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IMAGE DETAIL:
Overview image of all areas observed



Ambush & IED Location

OP7 Hut

Fire Stn

Moll Harris Hut



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IMAGE DETAIL:

At 0845hrs, 2x Insurgents (B1 and B2) were observed leaving the OP7 Hut and stood to the rear of a Red Pickup Truck (C1). After several minutes they were joined by another insurgent (B3), who arrived in a White Pickup Truck (C2).

At 0955hrs, B3 opened the rear of C2 and handed B1 and B2 an unloaded Long-Barrelled Weapon (LBW) and an RPG. Whilst they stood in the area comparing weapons, B3 placed a large bag in the rear of C1

B1 and B2 then placed the weapons in the rear of C1 and got into the vehicle cabin. Both vehicles then left the vicinity of the OP7 Hut, travelling Southwest on the all-weather track.

ASSESSMENT: The LBW is assessed to be a AK-variant rifle, whilst the RPG is assessed to be either unloaded or fitted with an OG-7 warhead. B3 is believed to be a Lethal Aid Facilitator who has retrieved the two weapons from a local hide. **ASSESSMENT ENDS**

B1 & B2 with weapons

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**IMAGE DETAIL:**

C1 was observed travelling from OP7 Hut to the nearby Fire Stn.

At 1015hrs, the vehicle parked on the grass opposite the Fire Stn, and B1 and B2 alighted the vehicle. B2 went to rear of the vehicle and removed a Long Covered Object (LCO). B1 and B2 then moved along the West side of the building and sat at a picnic table to the rear. The LCO was placed on the table.

ANALYST COMMENT: The Fire Station is a known INS meeting location, that sees increased activity prior to attacks on local security forces. **COMMENT ENDS**

ASSESSMENT: The LCO is assessed to be the large bag placed in the vehicle previously by B3. The LBW and RPG are assessed to be wrapped in this bag at this point. **ASSESSMENT ENDS**



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B5 with RPG

B4 with LBW

C3

Previously destroyed military vehicle



B5 with RPG

B4 with LBW

IMAGE DETAIL:

At 1045hrs a Red Pickup Truck (C3) arrived at the Moll Harris Hut from the Fire Station. 2x INS (B4 and B5) alighted the vehicle and removed a LBW and RPG from the vehicle rear. They then moved with the weapons Northwest down the vehicle track and into two separate firing positions (FPs).

ANALYST COMMENT: The LBW and RPG had been placed in the rear of C3 by B1 and B2 at the Fire Station. **COMMENT ENDS**

ASSESSMENT: By using Moll Harris Hut the INS have provided themselves plenty of egress routes to the East, all of which provide reasonable amounts of cover and protection using the vegetation and high ground. **ASSESSMENT ENDS**

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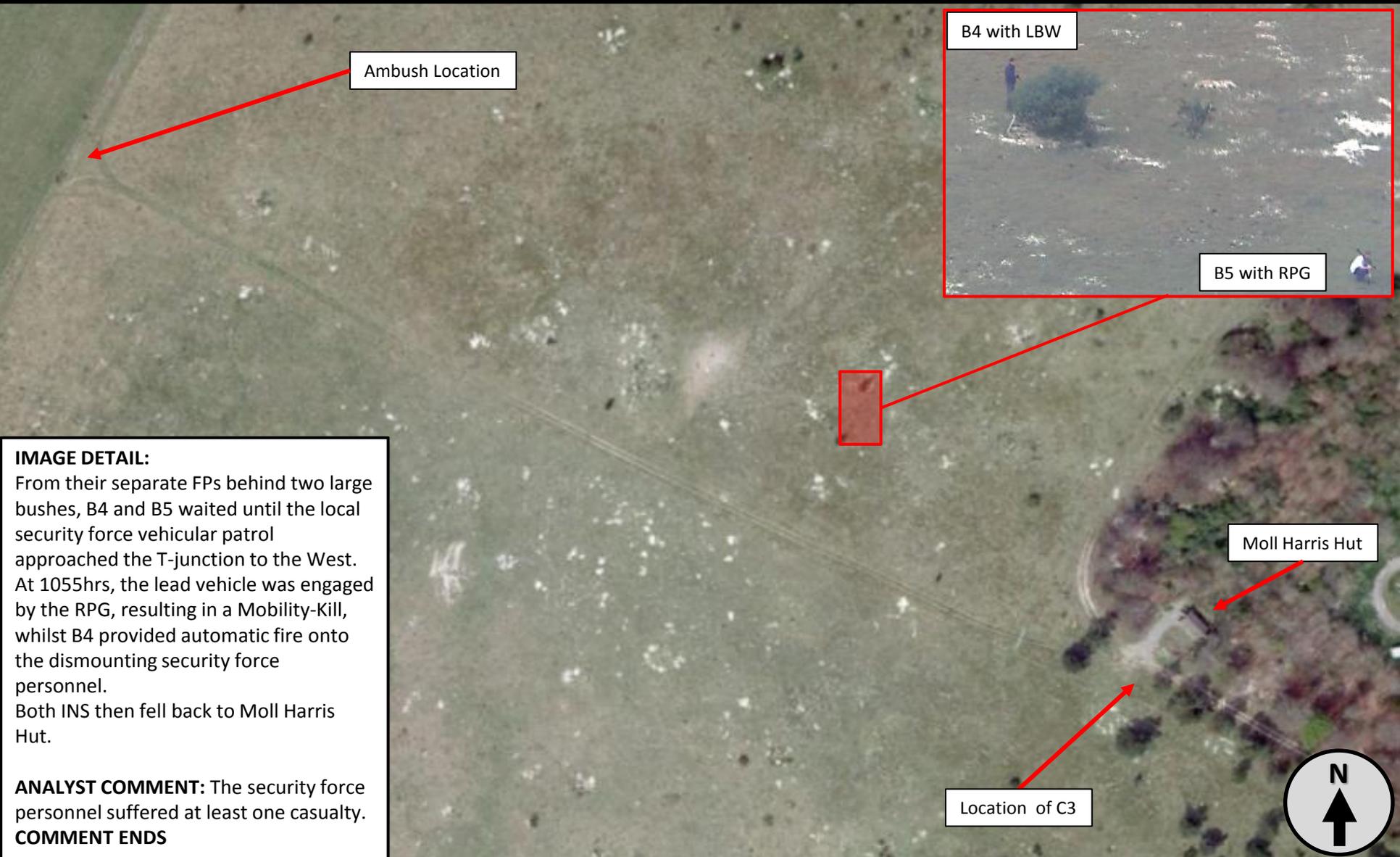
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Ambush Location

B4 with LBW

B5 with RPG

Moll Harris Hut

Location of C3



IMAGE DETAIL:
 From their separate FPs behind two large bushes, B4 and B5 waited until the local security force vehicular patrol approached the T-junction to the West. At 1055hrs, the lead vehicle was engaged by the RPG, resulting in a Mobility-Kill, whilst B4 provided automatic fire onto the dismounting security force personnel.
 Both INS then fell back to Moll Harris Hut.

ANALYST COMMENT: The security force personnel suffered at least one casualty.
COMMENT ENDS

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IMAGE DETAIL:
 As B4 and B5 returned to the area of Moll Harris Hut, it was observed that 3x Unknown Males (UKMs) were present. Whilst one stayed close to a Green Landrover, the other two appeared to be filming the aftermath of the INS attack.

ANALYST COMMENT: These may be a local media film crew, however, it is most likely they are associated with the insurgency. In this case they would be filming the attack and aftermath in order use the material as propaganda and to identify security force actions / TTPs.

COMMENT ENDS





IMAGE DETAIL:

At 1315hrs, a Red Toyota Pickup (C1) was observed moving suspiciously on the vehicular track to the West of Moll Harris Hut.

On stopping at the T-Junction, 2x INS (B1 in a white top and B2 dressed in dark clothing) alighted the vehicle and reconnoitred an area between the two tracks.

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**IMAGE DETAIL:**

At 1322hrs, B2 was observed removing a shovel from the rear of C1 and proceeded to start digging a hole approximately 30cm x 50cm. B1 removed an IED from the rear of C1 and placed it in the hole. Both INS then covered the IED with soil, returned to C1 and drove Northeast along the track.

ANALYST COMMENT: Due it's size it is most likely the device contained an explosive main charge of 2-4kg. There was no sign of an anti-tampering or secondary device being attached to the main charge. **COMMENT ENDS**

ASSESSMENT: Whilst the INS used their vehicle to hide their activity, their proficiency in emplacing the IED is not of a high quality. The IED has been emplaced to the side of the track, where a main charge of this size will cause minimal damage to any passing vehicles, and no effort has been made to conceal the location of the IED (such as putting turf on top of the soil or compacting the raised soil mound). **ASSESSMENT ENDS**

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B3 with cable spool

Moll Harris Hut

B4

Buried IED

IMAGE DETAIL:

At 1522hrs, C1 was observed returning to the site of the emplaced IED. Two different INS (B3 and B4) alighted the vehicle and removed a spool of blue cable from the rear of the vehicle. B3 then placed one end of the cable on top of the buried IED whilst B4 carried the spool and headed East on the track towards Moll Harris Hut. B4 stood on the cable for a while in order to stop it being dragged away, before joining B3 on the track

ANALYST COMMENT: It is unclear why the Command Wire has been surface laid as there is no cover for the cable in the vicinity of the track, especially for a cable of this colour. **COMMENT ENDS**

KEY:

Surface-laid Command Wire ---



Main Charge

Firing Point



B4 connecting Command Wire to the Main Charge

IMAGE DETAIL:
 B3 and B4 proceeded up the track, surface laying the command wire, before breaking track and going static at a large bush. They both then returned to C1 via the route of the command wire. At C1, B3 returned the empty cable spool to the rear of the vehicle whilst B4 appeared to connect the command wire to the buried IED. After a couple of minutes, both INS got back in the vehicle and travelled Northeast along the track.

ANALYST COMMENT: All that is required to initiate the device is for a power source to be connected to the command wire at the Firing Point (FP). **COMMENT ENDS**

Moll Harris Hut

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 Surface-laid Command Wire — — —

