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Information on a raid by the Afghan forces on a house in Tagab town, Kapisa Province, in which a number of people were killed, between January - June 2013

A report issued in July 2013 by the *United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan* includes the following statement from the Taliban, noting:

“On 7th February, the invading forces made a simultaneous raid on several houses in the Jali Khail area of Tagab district in Kapisa province in their night operations. They martyred a civilian, named Toryali, in a house, during search operation. They wounded another person, named Noor Agha, in another house. At the end, they arrested 75 civilians. It is said that the American forces searched the houses till dawn, during which, women’s ornaments and some valuables were stolen from some houses” (United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (July 2013) *Afghanistan Mid-year Report on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict: 2013*, p. 71).

This report also includes the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan’s rebuttal, noting:

“UNAMA verified this search operation took place but could not confirm any civilian casualties resulting from it” (ibid, p.71).

Page 77 of this report includes a similar Taliban claim though unconfirmed by the UNAMA (ibid, p.77).

Janes Terrorism Watch Report states in June 2013 that:

“FOUR suspected militants were killed and 86 were detained by security forces during a counter-terrorism operation in Tagab district in Afghanistan's Kapisa province on 28 May, Khaama Press reported” (Janes Terrorism Watch Report (3 June 2013) *Security forces kill four suspected militants in Afghanistan's Kapisa*).

In March 2013 *Janes Terrorism Watch Report* notes:

“A TOTAL of four suspected militants were killed in a series of clashes with security forces in the Qala Wali and Qorghal areas of Tagab district in Afghanistan's Kapisa province on 6 March, Pajhwok reported. Additional information was not provided” (Janes Terrorism Watch Report (14 March 2013) *Clashes kill four suspected militants in Afghanistan's Kapisa*).

In February 2013 *Khaama Press* states:

“One enemy insurgent was killed and one enemy insurgent was wounded during a large-scale clearing operation conducted by Afghan National Army Commandos supported by U.S. Special Forces in Tagab district, Kapisa province, Feb. 7. The Commandos and Coalition Forces conducted the massive clearing operation to eradicate the insurgency in the Tagab district. During the operation, two insurgents

carrying AK-47s and hand grenades were identified and engaged. The enemy has been identified as a top leader of the insurgency operating in the area” (Khaama Press (8 February 2013) *High Profile Insurgent leader Killed in Kapisa Province*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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