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ORDER
OF THE COMMANDER OF THE JOINT PEACEKEEPING FORCES
IN THE ZONE OF THE GEORGIA-OSSETIA CONFLICT
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On the organization of patrols in the security zone in order to stabilize the situation

Following repeated cases of unlawful actions against the local population of settlements in the security zone, and in order to maintain law and order and prevent such actions, I hereby **ORDER:**

1. The Commander of the Motor Rifle Battalion from the Russian Federation shall, on a daily basis, detail four patrol groups, each consisting of a motor rifle (reconnaissance) section, with the task of patrolling designated routes and settlements in the security zone in order to halt cases of unlawful actions against the local population.

Armaments of the personnel: standard. The personnel shall have individual protective equipment. Allocate a BRDM or armoured *Ural* to each group. Equip the groups with communications equipment (R159M, *Motorola*), first aid supplies, and food and water for one day.

Before dispatching the groups, brief them at the JS /Joint Staff/ of the JPKF /Joint Peacekeeping Forces/ and check their readiness to accomplish the tasks set.

2. The Chief of the Joint Staff shall formulate and approve by the end of 16 August a plan of patrols, radio operating data, code signals for tactical control and coordination, and instructions for the patrol group leader, and shall update the instructions of the Duty Officer of the Joint Staff on the plan for tasks to be implemented by the patrol groups, and the monitoring of their actions.

For the purposes of leading the group, coordinating action with security forces and the civil administrations of the respective parties, and for liaising with the local population, to each group detail one officer from the Joint Staff or the group of military observers from the Russian part of the JS of the JPKF.

Any persons detained in the security zone for unlawful actions, together with any weapons, ammunition, personal documents or vehicles confiscated from them, shall be handed over to the law enforcement organs of the parties according to the prescribed procedure.

For the purposes of handling any tasks that arise suddenly, and to support the operations of the patrol groups, have a section-strong reserve group at five-minute readiness.

Brief the personnel and group leaders at 0630 hours daily at the Joint Staff.

Personally monitor the actions of the groups through the Duty Officer of the JS of the JPKF, and control them when special situations arise.

3. The Chief Signals Officer of the Joint Staff shall organize the support of communications between the patrol groups and the Duty Officer of the JS of the JPKF and the law enforcement organs of the parties, and shall produce procedure charts for each day. He shall personally check the state of communications equipment.

4. Personnel may use their weapons in the event of an attack or threat of attack on the patrol group, or an armed attack on local inhabitants.

5. The Chief of the Joint Staff of the Joint Peacekeeping Forces shall be responsible for monitoring the execution of this order.

6. Bring the relevant parts of this order to the attention of the personnel.

**COMMANDER OF THE JOINT PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN THE ZONE
OF THE GEORGIA-OSSETIA CONFLICT**

Major General /signed/ M. Kulakhmetov

**CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF OF THE JOINT PEACEKEEPING FORCES
IN THE ZONE OF THE GEORGIA-OSSETIA CONFLICT**

Colonel /signed/ I. Petrik