

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTELLIGENCE REPORT 008

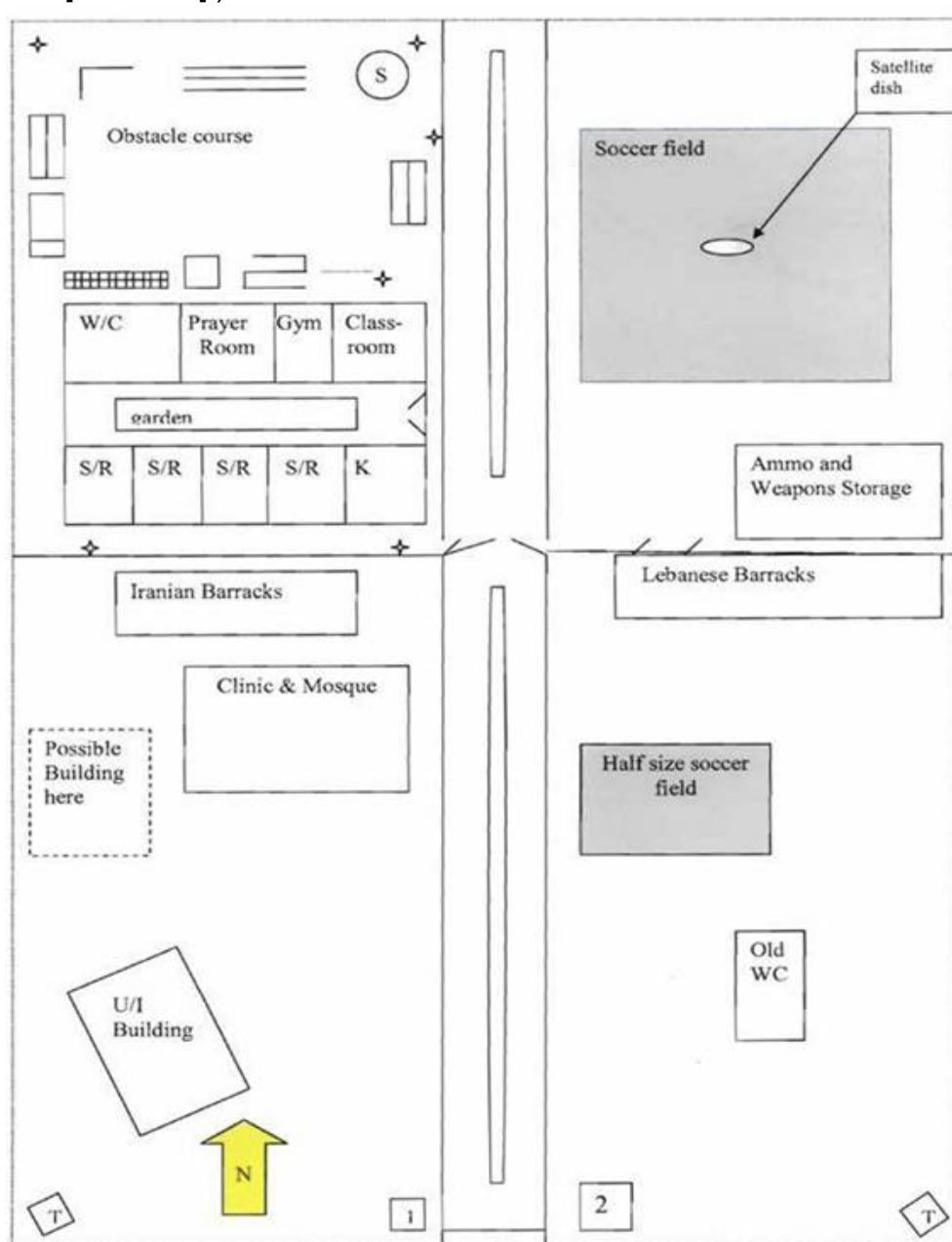
DATE: SPRING 2007-EARLY 2008

SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF [DETAINEE] UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

[Detainee] discussed in detail the Sayid al-Shahada training camp in Iran. **(Collector Comment:** Collector rendered the camp from rough drawings and multiple verifications with [Detainee].)



Not drawn to scale

1. One story guard building
2. Two story guard building
- T. Metal guard towers
- ✦ Camera towers

[Detainee] had typhoid while in the training in Iran. He collapsed and had to be taken to his room to recover. The medical staff from the clinic located came to [Detainee]'s room and gave him some pills. The staff, which consisted of a civilian doctor and three or four military male nurses, did not seem very interested in [Detainee]'s problem. [Detainee] went to the clinic once for additional medications.

During their month long training cycle, there were two other minor medical issues among the Iraqi trainees. One man had a sprained ankle. Medical staff treated him with an Ace bandage and gave him a mild painkiller.

Another issue was a trainee, [REDACTED], with a bad back. He was not helped significantly, as the staff thought he might be malingering.

During his first training cycle, [Detainee] spent about 10-15 days on the range. The range training facility was approximately 40-50 kilometers south of the al-Shahada training camp. The training on the range was organized and included a safety briefing. No one could even go to the restroom without telling cadre. There was night training during the first phase or cycle.

There were usually two Land Cruisers on the range. One, an older camouflaged military vehicle, was used to bring the weapons to the range. The other, a white newer model, was used as the ambulance. It was always at the entrance to the range and parked near the buses. The two buses brought the trainee and sometimes the cadre to the range.

The Lebanese mixed with the trainees during rest periods and down time occasionally. Often they would just sit by themselves.

At the end of the training cycle, the attendees were given a prayer rug, a Quran and a hand full of sweets.

[Detainee] discussed his third trip to Iran via illegally crossings of the border. He crossed in two different locations, and by two different methods. [Detainee] and [REDACTED] first arrived at the Baghdad in Amarah. [Detainee] called [REDACTED] the safe house manager. [REDACTED] came to the garage and picked him up. In addition to the trainee selects, a Farsi-Arabic interpreter was going to go across the border with the group. Aside from [REDACTED], [Detainee] and [REDACTED], the group was all going to Iran for the first time. [REDACTED] had been to training multiple times.

The following morning the group took off in two vehicles, traveling from Amarah to Shayikh Sa'ad. The group ate at a restaurant, and the driver called for a vehicle to come and pick up the group for the next leg of the journey. All of them crammed into a Land Cruiser, 12 people, plus the driver and the interpreter. They drove for on a dirt road for several hours. They arrived at around sundown at a house in a desolate area. The driver got out and went toward the house. He came back with a man with a black tracksuit. In later conversation, he said he was from Sadr City. The unidentified man said they should wait until it got a little darker. The man from the house had an AK slung on his back and night vision device on a neck strap. The glow when he put the device to his ears was either yellow or red. After a short drive, the group got out and walked through the countryside. They crossed rivers, ran in a flat open country, and went up and down hills for between two and three hours. The man from the house picked up a signal from an automotive light. The group rendezvoused with two four-door pickups. One was white and the other red. The pickups took the Iraqi trainees to a house in Mehran. Along the way to Mehran, they were given chocolate, biscuits and snacks.

In Mehran, the training group went to an apartment. They ate a meal and stayed the night. In the morning, the group was divided and taken to the Kermanshah Airport. Their tickets were waiting and they boarded a flight for Tehran.

In Tehran, the group was met by two Iranian men. The Iranians took the group in a Land Cruiser, to an apartment about one hour distant. The building was a five-story building with a parking garage, elevator and stairs on the first floor. The group stayed on the second or fourth floor.

After a day or two, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to the apartment and told the group there was no trainer for them. Their class was delayed. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took [Detainee] and [REDACTED] to another room to tell them the situation as well.

The group got into a car and were driven to Mashad to visit the shrines. They stayed in Mashad for four or five days, then returned to Tehran via airplane. [REDACTED] picked them up at their hotel in Mashad, paid their bill, and took them to the airplane. The same man met them at the airport in Tehran. [Detainee] and one other took a taxi to the building because there was not sufficient space in the Land Cruiser. They stayed at the same building for one night. In the morning, the whole group moved to a three-story building. The group was divided again into two groups. Those attendees who came from Qusayrin plus [REDACTED] were to remain on the second floor and the rest would sleep on the third floor.

The trainees were issued a tracksuit, tennis shoes, towel, and military clothes. The refrigerator was filled with a lot of food and fruit. The next day they began their training.

[REDACTED] was sent back to Baghdad early because he did not have a good attitude. Three of the group from Qusayrin, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], were also sent back early. The

remainder of the class stayed for four more days. With the exception of [Detainee] and ██████, the rest of the class left at the end of training. The total amount of days spent in training and travel to and from was 27 or 28 days.

[Detainee] and ██████ were taken to Ahwaz, Iran and told they would ride a boat through the marshes to return home. The trip out was uneventful.

The boat used was 15-17 feet long and only three feet wide at the gunwales. It moved very fast and easily through the marshes. After arriving at a prearranged spot, a truck picked up the group of four, which included [Detainee] and ██████, an unidentified man, and the same Farsi-Arabic interpreter who had accompanied them through the desert walk at the beginning of their journey.

The pickup driver, ██████'s assistant and driver, took them to a garage where they hired a taxi to their home, after returning to the house to get ██████'s phone from ██████. The paymaster, ██████ paid them 413 USD as their salary.