

SUBJECT: REDACTED INTERROGATION REPORT 013

DATE: SPRING 2007-EARLY 2008

SOURCE: DEBRIEFING OF [DETAINEE] UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

UNCLASSIFIED (AS REDACTED)

Summary:

[Detainee] did not identify photos of the following weapons:

RPG-29

RPG-29 (Broken down)

Tiger

SVD-S - SVD with shortened barrel and folding metal butt stock

SA 7

Misagh

[Detainee] recognized photos of the following weapons:

This looks like a weapon we used, called the Draganov, except the one we used had more of the stock filled in, and the sight was black, not silver.



SVD, with polymer stock and hand guards

[Detainee] trained with the Draganov during the trainer training in Iran. The Draganov that [Detainee] and the others used during training had numbers on the side of the weapon which had been scratched out. The instructor demonstrated the use of the weapon and the trainees fired the weapon.

[Detainee] and the other trainer trainees in Iran did not fire the Draganov a lot. There were four Draganovs at the range, but only one weapon was serviceable, none of the trainees really benefited from this training.

The Draganov uses a round of ammunition that is approximately one centimeter longer than the ammunition used in the Kalashnikov. The Draganov is for long range shooting, and is light weight. [Detainee] and the other trainer trainees fired the Draganov from 100 meters.

This is similar to the Draganov, but we did not train on this weapon.



SVD with wooden stock

This looks like a Kalashnikov. We did not train on this type of Kalashnikov.



ROMAK-3/PSL

This looks like a Kalashnikov. This one has a scope, we did not train on this type of Kalashnikov.



NDM-86

This is the PKC.



PKC

[Detainee] and the other trainer trainees shot the PKC in both the first phase of the training and the second. During each phase, the trainees only shot approximately 50 rounds of ammunition with the PKC. The ammunition for the PKC is big. [Detainee] and the other trainees shot the PKC from 200 meters. The PKC is for offensive operations. The PKC is powerful and is for long range shooting.

I imagine these are IEDs, although I have never seen anything like this. The instructors brought dough explosives to the training, and detonated the explosives. The dough explosives did not look anything like this.



EFP



The instructors brought a weapon similar to this to the range. Steyr HS50 12.7mm

Three trainer trainees fired this weapon (Steyr HS50 12.7mm), and then it broke. The last trainee to shoot the weapon was [redacted] [Detainee] was supposed to be the fourth

trainee to fire this weapon (Steyr HS50 12.7mm), but the weapon broke so [Detainee] did not ever fire it. The [Detainee]'s who fired the weapon (Steyr HS50 12.7mm) shot from 200 meters.

This is an RPG.



RPG-7

[Detainee] and the other trainer trainees shot the RPG during training in Iran. During the first phase of training, the trainees each fired the RPG once. During the second phase of training, the trainees each fired the RPG twice. [Detainee] did not perform well during this course of instruction. The trainees fired the RPG from 100 meters.

The RPG is for offensive attacks on the enemy. The RPG can be used to attack headquarters buildings or trucks. The RPG does not work well against armored vehicles. There is another weapon for attacking armored vehicles.

This is a Bazooka.



RPG-22

All of the trainer trainees fired the Bazooka during the second phase of training in Iran. The instructors demonstrated the use of the Bazooka and then each trainee fired it. The trainees fired the Bazooka from 100 meters.

The Bazooka is a very dangerous weapon. Once it is opened, it must be used. Once it is used, it must be discarded. If it compresses again, the weapon can explode. This weapon is more dangerous than the RPG.

Some Bazookas are made in China, some are made in Russia. The Bazooka is for attacking machines, trucks, humans, and headquarters buildings.

[Detainee] and the other trainer trainees at the Iran paramilitary training camp fired some other weapons, including the M-16 and the 9mm Browning pistol.

The M-16 is better than the Kalashnikov. The M-16 is lighter weight and has a longer range than the Kalashnikov. The M-16 and Kalashnikov have the same reliability. The trainees fired the M-16 for familiarization only.

[Detainee] and the other trainer trainees fired 10 rounds with the M-16 in the first phase of training and 20 rounds in the second phase of training. The trainees fired the M-16 from 120 meters.

[Detainee] and the other trainer trainees also fired the 13 round 9mm Browning pistol. The trainees fired an unknown number of bullets with the Browning during the first phase of training. The trainees fired approximately 40 rounds with the Browning pistol during the second phase of training. The trainees may have fired the Browning pistol from 50 or 20 meters.

The instructors told the trainer trainees that if they would like to be snipers, a trainee would need to shoot 250 bullets per day. [Detainee] and the other trainees fired approximately two bullets per day with a sniper rifle.

[Detainee] provided the following outline of the second phase of trainer training in Iran (**Comment:** This is a translation of what [Detainee] wrote.):

First Day:

Receiving the gear and taking a tour of the facility, rooms, and study halls and getting to know the trainers.

Second Day:

Waking up for prayers around 0530 and PT gear on around 0600 for morning exercises.

At 0700, shower and breakfast after that then dress in a military gear from training.

At 0800, the start of the first lecture and it was about how to handle a pistol and Kalashnikov rifle. This lesson continued until 11am with 10 minutes break each hour.

At 1100 a lecture was given by a religious man and it was about morals. It continued until 12 noon then a break until 1400 for lunch and prayers.

At 1400, the second lesson started and it was a continuation on how to use the pistol and the Kalashnikov. The lesson continued until 1700 with 10 minutes break each hour.

After 1700, the evening break begins. The trainers go to change clothing, go to pray, dinner or just play ping pong.

The lesson about the pistol and the Kalashnikov continued for five days and it included training on how to walk with the weapon. The lesson took place in the camp not on the range. We did not go to the range until the final day of training to shoot pistols and rifles.

Seventh day:

The trainers spread around the classes according to their specialty. Each four trainers represented a specialty and each special lesson has its own trainers.

One of the trainers specialized in weapons parts, how to take them apart and put them back together. He also explained different shooting positions. These weapons were: Browning and Tariq pistol, Kalashnikov, PKC, M16, SMG, Sniper rifles, RPG7, Bazooka, DSHk and the G3. We shot some of these weapons but the rest we didn't shoot because they didn't work.

We shot the PKC, M16 but the sniper rifles didn't work. We also shot RPG7 'two rockets each' and one Bazooka rocket. We didn't have any ammo for the G3 or SMG so we didn't use it.

This lesson continued for 11 days, the lesson and training on Bazooka, DSHk and the RPG7 in the two final days of the course.

Nineteenth Day:

The start of the second half of the course. It was about the different teaching methods. The lesson took place inside the class room. It was about how to become a trainer. This lesson continued for four days.

Twenty-third Day:

It was about the dissection of a weapon in front of the trainers so we could learn how the trainer teaches the lesson.

Twenty-ninth Day:

It was about the Bazooka, the DSHk and the RPG7 and going to the range to shoot then as I stated before.

I think the 30th day was the end of the course and they announced the results. I managed to hold the last place in graduation.

The course was fast and general; lacked the weapons because most were broken and lacked ammo as well. One of the trainers stated that we might need further training but he didn't say what it is.

After leaving the camp, we went to Tehran where we split in two groups. One group wanted to go to al-Ahvaz and the other wanted to go to Mashhad for recreations. We went to the zoo and the tourist gardens and shopping around for two days in Mashhad. After that we went back to al-Ahvaz where we spent the night then left for Iraq the next day via Basra.

This course took 36 days from the time we left Iraq until we returned. When we arrived in al-Ahwaz we stayed at a house there for three days then left for Tehran.

This is all what I can remember, I can't remember more detailed times or days. I was not very eager to go on this trip and could not think of any thing but returning to my wife and children.

God is my witness.