

Lesson 1.4 UN MILEOD Capabilities

Lesson 1.4 Content

- Modern comprehensive approach to EOD
- CMD activities Mobility **Planning Advice** IEDD activities **FP** Advice Mission Partners support FP Use of CREW Assets **CREW** Asset Support to Support Specialist CREW Mission Employment **Partners** UN WTI UN **HN** Support Local Population

Engagement

Learning Outcomes Lesson 1.4

- Explain the modern approach to EOD operations
- Outline the differences and relationship between CMD and IEDD activities
- Explain the support that MILEOD can provide to mission partners

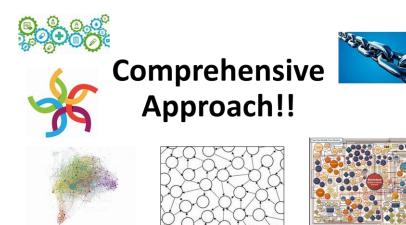
Core Capabilities of UN Military EOD units

Core capabilities of UN military EOD units include:

- CMD activities
- IEDD activities
- Support to mission partners

Modern Comprehensive Approach to EOD

Modern approach to operations is a comprehensive one which is often required in EO threat mitigation activities, wider ERW clearance operations and IEDD.



Other arms/capabilities often deployed in conjunction with EOD assets on ops e.g.



Conventional Munition Disposal

ERW = UXO and AXO



CMD – ERW Disposal

- ERW often taken not to include mines
- Mine disposal traditionally demined by TCCs
- Mine action by non-military organizations
- ERW disposal in relation to IED TM, include disposal of mines



CMD – Relation to IEDD

- ERW disposal of traditional EOD
- Excludes activities involving IEDs
- ERW disposal is undertaken by CMD teams
- IEDD teams qualified CMD up to IMAS level 3

CMD is not the same as IEDD

CMD-Support to IED Threat Mitigation

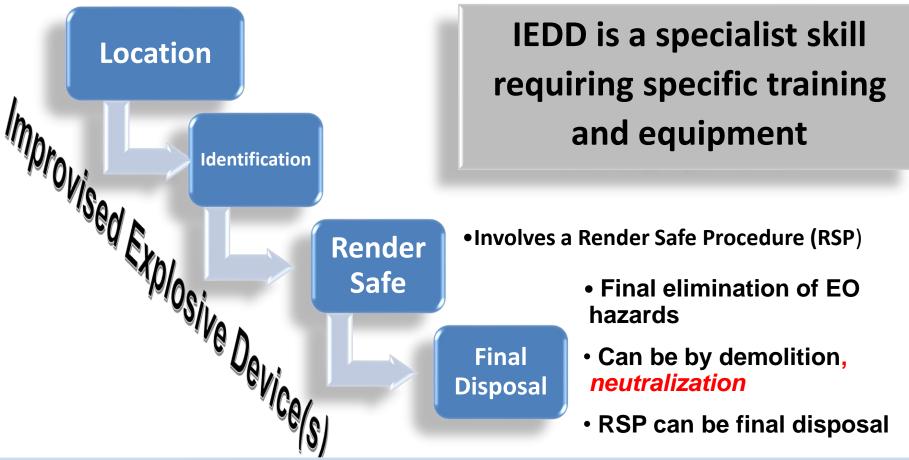
- CMD not only remove hazards from AO also removes IED components
- Key enabler in IED TM
- Mines & ERW items can be used in IEDs







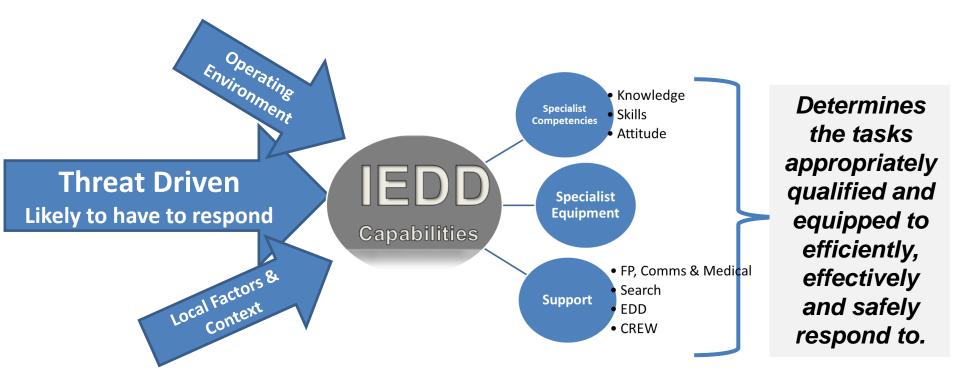
IEDD



Neutralization - preventing an IED from functioning as intended by the application of an external force which changes the environment around an IED

- Permanent or temporary
- May not be possible to confirm neutralization purely by visual means

IEDD Capabilities



Facing a significant, sophisticated IED threat, an effectively trained, equipped & supported IEDD capability is required to respond

IEDD personnel should not be put under pressure to operate outside their EOD capabilities except in extreme circumstances

IEDD Capabilities – Example

- Driven by the IED threat assessment (RCIED threat)
- Mission planning decides Counter RCIED Electronic Warfare (CREW) assets
- Employed technology type, threat frequency targeted
- Deployed existing team member or attached ECM specialist
- Maintained- Repairs and maintenance required
- Sustained software, firmware, hardware upgrades

Support to Mission Partners

- CMD & IEDD core EOD capabilities
- Mobility planning advice
- Force protection (FP) advice
- Electronic warfare support countering RCIED threats (CREW)
- Weapons Technical Intelligence (WTI)
- Host nation support
- Local population engagement

Support to Mission Partners

CMD & IEDD are core EOD capabilities

- Mutually interrelated and assist in IED TM directly
- Several other related activities that support EOD efforts

E.g. Technical and tactical analysis following IED incidents in support of WTI can provide technical advice on FP issues and mobility planning to contribute to IED TM



Mobility Planning Advice

Mobility & effort to maintain FoM in an IED threat environment is key operational activity

Contribute to FoM in an IED threat environment, advice for:

- Terrain, route analysis to identify VP & VA
- Reduce IED risks at VP & VA
- Advice route clearance and use of assets
- Planning support



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Force Protection Advice

Technical EOD expert assistance WITH IED threats; intended to mitigate the threat against personnel, vehicles and friendly force locations

FP advice may involve technical details on the level of PPE required or simple IED or wider explosive hazard threat awareness

FP advice can also extend to advice in relation to the provision of tactical advice in terms of the TTPs to be utilized by troops operating in an IED threat environment



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Force Protection Advice

EID against UN Forces, SIDON, LEBONON 2011



Force Protection Advice



RC VBIED South Lebanon

Attack on UN Patrol 24 Jun 2007





EW Support Countering RCIED Threats

- Exploiting the electromagnetic spectrum
- Search, interception, identification of electromagnetic emissions
- Employment of electromagnetic energy to reduce / prevent hostile use of the spectrum
- CREW assets mitigate RCIED threats
- CREW assets use electronic: jamming, deception, neutralization

Force Protection Using CREW Assets

- CREW assets used as an all arms IED TM asset on vehicles or personnel moving through an area with an assessed RCIED threat
- Use of CREW assets require additional planning
- Considerations for commanders using CREW assets is covered in UN EOD Military Manual

Best practice - expert advice be sought when planning movements requiring CREW assets

Considerations Deploying CREW Assets

- Suite of systems to mitigate assessed risks
- Virtual envelope surrounding personnel
- Planning ranges, movement configurations
- CREW expertise with each deployment
- Units deployed with multiple CREW systems
- CREW assets, both mounted and dismounted
- De-conflict systems
- Adequate budgets to procure / life cycle management

Specialised EOD use of CREW Assets

- Use of ECM by either search or IEDD personnel
- Environment assessed to have RCIED threats
- Separate planning considerations required
- Man-pack vs vehicle mounted systems
- Expert advice to commanders

Weapons Technical Intelligence (WTI)

- WTI intelligence derived from processes , capabilities that collect, exploit, analyse asymmetric threats
- Explosive Site Investigation (ESI)
- WIT related to WTI & ESI smaller units to undertake WTI & ESI
- WTI is within IED TM that benefits all
- MILEOD provides technical information
- Planning for IED consider such capabilities and establish how IED components related evidence





MILEOD Host Nation (HN) Support

- Under mandate / SOFA
- May involve support to UNCT, local government, international agencies, NGOs
- Facilitate partner activities; contribute to stabilization / security
- Coordinated with UNCT agency to ensure compliance and unity of effort
- Requires input, advice of EOD focal point
- Capacity building and training tasks done under authority / direction of HoM/SRSG
- May include building local humanitarian or HNSF EOD capabilities; involves significant planning, resourcing, coordination



Local Population Engagement

- IED use loss of FoM and security vacuum
- Aggressors have freedom and control to operate
- Locals now less likely to cooperate
- Leads to non/semi-permissive environments
- MILEOD involve wider CIMIC and local population engagement to legitimise UN mission
- Similarly, culturally sensitive KLE a means for IED related information to be passed
- Initiatives that MILEOD can support local population engagement – MRE programmes and EID / explosive hazard education





Lesson 1.4 Take Away

Modern comprehensive approach to EOD operations involve CMD & IEDD activities in conjunction with FP, Search, EDD & CREW assets / elements

CMD = Disposal of Conventional Items of EO ERW = UXO + AXO ERW often does not include mines

 $EOD = CMD + IEDD \qquad CMD \neq IEDD$

EOD capabilities = KSA & Competencies Personnel + Equipment & Spt Available

IEDD Capabilities determined by threat and IEDD tasks

Support to Mission Partners:

- Mobility planning advice
- Force protection advice
- Electronic warfare support in countering RCIED threats CREW assets
- Weapons Technical Intelligence (WTI)
- Host nation support & local population engagement



Abbreviations

- AO: Area of Operation
- ASM: Ammunition Security
 Management
- AXO: Abandoned Explosive Ordnance
- CIMIC: Civil-Military Cooperation
- CMD: Conventional Munitions
 Disposal
- CREW: Counter RCIED Electronic
 Warfare
- DDR: Disarmament, Demobilization and Rehabilitation
- DFFC: Directional Focused Fragmentation Charge
- DPKO: Department of Peace-keeping
 Office
- ECM: Electronic Counter Measures
- EDD: Explosive Detection Dog
- EFP: Explosively Formed Projectile
- EOD: Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- ERW: Explosive Remnants of War
- ESI: Explosive Site Investigation
- EW: Electronic Warfare
- FoM: Freedom of Movement
- FP: Force Protection

- HN: Host Nation
- HNSF: Host Nation Security Force
- HoM: Head of Mission
- ICP: Incident Control Point
- IED: Improvised Explosive Device
- IEDD: Improvised Explosive Device Disposal
- IED TM: IED Threat Mitigation
- IMAS: International Mine Action Standards
 - KLE: Key Leader Engagement
- LOO: Lines of Operation
- MA: Mine Action

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- MEODU: Military EOD Units
- Mil Eng: Military Engineer
- MILORD: Military Ordnance
- MP: Military Police
- NGOs: Non-Governmental Organization
- PPE: Personal Protective Equipment
- PSSM: Physical Stockpile Security
 Management

- RCIED: Remote Controlled Improvised
 Device
- SALW: Small Arms and Light weapons
- SRSG: /Special Representative of the Secretary General
- SSR: Security Sector Reform
- TCC: Troop Contributing Country
- TTPs: Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
- UN COP: UN Common Operating Picture
- UNIBAM: United Nations Infantry Battalion Manual
- UNCT: United Nations Country Team
- UNMAS: United Nations Mine Action Service
- UXO: Unexploded Ordnance
- VA: Vulnerable Area
- VBIED: Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device
- VP: Vulnerable Point
- WAM: Weapons and Ammunition
 Management
- WIT: Weapons Intelligence Team
- WTI: Weapons Technical Intelligence