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TALKING POINTS

Afghan National Police and Australian Special Forces conducted a clearance operation in Tarin Kot.

During the operation, Hayat Ustad, an insurgent responsible for weapons smuggling and Improvised Explosive Device construction, drew a pistol and attempted to shoot members of the Australian Special Forces who, acting in self defense, shot and killed the insurgent.

Ustad was a highly influential insurgent and key logistician with links to other senior insurgent leaders in southern Afghanistan.

Ustad was responsible for arms smuggling, transporting weapons and fighters and Improvised Explosive Device construction.

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He also coordinated, directed and planned suicide bomb attacks.

The death of Hayat Ustad adds to the recent successful operations targeting insurgent networks in Uruzgan.

The operations by the Afghan National Police Provisional Response Company (PRC-U) and SOTG were conducted with strict adherence to Australian rules of engagement.

Questions and Answers

Q What happened on 29 April?

Afghan National Police and Australian Special Forces were conducting a clearance operation in Tarin Kot. During the operation, a known insurgent leader Hayat Ustad, drew a pistol and attempted to shoot members of the Australian Special Forces. Acting in self defense, the Australian Special Forces then shot and killed the insurgent.

Q Who is Hayat Ustad?

Ustad was a highly influential insurgent and key logistician with links to the senior insurgent leadership in southern Afghanistan. He was responsible for arms smuggling, transporting weapons and fighters and Improvised Explosive Device construction. He was also heavily involved in the coordination, direction and planning of suicide bomb attacks.

Q Were any civilians killed or injured during this incident?

No

Who makes up SOTG?

The current SOTG rotation comprises members from the Special Air Service Regiment, the 2nd Commando Regiment and a variety of supporting units from the ADF.

What is the PRC-U?

The Provisional Response Company - Uruzgan (PRC-U) acts as a provincial policing response as part of the Afghan National Police that can be called upon for both routine community policing and specific missions as directed by the Provincial Chief of Police.

Special Operations Task Group operations are Afghan National Police led in order to build confidence in Afghan National Security Forces and improve the connection between the local population and the Afghan Government.

The local knowledge and community connections of the PRC-U provide invaluable support to the community in building and maintaining security.

The PRC reports to the Uruzgan Provincial Chief of Police, COL Sherzad.

How do Coalition Forces know when they can engage?

Rules of engagement cannot be disclosed as they would provide intelligence to insurgents and reveal techniques, tactics and procedures that must be protected in order to save the lives of Coalition and partnered Afghan forces.

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It should be noted that Australian forces apply robust rules of engagement and only engage when a threat is positively identified.

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Australian Special Forces kill high value insurgent in self defence

On 29 April 2011, Afghan National Police and Australian Special Forces killed a prominent Uruzgan insurgent during an operation in Tarin Kot.

During the operation Hayat Ustad, a known insurgent leader, drew a pistol and attempted to shoot members of the Australian Special Forces. Acting in self defense, the Australian Special Forces then shot and killed the insurgent.

Commanding Officer of the SOTG, who cannot be named for security reasons, said Ustad was a key insurgent leader in Uruzgan.

“He was a highly influential insurgent and key logistician with links to other senior insurgent leaders in southern Afghanistan.”

“Ustad was responsible for arms smuggling, transporting weapons and fighters, and Improvised Explosive Device construction. He was also heavily involved in the coordination, direction and planning of suicide bomb attacks,” CO SOTG said.

The death of Ustad adds to the recent successful tally of insurgents killed or captured by Australian Special Forces since their offensive campaign began in March.

The operation was conducted with strict adherence to Australian rules of engagement.

There were no civilian casualties or collateral damage.

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Afghan National Police and Australian Special Forces conducted a clearance operation in Tarin Kot to detain Hayat Ustaz, an insurgent responsible for weapons smuggling and Improvised Explosive Device facilitation.

During the operation, Heyat Ustaz drew a pistol and attempted to shoot members of the Australian Special Forces who acted in self defence and killed the insurgent.

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Holding statement cleared by CO SOTG.

Afghan national police and Australian Special Forces conducted a clearance operation in Tarin Kot to detain Hayat Ustaz, an insurgent responsible for weapons smuggling and Improvised Explosive Device facilitation.

During the detention process, Hayat Ustaz attempted to shoot members of the partnered force with a pistol. Australian Special Forces acted in self defence and killed the insurgent.

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