

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTELLIGENCE REPORT 003

DATE: SPRING 2007-EARLY 2008

SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF DETAINEE UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

Detainee has traveled to Iran and Lebanon for SG training. Detainee was told to go to the training by [REDACTED], leader of the SG Middle Region. Detainee told some members of his family that Detainee was going to Najaf to guard the shrines. Detainee told other members Detainee had located a temporary job in construction.

Detainee was instructed to travel to the Amarah garage. Once there Detainee met with 11 other individuals. These individuals were from Karbala, Najaf, Wasit, Hillah, Baghdad, Kirkuk, Amarah, Basrah, Diwaniyah, and Samarra. There were two individuals from Amarah.

The only other individual Detainee knew was [REDACTED]. The purpose of the travel was to obtain training in management for key personnel selected for management roles in SG.

Detainee and the others met at the Amarah garage. [REDACTED] met them, and introduced himself as their facilitator. Several members of the group had passports. These individuals traveled directly to Iran by bus. The rest waited for nightfall. They were then brought, by bus, to the marshes close to the Iranian border. Detainee and at least three others waited while two got into a row boat with [REDACTED], and rowed into the marshes. The boat returned later, with [REDACTED]. Detainee and the others then rowed through the marshes and crossed the Iranian border.

There was a vehicle waiting for them. Detainee and the others were taken to a house, where they waited for approximately one to two days. A small bus took them to an airport. The bus ride was at least one hour. They were flown via commercial carrier to an unidentified city in Iran. The flight took at least one hour. From the airport they were taken by bus to a large house inside a gated compound at the base of a mountain.

The compound was close to a main street, with steady automobile traffic, had one gate, and was guarded 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

The guards for the compound wore military uniforms and spoke Farsi. Detainee and the others were taken into the house; they were the only occupants of the house. They were shown to their rooms. Four individuals were housed in each bedroom. There were bunk beds in the rooms.

The next morning Detainee and the others were instructed to prepare their own breakfast. After breakfast, classes started at approximately 0800.

Detainee provided the following courses of instruction that were covered:

- Small arms maintenance
- Personal security
- Operational security
- Counter-Interrogation training
- Physical surveillance
- Detection of physical surveillance
- Counter surveillance
- Use of maps
- Live firing range day for small arms

The instructors were Shia, wore military uniforms and spoke Farsi. An interpreter translated the lessons for the students.

Classes started every day at approximately 0800. Each class period lasted one hour, followed by a 15 minute break, where Detainee and his fellow students were allowed to eat and drink. Classes would resume on time after each break. The class day ended at dusk. Detainee remembers that the schedule was demanding, and several of the students felt that the course was too demanding. The course in Iran lasted approximately 21 to 24 days.

At the end of the instruction, Detainee and the others were taken to an unidentified city in Iran by bus. The bus ride was approximately one hour. Detainee and the others were allowed to visit the shrine of Imam Rida, and the shrine of Imam Khomeini.

At this point at least three students declined to participate further in the class. These individuals were taken away, and Detainee did not see them again.

Detainee and the others were taken to a hotel by bus. The ride was less than one hour. They were kept at the hotel for eight days, and were instructed not to go outside. Detainee does not know the name of the hotel or the location of the hotel. Detainee and his fellow students were the only guests of the hotel.

Detainee and his fellow students were taken to an airport by bus. They were flown to Damascus, Syria. They were met at the airport by two or three vehicles. The vehicles had tinted windows, with curtains in the back. Detainee and the others were unable to see out the windows. Detainee and his fellow students were driven to the Lebanese border. They were instructed to get out of the vehicles, go past the border checkpoint, and walk up a hill to where two Chevrolet Suburbans were waiting. It was nighttime, the vehicles were dark blue or black.

Detainee and the other students got into the back of the Suburbans. The drivers were Lebanese Shias. The vehicle's windows were tinted, and there were curtains over the windows. Detainee and the others were driven through the mountains for several hours. They switched vehicles twice. The roads had a lot of curves, and several of Detainee's associates got car sick and vomited in the vehicles.

It was still night time when Detainee and the others were brought to an apartment building in an unidentified city in Lebanon. They were taken to an apartment within the building. There were heavy curtains over the windows. Detainee and the other students were told not to look out the windows. Detainee recalled that on one occasion █████ looked out the window. Approximately 15 minutes later a guard came and asked █████ why █████ had looked out the window █████ denied doing so. The instructors came and scolded all of the students, and told them that if they did not follow the rules, they would not finish the course of instruction.

Over the course of the next approximately 18 to 20 days, Detainee and the others received instruction in various courses.

Detainee provided the following courses of instruction Detainee received in Lebanon:

- Personnel supervision/management
- Project planning
- Weapons inventory control
- Communications
- Weapons warehousing systems
- Security

One day of refresher training on weapons at the range.

The instructors were members of Lebanese Hizballah. They were Lebanese Shia, they had complete control of the area, the students, and a familiarity with all of the management process needed to run a paramilitary organization. There is no possibility that they were anything else.

Detainee and the others completed the training, and were returned to the Lebanese border by the same route and method of travel used to bring them to the training. Once they crossed the Lebanese border, they were taken to Damascus, and flown to Iran. They were returned to Iraq by the same route through the marshes. Their facilitator was █████ again.

█████ does not use money exchange to pay SG members. SG members are paid in cash through Detainee, who receives the cash from █████. Detainee determines how much cash Detainee needs, calls █████ to tell █████ how much cash is needed, and █████ has █████ deliver the cash in USD to Detainee.