

QUESTIONS PROFORMA FOR ADO PERSONNEL WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH PW AND CIVILIAN DETAINEES IN THE MEAO

Strategic Operations Division (SOD) has been tasked to identify personnel who may have had contact with PWs and civilian detainees in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO), predominantly Iraq and Afghanistan, in the period 2003-2004.

SOD is aware that there are a number of ADF personnel who have deployed to the MEAO since the start of Op SLIPPER in 2001 whose activities may have meant that they came into contact with PWs and/or civilian detainees.

The objective of this questionnaire is to ascertain if, during your deployment, you had any contact with PWs or detainees (civil or military) or visited prisons or detention facilities, the nature of your contact and the possible need for a more detailed interview. **This questionnaire is not part of a disciplinary investigation or administrative inquiry.**

If you have information relevant to the aim of this questionnaire, that is of a higher classification than restricted, then you are to inform your chain of command.

Please complete the form as quickly as possible and return to the SOD Watchkeeper via fax on Section 41, or email to Section 41, AIROPS 1 SOD.
DSN - Section 41
DRN - Section 41

I. Personal Details

- 1.1 Full Name: Section 41
- 1.2 Rank: LTCOL
- 1.3 Service Number: Section 41
- 1.4 Unit to which you are currently posted: VCDF Group, Capability Systems
- 1.5 Unit to which you posted or attached during your deployment to the MEAO:
HQ CJTF-7/MNF-I
- 1.6 Work Contact Number: Section 41 (Canberra)

II. Potential Contact with PW and civilian detainees.

- 2.1 During your deployment to the MEAO, did you:
- Have any contact with PWs or civilian detainees ? NO
 - Stop any civilian persons who were later passed on to coalition security forces or Iraqi Police Services ? NO
 - Conduct/witness interviews/debriefs of detainees or PWs ? NO
 - Escort/guard detainees or PWs ? NO

2.2 If so, what was the nature of your contact with these personnel ?

2.3 Who were you with ? (If ADO members please provide names)

III Detention Centres

3.1 Did you visit any coalition PW or detainee detention centres, holding facilities prisons or interrogation cells ?

YES

3.2 When and where (dates and locations including the name of the facility or town – the month will suffice if specific dates are not known) ?

ABU GHRAIB, 7 MAR 04

3.3 What was the nature of the visit ?

TO VISIT THE TACTICAL HUMINT OPERATIONS (THOPS) CELL AND JIDC COMMAND STAFF. THE VISIT WAS A STAFF ORIENTATION FOR ME ON ARRIVAL INTO THEATRE LATE FEB 04.

3.4 Who were you with ? (If ADF members please provide names)

CJTF-7 C2X STAFF MEMBERS. ADF C2 STAFF MEMBER ALSO IN ATTENDANCE - Section 41

IV Other Information

- 4.1 Were you privy to any official comment or authoritative discussion relating to the mistreatment of PWs or detainees ?

YES.

- 4.2 If so, in what circumstances, where and when ? (the month will suffice if specific dates are not known)

I WAS PRIVY TO A DISCUSSION WITH MY SUPERIOR OFFICER, AT SOME TIME IN EARLY MARCH 04, IN THE C2X OFFICE AT HQ CJTF-7. THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE IN RELATION TO GAINING GENERAL AWARENESS OF ISSUES ON ASSUMPTION OF DUTY.

HE INFORMED ME THAT A 15-6 INVESTIGATION WAS UNDERWAY INTO ABUSE AT ABU GHRAIB. NO DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF THE SUSPECTED ABUSE WERE GIVEN, NOR DID I SEEK ANY.

- 4.3 If so, what did you do and who, if anyone, did you report this to ?

I DID NOT REPORT THIS TO ANYONE, AS OBVIOUSLY, FROM THE INFORMATION GIVEN, THE MATTER WAS BEING HANDLED BY OFFICIAL US CHANNELS AT THE TIME.

- 4.4 Did you have any knowledge of ICRC or Amnesty International reports published in October 2003 through February 2004 ?

NO.

- 4.5 If so, in what context and what did you do and who, if anyone, did you report this to ?

- 4.6 Do you have any other information that you consider relevant ?

NO.