , I can say is I said it was coming!!!!

> RLTW  
> XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS LRSC

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**KADEK Dispositions:**

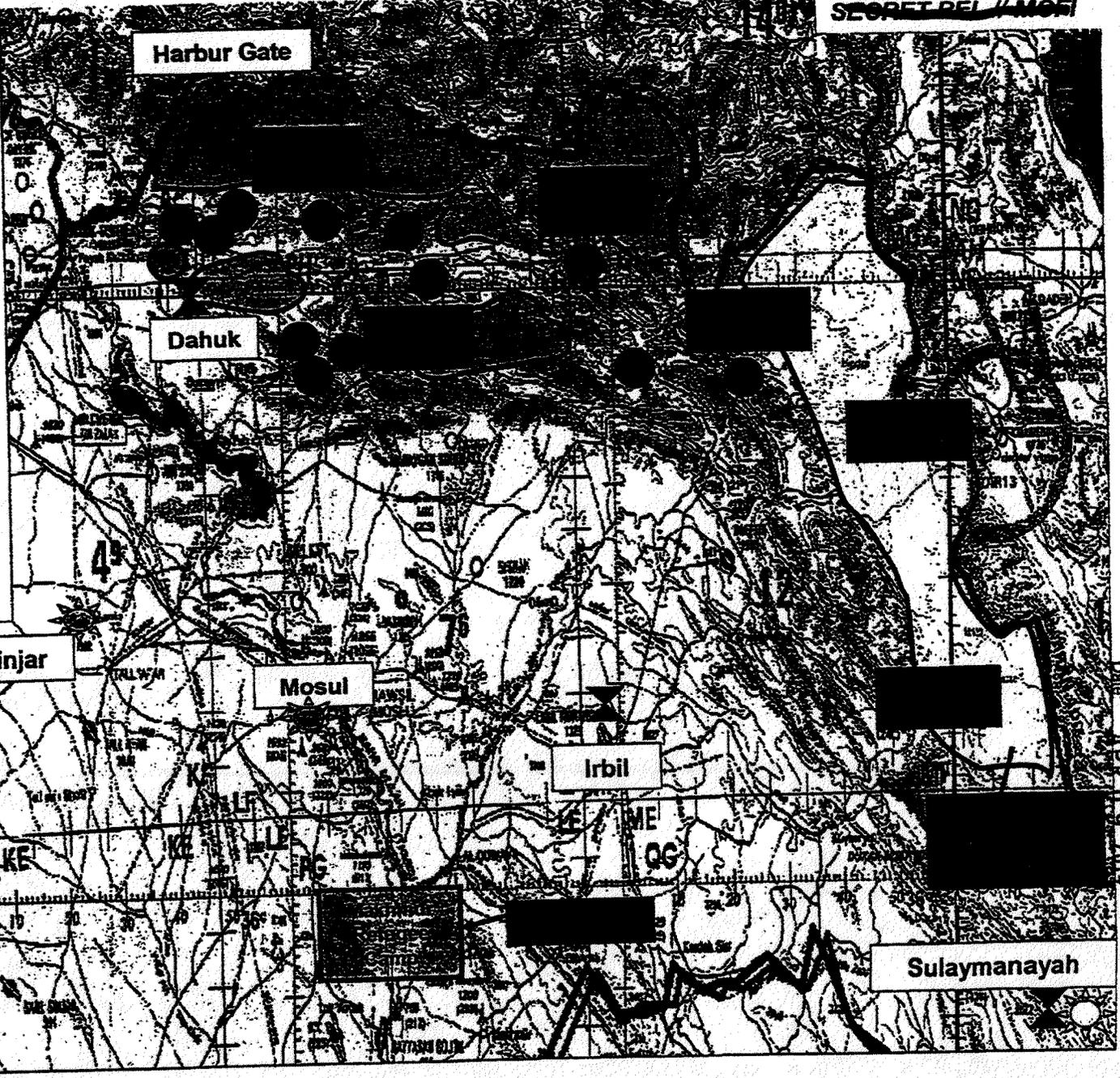
- HQ in Qandil
- Political offices in Sinjar, Mosul, and Sulaymaniyah (under the guise of the KAK)

**Media:**

- Three main TV stations: KDP-controlled KTV (Dohuk, Irbil, Sulaymaniyah, and satellite) and KADEK-biased Media TV (satellite based in Belgium)

**Makhmur:**

- 9000 refugees currently reside in camp
- 250 KADEK fighters
- Likely base of operation



- TV Station
- KADEK Political Office
- KDP
- TU Forces
- KADEK