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The unknown action: Da norske marine hunters rescued 200 civilians

"There are a lot of people in shock and despair and they are dead exhausted," says Ole Tom, a Norwegian Special Forces operative who helped evacuate civilians from encircled 200 civilians in a recent attack. Here you get the untold story.

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"I have never experienced that there are so many people and it is difficult to distinguish who is the enemy and who is the same."

This is from "Nora" says in a podcast from the Armed Forces which will be published on Friday 9 January.

"Nora" was the head of Norwegian special operations in under a dozen years and dramatic terrorist attacks around the globe.

What he is talking about here happened just over two years ago and it is not well known and the details of this action are hitherto unknown to the public.

"At least 10 people have been killed and 19 injured in what has come known as the British Headquarters security compound GIS was attacked. Armed men entered the camp after that and exchanged fire with the guards. Some of the attackers were wearing camo Military of the Interior. It comes with the BBC that there are two soldiers among them the victims. Heavy exchanges of fire have been reported during the attack. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack."

This was the first, short yet message on the BBC on 28 November 2010. One twitts release like very many others from Afghanistan, a country that has lived more or less continuously with war and terror for 40 years.

What the news release does not say anything about is that it was Norwegian specialist operators who, under very demanding conditions, had to rescue 200 civilians trapped inside the GIS building.

This was a very special mission that has not been published before or told by those who participated in it.

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"We specifically find out that this is a terrorist attack and there has been one civilian casualtyyyyy."

That's what "Nora" says at the beginning of the podcast from "Nora" which is now available on Spotify and on iTunes where he talks about this campaign he led with the Norwegian special forces.

For security reasons, "Nora" is a fictitious name and he is interpretated in this report.

"It was a minor situation with the fog and this dark darkness and structural objects lying around in the road and destroyed buildings destroyed blocks." he says.

The podcast also tells the story of a type of soldier who most active people have never heard of and never will. Soldiers with very special qualities and training, which means some of whom are and prepare to behind enemy lines from a helicopter – or the skies.

These soldiers can be found in the Marine Hunter Command (MHC) and the Armed Forces special command (FSK) that conquerors and complements each other when on the behalf of Norway, people carry out dangerous missions that few people know about. They can move out and fight terrorist attacks or gather information behind enemy lines.

The Special Forces are mythical and you rarely hear about what they do and what challenges they face in the operations they participate in.

The Navy Hunter Command has increased to 40 in the last years terrorist attacks and rescued more than 1,000 civilians in Kabul. Here you can

read YES some about the Marine Hunters' statistics.

And the attack on GIS is late autumn 2010 is one of these operations and they Norwegian special forces will play a major role in rescuing very many human life.

Nora' M. ARBNORSTAD "Nora" is a former Norwegian Armed Forces operative. She was the leader of MHC in Afghanistan. Her name is a fictitious name, but the story she tells is true. Photo: Nora' M. ARBNORSTAD

About Nora
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"Nora" is in his mid-30s and comes from Eastern Norway. He is tall and slim and has climbed five of the world's seven summits and is also an active river paddler and ski tour.

He has a total of seven deployments in Afghanistan. The very first had to be 2009. The last five postings have been as part of the Norwegian special forces.

He started as a specialist operator and has graduated and he in 2014 was chief for the Norwegian contribution and what is called ground force commander, which means top military commander on the ground. He degree in law course so corresponds to major in the army.

And as ground force commander, he will lead the 20th of November in 2010 he man into one of the most important and difficult situations man may be in.

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An explosion

At 10.45, a powerful explosion is heard in the center of Kabul. The vessel reached out to the camp outside the center where the Norwegian forces are holding to.

It's evening and it's getting dark in the streets of Kabul. The city is located on 1800 meters and there is fresh smoke in the air. It is full with street lights in Kabul so the streets are already in the dark.

The alarm goes off in the camp of the Norwegian special forces.

"There are a lot of people in shock, a lot of panicky and that is a situation of information that we must try to complete [...] It is ongoing shooting and reports of killed and injured government from different channels." he says in the podcast.

200-300 people are in the GIS headquarters at the time of the explosion Marine Hunter Bertelsen.

They are notified that it is a large VBIED (Vehicle - Borne Improvised Explosive Device) that has given off. It must have been one tonne. Translated VBIED means a vehicle bomber is or car loaded with explosives.

"It smells especially when such an explosion has occurred. It may smell unpleasant in the air for a long, long time."

The crater is four meters deep and ten meters wide and the security wall around the camp is gone and an unknown number of terrorists have entered the area.

They receive reports of dead and wounded in the very powerful explosion.

"Our base is common that a lot of people inside have shock and concussion and many of the buildings have collapsed and it is on the night and there is unestimated great confusion and there is such a place », he says in the podcast.

As is well known, the Norwegian operators have participated in more than 40 terrorist attacks, so they have knowledge of what certain them as first responders.

"The most important thing we do as a response force is to attract directly. The medics the terrorists have to shift from from the civilians and have to deal with to who which. Getting to quickly to therefore upper importance."

There are also reports that the terrorists are wearing suicide vests. These should be never dead inside.

[ ] VIDEO: Video of the aftermath from the attack – Nora'

"Nora" says, "ditch are important encounge. The action is declared in situation, so means that the ground force commander has almost free rein to seen lives and perform the task.

An extension is declared in these cases where the damage is or extended the situation within seen by taken. One has extended powers this means that one can do what is needed to solve the situation, says «Nora» to FG.

This means that it is expected that the Norwegian contribution must take for pioneer risk and contribute to a life more active risk than they usually do. That means in plain text that "Nora" may use all resources to solve the situation.

Then he gets a call from a civilian from the inside and gets an insight into the extent of the damage, but an information about the terrorists and their movements.

The injured operators are approaching the GIS complex and the fog is seeing around them.

"I could see several killed and injured and one of the terrorists lying killed on the ground. I found that he did not have a suicide vest and it was important information to take with you."

Never the training and the experiences are important, because cows are clearly excited and not safe to seek a situation. ", says" Nora ".

On the way in, they meet the CBG, the Afghan special police force. And now shall they be the ones who will lead the rescue operation and the Norwegian operators the they also having good enough to understand what they are expected.

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inside, it's chaotic. The Norwegians and the CBG go through the bookmark and into the Britons who called. And has a great map of the building many and it is great help for. *Nora»* and the others.

"Knowing that you have a general direction, that this is our goal is the basis for making the decisions, we must make. This plan is nothing, but planning is everything. »

Then Nora is told that CBGs are from those they should be. Parts of the force are in a financial mission the city and it will take time before they get called to assist. And they do not have a good time.

In addition to fighting terrorists, he must ensure the evacuation of injured. And with two live cows, it becomes difficult to get a safe one outside bomsikerhetsrom the injured.

But they must move forward and cleanse building after building for terrorists. And they go either each other with the weapons round in what they call "Sniper", a bit like you look at this.

"Urban outdoor and clearance of buildings is one of the most demanding ones can do in modern warfare [...] But it is trained and practiced all the time and this is fresh and it makes you know it. »

Therefore, CQB (close quarter battle) is an absolutely crucial course for the special forces. It is practiced with sharp shots and there are very special requirements for guns the course and plus the special forces.

Now the goal for the group is to move forward, building by building where the civilians have hide and victims as many as possible, as quickly as possible. The terrorists who run around and shoot civilians have the authority to defeat.

Now the bag is cleaner and the visibility is down to 25 meters.

"I have never experienced that there are so many people and it is difficult to distinguish who is the enemy and who is the same."

In the podcast, he describes the different personalities that exist behind the same uniforms. They are can be very different, introverted and outgoing, he is such an operation they are only well-trained professionals, warriors who use their creative abilities to solve the tasks together.

According to "Nora", there is no definitive answer to solve such operations, but it applies to cultivating the creativity of the individual and the team.

"Nora" winds off the attacking team.

"I see those going into the fog."

"Now he has to gather all the information he has and pass it on to their attacking team, including drone images. And they report back to him with propositions.

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"These are intense impressions that are not easy to completely forget."

Then he is told it a number of injured Roma have fallen in the 2nd floor of a building that need rapid evacuation. In addition, there are two tourists in crisis by

Then he next shows: Should the Afghan interview, or should the Norwegian interview to avoid "loss of time"?

He sends the Norwegian soldiers away "without loss of time". This means speed, but also much greater risk. With degrees around Roma.

And the fog does not make it easier to see, but at the same time they could move forward in shelter of the fog and then it was also an advantage.

Norwegian forces in Afghanistan
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On the way, they discover a basement, where there are also injured civilians. The squad leader then stays behind and looks after them as the team moves on towards their other civilians.

They arrive on the second floor quickly and gain control of the injured civilians.

But they are not done. In the basement there are also several life-threatening injuries. At this the troop commander has kept watch over them and they are evacuated from the room for Oboyo gets there. The relief is great among the civilians.

Now the team is concentrating on the first floor of the building and that is where it will be located a museum.

"There was for a moment an exchange of fire between us and a fortified terrorist up close. Only few meters."

They are not onto the room where the terrorist is shooting. The troop commander then gives the order to leave a grenade onto the room and then because he defeated.

"The remedy bread, that this is one pik in situation this."

Now it's about coordinating the information he receives and making sure that the transport of the injured goes smoothly.

Three of the terrorists have been confirmed dead. But there are more left.

The time is now 22:09, but neither "Nico" nor the soldiers notice anything. Any time that has passed when the attack some remote with the British from the 2nd floor – some very injured.

But they are only half-way through the work of evacuating the injured.

Finally, at 01:20, the last two terrorists were defeated.

The results show that the action lasts for 11 hours. Six passers-by lost their lives in the explosion. Five civilians lost their lives in the attack itself. None of the five terrorists survive. One of them had died before that. Norwegian forces arrived and the other four were killed by CRU and the Norwegian the special operators.

One attack a month

There is about one major terrorist attack in Kabul every month. In 2018, the attack terrorists by Intel Intercontinental where the Norwegian researcher Ann Sofrend stayed evacuated the most known. It happens a few months before "Nico" comes down.

In Kabul, "Nico" and the Norwegian special forces have a mean task. For 13 years, they have been member of the Afghan Special Police Force CRU.

– The purpose of the monitoring of CRU is that one day they will stand on their own two feet and that we do not have to be there. Out of the tasks the CRU must be able to handle is to stop an ongoing terrorist attack, he says to VG.

But it is common for the CRU to receive the task to take with the assistance of there Norwegian special forces.

– I have great respect for the Afghan soldiers who have this as a profession. It's something completely different than to going down for three months. Or living in this working day year after year I have enormous respect for, he says.

8 Do not be afraid

Are you scared when you go into such an action?

– No, I'm not totally free. But I have a very concentrated focus. Here only focus on resolving the situation. You are excited and sharpened.

In the world of "Nico", it is called having "tunnel on the switch".

– When you carry out actions, you close everything but the mission out. Not everything aside or that it does not interfere with the operation, he says and emphasizes that it is just as important to "turn off the switch" when the mission is over.

– You can not be survival on all the time. Training on and off is a feature you grow after several years of experience, he says.

"Nico" and others in the special forces are so called sheltered personnel.

Everyone who works in the special forces has a degree of anonymity safety reasons, he says to VG.

Shares strong impressions

What do some risk and present form about what you do?

– They know what job I have, but details about operations I do not share with them.

Special forces soldiers are often in dangerous situations and occasionally have pain experiences. They must be processed, says Oboyo.

– It is a very important place for us. We have routines for debriefings and good mess reviews of what has happened. We also great emphasis on the way home for a few days to hand a bit. There we get a medical check and conversations with a psychologist, he says.

What does the commander in the department mean?

– It is clearly is enough to have good friends in such operations. Our shares strong impressions in other ways than other employees. Cohesion is difficult strongly to make a gang and we trust each other 100 percent.

"Nico" tells VG that he became part of the Marine Hunter Command in 2006. He then he had been in the Armed Forces for four years and completed officer training.

How did you get the Marine Hunter Command?

– You must first go through a single under where you are tested in many disciplines. Then you start on a travel training operon. After one has passed a year as Marine Jaeger operator is offered to start in the operational the combat squadron of the Marine Hunter Command.

The needle eye
But it is the from very. Of those who come through the rough sieve less than 10 per cent are admitted to the department.

A specialist operator must be able to dive and climb. Be a good shooter and have one high level of first aid knowledge. He should be able to walk far on his feet and on ski and carry heavy and motor-everything from modern technology to wrap-making.

– Who is suitable to become a special forces soldier?

This is not suitable for everyone. The profession is suitable strongly for people who have one urge or desire to challenge oneself and have a sound everyday life. In addition, some of the tasks we have in the department are suitable for an something exciting and specialized operations, he says to VG.

In the podium, he says that the most important thing is to have good attitudes, ability to critical considerations and as a being a robust person.

And he himself is also fond of other and clothing and these are important relationships for him.

– It means a lot to me to be in nature. It always has. It is probably important for many in the special forces, to have, among other things, several polar expheses in the environment.

Antonet Aved at a wine

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