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**REPORT ON DEATH OF AN WILD ELEPHANT INSIDE 7 SLSR 'A' COMPANY
DETACHMENT - KOMPAVITHTHAKULAM**

Refs:

- A. Dte of Ops ltr, DOPS/OPS/250/12 (01) dated 20 Jan 25.
- B. 7 SLSR bn ltr, 7SLSR/LEGAL/04 (03) dated 25 Jan 25.
- C. 563 Inf Bde Sinhala ltr, 563 බස්මු/ප්‍ර/ක්‍රියා/ආර/60/01/2025 () dated 25 Jan 25.
- D. 56 Inf Div Sinhala ltr, 56 බස්මු/ප්‍ර/ක්‍රියා/ආර/277/19/2025 (114) dated 25 Jan 25.

1. This report is submitted regarding the death of an elephant on 09 Nov 24 or an adjacent date at Kompaviththakulam Camp as req by vide ref ltr 'A'.
2. Following the above incident, a team of officials from the Wildlife Department VNA visited the Kompaviththakulam Camp and initiated an investigation into the incident on 01 Jan 25.
3. Subsequently, the SLCMP sect of 563 Inf Bde also commenced an investigation into the matter. As part of these proceedings, the statements were recorded from relevant individuals on 01, 02 and 04 Jan 25 at the HQ 563 Inf Bde.
4. Additionally, a C of I was appt by SF HQ (W) on 03 Jan 25 to uncover further details regarding the elephant's death. The appt C of I was headed by Comd 213 Inf Bde and investigations were carried out from the relevant individuals at the IBTS - ALANKULAMA on 08 Jan 25. Further, 17 Jan 25 statements were recorded when the concerned individuals reported to the 213 Inf Bde. The C of I is currently conducting follow-up actions regarding the findings of its inquiry.
5. Furthermore, as a part of ongoing investigations, these individuals were dir to report to the Wildlife Office - VNA and statements were provided on 09, 10, 15 and 16 Jan 25. Currently, the investigations related to this incident is being handled by Mr Hemajith - Ranger Wildlife VNA and Mr Chandrarathne - Asst dir Wildlife.
6. Moreover, the Wildlife Department has been filed a case under the case number AR/02/25 in Magistrate Court - VNA. The persons who involved in this incident had produced before the Magistrate Court - VNA on 28 Jan 25 and released with Rs. 50,000.00 surety bail for each individuals. The next court date will be on 04 Mar 25 for inquiry.

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7. The related doc to this report are att as enclosures and fwd for your nec act pl.

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Enclosures:

1. Name list of participants in the court of inquiry.
2. Name list of individuals who gave statements to the wildlife office.
3. Name list of individuals who gave statements to the SLCMP.
4. Sketch map of Kompaviththakulam camp.
5. Article published in Lanka E News.
6. Name list of individuals who produced to the court.