The Road to War

Caucasus Region

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• The Warrior Forge Road to War is derived from the TRADOC Common Teaching Scenario (CTS). The CTS was developed by the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth for training use by Army units through Corps level. It has been adopted by all TRADOC schools. The Warrior Forge RTW differs from the TRADOC standard CTS only in the use of Spanish as a substitute for the native language of the local populace.

• The TRADOC Common Teaching Scenario – Caucasus Region depicts US forces being committed to combat operations (Operation Western Peace) in support of a friendly nation (Atropia) and its allies (Caspian Federation) when attacked by an aggressor nation (Ariana). Operation Western Peace is conducted in five phases:
  PHASE I – Pre-Deployment and Force Deployment Operations
  PHASE II – Deployment of Combat Forces to the Theater of Operations
  PHASE III – Initial Entry and Shaping
  PHASE IV – Decisive Operations
  PHASE V – Stability Operations and Redeployment

• Warrior Forge occurs during Phase V of Operation Western Peace as the heavy forces involved in the decisive operations of Phase IV redeploy to CONUS to be replaced by 2-76 IBCT which conducts stability operations along the Atropia-Ariana border. Cadet regiments attached to 2-76 IBCT deploy initially to Intermediate Staging Base (ISB) Lewis in the nation of Atropia. Following administrative inprocessing and equipment issue at ISB Lewis, units conduct individual, team and squad training from an assembly area in secure rear area. Units then deploy to the border region, conduct collective training and rehearsals, and occupy a tactical assembly area from which they conduct combat operations. Finally, units return to ISB Lewis for outprocessing and redeployment.
ATROPIA
- Located South Caucasus; bordered by Donovia to the north, the Caspian Sea to the east, Ariana to the south, and Gorgas and Minaria to the west.
- 33,400 sq. mi. (includes Atropia Minor and Arzak); slightly smaller than Maine.
- Ethnic groups: Atropian 90%, Donovian 2.5%, Minarian 2%, and other 5.5%.
- Predominant Language: Spanish (Castilian dialect)
- Religion: Approximately 95% of the population of Atropia is Shi’a Muslim.
- Allied with neighboring Gorgas to form Caspian Federation.

ARIA
- Located in the Caspian Region; bordered by Atropia to the north, the Caspian Sea to the east, the Persian Gulf to the south, and Faisalia to the west
- 636,294 sq. mi.; slightly larger than Alaska.
- Ethnic groups: Arianans 51%; Atropian 24%; Gilaki and Mazandarani 8%, Kurds 7%; Arabs 3%, Lur 2%, Baloch 2%, Turkmenistani 2%, and other 1%.
- Note: the northwest territories are almost 100% ethnic-Atropian.
- Predominant Language: Spanish (Andalusian dialect)
- Religion: Shi’a Muslim 90%; Sunni Muslim 8%; Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, Baha’i 2%.
1. 2004; South Atropian People’s Party (SAPP) formed to represent people of region but it unable to influence change; gave birth to South Atropian People’s Army (SAPA).
2. 2007; SAPA, trained and equipped in Ariana, began attacking Atropian army units sent to maintain order and peace in area.
3. Atropia has territorial disputes with most of neighbors. In west, Atropia and Minaria have both claimed Arzak province since the early 1900s.
5. Ariana Reasons for Conflict:
   • Dispute over ethnic Ariana citizens in Atropia being denied basic rights.
   • Ariana does not want to see new BTC pipeline as a competitor to their oil operations.
   • Ariana claims rights to the oil platforms in the Caspian Sea that are the key element in a large deal brokered by Atropia with a consortium of international oil companies
   • Arianan government opposes the formation of the Caspian Federation.
   • Ariana’s political and religious leaders feel Shia’a Muslim population of Atropia is being steered towards westernization by their current government.
1. Jan 2010; Ariana provided indirect fires cross-border ISO SAPA.
2. Mar 2010; Series of border incursions into Atropia are reported near Jalilabad and Lerik. Atropia captures several Ariana nationals and claims they are Ariana Special Purpose Forces (SPF) members.
3. Jan 2011; Terrorists disrupt roads between Atropian villages; blow up bridges and other vital facilities, including pipeline supplying Ganca (Atropia’s second largest city) with drinking water.
4. Apr 2011; U.S. President announces we are committed with other nations to preserve the Caspian Federation; states maintaining the region’s ability to produce oil for the world market is a global concern.
5. Jun 2011; SAPA insurgent forces resume attacks against Atropian government facilities.
6. Jul 2011; Ariana holds large-scale “show of force” military exercises near Atropian border.
7. 3 Oct 2011; SAPA simultaneously attack British and Canadian embassies in Baku, Atropia.
8. 15 Oct 2011; Caspian Federation forces conduct counter-insurgency operations against insurgents throughout Atropia; Ariana responded with brigade exercises along Atropia’s southern border.
9. 1 Nov 2011; Ariana division units violate Atropia’s southern border; Atropia requests U.S. assistance to prevent Ariana aggression.
10. 16 Nov 2011; Phase I of U.S. Operations begin when the President, through the Secretary of Defense, directs execution of OPLAN (OPERATION WESTERN PEACE) 10-03.
11. 22 December 2011 U.S. Forces begin arriving APODs in Tbilisi, Gorgas and Baku, Atropia as part of Phase II of OPERATION WESTERN PEACE (DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS).
12. 8 Jan 2012, Imam Jalal Matini, Senior Religious Advisor to President Reza Pahlvi issues a warning to the U.S. and NATO that outside interference in region affairs is a violation of international law; calls for use of force to prevent further westernization of Islamic youth.
CJTF Operation
WESTERN PEACE

I – Pre-deployment (FDO)
II – Deployment
III – Initial Entry and Shaping
IV – Decisive Operations
V – Stability Operations/Redeployment
Ariana threatens Atropia and Federation with armed action if they do not accede to Ariana’s demands, begins to mobilize and train OSC on Atropian border, insurgent activities increase.

RCC exercises Force Deployment Options (FDO) from regional strategy to promote deterrence and stability in Caspian Federation in response to Ariana’s actions:

1. Establishes JTF HQ for planning
2. Deploys Ranger Battalion to BAKU to participate in counter-insurgency training
3. Deploys 1-74 HBCT to Gorgas for training with Federation forces along Gorgas/Atropia border
Arianan forces attack into Atropia with air support following IO campaign. Strategic Objectives:
1. OSC 1 conducts combined airborne and amphibious assault on the western coast of Atropia vic Alat. Simultaneously, the remainder of OSC 1 attacks north from the border towards Alat to seize key terrain and gain control of oil platforms in Caspian Sea.
2. OSC 2 attacks north from border towards Barda to seize key terrain and gain confidence of sympathetic southern Atropians
3. OSC 3 is operational reserve and remains a presence on the Ariana/Atropia border.
4. OSC 4 remains vic Tehran to protect key assets and remains prepared to conduct on-call mission
RCC response:
1. Establish JTF HQ ashore, assign command of all Federation and coalition forces; CJTF publishes OPORD, forces alerted for deployment
2. 78 ID HQ deploys as CJFLCC HQ; 10 CORPS HQ deploys to Gorgas as intermediate control HQ Assigns 1-74 HBCT to CJFLCC
3. Ranger Battalion secures BAKU airfield, coordinates city defense with Federation Capital Defense Division
4. SOF priority to SR and search for WMD/TBM
5. CJTF conducts defense to halt Atropian attacking forces
Arianan attack continues amid intense IO campaign.
RCC response:
1. 4-78 SBCT deploys to BAKU by inter-theater lift from Romania
2. 1-74 HBCT participates in coordinated CFJLCC defense
3. CJFLCC establishes subordinate commands: FED WEST, FED EAST, 10 CORPS (in deployment)
4. Donovanian Brigade begins self-deploy along Caspian Sea coastal routes
Arianan ground attack culminates, integrated area defense established, air force moves to south of country and stops flying, intense IO campaign.

CJTF builds forces to execute counter-offensive:
1. CJFLCC establishes operational boundaries for 10 CORPS
2. 10 CORPS assumes command of 1-74 HBCT, and 1-2 Mech Bde (FED) in defense positions
3. 78 ID priority of deployment to build forces
4. 1-57th Rangers maintain security at Baku airfield
5. 4-78 SBCT and Donovan Bde coordinate actions with FED EAST Capital Defense Division to fight insurgents in BAKU
Arianan forces continue integrated area defense, regular forces infiltrate behind Fed defense to establish resistance in unoccupied areas, IO campaign continues, air force remains grounded.

CJTF continues to build force:
1. 10 CORPS establishes AO for 78 ID and 74 ID
2. 10 CORPS moves into AO and assumes stability mission while continuing to build force, secures key terrain
3. 74 ID HQ takes command of 1-74 HBCT and 1-2 Mech Bde (FED) and continues defense while building forces
4. FED EAST rebuilds forces, fights for oil platforms, maintains calm in BAKU
5. FED WEST rebuilds forces, maintains LOC for onward movement, fights insurgents
Arianan forces defend in complex terrain, infiltrate regular and SF forces into coalition held territory, disrupt LOC.

CJTF conducts counter-offensive to reestablish Atropian sovereignty.

1. CJFLCC counter-offensive phase with Federation forces defending along established line, 10 CORPS and FED EAST forces attack Arianan forces

2. 10 CORPS plan has 74 ID attack as main effort to destroy forces in AO, re-establish border; 78 ID conducts stability ops in AO, b/p to assume attack mission from 74 ID; 1-2 Mech Bde (FED) assigned to 78 ID
Arianan regular forces withdraw to Arianan territory leaving behind SF cells, IO campaign designed to support Atropian insurgents.

CJTF transitions to Stability Operations phase
1. 78 ID and 74 ID continue search and destroy for Ariana forces, secures AO and conducts stability operations.
2. 1-57th Ranger Bn conducts training with Federation forces.
3. 4-78 SBCT redeploy through Romania
4. 2-76 IBCT, 4-74 HBCT and 3-76 SBCT arrive in country and conduct relief operations with units of 74 and 78 ID
5. Deployment of coalition forces complete, redeployment set to begin, newly arrived forces integrated into UE and Federation Ground Forces for stability operations
Enemy Forces:

- SAPA are well trained and very familiar with the region along the Atropia-Ariana border. They operate normally in two to three man detachments using various combinations of machineguns, RPG-7, and assault rifles. The movement of these detachments is controlled and coordinated to provide mutual support and synchronized action for long periods of time.
- Primary mission is to destabilize local governments through intimidation. SAPA detachments will conduct reconnaissance, recruit local males, and conduct terrorist attacks against soft targets such as local political leaders, ethnic Atropians, and government institutions. Have also attacked NATO forces if they have a perceived advantage.
- Other SAPA Tactics Include:
  - IEDs / Mines – designed to kill and intimidate
  - Raids – to seize supplies or forcibly recruit locals
  - Checkpoints – used to identify ethnic Atropians, recruit, and extort funds
  - Ambushes – conducted to harass or to gain additional food, weapons, etc.
- 343rd Motorized Rifle Bde is comprised of BTR-80s, 2 Battalions of BMP-2s and a Company of T-72 Tanks.
- 343rd MRB is currently operating within 5 KMs of the Atropia-Ariana border as the forward element of the 35th DIV (3rd OSC). They are estimated at less than 60% strength are to known to have maintenance and equipping issues.
- Three SAPA companies consisting of approximately of 35 dismounted teams have already infiltrated across the border and are believed to be posturing for operations.
Regiments deploy to ISB Lewis beginning 11 Jun12 in order to support 2-76th IBCT combat operations against Insurgent (Arianan) Forces in Southern Atropia. On Order conduct Stability Operations along the Atropia-Ariana international border in order to maintain Atropia’s territorial integrity and prevent enemy forces from influencing the local population.
Caucasus Region Culture

The following information on the culture of Atropia/Ariana is for situational awareness and understanding. These cultural nuances are merely another tool to help Soldiers make decisions in the COE. These suggestions are intended solely as guidance to help assist the units in executing their directed missions. They are not an attempt to undermine or substitute for SOPs, ROE, or Commander’s Guidance.

- Primary language is Spanish but many in region speak some English
- Primary religion in the region is Shi’a Muslim
- Culture based upon loyalty to family, clan, tribe, and region before loyalty to nation
- Old age is respected and honored; emphasis on obeying elders
- Sense of time is casual and fluid; negotiations are normally slow and extended
- No concept of personal space; there is no “3 foot American bubble”
- Don’t move away if an Atropian “invades your space”
- Public Display of Affection common between same sexes is accepted and often expected
- Honor most important virtue: external public perception of honor
- Never criticize in public
- Hospitality closely linked to honor – refusal is an insult
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- “Losing” not “Retreating” is considered a shame; will often retreat in order to avoid shame and “live to fight another day”
- Don’t engage women socially
- Don’t shake a female’s hand unless she offers it first
- Women are the custodians of family honor; rude to inquire about a female member of their family; Don’t look, touch or ask
- Don’t blatantly cross your legs
- Don’t show bottoms of your feet; means that you think person is lower than dirt
- Shame equals humiliation; difficult to say ‘no’ to a request because it is impolite; may intentionally mislead instead; “Yes” may mean I understand and not “I agree”
- Don’t use finger or hand gestures
- Non-verbal signals or body language are a large part of communication in region; Certain gestures, while common in U.S., may be offensive and essentially disrupt message you are intending to convey
- The “okay” sign of thumbs up is actually a form of a local curse
- Sense of time is much more casual than the American sense of time; Americans are very time-conscious and punctuality is important; However, Atropian culture is more relaxed in its view of time.