PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS

Scenario Base Exercise

**Current Situation in the Area Of Responsibility (AOR)**



Current Situation

**Latest Development**

Civilian populations:

Karaoy

Noviy

Pyatiletka

Shamalgan

Battalion Command Post is located in Karaoy. One company (-) is currently protecting the IDP camp in Shamalgan with a platoon protecting the nearby airstrip.

The Airstrip has the capacity to sustain up to C-130 and MI-26 operations.

CDF is a battalion-size element with ground transport capabilities and currently moving from E to W (Sector 1 to Sector 2). Mission HQ is unsure of their intent and all Requests for Information (RFIs) have been ignored. However, it is known that if they continue moving they will enter in the BATT AOR in about 8 hours.

IDP Camp in Shamalgan has approximately 1,800 IDPs consisting of approx. 700 women, 450 girls, 300 men and 350 boys.

OXFAM has 10 staff members, ICRC has 3-4 staff and UNHCR has 5 staff working in the IDP camp.

Karaoy consists of approximately 400 families. We are unsure of the breakdown of this population.

Noviy has approximately 3,000 displaced people from Pyataleka. We are unsure of the breakdown of this population.

There are criminal groups operating in the Mining Sector. Revenue from the mines go to government forces. The criminal groups are made up of mercenaries and associated with the government.

Reports have shown that CISC have been operating in Sector 2 for a few months with approx. 20 combatants. Their objective is to sabotage the peace process using terrorist attacks and forced recruitment. They are an unstructured formation of rebels with diverse backgrounds. Some members are Tatsi deserters from the CDF, while others are refugees from the war in Rimosa. The total strength is estimated to be around 3000 fighters. Public support for CISC is based mainly in the Tatsi dominated Leppko Province.

The movement has been successful in recruiting young men to its cause through a combination of government anti-Muslim excesses, religious zeal and the poor economic situation. The discipline and internal cohesion of this rebel group is currently low, as is the standard of training, although lately there is increasing evidence of the presence of experienced foreign extremists who have upped the tempo and quality of CISC operations.

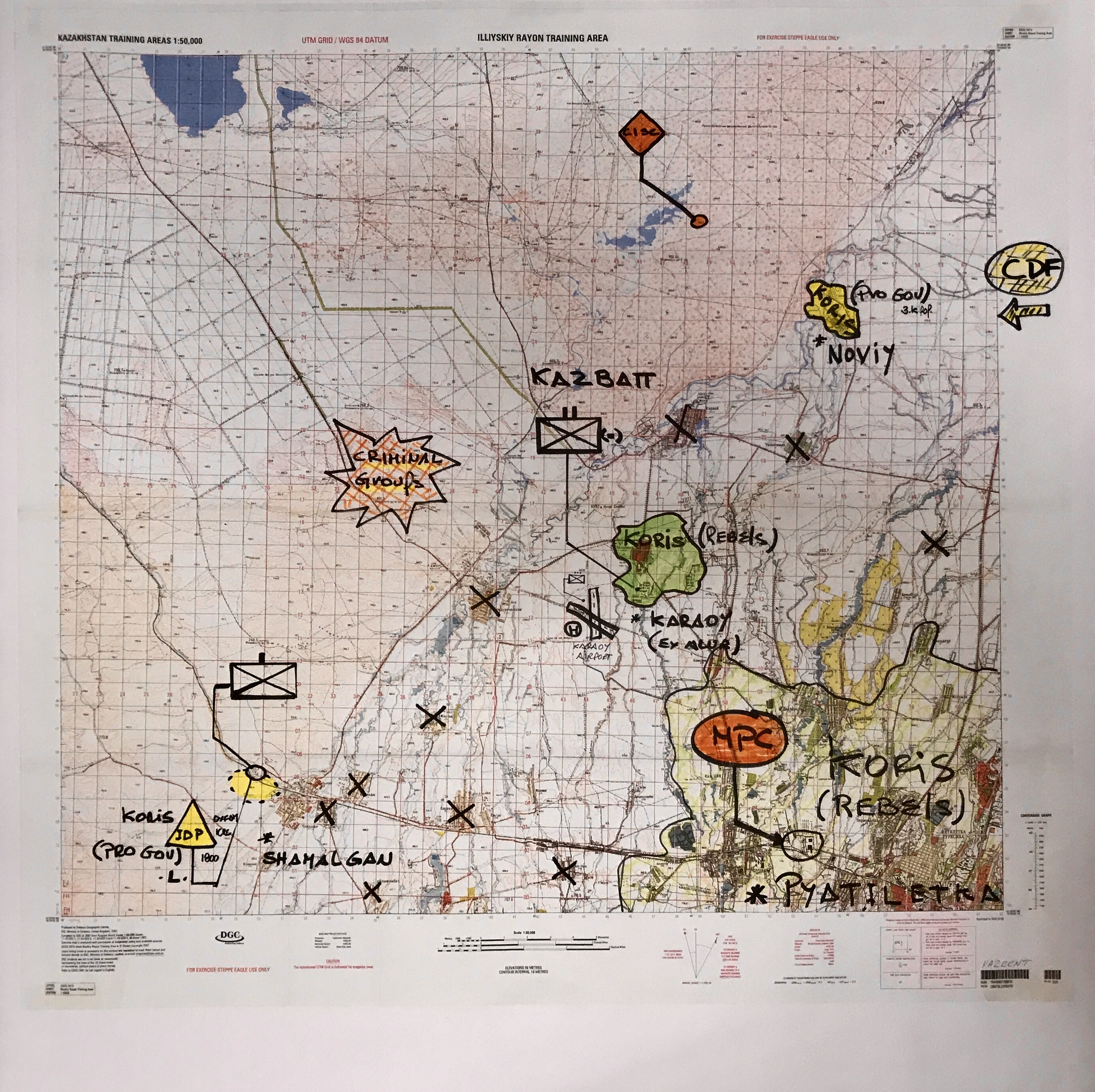
The MPC have approx. 1,000 soldiers and can move around 400 soldiers in the AOR at any given time. They live in rebel area of Pyatiletka. It is estimated that there are 3-4,000 rebels of which 1,000 are armed. MPC’s aim is to consolidate their current position and wait for elections.

The MPC is an avowed secular organization with broad appeal that has a total strength of 10,000 fighters, structured into groups of 700 men, with 10,000 to 20,000 supporters. The level of public support is high in the west and cuts across the different religions. Each of these groups is led by a field commander and has a local network of supporters. While the groups have no internally defined military structure they are based on a system of sub- commanders with different numbers of fighters. The loyalty to the sub- commanders is high and discipline is good.

The official HQ of MPC is in Karaoy but this is more a symbolic HQ than an operational one. In some areas, the MPC have taken over government and basic administrative functions. As a result of broad public support for the rebels, and the dissatisfaction with the government, the new role of the MPC is well-accepted by the largely Kori population in the west.

**Note to Instructor:** The following details of the situation should be presented to the audience by illustrating locations on the corresponding Map.

**Situation Map**



**Note to instructor:** Graphic information presented in this sketch should be presented to audience in an overlay format on the hi-resolution map provided. Each group should be provided one copy. Exact positions of the populations and armed groups, etc. should be precisely located on the hi-resolution map.