

Bada, Tina -JLT

From: Carette, Alexandre -DFA -FTAG
Sent: May 22, 2008 3:42 PM
To: 'THANKEY.HB@forces.gc.ca'
Subject: Re: Juvenile soldiers lines

Thank you.

Alex
Alexandre Carette
Afghanistan Task Force / Groupe de travail sur l'Afghanistan
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----- Original Message -----

From: THANKEY.HB@forces.gc.ca <THANKEY.HB@forces.gc.ca>
To: Carette, Alexandre -DFA -FTAG
Sent: Thu May 22 15:36:34 2008
Subject: FW: Juvenile soldiers lines

Here's what was sent to me by our PA shop. Lines are evergreen (i.e., approved). Should get to you via your PA people as well.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cyr Maj NL@ADM(PA)@Ottawa-Hull
Sent: Thursday, 22, May, 2008 15:31 PM
To: 'Emma.Welford@international.gc.ca'; James.Christoff@international.gc.ca; Sean.Rowan@bnet.pco-bcp.gc.ca
Cc: Desbiens Lt Y@ADM(PA)@Ottawa-Hull; Hannan A@ADM(PA)@Ottawa-Hull; Beauvalet Y@ADM(PA)@Ottawa-Hull; Thankey HB@ADM(Pol) D NATO POL@Ottawa-Hull; Champagne Col JAG@SJS Operations@Ottawa-Hull; Arsenault Maj EJ@SJS Operations@Ottawa-Hull
Subject: RE: Juvenile soldiers lines
Importance: High

The following lines were extracted from the Evergreen lines:

Juvenile Detainees

- * Juveniles detained and transferred by the CF are held in a designated wing of the Sarpoza prison in Kandahar. Our policy is in line with NATO standard operating procedures and consistent with international norms.
- * Under Afghan law juvenile prisoners are the responsibility of the Afghanistan Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

Furthermore, I have reviewed the transcript from the 21 May CBC The Current program and could not find any reference to children or juveniles being employed with private security contractors. In any case, the fact is that all the private security contractors we hire in Afghanistan must conform with Afghan laws and regulations. The law stipulates that employees of security firms must be 25 years or older, hence we do not employ juveniles as security contractors.

I hope this helps.

Norbert Cyr
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Receipt Date: June 30, 2010

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From: Emma.Welford@international.gc.ca [mailto:Emma.Welford@international.gc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, 22, May, 2008 14:32 PM
To: Emma.Welford@international.gc.ca; Cyr Maj NL@ADM(PA)@Ottawa-Hull; James.Christoff@international.gc.ca;
Sean.Rowan@bnet.pco-bcp.gc.ca
Cc: Desbiens Lt Y@ADM(PA)@Ottawa-Hull; Hannan A@ADM(PA)@Ottawa-Hull
Subject: Juvenile soldiers lines

Kerry Buck has asked to see the lines being developed on this issue before the 3 pm meeting. Can someone send me what has been drafted?

Emma

-----Original Message-----

From: Welford, Emma -DGR
Sent: May 22, 2008 9:03 AM
To: 'Cyr.NL@forces.gc.ca'; Christoff, James -DGR; 'Sean.Rowan@bnet.pco-bcp.gc.ca'
Cc: 'Desbiens.Y@forces.gc.ca'; 'HANNAN.A@forces.gc.ca'
Subject: Re: DRY RUN

Okay - FYI I just listened to the CBC Radio, The Current piece on Child Soldiers in Afghanistan and we are definitely going to need lines!

Also, one charge raised in the interview was that children are used to guard forward operating bases in Kandahar.

Apparently the U of A professor, Andy (missed his last name) sent a letter to the PM in November 2007 and says the only response he got was from DND acknowledging the letter, implying there was no denial!

That will be worth tracking down.

Emma

----- Original Message -----

From: Cyr.NL@forces.gc.ca <Cyr.NL@forces.gc.ca>
To: Welford, Emma -DGR
Cc: Desbiens.Y@forces.gc.ca <Desbiens.Y@forces.gc.ca>; HANNAN.A@forces.gc.ca <HANNAN.A@forces.gc.ca>
Sent: Thu May 22 08:57:32 2008
Subject: RE: DRY RUN

Emma,

Col Champagne is not avail at 09:30. We will listen in.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Emma.Welford@international.gc.ca [mailto:Emma.Welford@international.gc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, 22, May, 2008 08:16 AM
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Subject: DRY RUN

Please note that today's dry run will take place today at 9:30 am due to our guest's limited availability. Apologies for the short notice.

The call in numbers are listed below and in the attached scenario note.

Emma

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From: Welford, Emma -DGR

To: 'Sean.Rowan@bnet.pco-bcp.gc.ca' <Sean.Rowan@bnet.pco-bcp.gc.ca>; 'Wilson, Jennifer' <Jennifer.Wilson@bnet.pco-bcp.gc.ca>; Scanlon, James David <JamesDavid.Scanlon@bnet.pco-bcp.gc.ca>; Bureau, France -PCO -AFG; Savard, Isabelle -PCO -AFG; Christoff, James -DGR; Leblanc, Joffre -DGR; Bird, Sheila -DGD -FTAG; Brodeur, Yves -DFM -FTAG; Buck, Kerry -DFD -FTAG; de Koning, Denise -DFD -FTAG; 'CHERIE_TRAVERSE@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA' <CHERIE_TRAVERSE@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA>; 'KATE_DUNN@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA' <KATE_DUNN@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA>; 'anna.borgognoni@acdi-cida.gc.ca' <anna.borgognoni@acdi-cida.gc.ca>; 'MAGGIE_CHARMANT@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA' <MAGGIE_CHARMANT@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA>; 'BERNARD_ETZINGER@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA' <BERNARD_ETZINGER@ACDI-CIDA.GC.CA>; 'BEAUVALET.Y@forces.gc.ca' <BEAUVALET.Y@forces.gc.ca>; 'Y Desbiens' <Desbiens.Y@forces.gc.ca>; 'Cyr.NL@forces.gc.ca' <Cyr.NL@forces.gc.ca>; 'Gauthier.CL2@forces.gc.ca' <Gauthier.CL2@forces.gc.ca>; 'Poehlmann.GW@forces.gc.ca' <Poehlmann.GW@forces.gc.ca>; 'carknerme@csc-scc.gc.ca' <carknerme@csc-scc.gc.ca>; 'JRedmond@justice.gc.ca' <JRedmond@justice.gc.ca>; 'christian.girouard@justice.gc.ca' <christian.girouard@justice.gc.ca>

Sent: Wed May 21 15:31:12 2008

Subject:

Please find attached and below the Scenario note for tomorrow's technical briefing. This week, we will be welcoming Mr Nigel Fisher, President and CEO of UNICEF Canada, who will provide an on-the-record overview of UNICEF programmes and activities in Afghanistan.

The Dry Run time has NOT been confirmed yet, but the dial in number is included below. The confirmed time will be circulated as soon as possible.

Scenario

Afghanistan Technical Briefing

May 22, 2008

Ottawa, ON

**All times EST

Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B Pearson Building
125 Sussex
Ottawa, Ontario

Time: 15:00/15:30 pm - 16:25 pm EST

TBD

Dry Run

Location: TBD

Dry Run Call In information:

DRY-RUN Teleconference Information

Int'l/Local: 613-948-1007

North America: 1-866-646-2080

Conference ID#: 7744569

15:00 pm

Arrival of Senior Government Officials

Location: 125 Sussex

Contact upon arrival: Brigitte Voumbi 947-8379

15:00 pm - 15:25 pm

Pre-Technical Briefing Huddle

Location: A8-127

15:25 pm - 15:30 pm

Proceed to Cadieux Auditorium

15:30 pm - 15:32 pm

Introduction and rules by the moderator

Moderator invites Stephen Wallace to take the podium and introduce Nigel Fisher

15:32 pm - 15:52 pm

Introduction by Stephen Wallace

Nigel Fisher takes place at desk or podium

Stephen Wallace returns to seat in audience

Remarks from Nigel Fisher

15:52 pm

Moderator proceeds to the podium to thank Mr Fisher for his remarks and invite journalists to ask questions

15:52 pm - 16:10 pm

Question and answer period for the Nigel Fisher

16:10 pm

Moderator thanks Mr Fisher and refers journalists to Senior Government Officials at the front of the auditorium for off-the-record comments.

16:10 pm - 16:25 pm

Time available for question and answer period for Senior Government Officials

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