

REPORT ID: ISHAEKA-0001

CONCORD Operational Reporting Department On behalf of DED Special Operations Stain Regional Division U2-BJ2, Planet I Suborbital Command Post

SUBJECT: Report on increased Sansha's Nation communications throughout Gallente Quarter, Stain region.

THRU:

Inner Assembly Directorate ATTN: Operational Reporting Command Yulai VIII - Inner Circle Tribunal

NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION:

Operation Ishaeka, Planetary Reconnaissance and Communication Interception

2. DATES OF OPERATION:

Four week period beginning 28th March - 24th April, YC 111

LOCATION(s):

Stain Region, Gallente Quarter, V-H3V0 Constellation.

> T-8UOF VI

Abandoned Industrial Sector (IS: 02); Reference Number 8901-5045-43200, Map Series OP860-N, 1:50,000; Cordomaine District, Kuvakei Province.

> DP-2WP I

Transmission Cluster (TC: 082); Reference Number (not catalogued), Map Series OP858-N, 1:50,000; Rieux District, Azemore Province.

> ZH-KEV IX

Transmission S/R Station (TS: 01); Reference Number 1026-7056-23852, Map Series OP851-C, 1:50,000; Orumaraun District, Affour Province.

> Z-R96X VII

Transmission Cluster (TC: 01); Reference Number 0055-6870-54238, Map Series OP987-A&C, 1:50,000; Skye District, Permiene Province.

Pending Investigation:

- > LB0-A1
- > J-AYLV
- > DABV-N
- > ZH-KEV
- > S-BWWQ
- > YE17-R
- > MMR-LZ
- >T7-JNB





CONTROL HEADQUARTERS:

U2-BJ2 Command Post, Squad 1, CONCORD Special Operations, Stain Regional Division

PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED:

See Attachment 1.

INTERVIEWING OFFICER:

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- TASK ORGANIZATION:
- Surveillance: Squads 2 and 3, DED Special Operations, Stain Division.
- b) Comms Intercept: Squads 4 9, DED Special Operations, Stain Division
- Tactical Response: Divisions 901-1801, DED Special Operations, Southern Contingent
- 8. SUPPORTING FORCES:
- a) Surveillance
 - I. Planetary:
 - Squads 1 3 DED Special Operations, Esoteria Division (Pirahna).
 - Squads 1 5, DED Special Operations, Catch Division (Panther).
 - Intra-system
 - Squads 4 9, DED Special Operations, Esoteria Division (SARO 1st Class).
 - Squads 6 9, DED Special Operations, Catch Division (SARO 1st Class).
- b) Decryption:
 - Amarr Navy Intelligence Division, Decryption Unit CON5, Mani VII.
 - Caldari Navy Intelligence Division, Decryption Unit CON3, Sinid VI.
- c) Data Analysis
 - Federation Intelligence Office, Information Analysis Facility, Bereye VI
 - II. Republic Security Services, Data Analysis Unit, Rand VI
- d) Tactical Response
 - DED Tactical Response Units 1 9, Division 6 (Frigate Support 1st Class)
 - Amarr Navy, Tash-Murkon Contingent, Justiciar Squadron (Redeemer)
- e) Search and Rescue
 - Sisters of EVE, Search and Rescue Team C.Beta, Tisot VI (Sin / Nemesis)
- f) Medical
 - Sisters of EVE, Medic Team C.Alpha, Tisot VI (Helios)
- BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The primary mission of Operation Ishaeka is to repurpose Stain's combined intra-empire taskforce for investigation into increased Nation communications throughout the Gallente Quarter; to intercept and decrypt new communications for priority threat assessment; to provide planetary surveillance for ground forces investigating key planets; and to be prepared to reinforce combined DED/empire fleets within Stain as directed. This taskforce is enacting Phase I of Operation Ishaeka.





10. INTELLIGENCE:

T-8UOF VI:

Communications:

Over 85% of all intercepted Nation broadcasts have been traced back to T-8UOF VI. Triangulation on the source has narrowed the transmissions down to an abandoned industrial sector. Shortwave scans show intermittent bursts of data across the entire area, suggesting a network of embedded broadcasting towers. Taskforce Ishaeka's first priority is the decryption of all planetary transmissions. Secondary priority is to locate and destroy all towers.

Planetary:

T-8UOF VI is a Class 4-B planet, population <100,000. It was once an important trade hub during the height of Nation's prosperity and fame. During this period, it was home to Cordomaine, one of the largest cities of Sansha's Nation. Cordomaine district was destroyed after repeated orbital bombardments carried out against entrenched Nation forces. Post-war quarantine remains in effect following the suspected resurgence of Nation personnel in underground sanctuaries. The success of repeated orbital bombardment meant that no ground forces were deemed necessary. Intelligence suggests this easing of pressure created an opportunity for the Nation to reinforce Cordomaine and surrounding areas.

Drifter colonies of mostly Thukker and Vherokior origin still remain displaced from the initial bombardments. Although these people refuse to be evacuated, they are not considered a threat and will likely disperse at the sight of ground forces. The industrial sector suspected to be housing the transmission network is located in the southern area of Cordomaine, not far from what was traditionally the central business district. Planetary surveillance teams have monitored an increase in electronic activity that is concomitant with the transmission bursts.

This transmission strategy could represent a doctrinal shift in Nation's communication protocol, suggesting that they are moving away from constant public broadcasts and toward encrypted user-specific burst transmissions. The potential significance of this must not be overlooked at this early stage of our investigation; therefore our primary goal is to decrypt these transmissions, intercept any further communications, and determine their nature and origin.

Geopolitical:

The southern industrial sector runs 11.6 x 23.7km north to south along Line D-82L. Hazardous chemical exposure is highly likely with the chance of acid rain consistently above 45% (southern Cordomaine sits at the foothills of Mt Eress, resulting in daily orographic rainfall). Thermal surface scans with a depth of 2m show no bio-signs. No local government is registered; planetary administration is deferred to Gallente Quarter oversight via the Quarter Operations Director.

DP-2WP I:

Communications:

Surveillance teams have discovered a newly constructed transmission cluster in the upper atmosphere of gas planet DP-2WP I, not far from an abandoned Nation stronghold. Intelligence indicates the area may have been recently fortified around the time of the first detected transmissions, as short-range scans show a small Nation contingent not previously accounted for. Taskforce Ishaeka's first priority is to locate all transmission clusters. Secondary priority is to monitor the surrounding area for construction of any new broadcast towers. Director Creston has ordered patrol forces to identify towers only and remain covert until ordered otherwise. This command has been given in the hope that the teams can identify who is responsible for these broadcast towers by directly observing the erection of one before we make our presence here known.

The sophisticated nature of this cluster and the rapidity of their deployment suggest capsuleer involvement. This lead has been passed on to another taskforce operating in the area on related matters.

Planetary:

DP-2WP is a helium-rich gas planet. Pre-war intelligence confirms it as the third most abundant supply of the material throughout the Nation-Empires conflict of YC 37. Various abandoned strongholds are littered throughout the upper atmosphere, and



cataloguing them all will take at least two more months. Numerous fuel depots have already been discovered, suggesting the area also served as a supply point for the Nation's industrial fleet.

Geopolitical:

The primary cluster is suspected to be in orbit along the 19th parallel. Orbit period is 21 days, giving surveillance teams a window of approximately ten days to operate long-range photon scans without solar interference. So far only two scans have been performed and progress has been notable in each case. A total of 62 minor beacons have been discovered so far, each of which is believed to serve as an outlet for a central cluster, the location of which remains unknown.

ZH-KEV IX:

Communications:

Despite a massive Federation presence across Affour province, Nation forces have established a powerful Send/Receive array somewhere on one of the southern continents, perhaps even beneath the surface. Although no new data has been traced back to ZH-KEV IX, it is significant that 100% of all traffic appears to be parsed through the array stationed somewhere on the planet. This intelligence suggests that the array serves an auxiliary role as a transmitter, and that its most important task is actually the encryption and decryption of all Nation communications. It is quite feasible that Nation forces are heavily reliant upon this array and others like it to conceal the nature of their communications. Taskforce Ishaeka's first priority is to locate the Send/Receive array and covertly examine it in the hopes of determining its role in Nation communications. Director Creston has ordered all teams to remain covert until the nature of the array can be fully understood.

Planetary:

ZH-KEV IX is a Class 2-B planet, population <1,000,000. It is over 80% water, with over 20 individual island continents. The largest continent is home to Affour, now the biggest remaining city left intact after the YC 37 conflict. Affour was taken without the use of orbital bombardment in what became the largest ground offensive of the war. The city now serves as the primary location of Gallente Quarter ground forces. The Federation's hold over Orumaraun district, their base of operations, has become increasingly more established in the last decade. In the last year alone, fatalities amongst ground forces dropped to less than 0.1% following a steep decline in engagements with remaining Nation sympathizers.

Affour is comprised of mostly Gallente and Intaki immigrants, as well as families of stationed soldiers and long-term administrative staff. Almost 98% of the planetary population is concentrated in the city of Affour and surrounding areas, with only a small amount of military personnel at outlying observation posts and installations across the planet.

Geopolitical:

Outside of Affour, each other continent consists of mostly undeveloped land. Although environmentally stable, the presence of lingering Nation forces in these areas remains a barrier to further settlement even today, despite the Federation's success in reinforcing the mainland. Affour province is almost entirely secure save for the southernmost peninsula where, due to an elevated number of incidents in recent years, we believe the remaining Nation forces have been focusing their efforts. Thermal scans with a depth of 2m show no bio-signs across the southern continents.

While performing the thermal scans across the southern peninsula, surveillance teams discovered an underground shelter, a relic from the YC 37 conflict that had become a tomb to thousands of Nation followers. They appear to have starved to death, and discovery teams suspected no foul play beyond the gross mismanagement and neglect typical of Sansha's Nation. The discovery of this underground area suggests that there may be more and adds further weight to the theory that the S/R array is located somewhere just beneath the surface. This would help account for the current difficulties in conclusively triangulating its location.





Other locations pending further investigation:

- > Z-R96X VII Transmission Cluster (TC: 01); Reference Number 0055-6870-54238, Map Series OP987-A&C, 1:50,000; Skye District, Permiene Province.
- >> Although preliminary evidence is inconclusive, intra-system data flow analysis appears to indicate the presence of another secondary transmission cluster actively supporting the main station in orbit over DP-2WP I. Operation Ishaeka's next priority is to investigate this planet more thoroughly.
- > Further planets inside the Gallente Quarter require investigation. See Attachment 2 for a list of deployment requests.

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