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AIM

1. The aim of the service paper is to clarify the shortcomings of the Qatar Military Police capabilities as we prepare for future requirements in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030 capabilities of the military police., The paper will look at the future vision for the Qatar Military Police and what the future requirements to reduce current shortcomings improve and modernize operational capability to reduce pressure on the MP police leadership. What are the solutions and the future vision for them in different departments, and what are the future needs for them to work in the best manner and without any shortcomings or pressure on the leadership.

INTRODUCTION

2. The current state of the Qatari Military Police Force is approximately 200 personnel. Today, the Qatar Military Police Force has a capability to provide protection of bases, VIP protection and protection of military forces in Qatar (convoy protection). The current status of Qatar' Military Police cannot fulfill the traditional role of military policing that include; investigations, detainee handling and general policing on military camps.

3. As described in the Qatar National Vision 2030, the state will 'modernize', and 'contribute towards international peace and security'¹ as a means to better Qatar Military Police. By having a larger more modernized military police force, we can contribute to domestic security, which will enable Qatar to reduce any security concerns when hosting large scale world events such as the World Cup 2022like the World Cup 2022 or other, I am going to show you in this paper the different capability shortfalls the Qatar Military Police currently have and talk about why we must increase and improve our capability in order to meet the Qatar National Vision to expand our military and contribute to international peace and security.

DISCUSSION

4. Base Protection- As an example of contributing toward international peace and security, the Qatar Military police force needs to develop their current capabilities, before their new capabilities are added. As an example, duties of the military police include defending the headquarters of the Qatari Armed Forces. Problems that may arise with the physical security of the Headquarter building may include intruders and bombings of the buildings. As a way to strengthen this protection capability; Military Police need to invest in;

- a. Camera systems for base, Headquarter and military buildings.
- b. Reliable communication systems for military police.
- c. Alarm systems that can be used at entryways.
- d. Roadblocks and guard huts that can be moved or deployed for temporary purposes.

¹ Qatar National Vision 2030

<https://www.gco.gov.qa/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/GCO-QNV-English.pdf>

- e. X-ray scanners.
- f. Hand held metal Fix the detectors.

These upgrades to current capabilities will allow Military Police to provide better security for the Qatar Armed Forces.

5. VIP protection- The Qatar Military Police need to improve their VIP protection capability. They will do this by investing in VIP protection training, new armored vehicles in civilian pattern and communication systems that can provide communication between personnel in VIP vehicles.

6. Convoy protection-When working with coalition forces, the Qatar Military Police provide protection for movements between camps. With the additional equipment investments under 'base protection' and 'VIP protection' the Military Police will also be able to conduct convoy protection.

7. These investments in current capabilities (Base protection, VIP protection and convoy protection) will provide an investment in the current capabilities of the Military Police. While this will provide a small increase in security in Qatar, it is the future capabilities that will ensure a mass increase in security and the ability to contribute to international peace and security.

FUTURE CAPABILITIES

8. General Policing - Our future duties will be the military police force to support the security of the 2022 World Cup and this tournament is attended by many of the state and the fans and we must bear in mind as much as riots and violence among fans and the existing strength needs support from us so we need such force. development a plan to recruit 60 people It is their duty to riot and control the demonstrators and train them to deal with the public and train them to deal with riots and training them in different countries to know the nature of dealing with the masses of different nationalities and countries to involve them in some of the matches that take place in the largest international forums to take the experience in how to manage things in such events. The requirements of modern riot equipment, which is characterized by the power of prevention and lightness at the same time to enable individuals to ease movement during the performance of their duties at the site of the event we need protective protection, a rotary stick and weapons, including smoke weapons and tear gas, and require armored vehicles, which are equipped with water launchers.

9. Equipment - Our existing equipment is old and inefficient, and does not use modern arms that are available to other militaries. Most equipment was purchased in the 1980s, which means it is close to 40 years old. There are many modern weapons developed that are more efficient than weapons from the 1980s. Modern weapons are more accurate, and more reliable. Also, they are manufactured with more precision. Cameras systems are also out of date, and do not provide proper surveillance. Dogs are used in a search and rescue, bomb searches and security checks. Dogs are used to search for explosives and drugs and use them in the cut-off platoon and Dogs can only be used for a maximum of 5 years, before their ability to sense is less reliable. There is a committee to evaluate the weapons and ensure their effectiveness. The committee visits various weapon factories in the world to identify quality and cost. Also, this committee will determine after-market service, to get the best equipment for the military.

10. Training, each Military Police member should be given an 'Aide-Memoire.' This handbook will allow general orders, standard procedures, rules of engagement and steps to report to command. This will increase the efficiency of every military person. Training - More cooperation among the different military police companies is needed through company level exercises, to build an understanding between all military police trades one way to achieve that is annual company level exercises in the end of training cycle which will result better understanding between the companies as an example the standard procedures and each company role will be understood by the counterparts and that would significantly facilitate future operations across the service. Those exercises need to be conducted regularly and should be modified depending the new challenges and training requirements instead of the classic mistake of conducting canned operations that add no value for the companies. Another method for better bonding and enhanced cooperation is systematic forums and workshops to discuss new challenges and future operations requirements. To assist with training, the military police camp is small in its current state. Many base services are inadequate, as many more personnel are being recruited into the military and need access to new facilities like gyms, barracks and parking. With new capabilities and equipment, new buildings will also be required to house new infrastructure. Therefore, it is necessary to pay attention to the location of the military police camp as any growth in the size of the camp will require a new location. Plan for the construction of a 3,000-person camp and conduct meetings with military police commanders to identify their needs for buildings and rooms for individuals and warehouses. This plan will provide a state-of-the-art training center with state-of-the-art training facilities. The plan should include a model for a village that the military can train in that simulates a real urban environment.

11. Size of Force - The current number of Military Police is 360 if compared to the duties that will be required of us. The military police and the future required capabilities will require more personnel within the force. We plan to recruit 200 individuals each year. We will do this by visiting high schools to identify future military police candidates and to describe the nature of Military Police work and duties. We will also make announcements in various social media platforms about the nature of military police work to motivate the community to join the military police. We need to increase the number of employees to work on implementing new capabilities.

12. Information Technology - Our current administrative system is solely based on paperwork. We need a modern IT management network system that uses email, internet with internal and external network capability. This system needs protection from external interference and hackers to protect military police information.

13. Investigations - The Qatar Military Police currently has no forensic laboratory and the system currently in use is the civilian police lab. A special military police laboratory is required because the Qatari Armed Forces is increasing in size at a significant rate. This growth in the number of personnel and dealing with the internal police lab takes time to receive results and this disrupts investigation procedures. This capability is available for the regular Police forces and it's necessary also for the military police for sure, obtaining such a capability will effectively enhance the efficiency and workflow. This can be achieved progressively through starting a military section within the civilian forensic laboratory for the military personally gain experience and knowledge to become a core for future independent capability for the military police.

14. Detainee Handling - There is a need for new prison and a modern security system to form an ideal facility to ensure the maximum security and human rights. Based on the expectations the number of prisoners will increase and with the right technology there will be no need for more manpower yet the facility itself needs to be modular, the term prison isn't accepted anymore, the idea of correction system which allows the prisoners to practice wide variety of activities, labor opportunities and even education is what we should be looking for. There is a need for a physical center which allows the prisoners to practice their hobbies. Also, crafts center that allows the prisoners to work and even make money, and finally classes, seminars and spiritual lectures should be programmed in the daily schedule. All the mentioned above ensures that the prisoner remain involved and relevant, preparing them to rejoin the society without feeling alienated when the times comes for them, therefore facilitating the connection with their families should be a focus, where they get private rooms to see families and spend some time on a weekly basis.

CONCLUSION

15. In order to contribute to international peace and security Qatar need to invest in Military Police capabilities. Therefore, in order to do this Qatar needs to modernize equipment, tactics, techniques and procedures in order to work with other security forces. After interviewing the military police commander and researching some military police organizations of the US armed forces, Military Police in Qatar need to increase capacity to support the ideas listed in Qatar Vision 2030. There is a shortage of military police staff and this is an obstacle to the implementation of some of the tasks entrusted to our military police commanders. By investing in future capabilities like investigations, detainee handling and training camps we can contribute to international peace and security.

16. It is clear that the country needs to provide better security with more police capabilities, with better physical security measures in the size of the standard battalion. The Qatari military police are on their way to the palaces, and therefore there is a need to increase the size of the battalion within at least the next five years taking into account the increase in the number and the increase in equipment and buildings.

RECOMMENDATION

17. The future vision of the Military Police in Qatar for 2030 needs to be in line with Qatar's Vision 2030, as a responsible member of the international community. Qatar will contribute to attaining international security and peace and will fulfill its international commitments. The Qatar Military Police require vast amounts of investment in their training system. In order to increase our size to be able to respond to large world events in Qatar, we will require a training base to be created, that will include a company of Military Police Instructors that will teach us how to conduct company level operations. This training base will focus on investigations, crowd control, VIP protection and hostage negotiations. Military Police will rotate through the training base every year to increase their knowledge and gain useful experience. The Qatar Military Police need investments in equipment like new weapons, new vehicles and riot police equipment, Training the current Military Police training is good, but we a highly professional interoperable military police force in line with our goals to contribute to international peace and security. Since there is an intention to change the weapons and equipment, we must develop a training plan that is consistent with that change. We should plan an annual training plan to coincide with the recruitment plan. This will allow that the operational functioning of the military police is not affected by

training plan. Within Military Police training, each person needs to understand weapons, equipment, investigation and security, the proposed plan for the recruitment of each year of 200 soldiers for five years, Detainee Handling for new prison and a modern security system to form an ideal facility to ensure the maximum security and human rights, investing in VIP protection training, new armored vehicles in civilian pattern and communication systems that can provide communication between personnel in VIP vehicles, need a modern IT management network system that uses email, internet with internal and external network capability, Modern weapons are more accurate, and more reliable. Modern Cameras systems and a special military police laboratory in the military police.

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