

# Ambush on bad ground

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## Briefing

On this morning, our patrol of two armored HMMWVs got ambushed on a road by an IED. After the explosion, our troops got under hostile fire. They're dealing with small arms fire for an hour now. The QRF is on its way and will be there in six turns.


No soldiers got injured, but both cars aren't capable of driving back to the green zone. Their turrets are operable. Before they got stopped by the IED, the convoy reported, that they left the planned patrol route because of hostile activity.


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## Operation car wash

### Location

The current location of our troops is N 37° 2' 41.6292 E 72° 40' 2.568.

They left the main road inside the Wakhan Corridor, Afghanistan 

The ambushed HMMWVs are located on a road in Tajikistan 



The hostile fire comes from an unknown insurgent group. It is not clear whether they are Taliban, IS or a new extremist group from Tajikistan.

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## Situation

The hostile fire comes from all directions, covered in buildings or behind trees. Till now, they're reporting only small arms fire. But we're expecting some RPGs hitting soon.

Both HMMWVs are immobilized. Their weapon stations are ready to fire.

Due to the circumstance, that these coalition forces are now in Tajikistan and defending themselves, it is likely, that the Tajik Military is on its way to encounter the threat as well. It can be seen as an act of war against Tajikistan, to cross the border and open fire. Also, the Russian 201st Military Base is located in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan and is a good ally of Tajikistan.

Own forces are two weapon stations and overall 10 troops.

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## Objective

### Primary objective (1)

Defend yourself against hostile fire. You need to survive for six turns. After six turns, the QRF arrives and can support you.

### Secondary objective (2)

Make a clean withdrawal from the site. Casualties must be recovered. There is no second attempt.

### Tertiary objective (3)

Do not engage the military forces of Tajikistan or Russia, as it can be seen as an act of war. If you spot foreign forces, retreat under all circumstances.

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## Execution

The keys are S&S - survival and speed. First, you need to survive for six turns. After that, the QRF will arrive and provide you with fire support. Get in the vehicles and leave the AO as quickly as possible.

After eight turns, some governmental forces will arrive. They don't know who you are. Cease fire if you spot them. Leave asap. One Predator-drone will offer surveillance but cannot open fire inside this foreign country.

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## Mission Support

- MQ-1 Predator drone
  - clear vision on the site
  - scan on every turn

### Off-table-assets (OTA)

- Select one QRF:
  - Covert QRF in civil looking cars/trucks
  - Armored QRF

The chosen QRF will arrive in six turns. The QRF is big enough to recover 10 own forces and offer some fire support.

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## Rules of Engagement (ROE)

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Nothing in these Rules of Engagement limits your right to take appropriate action to defend yourself and your unit.

- 1) You are permitted to defend yourself against attacks or threats of attack of non-governmental hostile forces.
- 2) Hostile fire may be returned effectively and promptly to stop a hostile act.
- 3) When our own forces are attacked by unarmed hostile elements, our troops should use the minimum force necessary under the circumstances and proportional to the threat.
- 4) You're not permitted to fight against Governmental forces, whether Tajikistan or Russian.

### REMEMBER:

- a) We're not at war with the country.
- b) Treat all persons with dignity and respect!
- c) Use minimum force to carry out mission!

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<sup>1</sup> ROE following the Sanremo Handbook on Rules of Engagement (International Institute of Humanitarian Law), November 2009