



Attack on U.S. Forces at Hamid Karzai International Airport

Department of Defense Press Brief

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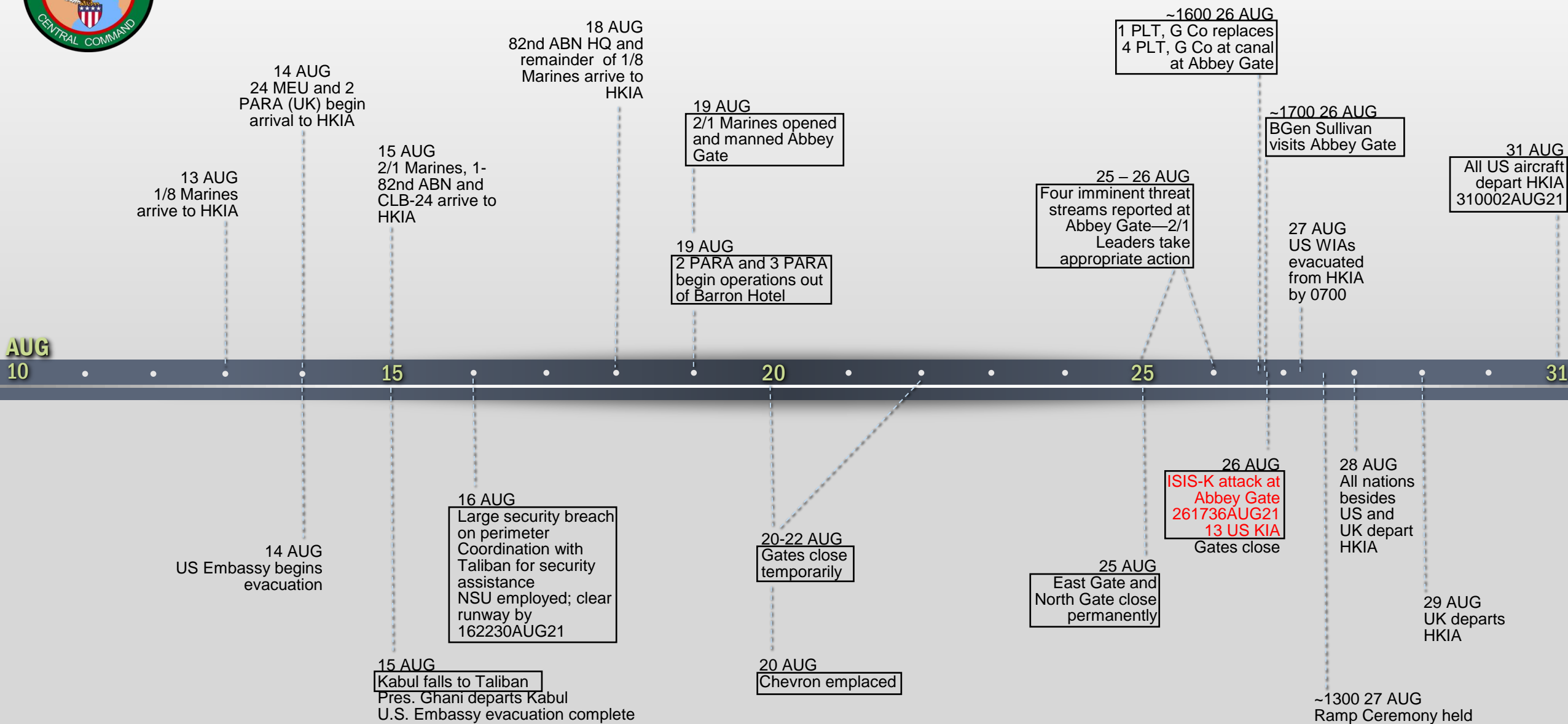


Key Points

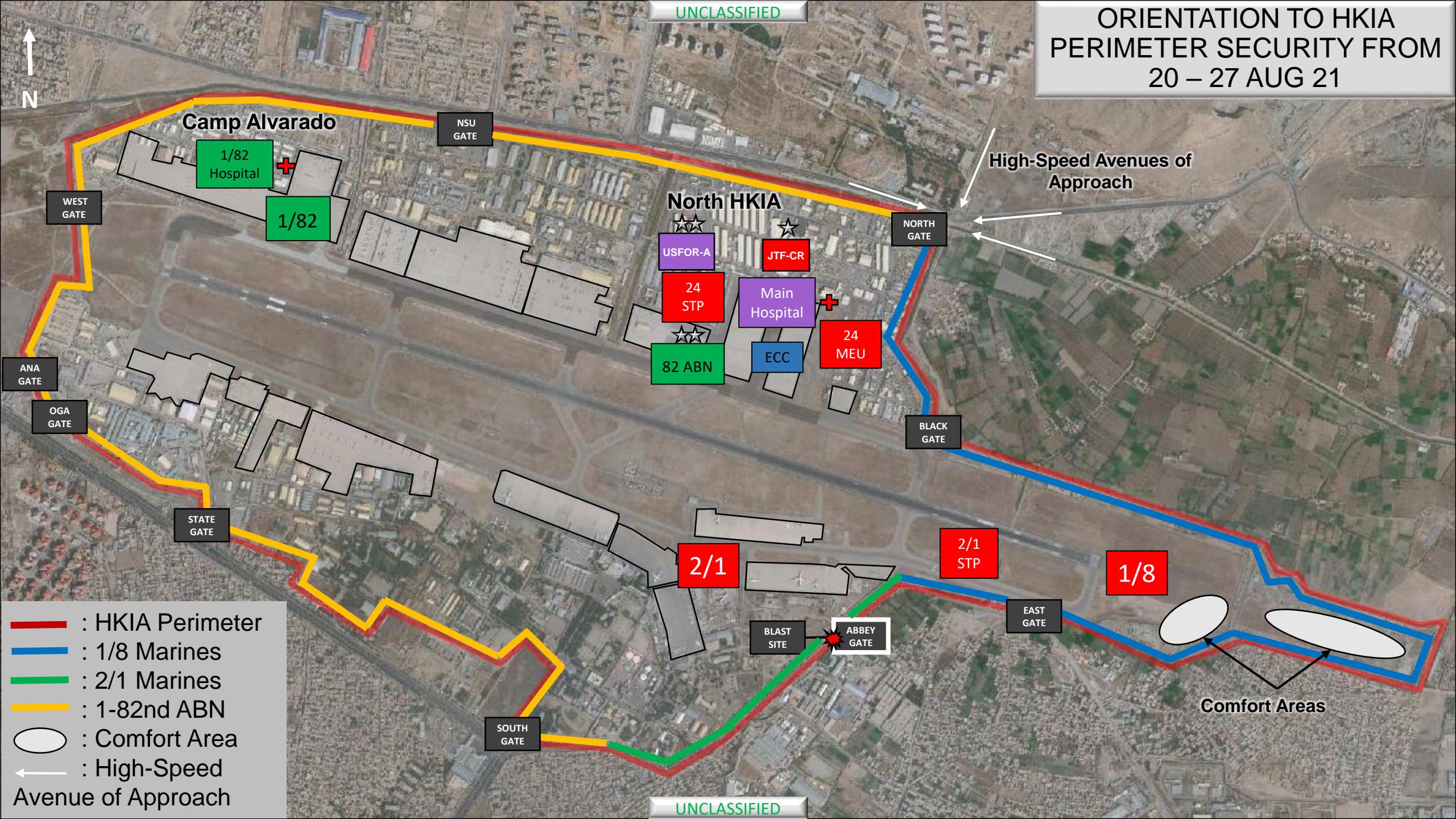
- Not a complex attack
- No gunshot wounds
- Did not kill any U.S. or Civilians post-blast
- Unlikely partners
- Time of attack



Timeline of Key Events



ORIENTATION TO HKIA
PERIMETER SECURITY FROM
20 – 27 AUG 21



Camp Alvarado

1/82
Hospital

1/82

North HKIA

USFOR-A

JTF-CR

24
STP

Main
Hospital

82 ABN

ECC

24
MEU

2/1

2/1
STP

1/8

WEST
GATE

ANA
GATE

OGA
GATE

STATE
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NORTH
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BLACK
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EAST
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SOUTH
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BLAST
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ABBEY
GATE

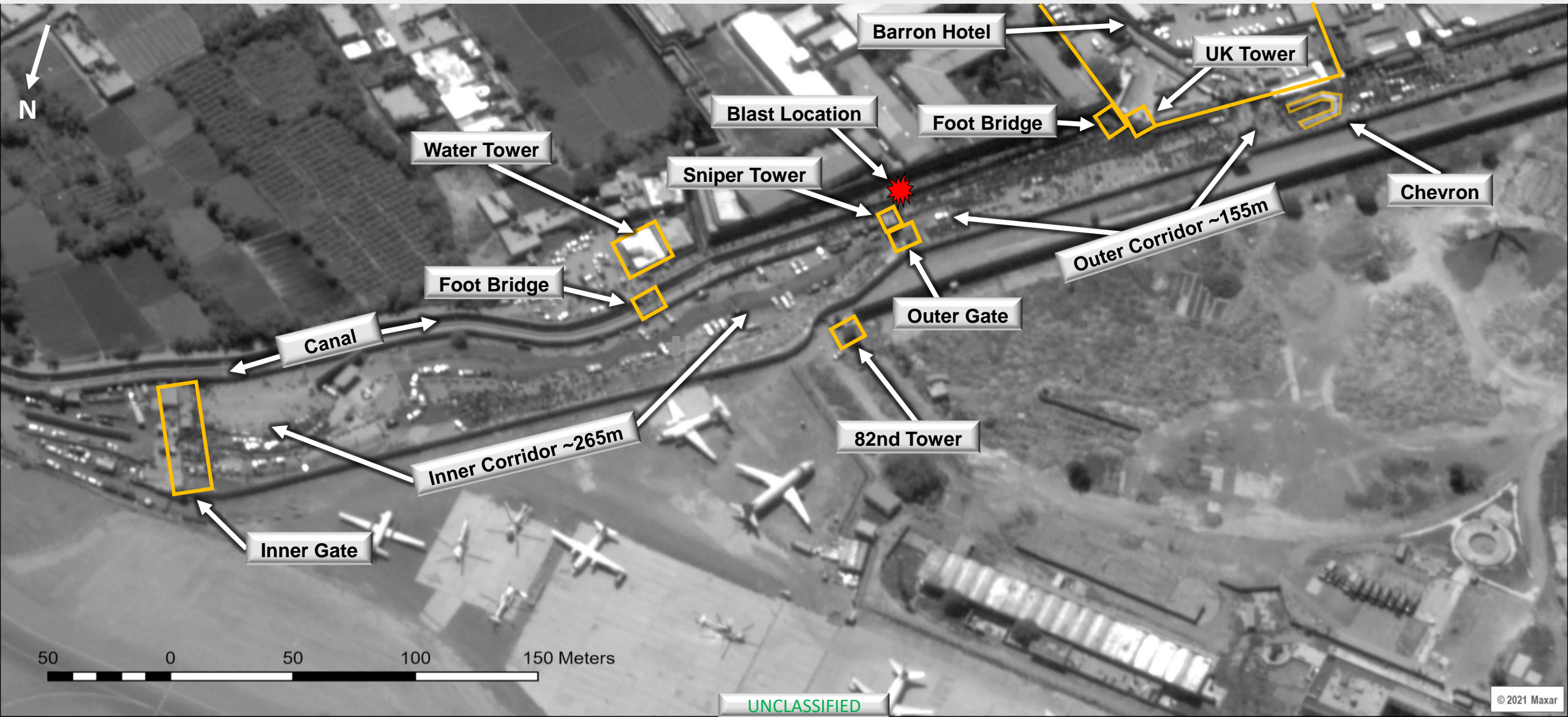
Comfort Areas

- : HKIA Perimeter
- : 1/8 Marines
- : 2/1 Marines
- : 1-82nd ABN
- : Comfort Area
- : High-Speed Avenue of Approach



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Orientation to Abbey Gate

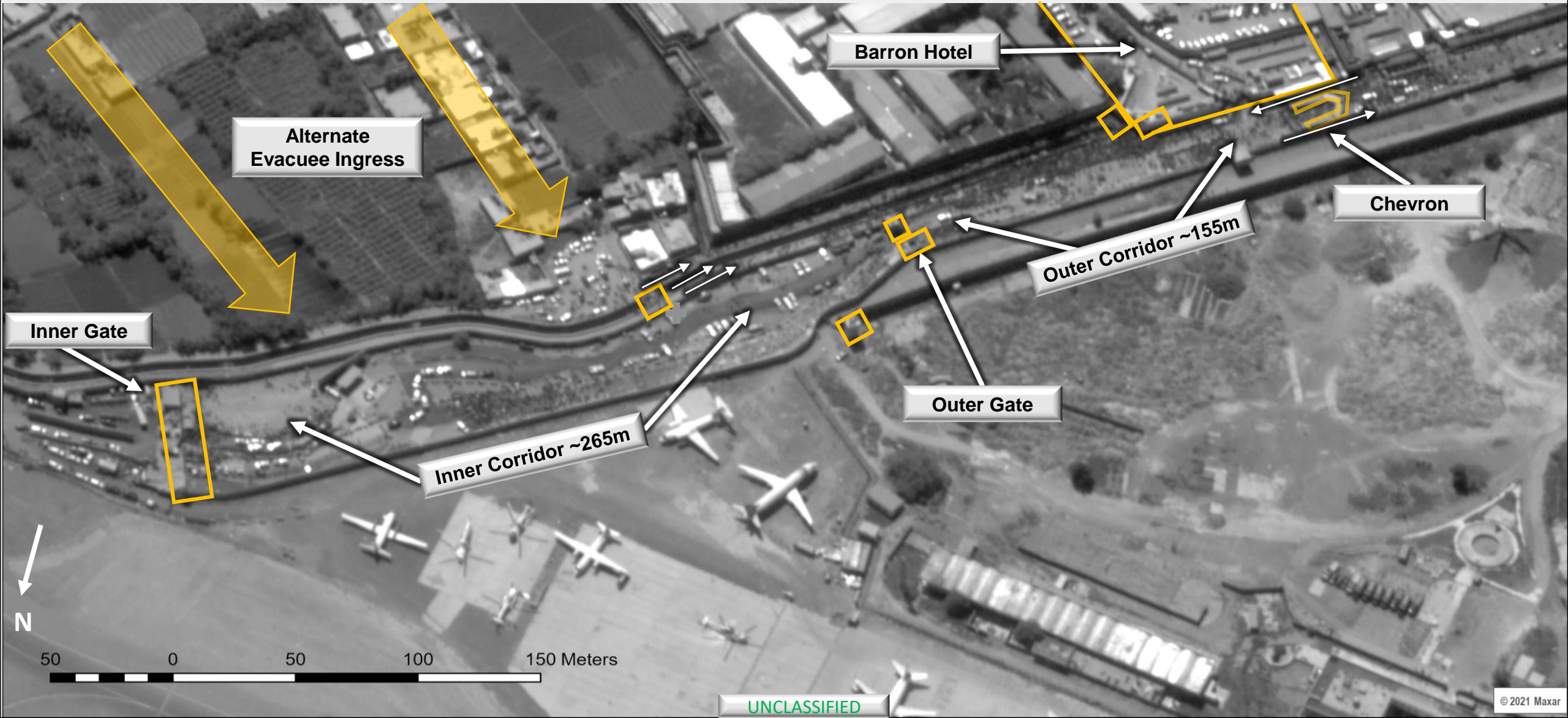


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Flow at Abbey Gate 20 – 26 AUG 21



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URGENT UPDATE

10:38am Aug 25, 2021

Taliban reportedly attacking people, including stabbing minor, trying to pass through Abbey Gate at Hamid Karzai Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan: News Outlet via Politico.

View on Politico

STOP TRACKING

ESTIMATED EVENT LOCATION

Hamid Karzai International Airport
Kabul, Afghanistan

Hamid Karzai International Airport (KBL)

Within 0.12 mi. of 34.5614° N 69.2101° E 42SWD 1927 2443

EVENT TIMELINE

August 25th, 2021 | 9 related alerts

Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afgh... 6m

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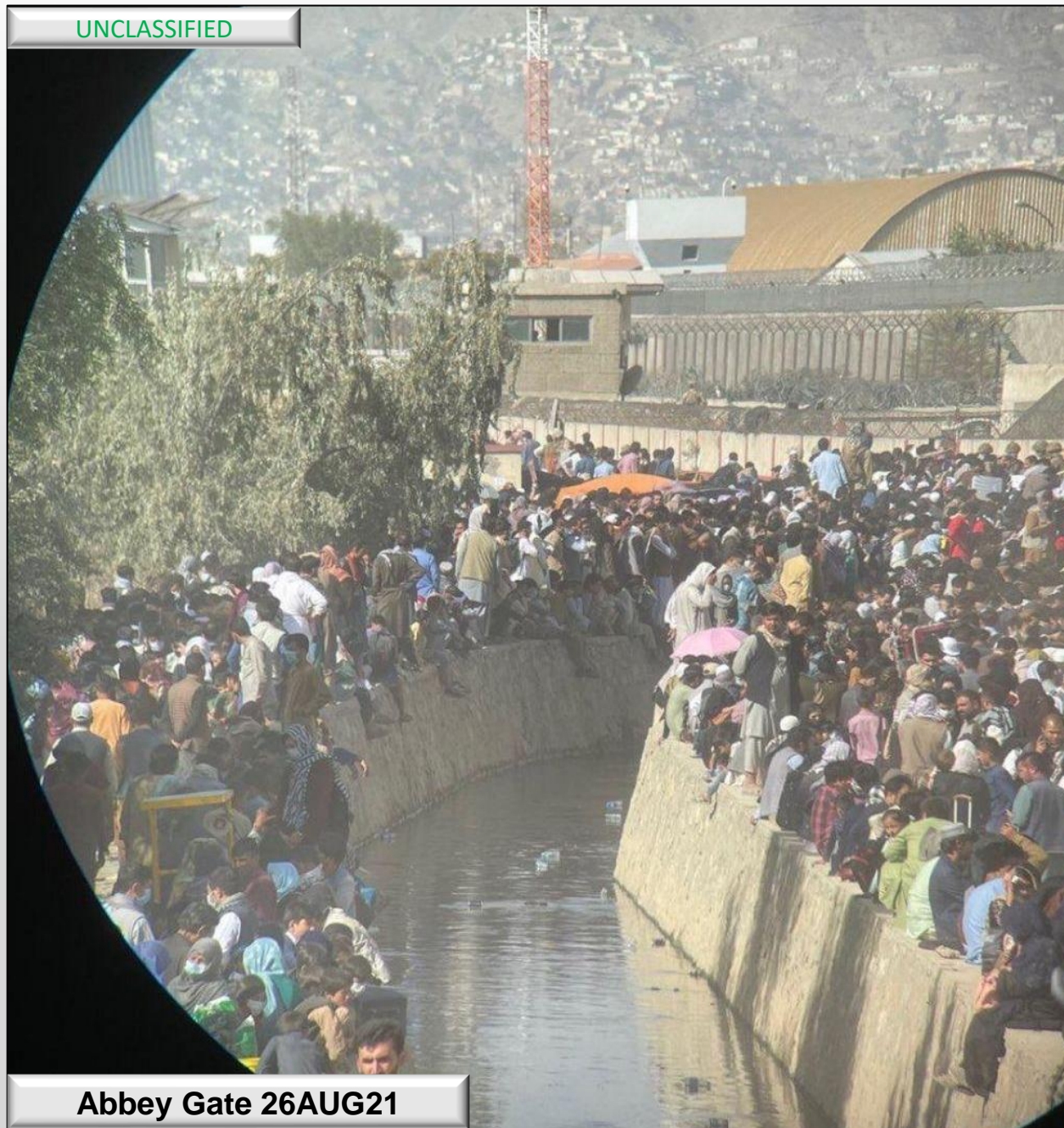
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Large and Unruly Crowds at Abbey Gate 25AUG21

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Video of Blast at Abbey Gate ~261736AUG21

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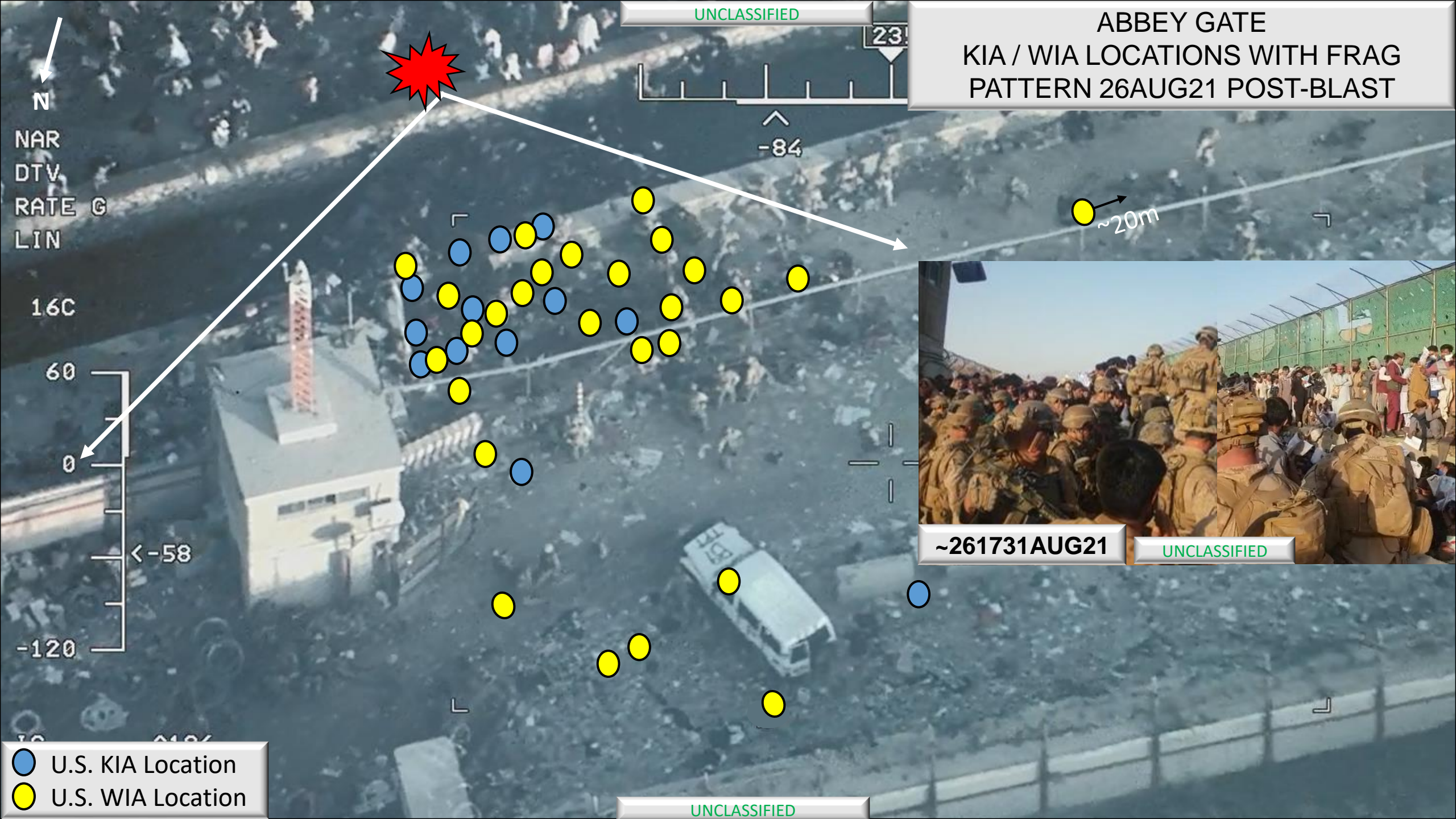
Post-Blast UAS Footage at Abbey Gate ~261740AUG21

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KIA / WIA LOCATIONS WITH FRAG
PATTERN 26AUG21 POST-BLAST



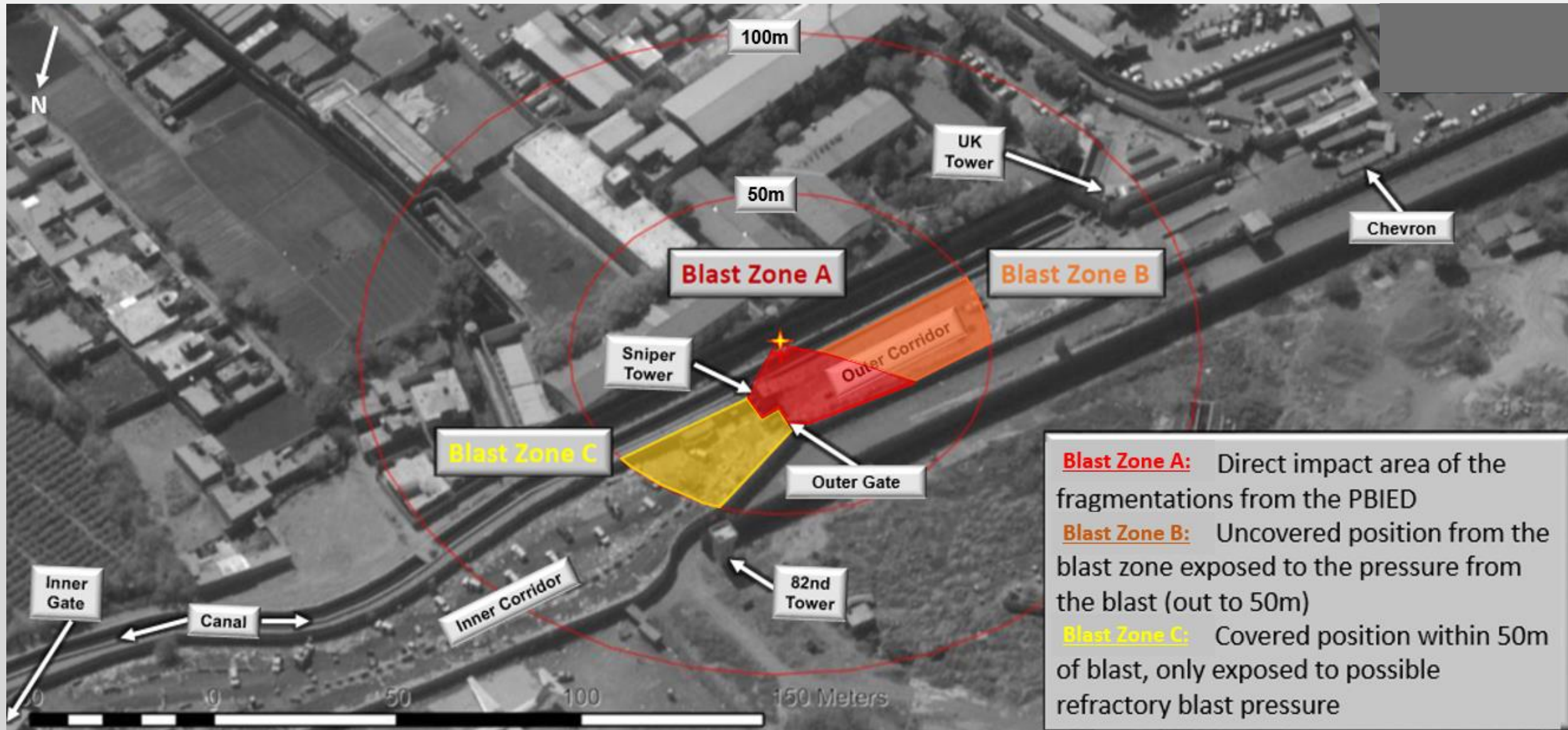
- U.S. KIA Location
- U.S. WIA Location

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Blast Analysis



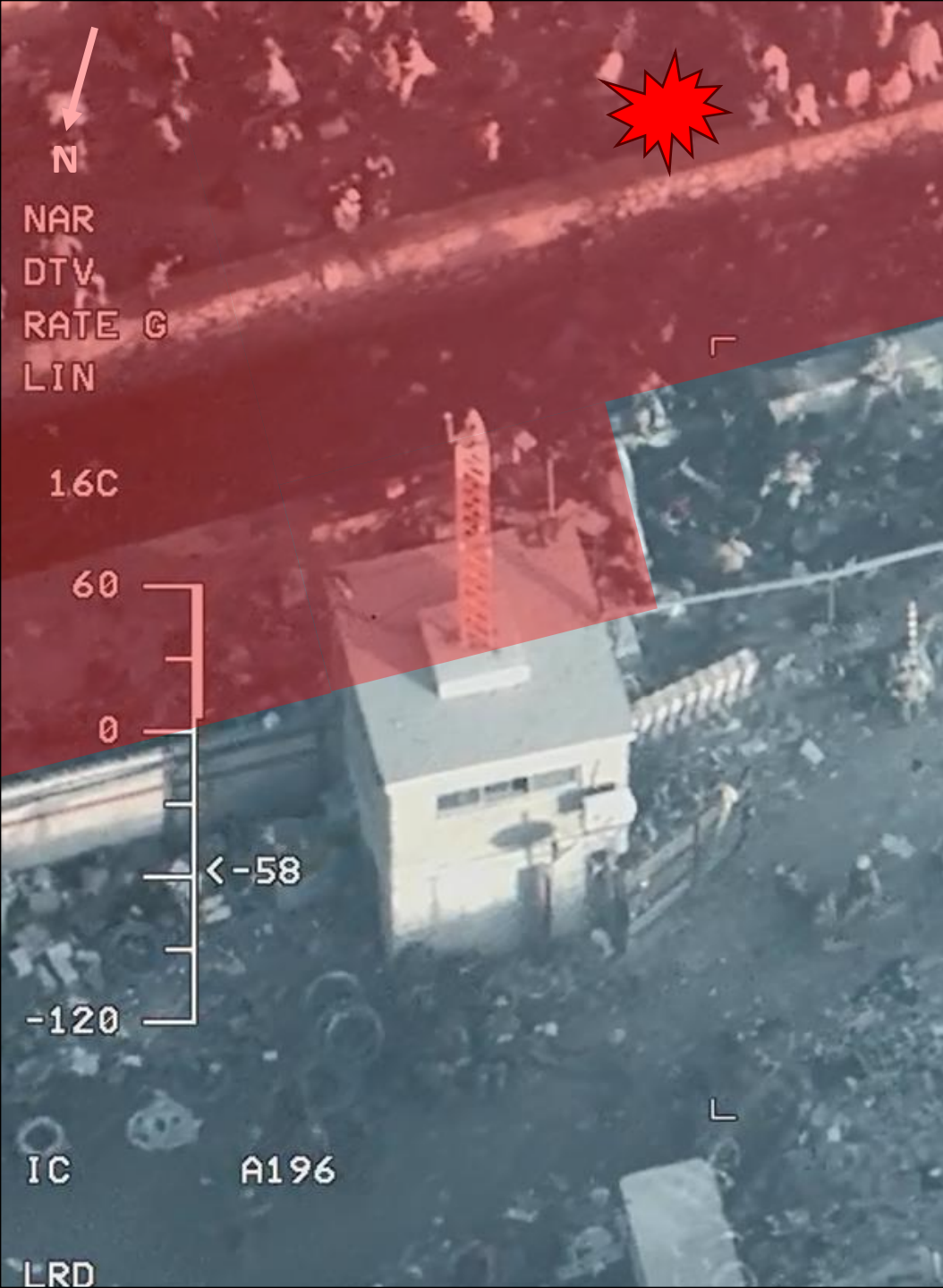
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Blast Site Orientation



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Pre-Blast 26AUG21



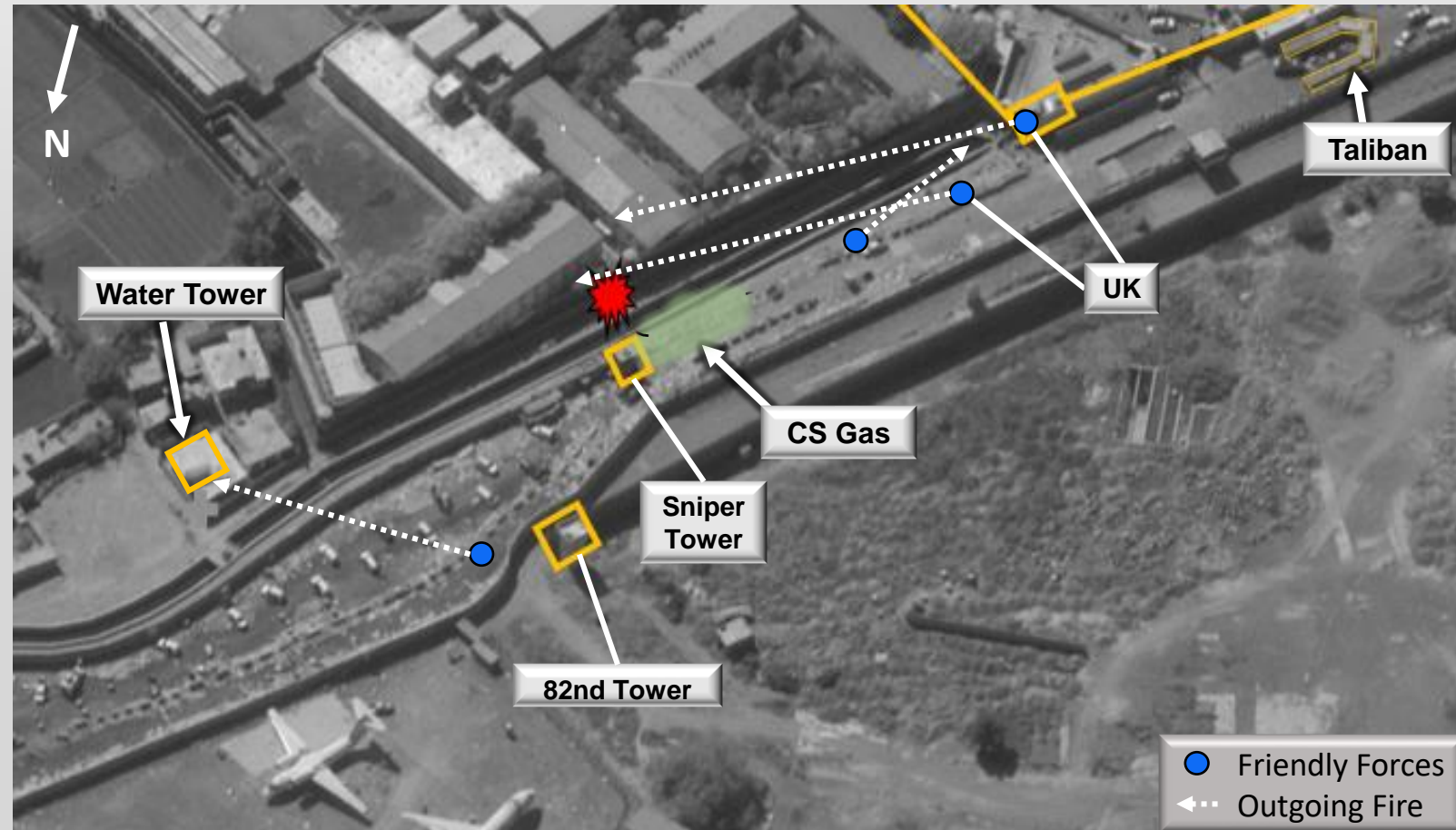
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No Complex Attack

- **BLUF**: There was no complex attack; it was a single attacker not accompanied by enemy small arms fire.
- **Supporting Facts**:
 - Only one explosion
 - Leaders unanimously agree – no complex attack
 - Effects of fog and friction
 - Uncertainty
 - Blast effects
 - CS gas
 - Warning shots



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Medical Capabilities

- **BLUF**: The wounds sustained by the KIA were so catastrophic that none could be saved.
- **Supporting Facts**:
 - Catastrophic wounds
 - Most KIA arrived at hospital deceased or expectant
 - Effective triage
 - Robust capability
 - 9 surgical teams.
 - STP and enroute care team saved lives
 - Providers and examiners agree that wounds of KIA were too catastrophic to save.
 - Trauma Surgeon "...not even at Bagram did we have that many surgical teams, and we had plenty of whole blood."
 - Surgeon, "We had orthopedic, trauma, critical care, general surgery, O-5 and above in charge of those sections." "Would it have mattered if we had more Class VIII or personnel? No, because we had all we needed. Did we need more people? No, we had a lot of experience on the team and plenty of people."
 - Every Service Member that could be was saved.





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