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Op NM GOLD GROUP SPEAKING AND BRIEFING NOTES 14 JUN

Present will be:

- PM(A)
- AH Op NM
- Gold
- Sir Jon Murphy
- Mark Ellison
- Andrew Caley
- Stephen Kell

AH Op NM will introduce the agenda items and ensure that we don't exceed the 90 minutes.

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks – PM(A).

- Purpose of today's meeting is to:
 - Get an update on remaining Op T LOE (APU) and its timeframe;
 - Get an update on Op **1** & **2** LOE outcome;
 - Identify a timetable for completion which would and how this will be communicated to SofS
 - I had socialised 3 potential COAs with you which were:
 - Suspend Op NM but continue with APU LoE under SIB Regt;
 - Complete Op NM. Would require a robust justification with an LoE remaining; and
 - Continue with Op NM and wait for completion of APU LoE
 - These COAs were based on the understanding that we may be unable to get to Afg before Sept.
- Last meeting was on 11 Mar and the following actions were raised:
 - **APU LoE:**
 - All agreed that the evidence must be followed to a reasonable and proportionate end, but we should plan for nothing to come from it; and
 - Investigators must deploy to theatre and then the time frame can be worked out.
 - **Action**
 - Deployed to Theatre in Mar took statements;
 - Got a list of **NG** individuals who potentially could be present; and
 - **NG** to be interviewed week commencing 23/6.
 - **Executive Summary:**
 - Summary needs to be finessed to articulate level of evidence and involvement of PM(A), more detail to show exactly what was done and ensure that it is focussed on the investigation;
 - **Action**
 - Executive Summary was 'red teamed' and finessed and has been viewed by ME and JM.
 - **Briefing of PM(A) Des:**
 - Advice was given that PM(A) Des now needed to be given a full briefing on Op NM not to make any decision but so that she was aware of the investigation in detail to prepare herself for any action when she took over;
 - **Action**
 - PM(A) Des briefed 2/3 May.
 - **IRT Review:**
 - IRT should do a further review to agree any outstanding LoE and prepare for exit;
 - **Action**

- IRT completed their review 8-12 Apr.
 - **Back Brief on outcome of Obj 1 & Obj 2 Interviews:**
 - JM and ME asked to be briefed by Gold on the outcome of the Obj 1 & Obj 2 interviews overseas;
 - **Action**
 - Action completed by Gold in Apr
2. **HQ Overview – AH OP NM.** Purpose is to highlight the environment and the factors that have been playing out in the strategic and operational space. **Update only:**
- Presentation/Public Scrutiny:
 - Little direct press interest; a couple of references wrt NI Legacy Investigations;
 - BBC Panorama Programme (Ihat and Op NM);
 - Journalist approach to ex-RMP
 - Press Office informed
 - DCGS Update back brief
 - Stay to Civil Proceedings extended from 30 Mar 19 to 8 Jul 19;
 - Parliamentary Business:
 - SofS proposal for statutory limitation of legacy investigations
 - Peter Ryan keen to update SofS before Parliamentary Summer Recess
 - Finance:
 - Op NM within CT this year.
 - £70k spent on assurance IAG and IRT to date
3. **Investigative Next Steps. UPDATE then DECISION**
- **TY – Remaining Actions** – APU LoE: The identification of APU personnel has been narrowed down to a pool of NG potential personnel. Efforts have been made to gain access to them in order to record evidence if relevant. Noting two weeks ago it was not anticipated that access would be feasible before Sep 19. However, it has now been confirmed that members of OP NM will deploy on 23 Jun 19, and it is anticipated that 40% of the NG identified will be available for interview.
 - **Obj 1 – Remaining Actions:** Of the NG UK Personnel known to be physically present at the scene during the operation, % have been spoken to with negative results. The remaining one is unavailable at this time. Those APU who were present at the scene are yet to be spoken to but are potentially identified in the pool of NG.
 - **Obj 2 – Remaining Actions:** Of the NG UK Personnel known to be physically present at the scene during the operation, % have been spoken to with mostly negative results, one of the shooters has given a justifiable account for engagement. The remaining one is unavailable at this time. Those APU who were present at the scene are yet to be spoken to but are potentially identified in the pool of NG.
 - **Other matters** (outside of OP NM TORs): There are two further allegations that have arisen from information provided:
 - Rumoured that an incident happened where UK personnel shot indiscriminately into a room of detained Afghan civilian personnel (note believed to have taken place between Apr – Nov 2010, (Not the same unit involved as OPNM)), this matter is being scoped.
 - **Name Given**, APU, initially stated he had witnessed an unlawful shooting, however, on recording a statement he did not actually see the fatal shot; incident allegedly took place Jun 2011 (Not the same unit involved as OPNM).
 - **Command considerations:** On completion of the APU LOE and scoping/investigation of the other matters; the outcome will dictate when and how approached; at present (based on the lack of evidence thus far) it will be informal in order to get an account.

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- **Nominal 1466 Strategy:** If there is any further contact with the nominal, then the recommendation from the IRT that profiling, and advice should be taken before engagement will be followed (further engagement will only take place if tangible evidence is forthcoming wrt TY/Obj 1/Obj 2 or other matters point 1).
 - **Next steps:** The deployment and potential interviews of the APU personnel will dictate next steps. Possible Outcomes:
 - No evidence is forthcoming – Potential decision point to close OP NM.
 - Positive witness evidence – Investigation continues, potential for EST to be met and referral.
 - Additional information regarding matters not yet known to OPNM.
4. **IAG Comment.** IAG Members.
- Offered the opportunity as required to make any comments or observations that haven't been made throughout the meeting.
5. **AOB**
6. **DONM**
- Dependent on outcome of APU LoE Deployment