



Task Force Southwest Reflections



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Afghanistan Overview



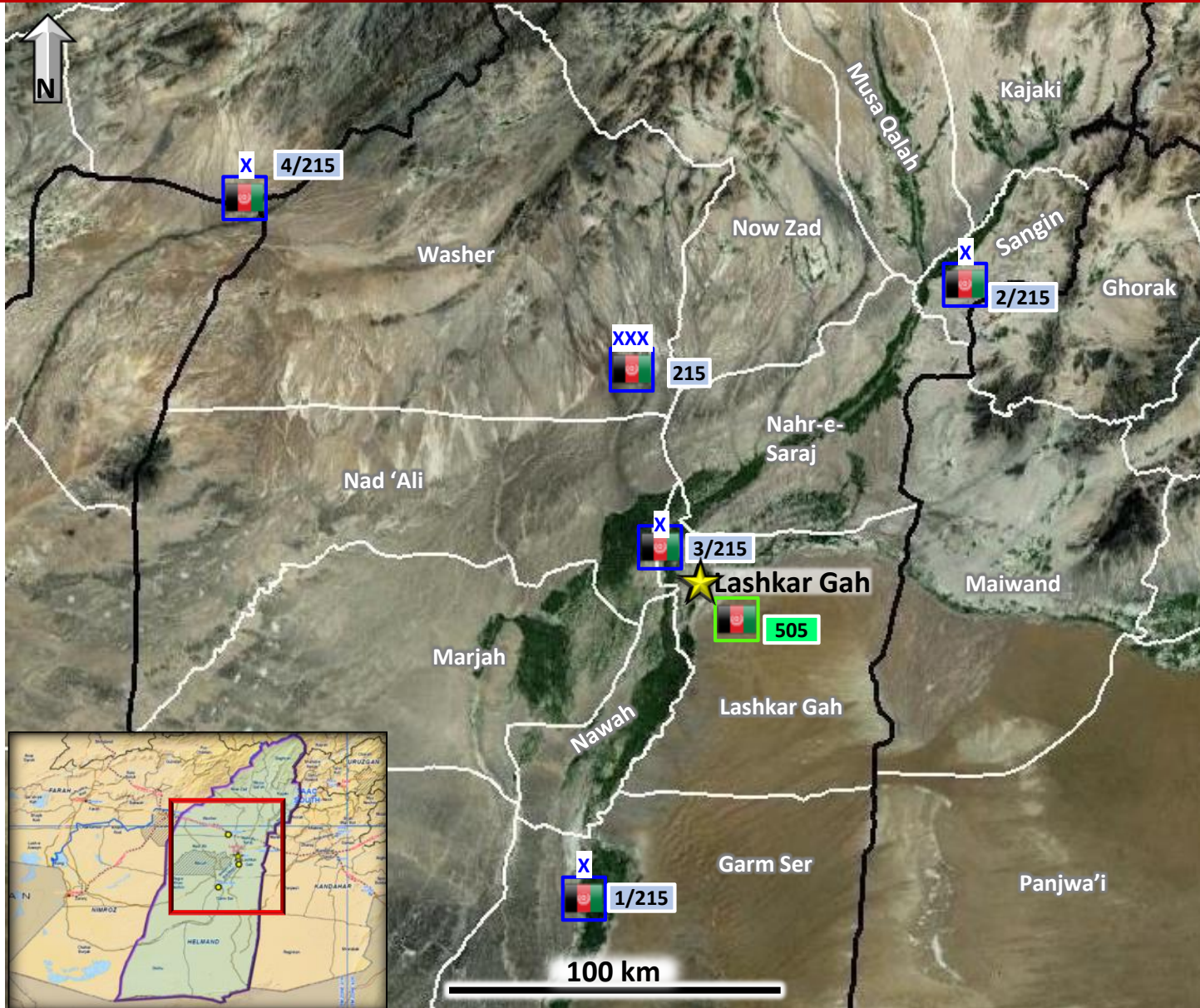
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Helmand Overview



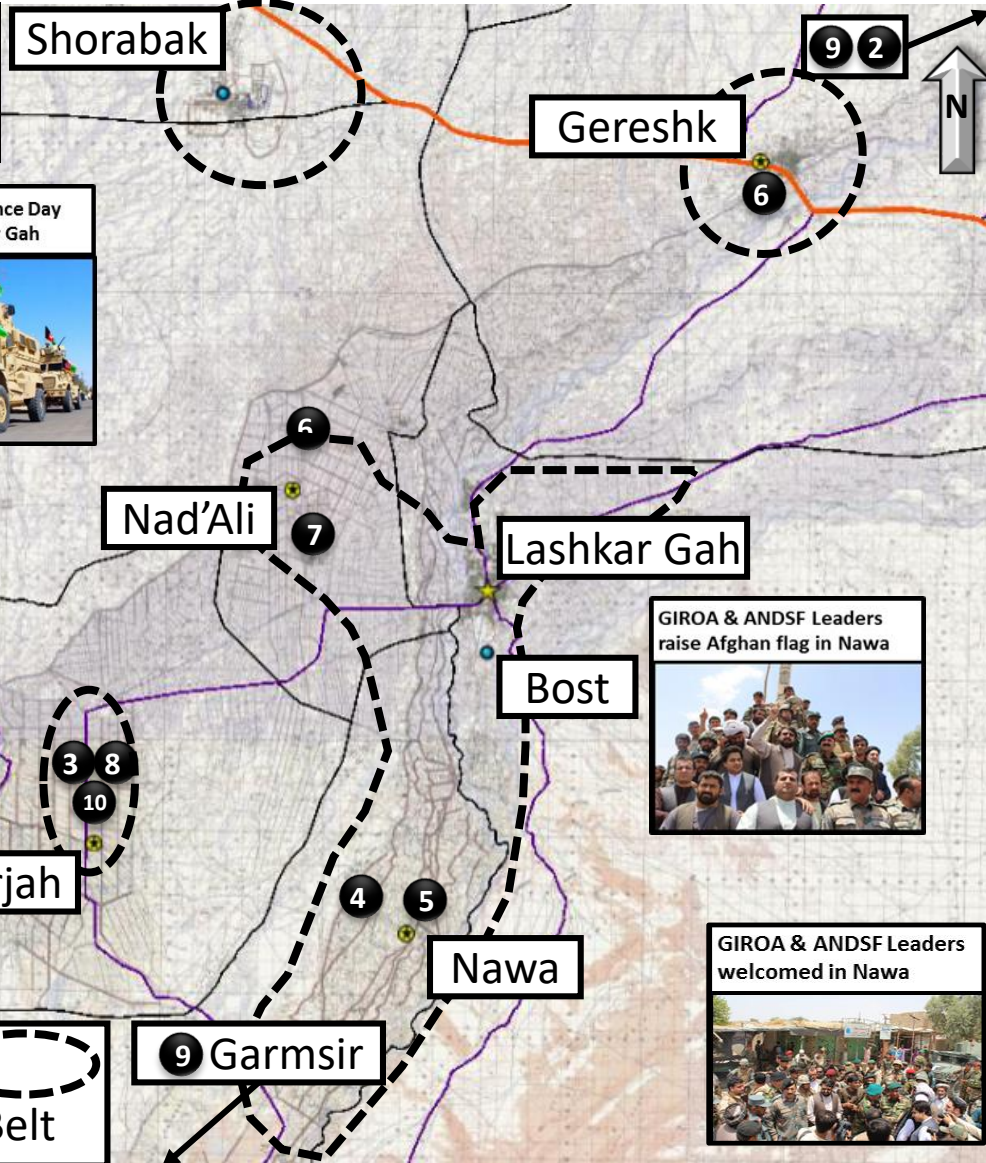


Key Lessons

- The Afghan National Defense Security Forces, **properly enabled**, can and will defeat the Taliban at the point of attack.
- The Afghan center of gravity is their confidence to conduct offensive operations against the enemy.
- Advising is a non-kinetic effect used to enhance the task force's warfighting capability by, with, and through the partnered force.
- Accompanying ANDSF on missions can reverse momentum and create dependency on US forces.



Operations Maiwand (2 – 10) Overview



Improvements to 215th Corps' Disposition

- 2 **Sangin EAP – MAIWAND 2 (21-25 May)**
 - Kandak from ORC RIP'd into Sangin
- 3 **Marjah – MAIWAND 3 (11 Jun – 7 Jul)**
 - Corps level Op to resupply Kandaks in Marjah
 - Relieved Lashkar Gah pressure; Taliban lost initiative

Expanded Central Helmand Security Belt; Start of offensive mindset and joint MOD/MOI operations

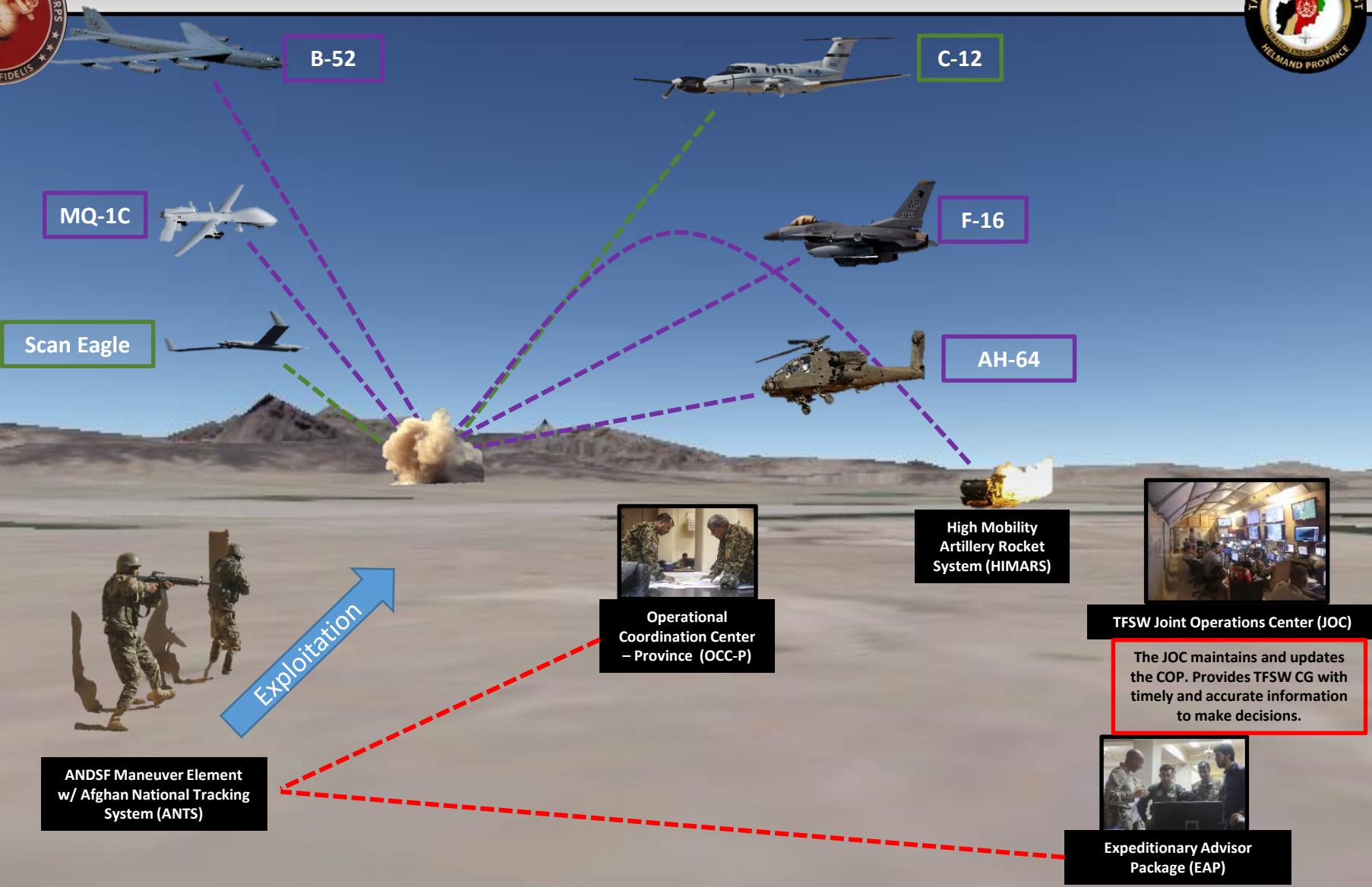
- 4 **Nawa – MAIWAND 4 (14 Jul – 1 Aug)**
 - Seized Nawa DC and expanded Lashkar Gah security
 - First ANDSF significant success since 2014
- 5 **Nawa – MAIWAND 5 (15 Aug – 14 Sep)**
 - Expanded security from Nawa DC to Garmsir DC
 - Enemy fled Nawa; CATK in Gereshk
- 6 **Gereshk & Nad 'Ali – MAIWAND 6 (19 Sep – 18 Oct)**
 - Defense of Gereshk and expand Nad'Ali security
 - Response to Taliban attacks on Gereshk
- 7 **Nad 'Ali – MAIWAND 7 (12 Oct – 12 Dec)**
 - Expanded Lashkar Gah's close-in security belt
 - Established new checkpoints in Nad 'Ali

Start of Winter Campaign & Preparation for 2018 Fighting Season

- 8 **Marjah – MAIWAND 8 (16 -19 Nov)**
 - Resupplied ANDSF kandaks in Marjah
 - backhauled damaged equipment
- 9 **Sangin – MAIWAND 9 (1 – 22 Dec)**
 - Expanded security south and west of the Sangin & Garmser District Centers
- 10 **Marjah – MAIWAND 10 (23 Dec – 3 Jan)**
 - RIP of kandaks stationed in Marjah
 - Maintains Operational Readiness Cycle
 - Establishes Corps reserve kandak



Task Force Southwest – Enabling ANDSF (OV-1)



The JOC maintains and updates the COP. Provides TFSW CG with timely and accurate information to make decisions.

BLUF: TFSW conducts full spectrum operations in a complex and dynamic environment that requires significant coordination, management and battlespace deconfliction of strike assets.



Discussion and Questions

