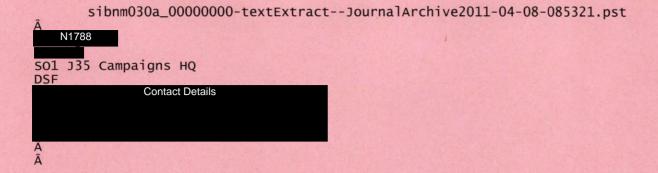
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As requested, PSB
early analysis of SU1 stats / OPSUMs since DG Nov 10. This has taken some time and therefore I have been unable to go further back into the
previous SU1 sâ tenure at present.
- There are 11
separate incidents (spanningA 9A discrete operations) in which the TTP
of sending a Bravo back into a building to assist with clearing it resulted in that same Bravo getting killed ('reaching for a wpn' etc from the OPSUMS). Relevant operations (Objs) are 3 (30 Nov 10), 7 (DG 11), 4 (DG 11), 5 (DG 11), 6 (DG 11), 2 (9 Feb 11), 8 (14 Feb 11), TYBURN (16 Feb 11), 9 (12 Mar 11), 10 (2 Applications)
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11).
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 - Attached is a
breakdown of the SU1 operatial statistics A since A DGA Nov 10 (not
including ops) to show the number of ops/detainees/EKIA per week. Of the 18 completed weeks of ops, on 8 occasions (weeks) the number of EKIA exceeded the number of detainees taken which doesn't necessarily mean anything, but I know one of the potential comparisons was between SFHQ(A) and PF1
stats.
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- There area 6
separate incidents (i.e. not included in the list above) in which the number of
EKIA exceeded the number of wpnsA officially found on target.A I say
 'officially' because of the multitude of reasons why all weapons on target might
not have been recorded accurately for perfectly legitimate reasons (not found
due to time constraints, human reporting error etc). A I have included
grenades as a wpn so that potentially marginal cases are not highlighted
unfairly. Particular operations (Objs)Â are Objs QS (DG EKIA v nil wpns); QA (24 Jan 11; 6 EKIA vs 3 x AK47s),
                                                                                                                   (7 Jan 11;
9 EKIA vs 3 x AK47s), QA (24 Jan 11), 2 (9 Feb 11; 8 EKIA vs 4 x AKs); and QT (DG 11; 4 x EKIA v nil wpns). If one were not to include grenades as a wpn (of course controversial and not necessarily fair) then the number of such incidents is c11.
- The SFHQ(A)
Incident Tracker' tells an unclear story, in part because we only started the tracker in Sep 10 after 'serious incidents' started to become more
frequent. There is, therefore, no easy comparison to be made to 'steady jogging' - this was simply not an issue before that point (as far as this HQ was
aware).Â
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- Within the
current SUI's tenure, the APU have 'refused to soldier' on three occasions: in
Dec 10, Feb 11 and Apr 11 - and not necessarily in response to specific ops, but it is difficult to say with any certainty.
The other times were in the previous SU1's tenure i.e. before DG Nov
10.
As always, stats
come with a health warning and any number of caveats. Also, this has been a heavily 'mandraulic' process, so I may well have missed something / made an error. A Many of the metrics are inherently pre-disposed to a negative interpretation which is an important point in ensuring these examples / stats
are viewed in as fair a light as possible
Regards
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 FYI - probably needs a bit of balance, but N2444 has dug
out blind here.
  Obj9 probably isn't the best example
 actually.
 Regards
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N1788
 Sorry for the
delay (it took longer to pore through all of the SUI OPSUMS covering the last 5
months than I anticipated), but here is A a synopsis of my findings (all
 cover the period since 01 Dec 10):
 - I counted 10
separate incidents (spanning 8 separate operations) in which the TTP of sending a B back into a building to assist with clearing it resulted in that same B getting killed ('reaching for an AK47 behind a blanket' etc being the sort of comment in the OPSUM). Relevant operations (Objs) are 7 (DG 11), 5 (DG 11), 6 (DG 11), 2 (9 Feb 11), 8 (14 Feb 11), TYBURN (16 Feb 11), 9 (12 Mar 11), 10 (2 Apr 11). I attach the Obj well
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 - I have broken
down the statistics for all operations since 01 Dec 11 (not including Non-DDO ops) to show the number of ops/detainees/EKIA per week (see
 attached). A Looking at it on a week-by-week basis, of the 18 completed
weeks of ops, on 8 occasions the number of EKIA exceeded number of detainees
 taken.
 - I counted 5
separate incidents in which the number of EKIA exceeded the number of wpns apparently found on target. I say 'apparently' because of the multitude of reasons why all weapons on target might not have been recorded accurately (not found, human reporting error etc etc). I have included grenades as a wpn so that marginal cases are not highlighted unfairly. Â Particular operations (Objs) to note include QA (24 Jan 11; 6 EKIA vs 3 x AK47s), (7 Jan 11; 9 EKIA vs 3 x AK47s), (9 Feb 11; 8 EKIA vs 4 x AKs). If one were not to include grenades as a wpn (controversial) then the number of such incidents is more like 10. There are some trends here
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that I will discuss separately.
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Incident Tracker' tells an unclear story, in part because we only started the tracker in Sep 10 after 'incidents' started to become more frequent. There is therefore not an easy comparison to be made to 'steady jogging'. Legad will have a view but my informal opinion is that there has been a different approach,
possibly producing increased accusations/SIRs etc, since SU1C deployed. New entries in the 'incident tracker' have been as follows:
 Sep 10Â - 1
 (SU1 1)
Oct 10Â - 7
(SU1 4)
Nov 10 - 8 (SU1
Dec 10 - 2 ( SU1
 1)
 Jan 11 - 5 ( SU1
 Feb 11 - 3 ( SU1
 2)
 Mar 11 - 1 (SU1
 1)
 - My final point
at this stage is that the 2 operations that have caused most angst with the APU are Obj TURTON (15 Feb 11) and Obj QG DG 11) and neither of these would stand out according to any of the above criteria. Both, however, resulted in the APU suspending operational support. The former was controversial due to the familial connection of a APUI Soldier with the target; the latter for less clear reasons, though a suspicion that he was engaged very quickly in light of having only a pistol hangs in the air. My point here is that, if you use the Afghan conscience as your yardstick (not a bad approach as we discussed!) then the above snapshot may not tell the full picture at all.
 picture at all.
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                                  warning with regard to all of this data. A Many of the
metrics I have selected are inherently pre-disposed to a negative interpretation. A That said, whilst one could always commission more
detailed and historic statistical research, in my view there is enough here to convince me that we are getting some things wrong right now.
Regards,
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