

Al-Somood:: The Conquest of the Kandahar Prison And its effect on the military situation in Afghanistan

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The massive Taliban jailbreak has always been a question of the US military; just how did they do it? It was an operation that was so complex and great that it appeared to be something out of a Hollywood action film.

Here is a translation from the Taliban's Monthly *Al-Somood* Magazine done by [Dar al-Murabiteen](#); we have done some slight editing for ease of reading.

On Friday evening, exactly at 9:30 of 6/13/2008, 3 groups of Mujahideen moved under the leadership of the defiant Sheikh Maulvi Nazar Muhammad Faiaaz, may Allah preserve him, to execute the plan of conquering the Central Kandahar prison, which lies in the Western area of the city of Kandahar in the area of Sarboza.

Reasons and motives for the operation

The heroic Mujahideen moved to perform the plan of this attack after around 400 arrested Mujahideen went on a hunger strike for 2 weeks due to the maltreatment they received from the jailers, in the Central Kandahar prison.

The puppet Karzai government had earlier sent, on 5/13/2008, a special committee to investigate and solve the problem of the detainees who had stitched their mouths as an apparent way of showing their hunger strike due to the maltreatment they received from the jailers.

The members of the committee told the officials in the Karzai government concerning the state of the detainees in the Kandahar prison and their pitiful condition. However they failed to do anything to address the complaints of the transgressed detainees and no decision that would benefit the detainees and would solve their problem was made. The Mujahideen, however, who were watching the situation of their detained brothers with utmost seriousness and were looking for a way of releasing their brothers from the hands of the transgressors started preparing for the operation of the conquest of the Kandahar prison and Allah the Almighty willed to bless this successful military planning and the detained Mujahideen with sincerity and escape from the

hands of the transgressors.

Carrying out the operation

After the heroic Mujahideen decided to perform the operation on the Central building of the prison, they distributed the tasks on 3 attacking units, each one consisting of around 30 Mujahideen.

And every unit started carrying out its job as follows:

Group 1- It succeeded in blocking the way that led to the Central prisons from the base of the city in the area of Dand.

Group 2- It succeeded in closing the road to the prison from the area of Herat to the area of Baghi Bil.

And after the two groups succeeded in closing down the ways that led to the prison, the third group started raiding the prison by blowing a tank filled with explosive materials at the door leading to the prison that led to the complete destruction of the fore section of the prison. This was followed by a successful attack on the four towers that were being used by the guards of the prison. The Mujahideen succeeded, by the grace of Allah, to finish them off within 15 minutes. The group was entrusted with the releasing of the prisoners, breaking the doors and then breaking into the prisons.

The Mujahideen were able to, by the grace and bounty of Allah, to release all the detained Mujahideen who numbered around 450 and then they started releasing the remaining prisoners who were detained by the Karzai administration under the accusation of belonging to the Mujahideen, numbering around 650, who had spent several years in the prison without anyone knowing their fate.

Brother 'Abdullah, one of the participants in the operation says that when he entered the prisons and broke the doors and was able to release all the detainees present in them, he entered into a special section inside the prison and found a number of detainees whose age exceeded 60. He asked them to leave the prison but they refused to go because of their incapability of moving and walking due to their paralysis and old age.

And after removing the prisoners from the prison, the Mujahideen divided all the detainees into a number of groups and every section's responsibility was given to one of the Mujahideen appointed by Sheikh Maulvi Nazar Muhammad Faiaaz, may Allah preserve him, so that the prisoners reach a safe area. Therefore they took all the detainees first to Nakhoni and Zila Khan that lies within the control of the Mujahideen in the district of Panjwai and then they put them in the vehicles of the Mujahideen and delivered them to safe areas. The total number of detainees was around 1100 from the Mujahideen and others.

Reaction of the foreign and puppet forces

After listening to a frightful explosion that shook the city of Kandahar, the foreign forces present in the Kandahar airport and other areas in the city came towards the Kandahar prison but the ambushes of the Mujahideen were successful in combating the movements of these forces.

The Mujahideen used new techniques against the enemies whereof they placed balloons filled with gases on the way towards the prison. When the police and the foreign forces saw these balloons they retreated fearing that these

balloons would blow up on them.

The strange thing about the matter is that the balloons placed on the road were simple balloons empty of even natural gas.

The foreign forces declared this as a very successful operation, whereof Brank Manoha, the official spokesman of the foreign forces, said in this regard – ‘We have to admit this: these people have done a very accurate job in this context.’

And the defense minister of Canada stated clearing that extra Canadian forces have spread throughout the city to prevent such operations to occur again, while the foreign forces and other world media sources mentioned the operation of the conquest of the Kandahar prison as a complex successful operation performed almost in the pattern of the Hollywood films.

The puppet Karzai administration fired many of the prominent military and administrative personalities in the city of Kandahar due to this operation, and at their head Sayed Agha Thaqib, the Chief of the Kandahar police, the Chief of the national and regional security, and the Chief of the Criminal section of the Western region.

The Karzai administration not only fired these people from their jobs but instead, gave them up to the General prosecutor’s office to carry out more investigations for the ‘Security lapse’, as they described it.

The harvest of the operation

The heroic Mujahideen harvested through performing this successful operation all the employees inside the prison, numbering around 35, between guards and employees. They were also able to, by the grace of Allah, rescue 450 detained Mujahideen, some of who where amongst the prominent military leadership positions at the level of Kandahar and the neighboring provinces that were leading strong military activities inside Kandahar city and around it, in preparing and planning martyrdom and ambush operations on the bases of foreign and puppet forces.

The effect of the operation on the psychology of the enemies

The performance of this operation had a heavy negative effect on the psychic of the enemy forces both foreign and interior, and their spirits were completely crushed after the Mujahideen were able to perform an operation in such an accurate technical manner that did not result in any casualty in the ranks of the Mujahideen. On the contrary, it had a positive effect on the Mujahideen and it raised their spirits due to the successful rescue of their brothers from the hands of the transgressors and they started performing comprehensive operations on the foreign and interior forces in different parts of Afghanistan especially on the convoys of the foreign forces that passed by the main roads from Kabul to the city of Heart.

The number of attacks that the Mujahideen performed on the convoys of the foreign forces on a single day was more than 25 (attacks) that resulted in the destruction and torching of 100’s of military vehicles and torching a large number of aid vehicles along with the death of 10’s of the foreign forces and their puppet helpers.

We will specify here the mention of torching and destruction of a convoy of aid vehicles that the Mujahideen performed in the Maidan Wardek province at a distance of 45km from the capital Kabul, burning more than 35 vehicles

loaded with American aids and the death of many soldiers that accompanied it.

The wave of offensive operations on the bases and convoys of the foreign forces have also increased in Ghazni, Paktika, Paktia and Farrah resulting in the destruction of several foreign forces and their counterparts. This led to the admittance of the enemy of a large number of casualties, both human and material in the month of July in which the Kandahar operation took place.

And as per the report of CNN, the month of July marked the greatest loss of soldiers to the foreign forces since the beginning of the crusade wars in Afghanistan in 2001, the matter that makes the harvest of this month at 47 deaths from amongst the foreign forces alone. From amongst the dead this month were 21 American soldiers, 15 British soldiers, 5 Canadian soldiers and one from Poland, Romania and Major and 3 others from other Kafir races of the West.

The Major General Jeffrey Shalomar, a high official in the American army, has warned about the increase and frequency of the attacks that target the foreign forces in Afghanistan.

Jeffrey also added that the current state witnesses the peak of attacks against the foreign forces, something that testifies to the toppling of the security condition in Afghanistan when compared to the recession of the average of attacks in Iraq.

The main pointer to the widening and rise in the military operations against the invaders is the interest and approach of the Afghani people on the pits of fighting and the toppling of the spirits of the occupiers in Afghanistan.

Summary

Performing the operations of the conquest of the Kandahar prison, and the operation of the Mujahideen on the celebration ceremony in Kabul, and the operation of the Serena Hotel at a few meters from the democratic Presidential castle in the Afghani capital and the death and injury of 100's of occupation forces and the downing of several helicopters in a single month are considered a back-breaker for the skeleton of the Crusade alliance, concerning the planning of which the Mujahideen had formerly warned the oppressive forces in Afghanistan.

And the series of these blessed operations will continue until the oppressive Kafir forces are forced to run from the land of the Muslim Afghanistan.

And Afghanistan remains a pure Islamic State that bows only to the rule of Allah the Almighty, by the will of Allah.

(...on that day shall the believers rejoice) Surah ar-Room, Verse 4

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