

OPERATION STRONG ARM TACTICS

Situation

General Qaddin of Libya has been sponsoring continual terrorist attacks into Spain and Southern France. The Pan-European Coalition (PEC) High Command have been given the political green light to launch a mission to reduce Libya's capability to train and arm these terrorists, and to make a significant show of force, in order to convince Libya and other terror-exporting nations of the South that Europe is not a soft target any longer.

It is for this reason that ground forces will be employed in this raid, rather than longer range weapons systems or AIR. It is believed by the Coalition's psycho-political analysts that such a high profile and close-in combat with regular forces would be a more severe blow to the regime's prestige, both internally and with its collaborators and allies.

It also sends a clear signal to other nations in conflict with the Coalition that the response can be very strong and damaging.

Friendly Forces

Naval : 9th PEC Fleet, comprising

2 AIR Carriers (each operating 2 Groups of AIR-1e3, 2 Groups of AIR-3A, 1 Group of AIR-ASW, and 1 group of AIR-RECCE)

6 GP warships (standard SLCM armament and AIR unit)

4 Assault Ships (with hovertank offshore launch capability - HOLC)

Embarked forces:

All drawn from the 2nd Coalition MultiNational Corps (2COMNAC).

Elements of 14th Mobile Armour Battalion (equipped with the new hovertanks)
(14MOBARM)

Elements of 27th Mobile Assault Infantry Battalion (combat troops in hoverbuses)
(27MOBAI)

In Support:

9th Mobile Recovery Unit (9MOBREC)

9th Mobile Artillery Battery (9MOBAT)

Primary Objective

Destruction of Democracy And Freedom Today! terrorist group training camp at Al Bu'ayrat.

Secondary Objective

To knock out SAM sites and nearby conventional airbase. Once the SAM sites are knocked out, the fleet can employ AIR more effectively in support of the raid.

Tertiary Objective

Unconfirmed reports place the infamous Colonel 'Mad Marcus' Watney as due to visit the Al Bu'ayrat Camp about now. As a famous mercenary and the man

responsible for the Nijmegen Massacre, and well known to be behind many other acts of terror - it would be a significant propaganda victory if this individual could be captured alive to publicly stand trial for crimes against humanity in the European Court.

Intelligence Report

The DAFT camp contains several hundred fanatical terrorists, who are armed with a wide range of weaponry. Although numerous, their weapons are old, and only of minimal threat to modern systems, and then only at close ranges.

SatRec reports there are concentrations of conventional armour in the area, but these are again only old types which are unlikely to be serviceable.

Further SatRec reports will be provided as the operation continues.

Colonel Watney is reported in the area.

The nearby town of Al Bu'ayrat has a civilian population of around 20,000 and non-belligerent civilians might be present in or near the camp. Casualties that might have a negative PR value should be avoided at all costs.

Operational Planning

The raiding force must consider the best timing for the operation. Normal operational procedure is to fight all battles at night if at all possible. However, it might be advantageous to attack in daylight, because it makes the raid more politically visible, the TV cameras work better, and it indicates that the PEC can attack at any time it wants. On the other hand, attacking at night ensures lower casualties and maximises the advantages the high-tech hovertanks have over local forces.

The timing decision is up to the force commander.

DIRECTING STAFF VERSION

Defending Forces

DAFT Training Camp:

Load of low-tech infantry
A couple of MBTs.
Concealed SAM position
Colonel Watney

SAM Locations

SAM systems in hardened shelters
2 x Gatling cannon auto-turrets
A few low-tech infantry (lotinf)

REINFORCEMENTS

A tank battalion of old MBTs
Some fighter aircraft
Some lorry transported infantry