## NORDEFCO Psychological Operations Basic Planner Course

## Aim

The aim of the course is to provide the student with the prerequisites in order to contribute to and participate in the planning of PSYOPS activities as staff at brigade level and below.

## CONTENT

* History of PSYOPS
* NATO PSYOPS documents.
* Organisation of NATO PSYOPS vs. Danish Information Activity(IA) Organisation
* PSYOPS as a part of the Information environment.
* PSYOPS Cycle, roles and responsibilities.
* Propaganda and counterpropaganda
* Introduction to scenario and read-in
* Planning of tactical PSYOPS activities

## PRE-REQUISITES

* Students must have completed a basic PSYOPS course
* Students must have a valid security clearance approved to NATO Classified
* Language proficiency: Students must have the following standards of proficiency in English according to STANAG 6001:
* Listening – good/3
* Speaking – good/2
* Reading – good/2
* Writing – fair/2

## LEARNING OUTCOME:

Knowledge:

* Have the knowledge of concepts, principals and processes regarding NATO PSYOPS doctrine and organization.
* Have the understanding of Information Activities framing PSYOPS planning and decision making process.
* Have the knowledge of concepts, principals and processes on supporting higher commands conduct of operations, utilizing PSYOPS products in the planning process.
* Have the understanding of own responsibilites and influence at own unit and in the making of PSYOPS products in support of the staff work at brigade level.

Skills:

* Have the ability to choose and utilize relevant tools, methods, techniques and materials in order to contribute to and prepare relevant PSYOPS products for the planning process at brigade level.
* Have the ability to use task verbs and information activity terminology in communication with others.
* Have the ability to locate and assess relevant information in order to develop plan PSYOPS in brigade orders.
* Have the ability to choose and utilize relevant tools, methods, techniques and materials during planning and orders brief of own PSYOPS units.
* Have the ability to identify problems of PSYOPS effects/activities by engaging in discussions and cooperation with others.

Competencies:

* To take responsibility of deducting relevant parts of higher command PSYOPS related products in own planning.
* To participate in planning brigade and maneuver units operations with relevant PSYOPS products.
* To take responsibility of developing relevant PSYOPS products during planning of operations.

**EVALUATION OF STUDENTS**

There are no written exams at the end of the course.

Each student will be evaluated by the instructors within the fields of:

* Actively contributing to the development of products, used in planning of the operation.
* The ability to utilize given information and materials in the planning process.
* The ability to recognize higher commands aim and utilize this in the planning process of own PSYOPS units.
* The ability to describe which PSYOPS products should be developed in each phase of the planning process.

**DURATION AND LOCATION**

The PSYOPS Basic Planner Course will be conducted once a year and the duration of the course is one week (5 days).

The course will be conducted in Varde, Denmark.

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