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TALIBAN CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES

IN MUSA QAL’AH, TALIBAN MEMBERS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED AND KILLED TWO OF THEIR OWN TO COVER UP THE FACT THEY WERE CONDUCTING AN UNSANCTIONED TALIBAN CHECKPOINT TO ROB PASSERS BYDUE TO THEIR LACK OF FUNDS. SUPPLY ISSUES AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES ARE CAUSING DISCORD BETWEEN SOME INSURGENTS AND THEIR COMMANDERS. TO THE SOUTH IN NAHR E SARAJ, AN INSURGENT KILLED A LOCAL NATIONAL DURING A FIST FIGHT OVER THE LOCAL POPULACES’ REFUSAL TO PROVIDE FOOD TO THE TALIBAN. THE LOCAL NATIONALS RETALIATED BY KILLING ONE INSURGENT AND WOUNDING ANOTHER. THIS INCIDENT IS FURTHER EXAMPLE OF THE LOSS OF LOCAL NATIONAL SUPPORT, WHICH HAS REDUCED THE TALIBAN’S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT (FoM). IN SOUTHERN GARM SER, THE ASSOCIATES OF (OBJ HASTINGS) AND ANOTHER TALIBAN COMMANDER ARE REPORTEDLY UNABLE TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS EFFECTIVELY. PREVIOUS REPORTING INDICATES INSURGENTS IN SOUTHERN GARM SER SUFFER FROM A LACK OF COMPETENT COMMANDERS AND LOGISTICAL ISSUES. THESE ISSUES ARE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECREASED KINETIC ACTIVITY IN THE REGION THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST.
SUMMARY: ON OR AROUND 12 JUNE 2011, CALL SIGNS KAMYAB AND MINAWAL WERE KILLED BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED TALIBAN DURING AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY IVO TIZNI, NORTHERN MUSA QAL’AH DISTRICT, HELMAND PROVINCE, AFG. SUCH ACTIVITY REVEALS SUPPLY SHORTAGES AND FRUSTRATIONS AMONG SENIOR TALIBAN LEADERS, WHICH HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN.


NORTHERN MUSA QAL’AH TALIBAN SUPPLIES. SUPPLIES REMAINING IN ABUNDANCE TO THE TALIBAN IN NORTHERN MUSA QAL’AH DISTRICT INCLUDE AK 47, PKM, AND RPG ROUNDS. THE AVAILABILITY OF IED COMPONENTS; MORE COSTLY THAN SMALL-ARMS, MEDIUM MACHINEGUN, AND RPG ROUNDS; IS DECLINING IN NORTHERN MUSA QAL’AH DISTRICT DUE TO CONTINUED DISRUPTIONS OF TALIBAN FINANCING, SOME OF WHICH IS RELATIVE TO SENIOR TALIBAN LEADER INFIGHTING. NFI.

SENIOR TALIBAN INFIGHTING. FEW AFGHAN OR PAKISTANI SENIOR TALIBAN LEADERS TRULY BELIEVED OBL WAS MAINTAINING A HUMBLE, PIOUS LIFESTYLE AS WAS OFTEN PUBLICIZED. UNTIL HIS DEATH, EVEN FEWER SENIOR TALIBAN LEADERS WERE LIKELY TO VERBALIZE SUCH SKEPTICISM FOR FEAR OF APPEARING UNFAITHFUL TO AL QAIDA IDEALS, SOME OF WHICH ARE SHARED BY THE TALIBAN. SOME SENIOR TALIBAN LEADERS FROM AFG VIEW REVELATIONS REGARDING THE EXTRAVAGANT NATURE OF OBL’S LIVING CONDITIONS AS INDICATIVE OF HIS SELF-INTEREST AND AS A TRUE, LOW MEASURE OF HIS ALLEGIANCE TO AL-QAIDA. SINCE OBL’S DEATH, SOME AFGHAN SENIOR TALIBAN LEADERS HAVE CANDIDLY DENOUNCED TIES TO OBL, BLAMING HIS DECADENCE FOR A LACK OF FUNDING TO BOTH AL QAIDA AND THE TALIBAN. MOREOVER, SOME SENIOR TALIBAN LEADERS IN AFG BLAME PAKISTANI TALIBAN FOR MISJUDGING OBL’S SUPPOSEDLY AUSTERE LIFESTYLE, SEEDING MISGIVINGS RELATIVE TO HOW TALIBAN LEADERS IN PAK ARE FUNDING THE WAR AGAINST COALITION FORCES (CF) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFG. THE CONFLUENCE OF SUCH DOUBTS RESULTS IN FURTHER SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL SHORTAGES TO LOW-LEVEL TALIBAN FIGHTERS, CAUSING SOME, AS IN THE CASE OF THE TWO UID TALIBAN WHO KILLED C/S KAMYAB AND C/S MINAWAL, TO ACT ON THEIR OWN ACCORD TO SURVIVE. PRIVATELY, SOME LOW-LEVEL TALIBAN FIGHTERS VIEW THE DEDICATION OF THEIR MID AND SENIOR-LEVEL COMMANDERS WITH HESITATION, PROMPTING THE FEELING EVERY MAN IS FIGHTING AND ACCOUNTABLE ONLY FOR HIMSELF (SOURCE COMMENT OF COURSE IN GROUPS OR MEETINGS, NONE OF THE FIGHTERS WOULD EXPRESS SUCH DOUBTS).