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**IMAGERY OF ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR (EPW) DURING OP FALCONER**

1. RAN connection with EPWs involved HMAS KANIMBLA on 21 March 2003 and AUSCDT 3 on 28 March 2003.

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3. Furthermore, KANIMBLA's legal officers prepared two documents designed to reinforce ADF policy on the handling of EPWs; the Administration and Treatment of Prisoners of War and Civilian Detainees (undated) and ADF Boarding Party Prisoner of War Aide Memoir Card (undated). The latter document was issued to all boarding party members, together with a full brief to all boarding party members as to the manner in which any EPWs were to be handled.

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6. Images taken by the Navy photographer (30 in toto) are located at Imagery Unit East Garden Island. These images are only 'head and shoulder photos', which were taken to comply with Geneva Convention guidelines on identification. These are being reviewed by the Supply Officer HMAS KANIMBLA who confirms, at this stage, that no mistreatment occurred.


7. In addition to HMAS KANIMBLA's contact with EPWs, several members of AUSCDT 3 were required to provide cover to UK forces who were processing EPWs at the entrance to Umm Qasr port facility. There was no imagery taken of the EPWs by AUSCDT 3.

8. In sum, KANIMBLA had a rigorous, detailed and proactive plan/organisation in place to properly handle EPWs - I am satisfied that KANIMBLA's ships company adhered to this plan.



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