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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2012 5:49 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: PAKMIL Request for Assistance with Avalanche Recovery Operations

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From: Abbaszadeh, Nima
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 05:18 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Macmanus, Joseph E (S)
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: FW: PAKMIL Request for Assistance with Avalanche Recovery Operations

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From: Storsve, Alison B
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 5:17 PM
Subject: PAKMIL Request for Assistance with Avalanche Recovery Operations

For your situational awareness, the Pakistan military requested U.S. military assistance via the Office of Defense Representative-Pakistan (ODRP) at about 1245 EDT today for search and rescue operations to recover its forces trapped in an avalanche that occurred in the Siachen Glacier region of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir on April 6 about 2000 EDT (4/7 about 0500 Pakistan time).

The avalanche occurred at an elevation of about 12,000 feet and buried a headquarters building with more than 100 soldiers, possibly in more than 60 feet of snow.

ODRP passed the request for assistance to CENTCOM and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, and ISAF has agreed to send a search and rescue team on April 8.

ODRP has also reached out to the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) for possible assistance.

Thank you, regards,

Alison Storsve
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From:
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 3:35 PM
To: Elder, Gregory (DCHA/OFDA)
Cc: SES-O; ODRP, J3CHOPS
Subject: FW: [UNSIGNED MSG] RE: PAKMIL Request for Assistance ISO Avalanche

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Greg,

FYI. ISAF has agreed to send a Search and Rescue Team tomorrow. If I can get a fact sheet on what capabilities (if any under environment that I've stated) that would be helpful.

Thanks.

Best,
Tony

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Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2012 12:18 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [UNSIGNED MSG] RE: PAKMIL Request for Assistance ISO Avalanche

Sir -- After discussions with IJC and GHQ [REDACTED] the PAKMIL has requested ISAF send forward a Search and Rescue Team (suggested 8 personnel) to Islamabad and we will coordinate their onward movement with the PAK Army. We estimate the team would depart Afghanistan 081200D Apr and be met by ODRP. We will be prepared to house them here at the Embassy if they do not move forward upon arrival.

FYI, PAKMIL will deploy technical Search and Rescue teams that can probe as deep as 30 ft. tomorrow morning. Once we link up our team with the PAKMIL teams we will be better able to define any further requirements.

We discussed other ISR assets that might be available for mapping the area if needed.

We will hold a FONCON with [REDACTED] at 080900D Apr to review where we are and confirm support being provided. We are working the list of personnel and equipment that would come forward as part of the S&R team to obtain VISA waivers and clearances.

Appreciate the support. USAID/OFDA is monitoring the situation and providing advise on other capabilities that might be available if needed.

V/R
Ken

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From: Keen, Ken P LTG USA CENTCOM ODRP/CHIEF

Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 9:57 PM

To: [REDACTED] Dempsey, Martin E

GEN CJCS

Subject: RE: [UNSIGNED MSG] RE: PAKMIL Request for Assistance ISO Avalanche

Sir -- Will do. We are working with DGMO to get more specifics on their requirements. Right now all they have provided is they are wanting to know what would be available to search for survivors (if any) and bodies, and how long it would take to get here.

V/R
Ken

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 9:46 PM

Subject: [UNSIGNED MSG] RE: PAKMIL Request for Assistance ISO Avalanche

Ken: We're already working this and will keep alcon informed. If there is any clarification on certain capabilities the Paks need, let us know. M

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From: Keen, Ken P LTG USA CENTCOM ODRP/CHIEF [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 12:14 PM

To: [REDACTED] Dempsey, Martin E

GEN CJCS

Subject: PAKMIL Request for Assistance ISO Avalanche

Sir -- FYI, I just received a request from [REDACTED] to determine if ISAF had any capability to do search and recovery operations in support of the avalanche that occurred earlier today. They have dogs and some limited capability used in the 2005 Earthquake but want to see what else might be available and how long it would take to get it to Pakistan. I am requesting we also determine what is available in the US through the DoS/OFDA channels, as I know there are special civilian teams that the DoS DART uses that could be deployed for such disasters.

Right now this is a request for information on what we capability we have available and how long it would take to get it here.

I have talked with [REDACTED] and our JOC is working this request with them, CENTCOM JOC, and will work with DoS OFDA.

V/R
Ken

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