

ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
 COMMAND OF THE 2nd CORPS
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DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC
 MILITARY SECRET
 STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The successes and tasks of ARBiH¹ units,
 information, and an order,
 are hereby delivered . -

1. - We have received information from the GŠ² of the ARBiH that the ARBiH units on the Sarajevo battlefield have continued their offensive combat operations. On 30 June 1995, units of the 3rd Corps liberated the Goransko Brdo feature on the Ilijaš-Semizovac axis after lengthy and exhausting battles.

This success significantly improved the operational and tactical position of our forces in that part of the battlefield and ensures conditions suitable for the continued success of offensive combat operations. The soldiers and units exhibited exceptional courage and stamina, and the officers demonstrated expert command and control, all of which led to success. During combat operations, the enemy suffered losses in ž/s³. The final information have still not been organised.

2. - In the early hours on 30 June 1995, units of the 25th Kov⁴ D⁵ carried out well-planned offensive b/ds⁶ in the z/o⁷ of the 254th bbr⁸ in the Jastrovik sector, tt.⁹ 484, killing 15 Chetniks¹⁰ and one Panteri¹¹ detachment of the aggressor's special units, and destroying six dug-outs and five Chetniks from BOS¹². During these b/d, nine M53 and M72 PMs¹³ and 15 rifles were captured. Units carried out the planned offensive b/ds, inflicted losses in ž/s, captured one part of the MTS¹⁴, and withdrew in an organised manner to their initial positions.

3. - while the officers of the 2nd Corps and the GŠ of the ARBiH were inspecting units of the 2nd Corps which were dispatched to the Sarajevo battlefield, the officers found that:

3.1 - Units and commands are not ready for long-term b/ds, even though there are long-term plans for those actions.

¹ Translator's note: Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

² t/n: Main Staff

³ t/n: manpower

⁴ t/n: Land Forces

⁵ t/n: Division

⁶ t/n: combat operations

⁷ t/n: zone of responsibility

⁸ t/n: Mountain Brigade

⁹ t/n: trig point

¹⁰ t/n: derogatory term for Serbs - members of Yugoslav royalist and Serbian nationalist movement in World War II in Yugoslavia

¹¹ t/n: an elite unit used by the Army of the Republic of Srpska

¹² t/n: Combat Security

¹³ t/n: machine gun

¹⁴ t/n: material and technical equipment

3.2 - During the morale and psychological preparations of the men, promises are being given lightly and irresponsibly, which later become a cause for dissatisfaction, lack of discipline, and the irresponsible reaction of individual soldiers and of whole units.

3.3 - Units are not prepared to endure the difficult weather and terrain conditions.

Since the operation is going to be lengthy and the 2nd Corps units will continue to be engaged as it proceeds, in order to sustain the ARBiH b/ds in the most efficient way and to create conditions in which officers and soldiers from all commands and units can focus exclusively on the combat tasks, and in accordance with the existing orders issued by the GŠ of the ARBiH and the Command of the 2nd Corps, I hereby issue the following:

ORDER

1. - Immediately intensify and begin, among other things, the realisation of tasks specified under items 2 and 3 of the Order by the Command of the 2nd Corps, strictly confidential No.02/1-604/25, dated 15 June 1995.

Engage all officers and fighters from all commands and units of the 2nd K¹⁵ (divisions, brigades, battalions, companies, platoons, and squads) primarily on carrying out the b/z¹⁶ and on realising offensive b/ds.

2. - Next time, when sending units to carry out b/ds, ensure that they undergo adequate moral guidance, psychological, and logistical preparation,
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raise the level of responsibility for everyone, and primarily for the officers and commands of units, and take decisive and effective action against negative elements.

3. - Immediately intensify active b/ds, which should be carried out energetically. While carrying them out, intensify as many forms of operations as possible and plan to realise them in suitable places that will ensure success.

4. - The Command of the 210th NM¹⁷ vobr¹⁸ shall complete the tasks regarding b/ds in the z/o of the 3rd K which they have been allocated and in accordance with the plan of engagement.

5. - Immediately acquaint all members of the 2nd K units (officers and fighters) with this information and the ordered measures, take adequate measures and inform everyone that the b/ds planned for liberating the PZT¹⁹ are to be continued.

¹⁵ t/n: Corps

¹⁶ t/n: *combat tasks or combat order*

¹⁷ t/n: abbreviation unknown, perhaps initials of the name Nesib Malkić

¹⁸ t/n: *Viteška Liberation Brigade or Chivalrous Liberation Brigade*

¹⁹ t/n: Temporarily Occupied Territory

I shall hold division commanders, PKs²⁰ of the 2nd K and PKs of the 2nd Corps headquarters independent support units responsible for the implementation of this order-task.

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STANDING IN FOR THE COMMANDANT
CHIEF OF STAFF
Brigadier
Sulejman Budaković

DELIVER TO:

- Commands of all KoV Ds
- 2nd Corps independent and PJs²²
- 210th NM vobr in Dubrave
- 2nd K PK
- 2nd K ONO²³
- a/a²⁴

²⁰ t/n: Assistant Commander

²¹ t/n: abbreviation unknown, most likely initials

²² t/n: headquarters support units

²³ t/n: operations and training

²⁴ t/n: files