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Summary:

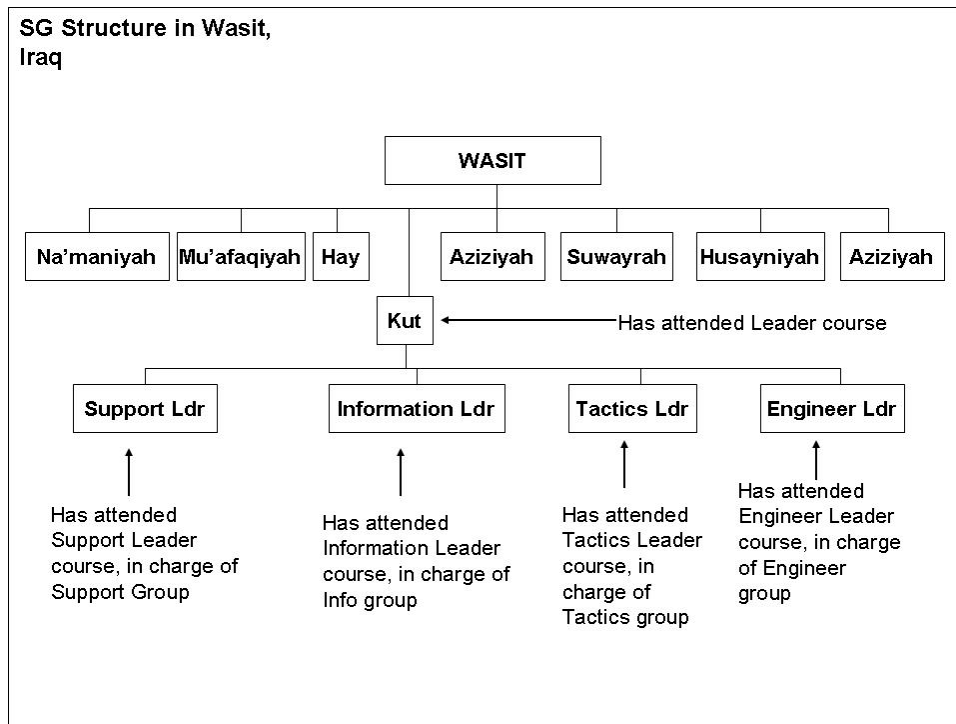
SG in Iraq breaks down in to three major areas of operation which are North, Central and South. The North section consists of Kirkuk, and Diyala. The Central section consists of Baghdad, Wasit, Hillah, and Karbala. The South section consists of Amarah, Basra, Diwaniyah and Nasiriyah. Each of these areas breaks down further but Detainee is only familiar with the Wasit Province. The Wasit area breaks down in to eight major areas, which are Na'maniyah, Mu'afaqiya, Husayniya, Zubaydiyah, Hay, Aziziya, Suwayra and Kut. Each of the eight areas in Wasit has an SG leader responsible for that area. Each of these areas have leaders which answer to the SG leader for Wasit, which is [REDACTED]. Detainee has never seen [REDACTED], and does not know where [REDACTED] lives.

The leader of SG in Kut is [REDACTED] who works under [REDACTED]. If someone is a leader of one of the eight areas in Wasit then they must have attended the Overall Leader Course in Iran. [REDACTED] has four leaders underneath him that are leaders in the fields of Information, Tactics, Support and Engineers. [REDACTED] used to be the Engineer leader in Kut but was recently promoted.

Each of these specialty-leaders has attended a 45-60 day specialty-specific leadership course in Iran. This course focuses solely on that specialty, and there is no cross-training whatsoever. If someone attends the Engineer Leader Course, then they will not have any knowledge of the subjects taught in the Support Leader course. There is no cross-training following the course. If someone is an Engineer Leader, then they will not attend a Support Leader course at any time in the future. People are picked for the specialty-specific leader course based on their loyalty and devotion to SG, usually the people who attend the leader courses are people who have been in SG since it began.

The Engineer, Support, Tactic, Information and Overall Leader courses are all separate, it is not required to attend any other training in Iran in order to attend this training. If someone attends one of these leader courses then they will definitely be a leader upon their return if they were not one already. If someone attends the Overall Leader Course, then they will be put in charge of the four individuals who have attended the specialty-specific leader courses. These five individuals make up the leadership for that respective area. Detainee does not know the average size of each group, or how big the overall group is. There is only one leader with four specialty-specific leaders per area; therefore the number of group members must be relatively large in order to conduct effective operations in that area. This is how it works in Kut. This organization is fairly new to SG. Detainee does not know for sure if this has already been

implemented in the seven other areas in Wasit but in theory this is the way SG in Wasit is supposed to be organized. Detainee has no knowledge of why SG has decided to reorganize this way.



There are also a group of commandos who belong to SG and work in Wasit. The commandos are based out of Kut and operate all over the Wasit province. The commandos do not answer to conventional SG leadership. Detainee is not sure if the commandos conduct different types of missions than SG or if their function is the same. The commandos are very secretive and are not discussed openly. The commando training is conducted in Iran for periods of 30 to 60 days at a time. Commando training is recurring, and it is possible for a commando to have attended training 5 to 10 times. Commandos are familiar with every type of weapon available. Commandos have Stella rockets available for use against CF aircraft.

Detainee knows of two individuals in Kut that are members of the Commandos. Detainee does not know anything about commando training other than the fact that is very difficult and in-depth. It seems like [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are always gone. They are likely in Iran for training, because they are usually gone for approximately a month at a time. Commando training is different than Special Forces training because commandos work in their own group and answer to someone outside Wasit Province.

The Special Forces group is a small group of specially trained individuals who are excellent fighters. The Special Forces group answers specifically to the SG leader in that area. The Special Forces group is not usually used in attacks, but is more of a specialized reactionary force that responds whenever CF enters an area. The Special Forces group has to be composed of brave and good fighters because they have to run

to an area and engage CF when everyone else is running away. The Special Forces training is separate from any other training. This training is conducted in Iran and lasts approximately 60 days. The Special Forces training is separate from the Commando training. Detainee has no knowledge if the Special Forces training is a one-time course, or if it consists of multiple training sessions in Iran.

Detainee was trained to be an SG trainer, which is another type of training available in Iran. In theory, Detainee is supposed to train the basic SG soldiers on the concepts of tactics, which is Detainee's specialty. Detainee never actually trained any SG members in Iraq. If Detainee were training SG soldiers, he would be training the members of the Tactics Group, which operate under the individual who has attended the Tactics Leader Group. Detainee does not fall under traditional SG leadership in Kut, and could be responsible for training SG tactics group members from all over Iraq. This is unlikely though as the trainer group is spread out through Iraq.

An individual who has attended the Tactics Leader Course in Iran is a leader but could also train. Detainee would not be responsible for training the Tactics Leader, as this individual would likely have more knowledge on the subject than Detainee. Group members would receive basic instruction from Detainee because Detainee was taught how to actually teach. The group members would learn the specifics of how they would implement these things from their Tactics Group Leader who would be able to apply the practical aspect of this subject to the members based on the leaders' experience and operational needs.

The trainer group was started because Iran wants Iraqis to sustain their own training. This is more time and cost-effective, and makes it appear like Iran is having less of an influence. In theory, this would work the same for the Engineer, Support and Information groups. SG has not actually gotten this system functioning yet in Wasit. Detainee does not know if this is working in any other areas but of all the areas, Amarah would be the first to have this system up and running.

Detainee has no knowledge of when certain courses are taught in Iran or how much time is taken between each course. There are many places in Iran where SG goes to train, therefore multiple groups can train in Iran on different things and never know that the other group was there. Detainee has no knowledge of where any other training facilities are in Iran than the ones that Detainee has been to. The training in Iran usually takes place around holiday times, because there are already a large amount of people moving across the border so it will not seem suspicious for a group of people to be traveling at these times.

██████ is the Lebanese Hizballah trainer in charge of the training camp Detainee attended in Iran. ██████ was always calm and collected. ██████ had very distinct cat-like eyes that were either bright green or bright blue. Detainee thinks ██████ has operated in Iraq because ██████ always used to talk about how Iraqi food is not good and how the Iraqis do not have good water. ██████ would drop hints like this to let the trainees know that ██████ has worked in Iraq. ██████ was one of the more respectful of the LH trainers,

and appeared to demonstrate some knowledge of Iraqi culture. [REDACTED] would say things about Iraq in a way that let the trainees know that [REDACTED] has been to Iraq before. There are two kinds of LH, the kind you see on television, and the secret underground kind. All the trainers in Iran were the secret LH. If [REDACTED] was in Iraq it would not be for a trip, [REDACTED] would only go to do secret LH work. [REDACTED] spoke Iraqi dialect very well but it was still apparent that [REDACTED] was Lebanese.

[REDACTED], the Information trainer from Amarah told Detainee that he attended training in Lebanon and that it was better than the training in Iran.