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**DEFENSIVE INTERNET MONITORING REPORT – RESTRICTED UK DOCUMENT ‘THE CAPABILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OF FV430 MK3 BULLDOG IN THE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION’ ON WIKILEAKS.ORG - TASK NO 239-08**

Reference:

A. 591SU/DOO/DOO/...239-08 dated 17 September 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 (copied at Annex A).

**Website Background**

2. The website [www.wikileaks.org](http://www.wikileaks.org) and its purpose were not widely known until its active existence was disclosed in January 2007.

3. The website portrays the role of providing an uncensored version of Wikipedia for untraceable mass document leaking and analysis. Furthermore, the site details the following information regarding their purpose, *'Our primary interest is in exposing oppressive regimes in Asia, the former Soviet bloc, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East, but we also expect to be of assistance to people of all regions who wish to reveal unethical behaviour in their governments and corporations. We aim for maximum political impact. We have received over 1.2 million documents so far from dissident communities and anonymous sources.'*

4. The Wikileaks public advisory board consists of journalists, refugees, ethics and anti-corruption campaigners, human rights campaigners, lawyers and cryptographers.

#### **Preliminary Discovery**

5. DIMonS are continually monitoring [www.wikileaks.org](http://www.wikileaks.org) for protectively marked (PM) material and as mentioned in previous DIMonS reports on Wikileaks, the trend of disclosing PM documents into the public domain is becoming increasingly regular.

6. On 17 September 08 whilst monitoring the website [www.wikileaks.org](http://www.wikileaks.org) the official PDF (Portable Document Format) document named 'THE CAPABILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OF FV430 Mk3 BULLDOG IN THE MECHANISED INFANTRY BATTALION' was discovered.

#### **Area of Interest**

7. The 32-page document discovered is an official MOD publication, and bears the classification 'RESTRICTED', the header 'DOCTRINAL NOTE (DN) 06/?' and reference 'AUTHORITY: HQ INFANTRY'. The initial pages give an introduction and overview of the FV430 Mk3 BULLDOG, and states that 'the aim of this DN is to provide guidance to commanders on the employment of the AFV (Armoured Fighting Vehicle) 430 Mk3 BULLDOG'. The annex to this document bears in its header the reference 'ANNEX A TO LAND/ORG/T102 DATED 31 MAR 06', identifying the main document further.

8. The document is thorough and details an extensive amount of information relating to the vehicle, its capabilities, tactics for deployment, along with drills and tips for vehicle commanders/crews. Detailed, annotated diagrams are also provided to provide commanders with a guide on how to position their vehicles and employ them and their crews in various situations, such as casualty extraction, vehicle recovery, and public order scenarios. ORBATs are also given for establishing a mechanized infantry battalion, and recommendations that commanders should also consider the use of various other assets including various helicopters, NIMROD MR2, and the AC-130 SPECTRE.

9. The veracity of this DN has been checked by DIMonS and confirmed, as the document is available in PDF format via the HQ Land portal when accessing the internal UK military Internet. To view the original document - identical to that posted on Wikileaks - please access it using the following link:

<http://www.land.army.r.mil.uk/lwc/pages/wardev/tacdocteam/documents/binder1.pdf>.

10. The summary for this document provided by Wikileaks is as follows:

- a. Released on Sunday 07 September 2008.
- b. Context: United Kingdom/Military or Intelligence (ruling)/UK Ministry of Defence.
- c. Cryptographic Identity: SHA256  
8d0b200d5ae9236230fd162709912a669cd78055871cdfed980ac65ab110e8ca.

#### **DIMonS Analysis and Recommendations**

11. On reading this document, it is clear that its availability in the public domain is extremely prejudicial to the security of UK Armed Forces personnel deployed in theatre in a Mechanized Infantry Battalion. The document reveals in detail the strengths, mobility, armament, and capabilities of this vehicle, and detailed commentary, descriptions and diagrams of tactics and how the vehicle should be deployed on, for example, OP TELIC. One of the maps/diagrams, identifies the tactics that would be employed when 'clearing open ground' in a public order situation, and how/where the vehicles should move and react. It is the opinion of DIMonS staff that this information would be of extremely high value to the enemy faced by UK Armed Forces personnel on operations in theatres such as IRAQ and AFGHANISTAN.

12. It is not clear who or where this document came from, however Wikileaks states that '*unless otherwise specified the document described here was first publicly revealed by Wikileaks working with our source*' and that it '*at that time was classified, confidential, censored or otherwise withheld from the public*'. In other words, due to the absence of any such statements, Wikileaks is therefore claiming this to be the first time this document has been made public.

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13. On accessing and reading this document via the (secure, internal) HQ Land portal (see link in Para. 8) and reading it back-to-back with the one available on Wikileaks (public domain), both documents are identical. This suggests the possibility that the source of this leak has either downloaded this document or e-mailed it to an external address using the 'Release Authorised' caveat. The Wikileaks website cannot currently be accessed via IGS, however, it is possible that this document could have been made available to the site's administrators prior to IGS access being restricted.

14. 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 stated, overt intention. To that end, a more specialised opinion and analysis of the document should be conducted to ensure no immediate action is required.

15. Should you have any questions or queries regarding the content of this report, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on ext [REDACTED] or via [REDACTED] in the first instance.

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Annex:

A. Defensive Internet Monitoring Reporting Categories.

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- e. **Internet Website Compliance – Cat E.** Where the act of publishing to a web site may not conform to References A and B in that it may damage the image of the MOD, not meet the rules and regulations within the data protection act or breach copyright laws.