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DEFENSIVE INTERNET MONITORING REPORT - TASK NO 168-08
RESTRICTED UK IRAQ OPERATION TELIC AIDE MEMOIRE 2007

 During routine defensive monitoring of the Internet a RESTRICTED document was discovered on an unofficial website which was considered to meet Cat A of Defensive Internet Monitoring reporting categories (Annex A).

Preliminary Discovery

See Distribution

DIMonS are continually monitoring Wikileaks.org for protectively marked material and on Wikileaks.org a trend is becoming apparent with a further sensitive document disclosed into the public domain. On the 06 Aug 08 whitst monitoring the website <u>www.wikileaks.org</u> an official PDF (Portable Document Format) document named '<u>UK Iraq Operation TELIC Aide Memoire</u> 2007' was discovered.

Area of Interest

- 4. The 154 Page, 7-chapter document (front page capture at Annex B) discovered appears to be an official MOD publication. The initial page is titled 'OP TELIC AIDE MEMOIRE'. The front-page also details the following, 'Prepared under the direction of Col Msn Sp GP. Edition 6: Nov 07'
- 5. The document is thorough and details an extensive amount of information relating to tactical responses to various situations as may occur during normal operations. Also mentioned are the legal implications of searching and detaining suspect persons, as well as convoy drills and "Actions On". The 7 chapters are broken down as follows:
 - a. Section 1: REPORTING AND REQUESTS
 - b. Section 2: LEGAL
 - c. Section 3: MANOEUVRE
 - d. Section 4: ORDERS
 - e. Section 5: LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
 - f. Section 6: CONVOY OPERATIONS
 - g. Section 7: MISCELLANEOUS
- 6. The document was released by wikileaks.org on 31 Jul 08.

DIMonS Analysis

- 7. Due to the nature of the document, a large amount of information about British force's tactics and techniques can be gleaned. The disclosure that causes most concern is regarding convoy drills, which goes into detail about how British convoys operate. This information, given how recently it was published; would be of great interest to any insurgent, and could seriously jeopardise the lives of British Armed Forces personnel. It is the DIMonS opinion that actions be taken to remove the document from the website.
- 8. DIMonS are aware that Wikileaks.org continually acquire and leak protectively marked MOD documents and publication's as this is their obvious and overt intention. To that end, a more specialised opinion and analysis of the document should be conducted to ensure what counter compromise action is required.
- The DIMonS will continue to monitor and, if required, report on PM material from Wikileaks.org. It is the DIMonS opinion that PM material relating to British Forces will

continue to find it way on to this website therefore action should be taken such as blocking access through EGS and review EGS logs to discover potential exporting of documents.

10. This report has been created for your information but if you require additional information you should in the first instance contact

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Annexes:

Defensive Internet Monitoring Reporting Categories.

Front page capture of document.

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Defensive Internet Monitoring Reporting Categories

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- a. Clear Security Breaches Cat A. Where the Protective Markings (PM) have not been removed and indicate the data was not meant to be released to the Internet or where the sanitization processes failed and sensitive parts of a document were not removed prior to release.
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- d. Undesirable Information Leakage / Publication Cat D. Where the act of publishing data is not believed to be in the interests of the MOD or where the data has been published without being staffed for release.
- e. Internet Website Compliance Cat E. Where the act of publishing to a web site may not conform to References A and B in that it may damage the image of the MOD, not meet the rules and regulations within the data protection act or breach copyright laws.

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Front Page Capture of Document

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