In Memoriam

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In dedication, for his contribution towards the UN Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Doctrine and Training Package

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People’s Republic of China, Performing his UN duties
Module 1
Military Peacekeeping Intelligence
Conceptual Framework
Module 1 Content

• PKI and MPKI introduction and principles
• MPKI cycle and processes
• MPKI management tools
• MPKI structures, roles and responsibilities
Lesson 1.1
UN PKI and MPKI Overview
Lesson Contents

• Importance of UN PKI
• UN PKI Principles
• MPKI Principles
Learning Outcomes

• Explain why UN PKI is important to UN missions
• Explain the UN PKI principles
• Explain the MPKI principles
Why the UN Department of Peace Operations Embraces Intelligence

UN Military Peacekeeping-Intelligence Handbook (MPKIHB) supporting document for military components
Why UN Peacekeeping - Intelligence

• Support Common Operational Picture (COP)
• Early warning of imminent threats
• Identify risks and opportunities
Principles

UN PKI Overarching
• Under rules
• Non-Clandestine
• Areas of application
• Respect of State Sovereignty
• Independence
• Accountability, capability, authority
• Security & Confidentially

UN MPKI Practical
• Command led
• Centralized Control- Decentralized execution
• Objectivity
• Accessibility & timeliness
• Invest in ISP and MPKI battle-rhythm
Under Rules

- Security Council mandates
- Compliance with UN Charter
- Consistent with overall legal framework
- Human rights obligations
Non-clandestine

Clandestine activities:

• Conducted in such a way as to assure secrecy and concealment of activities

• Inconsistent with the legal framework

• Illicit and outside the boundaries of peacekeeping-intelligence
Areas of Application

• Enhance situational awareness
• Ensure safety and security of personnel
• Inform operations and activities related to the POC tasks
Respect to State Sovereignty

• Respect the sovereignty of Host states

• Respect the sovereignty of neighbouring states
Independence

- Autonomous / independent of national systems or other operations
- Maintain exclusive international character
- Share intelligence with non-mission entities when UN conditions met
Accountability, Capability, Authority

• Authority to make decisions
• Proper capabilities to execute functions
• Accountable for effective execution of responsibilities
Security and Confidentiality

• Secure information management and communications

• Shared / disseminated on “need to know” and “need to share” concepts

• Disclosed to trusted individuals for official duties
MPKI Command-led

• Centrally coordinated process

• Leadership is continuous

• Commander sets priorities and directs effort

• Intelligence staffs organize, collect and produce intelligence
Centralized Control, Decentralized Execution

• Peacekeeping-intelligence systems thrive under centralized control and decentralized execution

• Centralized planning and direction essential for unity of effort

• Disparate elements should be trusted to execute tasks without unnecessary interference
Objectivity

• Unbiased Intelligence

• Never distorted to fit a preconceived idea or to conform with senior leadership views

• Moral courage is required
Accessibility and Timeliness

• Readily available to the user
• Suitable for immediate comprehension
• Reach those who need to know in time
• Appropriate security classification
Invest in ISP & Battle-rhythm

- Clear responsibilities
- SOPs, timings, reports and returns
- Battle-rhythm sets conditions for success
- Provides cogs that make MPKI machine work
Take Away

• PKI supports UN missions to better understand their environment, anticipate strengths, weaknesses of spoilers that impact the execution of the mandate

• UN PKI / MPKI principles help guide the management of intelligence activities in UN peacekeeping operations

• UN PKI overarching principles support the UN PKI Policy and the mission as a whole

• MPKI practical principles support the military component and their interaction with other interlocutors
Questions