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Law Of Armed Conflict

TANAH JAMBU, Monday, 02 November 2020 - The cohort was given an introduction to the Law of Armed Conflict by Cpt Adibah from the Judge Advocate General's Office. The brief included Rules of Engagement (ROE), Sources of Law and legal considerations when planning and conducting operations. The cohort also carried out an exercise in selecting appropriate ROEs for a border patrol scenario. The exposure to the legal side of operations was important for military officers when planning exercises and operations in the field and to emphasize that it must not be overlooked whenever a situation necessitates military involvement.

The legal aspect must always be considered in order to maintain legitimacy in any military operation.



Joint Force HQ

The Intermediate Staff Course 20/2020 kicked off its final phase of the course in week 10 with a brief on JFHQ delivered by Cdr Zouhdy, RBN. The briefing comprised of the roles and functions of JFHQ during joint operations that involved several components. This serves as an introduction for the cohort before embarking on the joint operations planning exercise, where they will be holding different appointments as practised in JFHQ.

By understanding the roles of JFHQ, course participants will have a better understanding of the joint operational environment which will serve them well throughout their careers.

Joint Operations is crucial in the defence of Negara Brunei Darussalam as it encompasses the land, maritime and air domains.



Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield



Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield (IPB) is an essential skill for staff officers and it is part of the Operational Military Appreciation Process (OMAP). IPB is the necessary first step which must be conducted accurately before stepping into OMAP. The two days of IPB lessons were conducted by WO1 Blair Battersby of Intelligence Training Wing (ITW). Participants covered the four steps of IPB and had the opportunity to practice exercises within syndicates followed by a presentation to the cohort after each step.

Joint Operations Components



Course participants were given separate briefs on each of the joint operations components; land, maritime, air, special force and logistics components. The lessons were delivered by guest speakers who were holding the respective appointments at the operational level as well as HLMC and DS of LMC, DA RBAF.

At this level, the course participants were introduced to the roles and capabilities based on the doctrines of each component. These series of briefs aimed to better prepare and equip the course participants with general knowledge of the responsibilities of each component prior to joint operations planning exercises.

Joint Operations Planning

After lessons on IPB, the course participants were taught the Operational Military Appreciation Process (OMAP). In the lesson, the cohort was given a scenario based exercise to consolidate what they have learned in lectures, with guidance from their DS as well as with reference to doctrines such as the BJD 5.00 2nd Edition.



ISC Teambuilding 04



At the end of the operational phase, a Paintball Tournament was organised by Syndicate 4 at RBTS Paintball Arena, Jerudong. The tournament was attended by HLMC as the guest of honour as well as all of the directing staff of LMC, DA RBAF. The tournament was won by Syndicate 2 and Cpt (U) Selawati was selected as the most valuable player for her outstanding attire and unrelenting attitude.

Defence Attaché Talks

In the week preceding the Joint Ops phase, the course participants attended talks from the Defence Attachés who reside in Negara Brunei Darussalam: Thailand, Philippines, Australia, Singapore and Great Britain. The guest speakers enlightened the cohort with their respective countries' defence policy and defence diplomacy.



It is of added value for the participants to be exposed to how other nations form their defence policies and in turn shape their defence diplomacies. By understanding friendly nations' stances, the course participants will now have a better grasp of cooperation at the international level, as well as best practices by more developed armed forces around the world.

ISC 20 / 2020 Teambuilding Activity 05



The final ISC 20/2020 teambuilding activity was organised by Syndicate 5. They hosted a barbecue for the cohort and DS. Present as Guest of Honour was HLMC. A mini Tug of War competition was also held which was won by Syndicate 1, with the special prize of 'Best Anchor' won by Lt Cdr Pg Mohd Faren, RBN for his immovable performance during the event. The purpose of the activity was to wind down, socialise and enjoy the remaining days of the course after almost 3 months of hard work.

Opinion

THE ABRAHAM ACCORD took the world by storm. While it was not the first time an Arab country normalised relations with Israel, it was the first time a Gulf state did so. The deal, brokered by the United States, brought mixed reactions from the Arab countries and managed to divide opinions even within Israel. The big question now is if other countries will follow suit and turn their back on the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002.

THE RATE OF SUICIDE can be a reflection of depression and mental health in Brunei. It is wrong to be dismissive about sufferers and stigmatise them. Instead, they should be viewed as 'Persons In Crisis' (PIC) that require help. Soft skills such as listening are important for responders at the scene of incident (crisis negotiation) or in the mitigation process (counselling).

MIGRANTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA face abuse and mistreatment, especially low wages. Apart from poor living conditions, they also endure negative public attitudes. ASEAN member states must protect and promote the rights of migrants. Societies should be educated through information campaigns on the dangers of employers' abuses. NGOs and trade unions play crucial roles in supporting migrants and promoting their rights.

ELECTRICAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION in Brunei is among the highest in the world. A majority of this energy is derived from the country's own natural gas products with 70% of it used to power the nation. A huge potential is available in improving energy consumption by using better technology as well as imposing regulations. Savings can also be made by utilising renewable energy.