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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

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SEMIFINAL ROUND MATERIALS TEAM B



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Round 5 Roles:

Judge Roles (5)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pat Hamilton, Chief of Staff for the Blamore Prime Minister2. Chief Deputy, Blamore Ministry of Defense3. Deputy Director, Blamore National Security Service4. Chief Counsel, Blamore Ministry of Defense5. Chief Counsel, Blamore National Security Service
Team Roles	Team A: Blamore Joint Chiefs of Staff Counsel (Civilian Counsel) Team B: Blamore Ministry of Foreign Affairs Counsel (Civilian Counsel)

Round Background:

As the Westphalia-Floraland conflict drags on, the balance of power has substantially shifted. Floraland has pushed Westphalia entirely out of the northeast, beating back Westphalian forces they describe as unyielding and unjust occupiers. In the west, the Floraland military has won a stunning series of victories, recapturing key objectives including Fort Gnarltree and the nearby city of Dijamant. Elsewhere, the Floraland Navy has reestablished its control of waters off the country's coast, pushing the Westphalians back around the edge of the continent to the southern Paonga Sea. Kado Peavey, the Floraland Prime Minister, has sought to continue the surge by declaring that victory against Westphalia is nearly at hand.

Despite these shifting fortunes, neighboring countries such as Stanusm, Ghorman, and Blamore have kept a cautious eye on the conflict but have been careful to remain out of the conflict. However, Blamore has suddenly found itself the focus of intense international interest and concern as four fighters crossed over Blamore's border with Floraland, apparently intent on surrendering to the first military authorities they encountered. The four individuals belong to a private company known as the Black Sun Consortium. With all eyes on Blamore's Prime Minister, her cabinet hurriedly works behind the scenes to help advise her imminent public response...

From: Hamilton, Pat L CIV Office of the Prime Minister
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:15 PM ET
To: STAFF COUNSEL INBOX, Blamore Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)
Subject: (VS) ACTION REQUIRED – Executive Branch Briefing
Importance: URGENT
Attachments: BSC Background Package

Classification: **VERY SECRET**

Dear MoFA Counsel:

I need you and your team ready for an urgent meeting happening **this afternoon**. As you are no doubt aware, four individuals recently crossed over our border with Floraland and surrendered. The individuals belong to the Black Sun Consortium, a private Westphalian company with active and ongoing ties to the armed conflict between Westphalia and Floraland. My staff have attached some relevant background documents to get you up to speed.

The Prime Minister has called an emergency cabinet meeting on this matter as she prepares her public response. I'm convening a series of closed-door briefings with several key officials for this afternoon to help us prepare. We need your team at one of those meetings happening at 2pm today. I'll facilitate the meeting alongside the civilian Chief Deputy of the Ministry of Defense, Deputy Director, National Security Service, and Chief Counsel to both the Ministry of Defense and National Security Service.

I've had informal talks with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, who alerted me to your office's position that **these individuals should be classified as combatants** under International Humanitarian Law. Counsel from the Blamore Joint Chiefs of Staff (BJCS) will also be in attendance. They have taken the position that the individuals should be classified as **mercenaries**. This meeting will solely concern the issue of how Blamore should classify these individuals under IHL and our relevant obligations under that same body of law.

We only have **30 minutes** for this meeting, so both you and the BJCS team will each have **5 minutes** at the outset to address your respective positions. After that we'll use the remaining time to engage in a collective professional discussion of the issue between all participants. Remember, our ultimate goal is to provide the PM with a solid legal foundation upon which to rest her eventual decision.

Given the back-to-back nature of these meetings, I can only give you **80 minutes to prepare**. We look forward to seeing you at **2:00 P.M. ET** today.

Best wishes,

Pat

Pat L. Hamilton
Chief of Staff
Office of the Prime Minister

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Four Black Sun Consortium Fighters Surrender to Blamore Authorities

Pressure is mounting on the Blamore Prime Minister to publicly address her countries plans for dealing with the controversial individuals.



The Black Sun Consortium has played an increasingly controversial role in the Westphalia-Floraland conflict.

By Apollo Weathers and Dwight Scott
December 3, 2023, 7:00 a.m. ET

SUNDARI, BLAMORE – Under the cover of driving icy rainstorm, four members of the notorious Black Sun Consortium abandoned their tank and weapons at the southern border of Floraland before secretly crossing into neighboring Blamore late yesterday. The group made their way to a Blamore Border Defense checkpoint where they immediately surrendered, claiming extensive mistreatment during their employ with the Black Sun Consortium (BSC).

Although Blamore authorities have not released the identity of the four, the Prime Minister's office acknowledged that they are employees of BSC, the Westphalian company at the center of some of the fiercest fighting in Floraland. An official from the Blamore Ministry of Defense, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, confirmed that the group was made up of two males and two females who comprised a BSC tank crew. While BSC has been involved in numerous armed conflicts across Mingleton, its participation in Floraland has been unparalleled. The company has sent a force of more than 10,000 to the conflict, a commitment of manpower and resources unprecedented in the company's history.

The Westphalian government has remained silent on the matter of its connection with BSC, but questions persist about the nature of their relationship. Controversy has followed BSC throughout the war, with its fighters repeatedly being accused of war crimes and other atrocities by the Floraland government. The Prime Minister's office noted that the four individuals have admitted to taking part in fighting within Floraland as part of BSC's Armored Security Conglomerate—a newly formed group with a chilling reputation for its brutality and cruelty towards civilians. The four individuals have denied involvement in any war crimes but have offered to provide evidence against other BSC members for violations of International Humanitarian Law. In the wake of their surrender, Floraland has declared them to be mercenaries who should be turned over to face prosecution for their involvement in the conflict. All eyes are now on the Blamore Prime Minister, who is expected to publicly address the issue soon.



CCIR SUMMARY REPORT

INCIDENT DTG: 2312 2 DEC 2023

REPORT DTG: 0130 3 DEC 2023

INCIDENT LOCATION: BORDER CHECKPOINT AA-23

INCIDENT SUMMARY: FOUR DISMOUNTED INDIVIDUALS APPROACHED CP AA-23 AND ASKED TO SURRENDER. INDIVIDUALS CLAIM TO BE PART OF A TANK CREW THAT ABANDONED THEIR UNIT IN FLORALAND BEFORE CROSSING THE BORDER AND MAKING THEIR WAY TO CP AA-23. INDIVIDUALS PRESENTED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS BUT WERE UNARMED. ALL FOUR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED FIRST AID FOR MINOR COLD WEATHER INJURIES. NO MEDICAL EVACUATION REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY DETAINED PENDING FURTHER ORDERS FOR TRANSFER.

INDIVIDUALS DETAINED:

NAME	SEX	RANK	POSITION
MADINE, CRIX	M	SENIOR CAPTAIN	TANK COMMANDER
BRIDGER, ZAM	F	TANK SERGEANT	DRIVER
WESSELL, ODIN	M	LANCE CORPORAL	LOADER
KALONIA, HARTER	F	GUNNERY GRUNT	GUNNER

END REPORT

Blamore Application for Refugee Status*

Bureau of Immigration

Date: **December 4, 2023**

Surname: **Madine**

Given name(s): **Crix**

Date of birth: **March 19, 1985**

Gender (explain, if necessary): **Male**

Nationality: **Coastlandia**



Father's name: **Maxwell**

Mother's name: **Christine**

Place of birth: **Coastlandia**

Highest Education:

Bachelor's in Defense & Strategic Studies from Coastlandia Military College

Languages:

**English, Westphalian,
Coastlandian**

Work experience:

4 years at Black Sun Consortium (9 months in Armored Security Conglomerate)

Foreign military or intelligence service
affiliation? If yes, explain.

Retired Major in Coastlandian Army (honorable discharge)

I, hereby, declare the information given above is true and it will be punishable by law for providing false and fabricated information.

Crix Madine

Applicant's Signature

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Blamore Application for Refugee Status*

Bureau of Immigration

Date of entry: **December 4, 2023**

Surname: **Wessell**

Given name(s): **Odin**

Date of birth: **December 19, 1997**

Gender (explain, if necessary): **Male**

Nationality: **Blamore, Westphalia
(permanent resident)**

Father's name: **Thor**

Mother's name: **Jane**

Place of birth: **Blamore**



Highest Education:

Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts at Solieu City Community College (SCCC)

Languages:

Blamorian, Floralandian, Westphalian, English, Kalevalian, Asgardian

Work experience:

3 years at Black Sun Consortium (9 months in Armored Sec. Con.)

Foreign military or intelligence service
affiliation? If yes, explain.

**Blamorian Army (dishonorable discharge - insubordination),
fled before trial**

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D.L. Wessell

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Bureau of Immigration

Date of entry: **December 4, 2023**

Surname: **Kalonia**

Given name(s): **Harter**



Date of birth: **February 29, 2004**

Father's name: **Kevin**

Gender (explain, if necessary): **Female**

Mother's name: **Susan**

Nationality: **Lockivo,
Westphalia (can receive birthright
citizenship – has yet to do
paperwork, no Westphalian passport)**

Place of birth: **Lockivo**

Highest Education:

High School

Languages:

English

Work experience:

**6 months in Armored Security Conglomerate at Black
Sun Consortium**

Foreign military or intelligence service
affiliation? If yes, explain.

None

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Harter Kalonia

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Blamore Application for Refugee Status*

Bureau of Immigration

Date: **December 4, 2023**

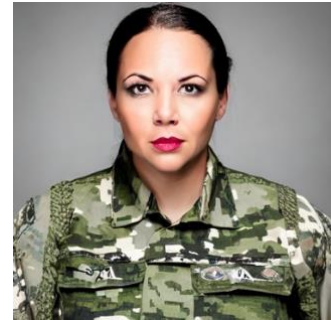
Surname: **Bridger**

Given name(s): **Zam**

Date of birth: **January 11, 1995**

Gender (explain, if necessary): **Female**

Nationality: **Floraland**



Father's name: **Cameron**

Mother's name: **Lucinda**

Place of birth: **Floraland**

Highest Education:

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Languages:

English, Floralandian

Work experience:

9 months at Black Sun Consortium - Armored Security Con.

Foreign military or intelligence service affiliation? If yes, explain.

None, but used to contract with Republic Enterprises PMC

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Zam Bridger

Applicant's Signature

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Dear Client:

February 28, 2023

Investors across Mingleton are abuzz with KyberCoin, the newest and hottest cryptocurrency. This blockchain “coin” boasts the backing of BRX, the largest cryptocurrency exchange, which has fueled its rise.

CRYPTO RISING

“All in.” That is the refrain from investors across Mingleton when asked about the newest cryptocurrency, known as KyberCoin (KC). At the time of printing, KC was valued at \$39,650 Nortican Dollars (ND) per unit, the continent’s benchmark currency. It trades even higher elsewhere, such as in Westphalia where KC currently sits at an eye-popping \$57,890 Westphalian Dollars (WD) per unit. Despite being a relative newcomer on the block compared to other more established cryptocurrencies such as LitCoin and Detherium, having only been established a mere five years ago, it has seen a recent massive surge in popularity over the last 18 months.

KC’s origins are largely shrouded in secrecy and for the first few years of existence it was a non-factor in crypto markets, trading for mere pennies. What is clear is the moment in time KC’s fortunes changed. In early 2021, BRX, the massive cryptocurrency exchange led by Wunderkind Bankston Scott-Mifflin, elected to back the obscure KC in a move that caught crypto and other financial markets by surprise. With Mr. Scott-Mifflin hyping KC as the “future universal currency of the globe” and a flashy multimillion dollar ad campaign, KC and BRX have both skyrocketed in value, fueled by tens of thousands of small investors looking to finally wade into the cryptocurrency market.

While the crypto market has fully embraced KC, the rest of the globe is catching on slowly but surely. Governments and financial markets on the Mingleton continent are emblematic of this patchwork embrace as governments grapple with the rising force of the cryptocurrency market. Westphalia, as one of the first countries to fully embrace cryptocurrency, has led the charge in support of KC, making it fully legal tender on par with their standard currency, the WD. Other governments have adopted a more cautious or outright hostile approach to this novel type of currency, including KC. Currently, KC is only lawfully traded and accepted as legal currency in a few of Westphalia’s neighbors, Kalevala, and Ghorman. Some governmental entities and companies in those nations have even begun offering employees to be paid entirely in KC should they desire. On the other extreme Elsewhere, Nortico, Blamore, and Lockivo heavily regulate KC and other cryptocurrencies, severely limiting its trade and use in domestic transactions. On the other extreme, a contingent of nations including Floraland, Coastlandia, and Stanusm have outright banned use of cryptocurrencies for domestic transactions, while their governments refuse to accept such currencies in payment for international transactions. However, this difference in treatments across governments has not slowed KC’s rise. For now, KC is still a newcomer to the global cryptocurrency party, but it certainly seems as if the sky is the limit.



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CRYPTO-BUST MARKETS ROCKED AS CRYPTO GIANT BRX COLLAPSES

By Finn Wexley, CNN Mingleton Bureau Chief
April 20th, 2023

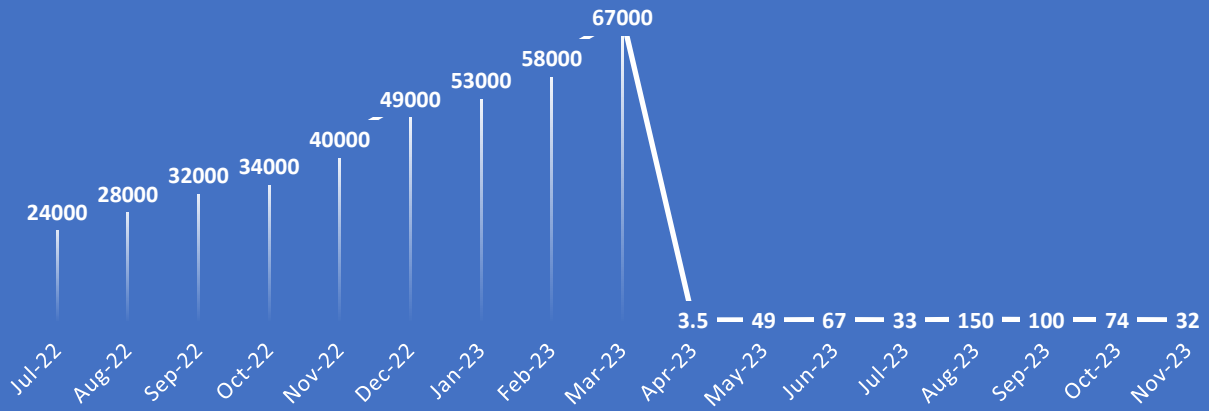
(CNN) – Financial markets across Mingleton are reeling after the sudden and stunning collapse of BRX, the leading global cryptocurrency exchange. Just days ago on April 10th, panic erupted amongst BRX customers as leaked company financials revealed the company’s troubled balance sheet, showing the company allegedly using customer funds as loans for risky stock market trades, while appearing to artificially prop up the value of KyberCoin, the cryptocurrency representing BRX’s largest single asset.

Panicked customers withdrew billions from the BRX exchange, causing BRX to declare an emergency halt all withdrawals. Meanwhile, KyberCoin investors across the globe began dumping the cryptocurrency in a similar panic, causing its value to plummet. Nortico, Blamore, and Lockivo, which already enforced some of the strictest cryptocurrency regulations on the continent, have issued emergency declarations banning the use of KyberCoin for transactions within their countries. Although KyberCoin remains unaffected by in Kalevala, Ghorman, and Westphalia, the once vaunted cryptocurrency initially plummeted in value, cratering to just below the value of a single dollar in those nations’ respective currencies.

These events mark a stunning collapse that does not yet appear to be over. BRX CEO Bankston Scott-Mifflin, who has remained conspicuously absent from public view, posted a video address on his personal Twitter account earlier this week, in which he loudly yelled “I declare bankruptcy.” Legal experts note that Mr. Scott-Mifflin’s video address does not, in fact, constitute a legal declaration of bankruptcy. While a formal BRX bankruptcy filing appears imminent, the fate of KyberCoin is less certain, as it has shown signs of rallying in value during the last 24 hours, rising back to approximately \$3.50 (WD) per unit.

KYBERCOIN VALUATION (KC UNIT VALUATION IN WESTPHALIAN DOLLARS)

— KyberCoin Valuation (KC unit valuation in Westphalian Dollars)



**WESTPHALIAN ARMED FORCES
MONTHLY BASIC PAY EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2022**

PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE																							
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COMMISSIONED OFFICERS																								
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O-8	11635.50	12017.10	12270.00	12340.50	12656.10	13183.20	13306.20	13806.60	13950.90	14382.00	15006.30	15581.40	15965.70	15965.70	15965.70	15965.70	16365.60	16365.60	16774.20	16774.20	16774.20	16774.20	16774.20	
O-7	9668.40	10117.50	10325.40	10490.70	10789.80	11085.30	11427.00	11767.50	12109.50	13183.20	14089.80	14089.80	14089.80	14089.80	14162.10	14162.10	14445.60	14445.60	14445.60	14445.60	14445.60	14445.60	14445.60	14445.60
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O-4	5273.70	6104.40	6512.40	6602.70	6980.70	7386.30	7891.80	8284.50	8557.50	8714.70	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30	8805.30
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March, 1 2023

Black Sun Consortium (BSC) is the leading provider of multidomain force projection, security, and tactical services on Mingleton. We have immediate openings as part of our newly formed Armored Security Conglomerate (ASC) with immediate contract work available in Floraland operations¹². Available positions include Tank Commander, Driver, Gunner, and Loader. All applicants are welcome, but preference will be given to those with prior military experience, particularly those with prior training in armored operations. Be part of a tank crew that will make a real difference in Floraland!

Officer Opportunities:

Marshal (O-5/O-6 equivalent military pay grade): 0.45 KC/month (\$312,606 WD)

Senior Captain (O-3/O-4 equivalent military pay grade): 0.35 KC/month (\$243,138 WD)

Land Ensign (O-1/O-2 equivalent military pay grade): 0.28 KC/month (\$194,510 WD)

Enlisted Opportunities:

Superior Gunnery Sergeant (E-7/E-8 equivalent military pay grade): 0.1 KC/month (\$69,468 WD)

Tank Sergeant (E-5/E-6 equivalent military pay grade): 0.07 KC/month (\$48,627 WD)

Lance Corporal (E-3/E-4 equivalent military pay grade): 0.055 KC/month (\$38,207 WD)

Gunnery Grunt (E-1/E-2 equivalent military pay grade): 0.05 KC/month (\$34,734 WD)

Special Bonuses for Floraland Operations contracts:

1. **Guaranteed Citizenship!** All non-citizen ASC members will be granted Westphalian citizenship upon successful completion of their 12-month contract regardless of their current immigration status.
2. **Crypto Pay!** ASC members earn their pay in KyberCoin—the hottest cryptocurrency on the planet whose climbing value means more money in your pocket!
3. **Enlisted Wheels!** ASC enlisted members receive a FREE 2023 Dodge Charger muscle car upon satisfactory completion of their 12-month contract, a value of \$45,000 WD! (*Vehicle will only be provided to the person whose*

From: Clovis, Rush L, CIV Blamore Security and Intelligence Command (BSIC)

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:15 PM

¹ Applicants must meet minimum experience requirements to qualify for placement at a specific rank. Pay rates assume contract for 12-months minimum satisfactory service in Floraland operations. Must be alive to qualify for pay and bonuses—next of kin ineligible.

² Pay is distributed monthly in KyberCoin (KC). Valuations listed above reflect the current KC market rate. BSC cannot control or guarantee KC value. Contracted employees are guaranteed to earn no less than 115% of their equivalent pay grade in the Westphalian Armed Forces.

MILITARY JUSTICE

Black Sun Consortium Members Convicted at Westphalian Court-Martial

By Emil Vander Monday, October 16, 2023, 10:33 AM

The Westphalian government today announced that it had secured convictions against two Black Sun Consortium members at military court-martial proceedings, marking a surprising development in the typically murky relationship between the government and multinational provider of military services. In its brief press release on the matter, the government stated that the court-martial proceedings stem from an April 2023 incident in Floraland in which the defendants attempted to kill a Westphalian Army Colonel and his Executive Officer following a disastrous joint operation between Westphalian and Black Sun forces known as the Battle of Dijamant City in which the Westphalian Army allegedly utilized Black Sun fighters to absorb the brunt of enemy firepower during three failed assault waves.

Westphalia stated that the two had been tried and convicted of attempted murder of a superior and had been sentenced to life confinement at the Citadel Military Confinement Facility. Westphalia emphasized that the defendants were afforded all rights under the Westphalian Constitution pertaining to criminal trials. It is unknown precisely when the trial occurred. The Westphalian government provided no further specifics concerning the proceedings, which it described as a "specialized court-martial proceeding." Such a trial marks the first known time that a Westphalian military court has heard a case involving a civilian. Reached for comment, the Commander of Westphalian Forces, General Jeffrey Billingsworth, stated "we will not stand for premeditated attacks against our own, no matter who commits the act." Despite mounting criminal allegations against numerous other Black Sun members for their battlefield conduct in Floraland, there is no indication that Westphalia is planning to take similar action.

Although news of the trial was well received as a measure of accountability for the notorious Black Sun Consortium, questions still remain about their relationship with Westphalia.

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To: Merrik, Tal M, MG Blamore Joint Chiefs of Staff (BJCS)
Subject: (VS) Black Sun Consortium - Updated Intelligence Report
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Attachments: BSC Equipment 1.pdf; BSC Equipment 2.pdf

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Major General Merrik,

Good afternoon, Sir. Per your standing orders, we're continuing to monitor Black Sun Consortium (BSC) activities within the Westphalia-Floraland conflict. Our most recent intelligence summary is as follows:

1. Consistent with recent open-source reporting and intelligence, BSC continues to operate both in conjunction with Westphalian forces in certain areas and completely independent in others. We have seen no change in previously reported degrees of coordination between BSC and Westphalian forces.
2. BSC fighters continue to appear on the battlefield wearing traditional Westphalian Army uniforms, a practice that was first observed roughly two months into the conflict, with BSC fighters eschewing their original hodgepodge of olive drab uniforms in favor of Westphalian Army uniform tops and trousers. Despite this shift, BSC forces continue to exclusively wear a specialized helmet (pictured in the attachment) that is very distinct from the design and appearance of the usual Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH) that is standard issue to all Westphalian armed forces. BSC fighters also appear to uniformly wear a patch emblazoned with the BSC corporate logo (also pictured in the attachment), which is distinct from any known Westphalian military unit insignia.
3. The BSC's armored contingent (formed shortly before the conflict broke out) remains active. While they began the conflict using a mix of tanks, include the XG-7 "Redeemer" and FR-9 "Delta" models (aging variants that have largely been phased out of use by the Westphalian Army), they recently appear to be fielding the highly sophisticated X-1A Juggernaut, which boasts an impressive suite of specifications that put it on par or ahead of the best main battle tanks currently in service. A fact sheet of known and estimated information about this platform is attached, but it remains a closely guarded secret of the Westphalian military.
4. BSC fighters continue to fight using a variety of standard issue Westphalian military equipment, including the Westphalian Army KA-12 carbine.

We'll continue sending along regular updates. Please let me know if you have questions, Sir.

Respectfully,

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ATTACHMENT 1 - BSC EQUIPMENT 1



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ATTACHMENT 2 - BSC EQUIPMENT 2



X1-A JUGGERNAUT TANK - FACT SHEET

DESIGNER & BUILDER: Westphalia Army Integrated Land Systems Branch (State-owned & Operated)

PRODUCED: 2020 - Present

UNITS IN SERVICE: <100 (exact total is unknown due to classification)

ARMOR TYPE: Composite (known to include depleted uranium; exact composition unknown due to classification)

MAIN ARMAMENT: 120mm RR68 smoothbore gun; Fires custom Armor-piercing Fin-Stabilized discarding sabot (APFSDS) depleted uranium rounds

ENGINE: Hybrid Lummings diesel turbine with advanced parallel battery backup (1,750 shp)

MAXIMUM SPEED: Road: 55 mph (89 km/h) / Offroad: 40 mph (64 km/h) - Estimated while dual hybrid drive system engaged (exact speed unknown due to classification)(exact speed unknown due to classification)

OPERATIONAL RANGE: Road: 350 mi (563 km) / Cross country: 200 mi (322 km) - Estimated (exact ranges unknown due to classifica (89

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WESTPHALIA OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT, SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT, NOVEMBER 7, 2023



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This special report supplements the standard WSI daily campaign assessment which addresses ongoing developments concerning the Black Sun Consortium forces operating within Floraland.

The Black Sun Consortium (BSC) has steadily increased the scope of its operations within Floraland during the first five months of the conflict. BSC has increased its number of fighting forces within Floraland since the conflict began in March 2023. BSC has increased from an initial Battalion-sized element (~1,000 individuals, mostly logistics and support personnel) to a Division-plus sized element of approximately 16,000 individuals.

BSC has similarly escalated and expanded the nature of its operations in the conflict. At the outset of the conflict, BSC appeared to primarily be engaged in limited operations including transporting supplies into and within Floraland and providing security services for both the Floraland-based assets of its parent company, Trion Energy Systems, but also for newly established Westphalian Forward Operating Bases within the country. Westphalia's invasion of Ibaar Province in the northeast marked a turning point in BSC's involvement, as its personnel were brought in to fight against the provincial armed resistance group known as "The Makara." As BSC increased its personnel, so too did it shift the nature of its operations. The expanded BSC force is now fully engaged in offensive combat operations across the entire Floraland battlespace, including through employment of its large-scale fleet of combat-capable drones and its newly formed "Armored Security Conglomerate," (ASC) which is comprised of tanks and other vehicles that typically comprise an armored unit within a military force.

BSC continues to conduct a wide range of operations in Floraland. BSC continues to engage in joint operations with Westphalian armed forces. In particular, its ASC is primarily engaged in combined arms operations, which features its tanks serving as the primary armored element, backed by Westphalian infantry and airpower. The precise level and flow of command and control in these operations remains murky. BSC employs its own "officer corps" of more senior or seasoned fighters who fill the role traditionally occupied by military commanders. BSC is actively engaged in numerous unilateral operations within Floraland, including ongoing assaults of a series of industrial complexes at the base of the northern Iridium Mountains, which are key processing facilities for valuable minerals mined from the mountains. These operations have not aligned with current Westphalian military priorities and are executed without any apparent support from or coordination with the Westphalian military. However, in several operations such as the major battle of Dijamant City in April, BSC forces appear to cede operational authority of their forces to Westphalian ground commanders. Elsewhere, BSC has been observed to reroute its forces to reinforce Westphalian units that are in danger during combat operations. The Westphalian government has remained silent on all matters related to BSC's operations and involvement in the conflict.

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