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DEFENSIVE INTERNET MONITORING REPORT – restricted uk TACTICS FOR STABILITY OPERATIONS 2007 document on wikileaks.org - TASK NO 168-08

Reference:

A. 591SU/506/168-08 dated 19 June 2008.

1. During routine defensive monitoring of the Internet a RESTRICTED document was discovered on an unofficial website which was considered to meet Cat A of Defensive Internet Monitoring reporting categories (Annex A).

PRELIMINARY DISCOVERY

2. DIMonS are continually monitoring Wikileaks.org for protectively marked material and (Reference A is a previous report) on Wikileaks.org a trend is becoming apparent with a further sensitive document disclosed into the public domain.

3. On the 16th July 08 whilst monitoring the website www.wikileaks.org the official PDF (Portable Document Format) document named '[uk-tactics-for-stability-operations-2007.pdf](#)' was discovered.

AREA OF INTEREST

4. The 442-page, 26 chapter document (front page capture at Annex B) discovered, appears to be an official MOD publication. The initial page is titled '*ARMY FIELD MANUAL, VOLUME 1, COMBINED ARMS OPERATIONS*' with the subtitle '*PART 9. TACTICS FOR STABILITY OPERATIONS*'. The front-page also details the following, '*AFM Vol 1 Part 9 – Tactics for Stabilizing Operations*' and '*Issue 2.0: October 2007*'.

5. The '*Army Code 71658*' is also revealed on the front page. However, unlike the rest of the document the front-page does not have the Protective Marking (PM) '*RESTRICTED*'.

6. The document is thorough and details an extensive amount of information relating to stability operations in general. All areas of operations are mentioned within this document with planning and operating procedures relating to various military issues all discussed in some detail. The 26 chapters discuss in varied lengths the following military areas:
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Planning Considerations
 - c. Security and Control
 - d. Initial Restoration of Services
 - e. Interim Governance Tasks
 - f. Military Support to SSR (Security Sector Reform)
 - g. Pre Deployment Training
 - h. Patrolling in other Operations
 - i. Guarding and Base Security
 - j. Patrol Search
 - k. Reaction to Incidents
 - l. The Improvised Explosive Device Threat and Counter Measures
 - m. Mine Awareness
 - n. Electric Counter Measures
 - o. VCP Operations
 - p. Cordon Operations
 - q. Convoy Operations
 - r. Public Order Operations
 - s. Basic Observation Skills
 - t. Operations Room Staff and Procedures
 - u. Use of Interpreters
 - v. Cultural Awareness
 - w. The use of Dogs in Operations
 - x. SSR Aide Memoire
 - y. Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams (OMLT)
 - z. Liaison

7. Wikileaks.org also state on the webpage the following information which summarises the document, 'United Kingdom AFM Vol 1 Part 9, Tactics for Stabilizing Operations, dated October 2007 and written at the RESTRICTED level, 442 printed pages. Army Code 71658.'

8. The document was released by wikileaks.org on 12 Jul 08.

DIMonS ANALYSIS

9. Due to the sheer amount and sensitivity of the information revealed into the public domain via this document it is the DIMonS opinion that action be taken to remove the document from the website. All aspects of stability operations, including force capabilities in theatre, are procedurally discussed and therefore have the potential to jeopardise the safety of service personnel overseas. DIMonS are aware that Wikileaks.org continually acquire and leak protectively marked MOD documents and publication's as this is their obvious and overt intention. To that end, a more specialised opinion and analysis of the document should be conducted to ensure no immediate action is required.

10. The DIMonS will continue to monitor and, if required, report on PM material from Wikileaks.org. It is the DIMonS opinion that protectively marked material relating to British Forces will continue to leak through this website therefore action should be taken to avoid more serious items of sensitive information being released in the future.

11. This report has been created for your information but if you require additional information you should in the first instance contact [REDACTED] on Ext [REDACTED] or via [REDACTED].

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Annexes:

A. Defensive Internet Monitoring Reporting Categories.

B. Front page capture of document.

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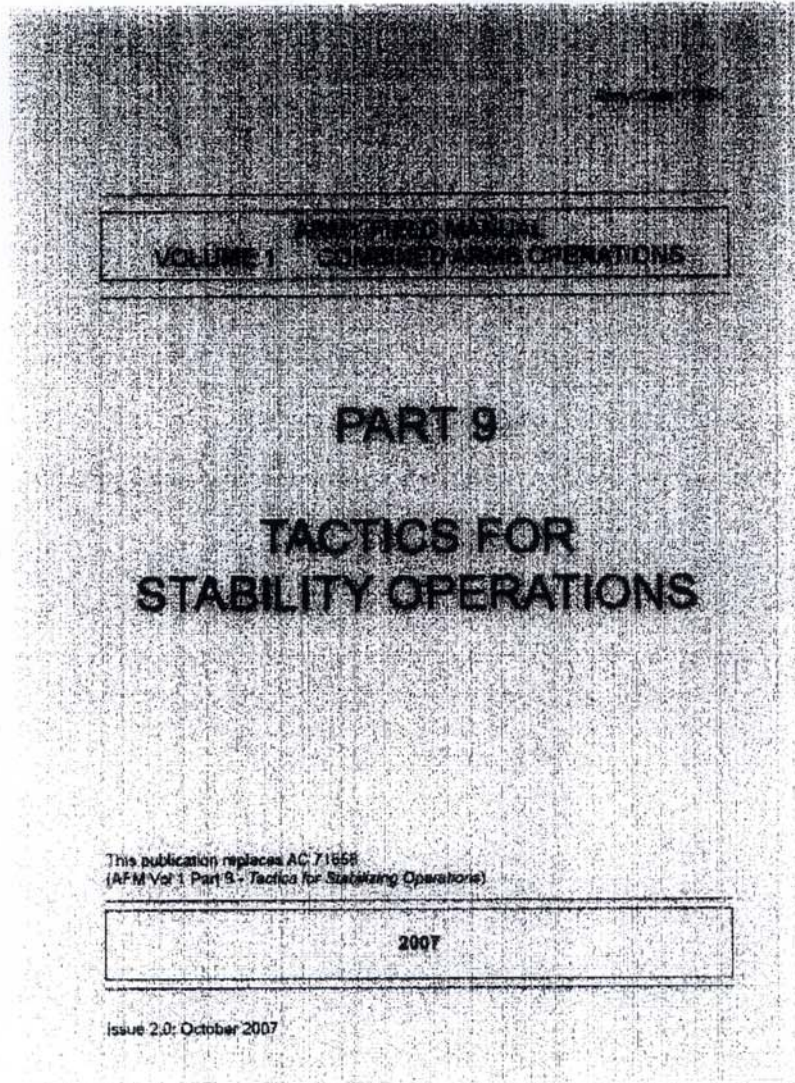
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FRONT PAGE CAPTURE OF DOCUMENT



VOLUME 1 SCHEDULED STABILITY OPERATIONS

PART 9

**TACTICS FOR
STABILITY OPERATIONS**

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