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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

Round 2

Prep Window:

Wave A: 9:55-10:55am

Wave B: 10:50am-11:50am

Test Window:

Wave A: 11:00-11:25am

Wave B: 11:55am-12:20pm

Roles:	Gorahnian State Department Legal Advisors	Dablean Ministry of Foreign Affairs Legal Advisors
Teams:	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15	2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16

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Immediately after the round concludes, there will be a 10-minute window for judge feedback in the same room.

Upcoming Appearance on Monitoring the Situation

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Hi all,

Thank you so much for agreeing to appear on *Monitoring the Situation*. Our hosts are excited to discuss the recent controversies and allegations stemming from your ongoing war.

Specifically, our viewers have indicated that what people really want to hear about is this prison break and subsequent farmland conflagration. Please come prepared to both defend your nation’s actions and condemn the actions of the other.

Our hosts will guide the conversation, but our viewers love crosstalk. So feel free to try and chime in if your counterparts say something you strongly disagree with.

Yours in anticipation,
Kingston

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WORLD NEWS

Borderlands Ablaze as Dable-Gorah Conflict Escalates After Prison Break

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March 12, 2026

By Alejandro Ortiz, Associated Press

The ongoing conflict between the rival nations of Gorah and Dable entered a dangerous new phase yesterday following a controversial cross-border prison break and a series of retaliatory strikes that have left vast stretches of farmland smoldering along both sides of their shared frontier.

According to multiple regional observers, Gorah's special operations forces orchestrated an intricate deceptive operation on Penny Prison Camp, a Dable-run detention facility housing captured combatants, freeing more than 300 Gorahnian prisoners of war. Dable authorities have condemned the operation as a "flagrant violation of wartime norms," while Gorah insists the operation was lawful & further, that the prisoners were being subjected to inhumane conditions.

What followed has turned a localized military confrontation into a humanitarian and environmental crisis.

A Calculated Breakout

The prison break unfolded in the late hours of Wednesday evening, when coordinated explosions disabled Camp Penny's power supply and disabled defenses. Witnesses reported hearing gunfire & shouts from inside the camp before the exterior walls & fences were destroyed from the inside.

Gorah's Defense Ministry confirmed its involvement hours later. "Our soldiers were being mistreated in a camp that operated outside any recognized convention," said Gorahnian Defense Spokesperson Sophia Lee. "We acted to reclaim our people and prevent further abuses." Dable officials dispute that characterization, asserting that Camp Penny was inspected by neutral observers earlier this year. Still, the embarrassment of the breach was unmistakable. The camp's commander has since been relieved of duty, and Dable's parliament has convened emergency hearings into what it calls "systemic security failures."

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Retaliation and the Fires That Followed

Within 12 hours of the escape, Dablean forces launched a controlled aerial and artillery campaign aimed at intercepting the fleeing prisoners and their Gorahnian escorts as they moved toward Gorah controlled territory by dispersing across the Nod Plains under cover of the standing wheat, which at this time of year stands over a meter tall.

Those efforts, however, had devastating unintended consequences. Incendiary munitions and misdirected strikes ignited dry croplands across the Nod Plains, a fertile agricultural belt that sustains hundreds of thousands of civilians in both countries and beyond. However, strong seasonal winds carried the fires back and forth across the border, overwhelming local fire brigades and forcing mass evacuations. Satellite imagery released by the Forden Continental Observatory shows more than 90,000 hectares of farmland burned in just two days, though burn-scar mapping indicates that the initial strike corridors covered approximately 4,000–6,000 hectares.

“This is not just collateral damage; it’s a regional catastrophe,” said Dr. Richard Matsui, an agronomist advising the Forden Relief Consortium. “You are looking at lost harvests for multiple seasons, soil degradation, and food insecurity that will ripple far beyond Gorah and Dable.” Military analysts warn that the prison break has become a symbolic flashpoint. “This is no longer just about prisoners,” said Cody Walsh, a conflict analyst at the Free Cities Institute. “It’s about deterrence, humiliation, and control of the border narrative. That makes compromise much harder.”

An Uncertain Road Ahead

As fires continue to smolder and smoke drifts across Forden’s breadbasket, the immediate priority remains containing the environmental damage and preventing further civilian suffering. Yet with both Gorah and Dable mobilizing additional forces near the border, few expect tensions to ease soon. For farmers watching their fields turn to ash and families sheltering in overcrowded camps, the origins of the conflict matter less than its cost—a cost that grows higher with each passing day.

Civilians Caught in the Middle

In towns on either side of the border, residents described fleeing advancing fires while listening to distant artillery duels. “The sky turned orange, and ash fell like snow,” said Bruce Kugrash, a farmer from Gorah whose wheat fields were destroyed. “I don’t care who started what. We’ve lost everything.”

Humanitarian organizations report that at least 46,000 civilians have been displaced so far, with temporary shelters already exceeding capacity. Access to the region remains precarious due to ongoing skirmishes and unexploded ordnance.



Forden Environmental
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Emergency Environmental Impact Assessment Report

March 13, 2026

Degradation of Farmlands Following Incendiary Attacks in Ongoing Dable - Gorah Conflict

Status: Preliminary Field Assessment

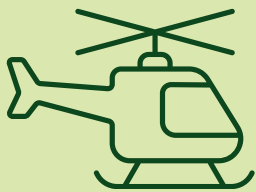
Executive Summary:

This report assesses the environmental damage sustained by farmlands along the Gorah–Dable border following a series of incendiary attacks carried out by Dable forces in the aftermath of the Camp Penny prison break. The findings indicate severe degradation of soil viability, substantial loss of stored and standing crops, acute harm to regional biodiversity, and the destruction of major silos, irrigation systems, and other agricultural buildings across the Nod Plains. The affected area, historically one of Forden’s most productive agricultural corridors, now faces multi-year recovery timelines, with some zones at risk of long-term or permanent ecological decline if remediation efforts are delayed.

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Scope and Methodology

The assessment focuses on a 150-mile border region spanning the Nod Plain and adjacent lowland terraces. Data was gathered through:



Aerial Reconnaissance &
Burn-scar Mapping



Rapid Soil Sampling At 47
Representative Sites



Wildlife Displacement &
Mortality Surveys



Interviews with Local
Actors & Agrarian Councils



Soil Viability & Land Degradation

Thermal and Chemical Damage:

- Incendiary munitions caused sustained ground temperatures exceeding 300°C in multiple strike corridors. As a result:
- Topsoil organic matter has been reduced by 40–70% in heavily burned plots
- Beneficial soil microorganisms (nitrogen-fixing bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi) show mortality rates above 80%
- Residual accelerants and ash deposits have altered soil pH, rendering many fields temporarily or permanently infertile
- In several locations, the soil has undergone hydrophobic transformation, causing water to bead and run off rather than infiltrate, significantly increasing erosion risk during the coming rains.
- With vegetation cover destroyed, wind and water erosion are accelerating. Models project: Loss of an additional 5–12 cm of topsoil within one year if left unmitigated & the emergence of semi-arid conditions in areas previously classified as stable cropland.



Impact on Existing Crop Stores and Food Security

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- At the time of the attacks, the region was approaching late-stage growth for staple crops such as wheat and grain
- An estimated 68% of standing crops in the assessed area were destroyed outright
- Surviving crops show heat stress, smoke contamination, and reduced seed viability
- Agricultural yields for the next harvest cycle are projected to decline by 50–65%, even in fields not directly burned.
- Incendiary strikes and secondary fires spread into granaries and irrigation systems, destroying 28% & damaging 37% more
- Approximately 310,000 metric tons of stored grain and other products were lost alongside their containment structures
- Smoke and chemical contamination rendered an additional 15–20% of reserves unsafe for consumption

This loss significantly undermines regional food buffers, increasing reliance on external aid and imports.



Recovery Outlook & Recommendations

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Short-Term (0–12 months)

- Emergency soil stabilization using mulch and cover crops
- Removal or neutralization of chemical residues
- Protection of remaining seed and food stores

Medium-Term (1–5 years)

- Rebuilding soil organic matter through composting and biochar
- Reintroduction of native plant species and pollinator habitats
- Gradual re-stocking of wildlife corridors

Long-Term Risks

Without coordinated remediation, up to 40% of the affected farmlands may transition out of viable agricultural use within a decade, with cascading effects on food security, rural livelihoods, and regional stability.



Alleged Illegal Disguises Cast Shadow Over Gorah Prison Break

By Esther Sinclair

Date: March 13, 2026

Fresh details surrounding last week's dramatic prison break at Dable's Camp Penny have deepened controversy and fueled diplomatic unease across Forden, as investigators and witnesses allege that Gorahnian special forces may have posed as delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the days leading up to the escape.

Dable officials claim that individuals presenting themselves as humanitarian delegates were granted routine access to the camp under long-standing wartime protocols. During those visits, they reportedly conducted interviews with prisoners of war, inspected living conditions, and delivered sealed aid consignments, actions that, on the surface, appeared consistent with established humanitarian practice. It is what may have accompanied those visits that now lies at the heart of an escalating dispute.

According to Dable's Ministry of Security, a post-incident review uncovered irregularities in inspection logs and inventory records tied to the supposed ICRC delegation. Officials allege that tools and materials later used by prisoners during the escape were introduced into the camp earlier that day, concealed within aid containers or personal effects attributed to the visiting delegates.

"These individuals exploited our respect for humanitarian norms," said Interior Minister Liz Hererra, speaking at an emergency briefing. "Whether they directly took part in the breakout or merely enabled it, the deception represents a serious breach of trust." Dable has stopped short of accusing the actual ICRC of involvement, repeatedly emphasizing that the organization itself is believed to have had no role. Instead, officials assert that Gorahnian operatives deliberately adopted the appearance, documentation, and procedures associated with the Red Cross to gain access.

Gorah's government has neither confirmed nor denied the allegations. A statement issued days after the escape, described the prisoners' return as "a lawful recovery of Gorahnian personnel held under questionable conditions," while declining to comment on the methods used. When pressed on whether Gorah forces had impersonated humanitarian workers, a senior official responded only that "no internationally recognized organization participated in combat operations," a phrasing that analysts describe as deliberately narrow. "This kind of language leaves room for interpretation," said Peter Conlan, a conflict analyst with the Free Cities Institute. "It avoids implicating the ICRC directly while not fully addressing whether its identity was misused."



What Happened Inside Camp Penny?

Survivor accounts from Dable guards and nearby eyewitnesses suggest that the breakout itself was swift and coordinated. Power failures, internal access doors opening unexpectedly, and a series of controlled detonations from within the camp itself all contributed to the collapse of camp security within minutes.

The breakout led to the successful escape of at least 319 detained Gorahnian soldiers, the effective destruction of Camp Penny, the wounding of dozens of Dablean soldiers guarding the camp, and the confirmed death of another 55 Dablean personnel.

What remains unclear is the role, if any, played by the alleged delegates during the escape itself. Some witnesses claim the visitors were no longer present when the breach occurred. Others insist they were seen departing the facility shortly before alarms sounded.

No definitive evidence has emerged placing the disguised operatives inside the camp during the breakout, a gap that has kept the most explosive accusations just out of reach of confirmation. According to camp logs, the alleged delegates departed from Camp Penny at approximately 4:33pm. It is unknown when the first casualty of the breakout occurred, nor what assistance, if any, the alleged delegates provided from outside the camp to the POWs during the breakout.

International Fallout

The ICRC released a statement expressing “grave concern” over reports that its name and emblem may have been misused, warning that such actions endanger genuine humanitarian workers worldwide. “Neutral access depends entirely on trust,” the statement read. “Any impersonation undermines our ability to protect detainees and civilians in all conflicts.”

Several neutral states across Forden have called for an independent inquiry, arguing that the alleged deception, if proven, could erode one of the last remaining safeguards for prisoners of war.

A Conflict Deepening

The revelations arrive amid an already volatile escalation between Gorah and Dable, following retaliatory strikes and widespread environmental damage along their shared border. For many observers, the prison break has become less about the fate of several hundred soldiers and more about the norms governing war itself.

As investigations continue, both sides remain entrenched in combat with Gorah celebrating the return of its soldiers and Dable insisting that the means used to free them may prove as destabilizing as the fires that followed.