In Memoriam

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In dedication, for his contribution towards the UN Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Doctrine and Training Package

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People's Republic of China, Performing his UN duties

Module1
Military Peacekeeping-Intelligence
Conceptual Framework

Module 1 Content

- PKI and MPKI introduction and principles

- MPKI cycle and processes

- MPKI management tools

- MPKI structures, roles and responsibilities

Lesson 1.1
UN PKI and MPKI Overview

Lesson Contents

- Importance of UN PKI

- UN PKI Principles

- MPKI Principles

Learning Outcomes

- Explain why UN PKI is important to UN missions

- Explain the UN PKI principles

- Explain the MPKI principles

Why the UN Department of Peace Operations Embraces Intelligence

UN Military Peacekeeping-Intelligence Handbook (MPKIHB) supporting document for military components

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Policy

Peacekeeping Intelligence

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Why UN Peacekeeping-Intelligence

- Support Common Operational Picture (COP)

- Early warning of imminent threats

- Identify risks and opportunities

Principles

UN PKI Overarching

- **Under rules**
- **Non-Clandestine**
- **Areas of application**
- **Respect of State Sovereignty**
- **Independence**
- **Accountability, capability, authority**
- **Security & Confidentially**

UN MPKI Practical

- **Command led**
- **Centralized Control-Decentralized execution**
- **Objectivity**
- **Accessibility & timeliness**
- **Invest in ISP and MPKI battle-rhythm**

Under Rules

- Security Council mandates

- Compliance with UN Charter

- Consistent with overall legal framework

- Human rights obligations

Non-clandestine

Clandestine activities:

- Conducted in such a way as to assure secrecy and concealment of activities

- Inconsistent with the legal framework

- Illicit and outside the boundaries of peacekeeping-intelligence

Areas of Application

- Enhance situational awareness

- Ensure safety and security of personnel

- Inform operations and activities related to the POC tasks

Respect to State Sovereignty

- Respect the sovereignty of Host states

- Respect the sovereignty of neighbouring states

Independence

- Autonomous / independent of national systems or other operations

- Maintain exclusive international character

- Share intelligence with non-mission entities when UN conditions met

Accountability, Capability, Authority

- Authority to make decisions

- Proper capabilities to execute functions

- Accountable for effective execution of responsibilities

Security and Confidentiality

- Secure information management and communications

- Shared / disseminated on "need to know" and "need to share" concepts

- Disclosed to trusted individuals for official duties

MPKI Command-led

- Centrally coordinated process

- Leadership is continuous

- Commander sets priorities and directs effort

- Intelligence staffs organize, collect and produce intelligence

Centralized Control, Decentralized Execution

- Peacekeeping-intelligence systems thrive under centralized control and decentralized execution

- Centralized planning and direction essential for unity of effort

- Disparate elements should be trusted to execute tasks without unnecessary interference

Objectivity

- Unbiased Intelligence

- Never distorted to fit a preconceived idea or to conform with senior leadership views

- Moral courage is required

Accessibility and Timeliness

- Readily available to the user

- Suitable for immediate comprehension

- Reach those who need to know in time

- Appropriate security classification

Invest in ISP & Battle-rhythm

- Clear responsibilities

- SOPs, timings, reports and returns

- Battle-rhythm sets conditions for success

- Provides cogs that make MPKI machine work

Take Away

- PKI supports UN missions to better understand their environment, anticipate strengths, weaknesses of spoilers that impact the execution of the mandate

- UN PKI / MPKI principles help guide the management of intelligence activities in UN peacekeeping operations

- UN PKI overarching principles support the UN PKI Policy and the mission as a whole

- MPKI practical principles support the military component and their interaction with other interlocutors

Questions