

**FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO POLITICAL DIALOGUE: THE ROLE OF  
THE MILITARY AND ARMED GROUPS IN PEACE PROCESSES IN  
NORTHERN MYANMAR**

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**TRUCE**



Is a short-term, unverified break in hostilities

**CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES**



Is a temporary, unverified, extended version of a battlefield truce

**CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT**



Is a formal agreement usually monitored and verified

**PEACE AGREEMENT**



Is an agreement between two or more hostile parties, usually countries or governments, which formally ends a state of war between the parties



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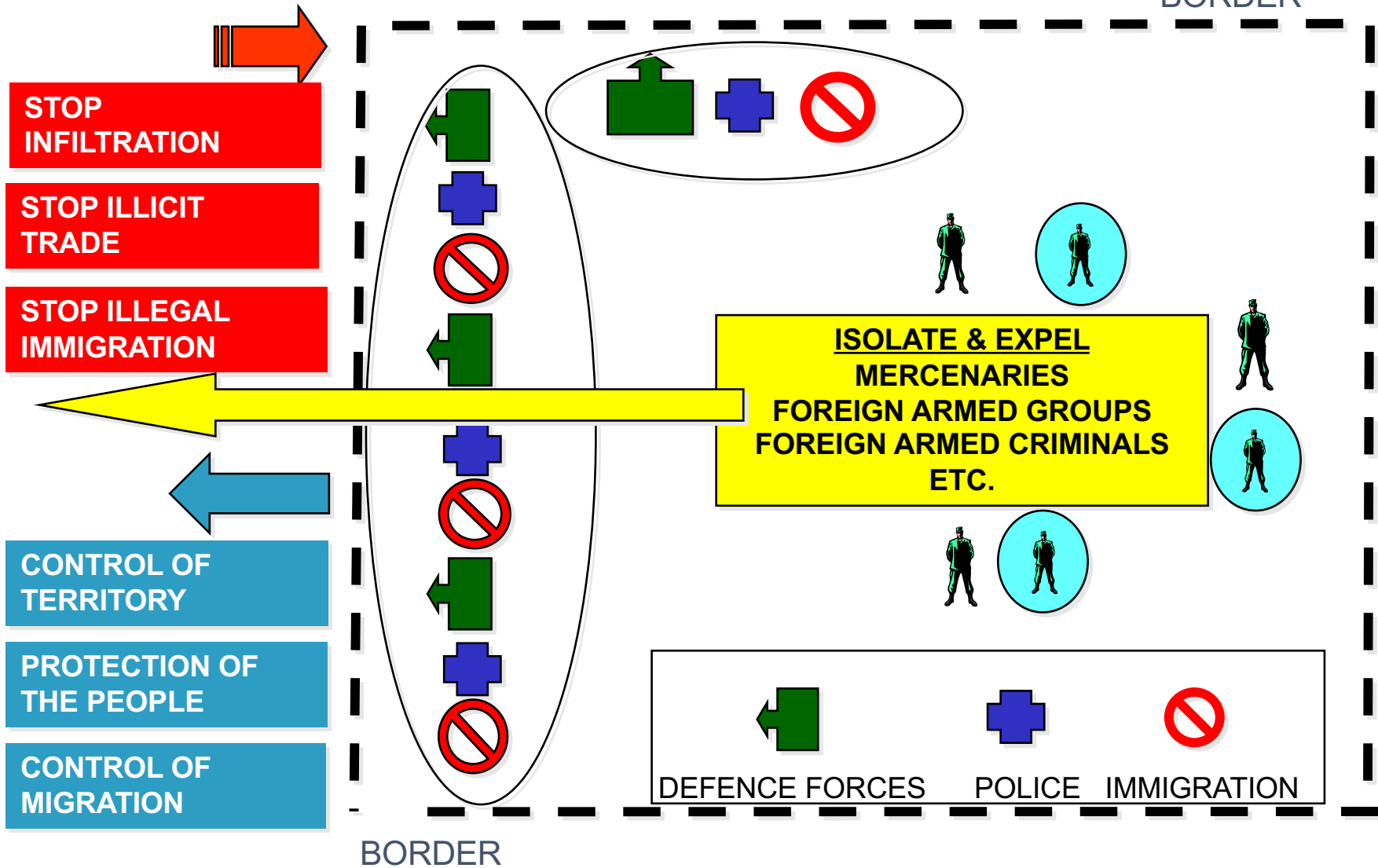


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# BORDER AREAS

## CLEANING UP THE GROUND-SECURITY & CONTROL: EXCLUSION OF INFILTRATION & EXFILTRATION

BORDER





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**THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT  
PRINCIPLES FOR COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION  
AND INTELLIGENCE (C3I2)**

**THE “MOVEMENTS”**



**THE GOVERNMENT**



**NO ARMED INDEPENDENT “THIRD PARTY” MUST BE ACCEPTED!**

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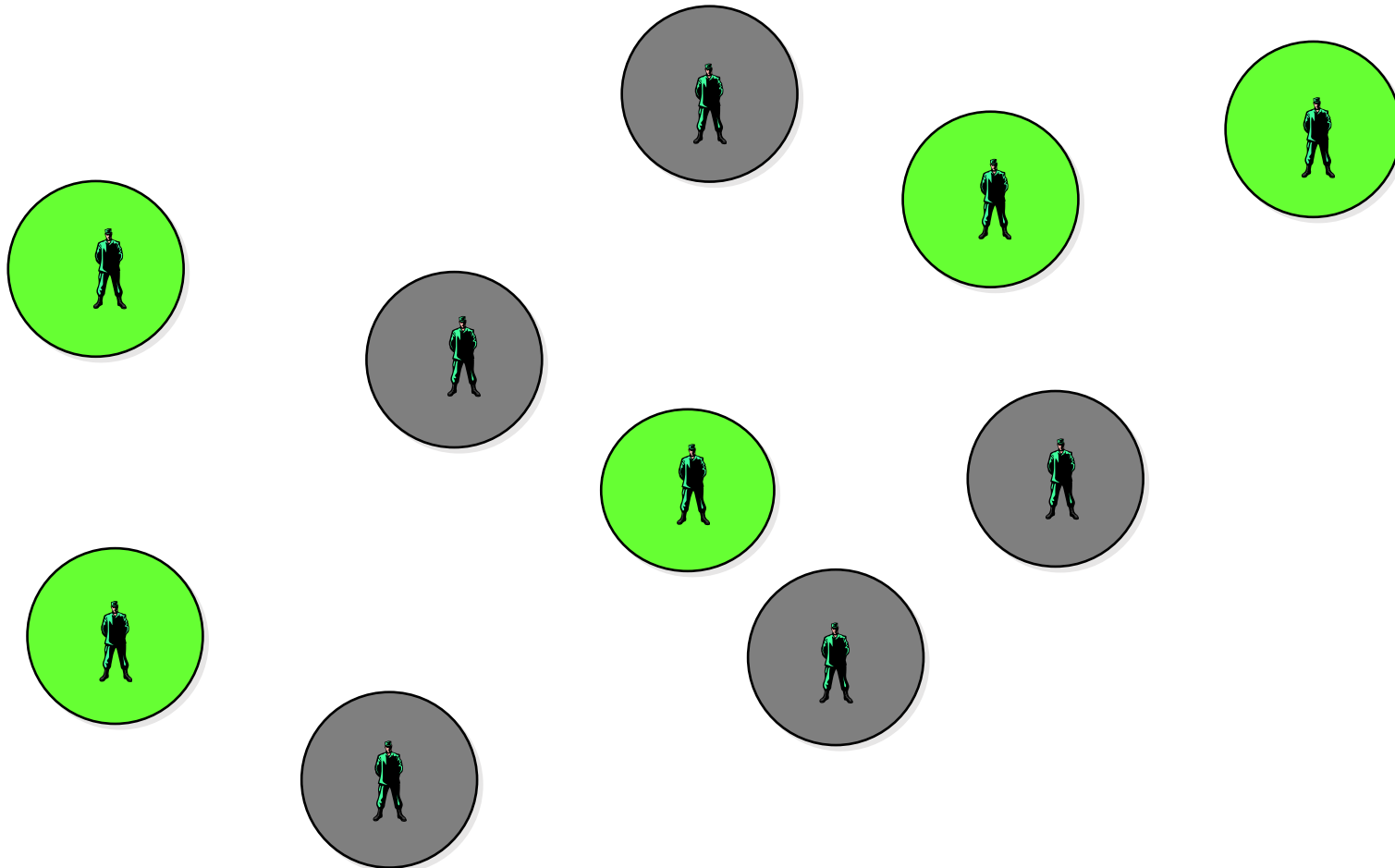




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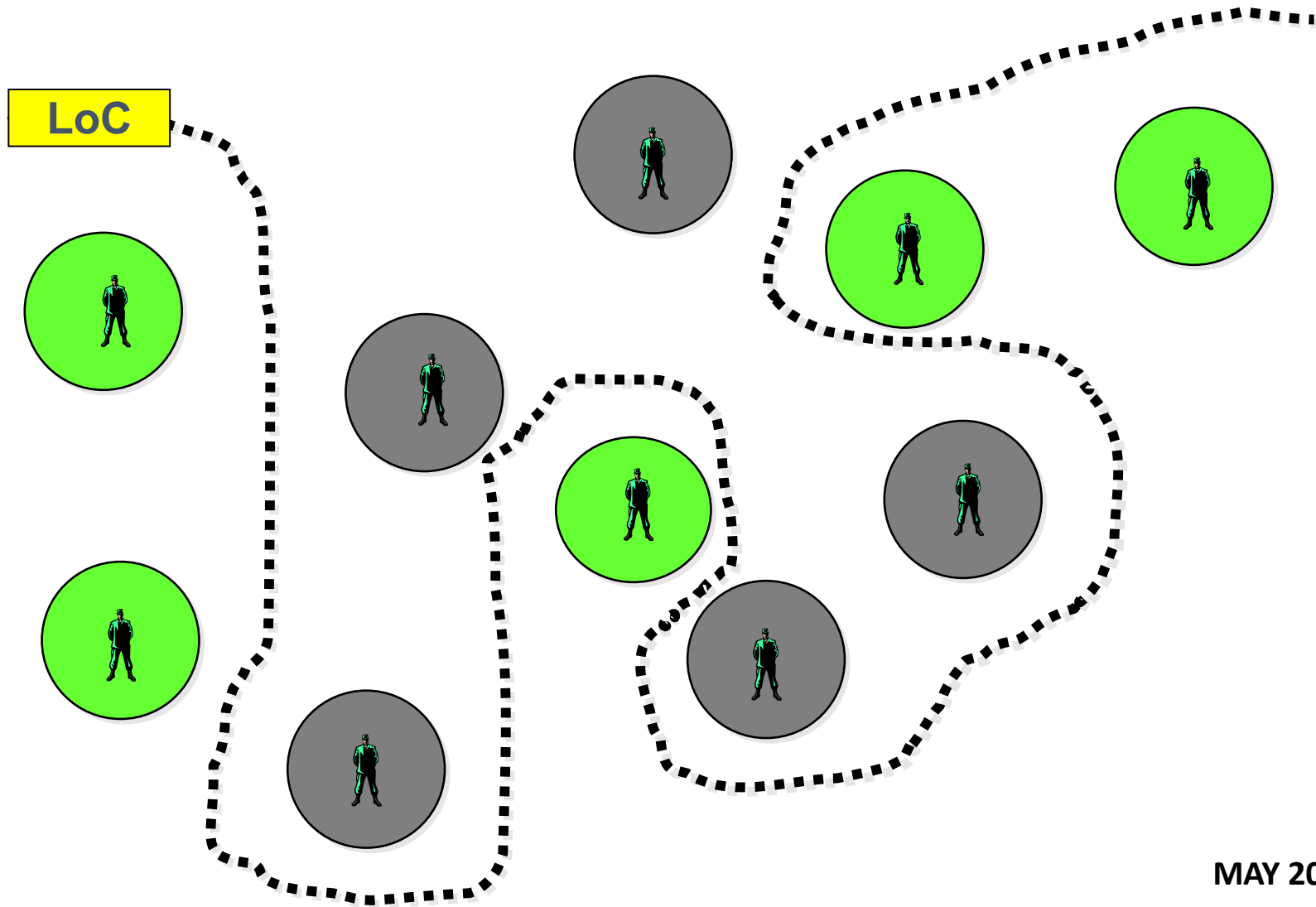
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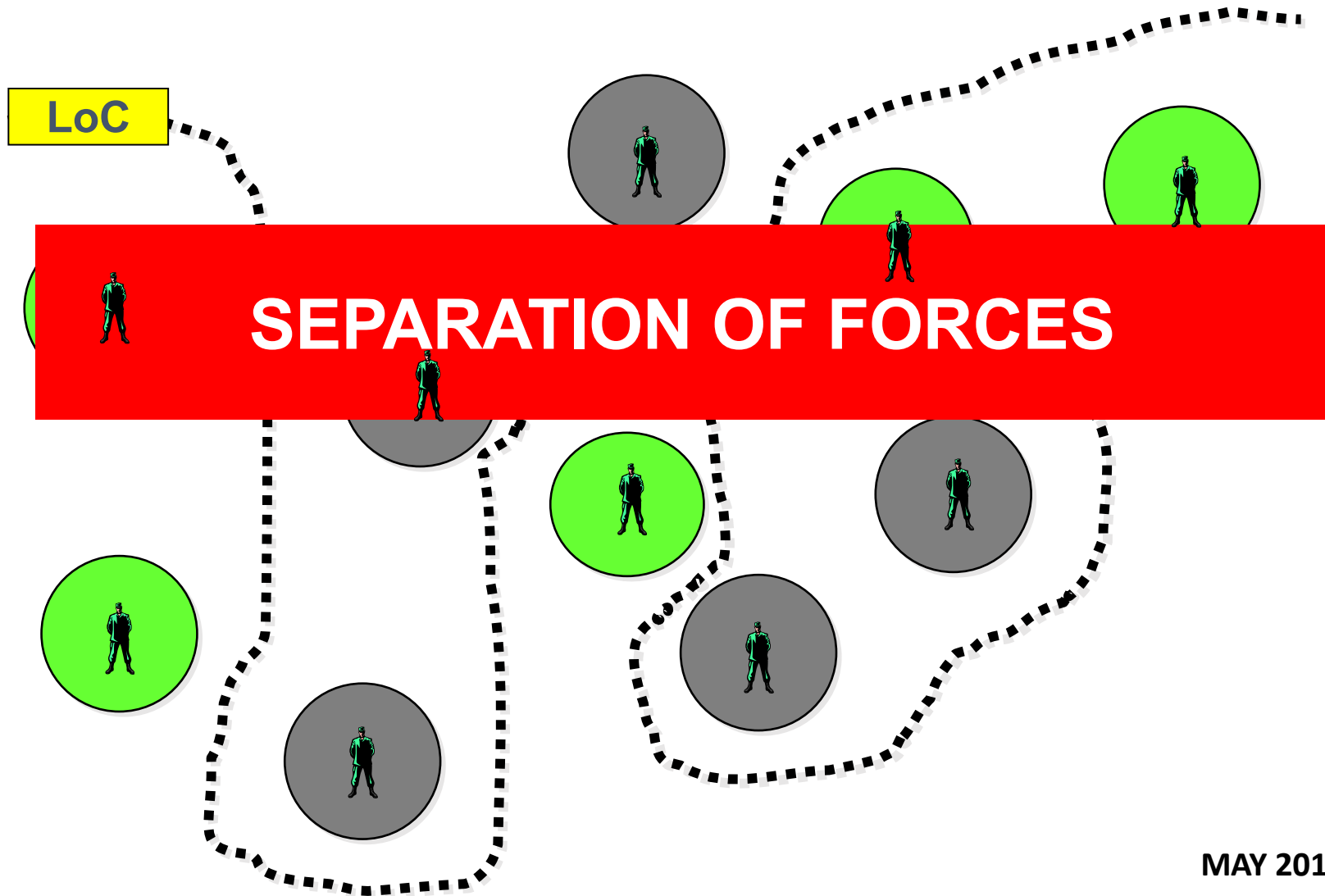
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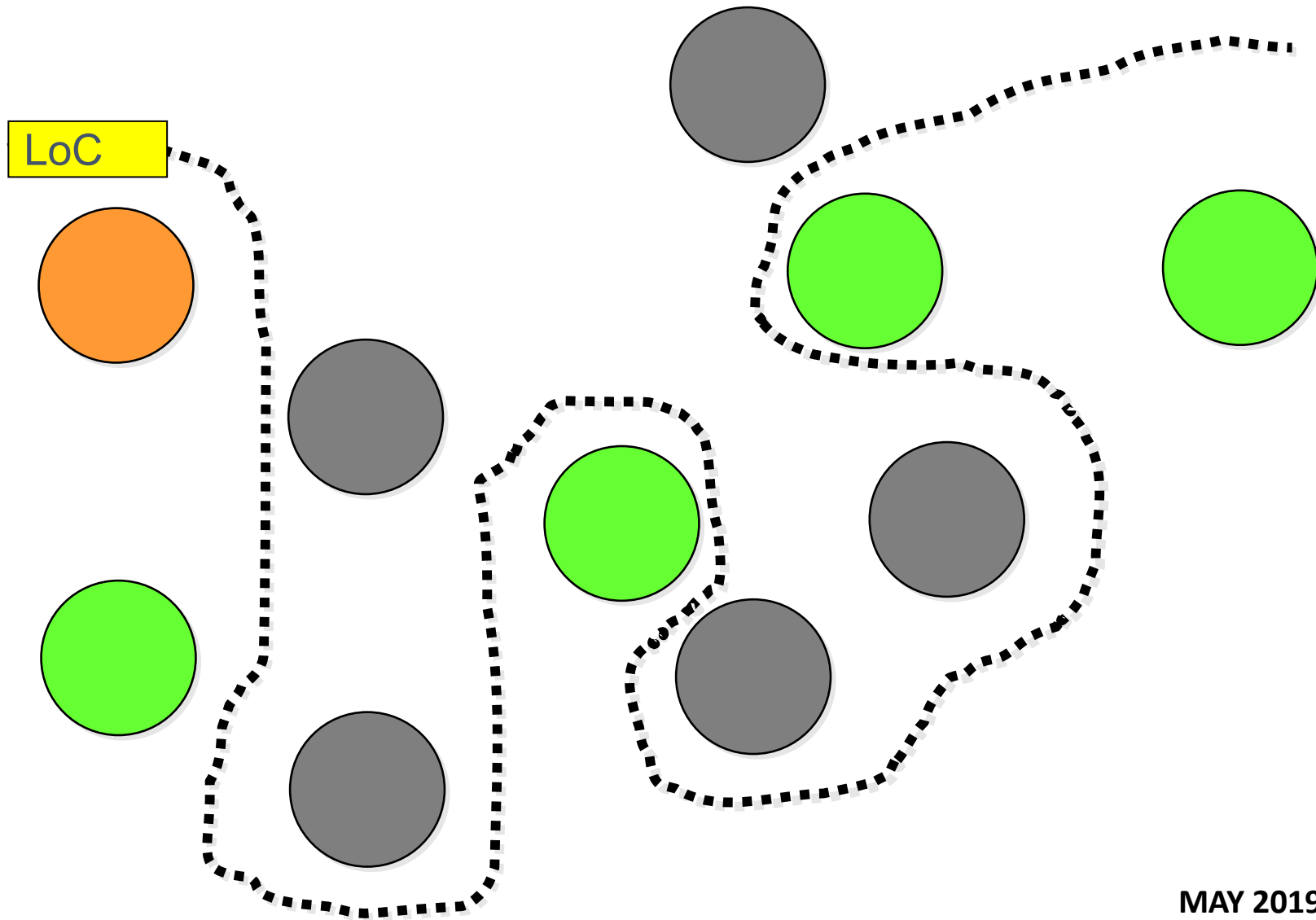
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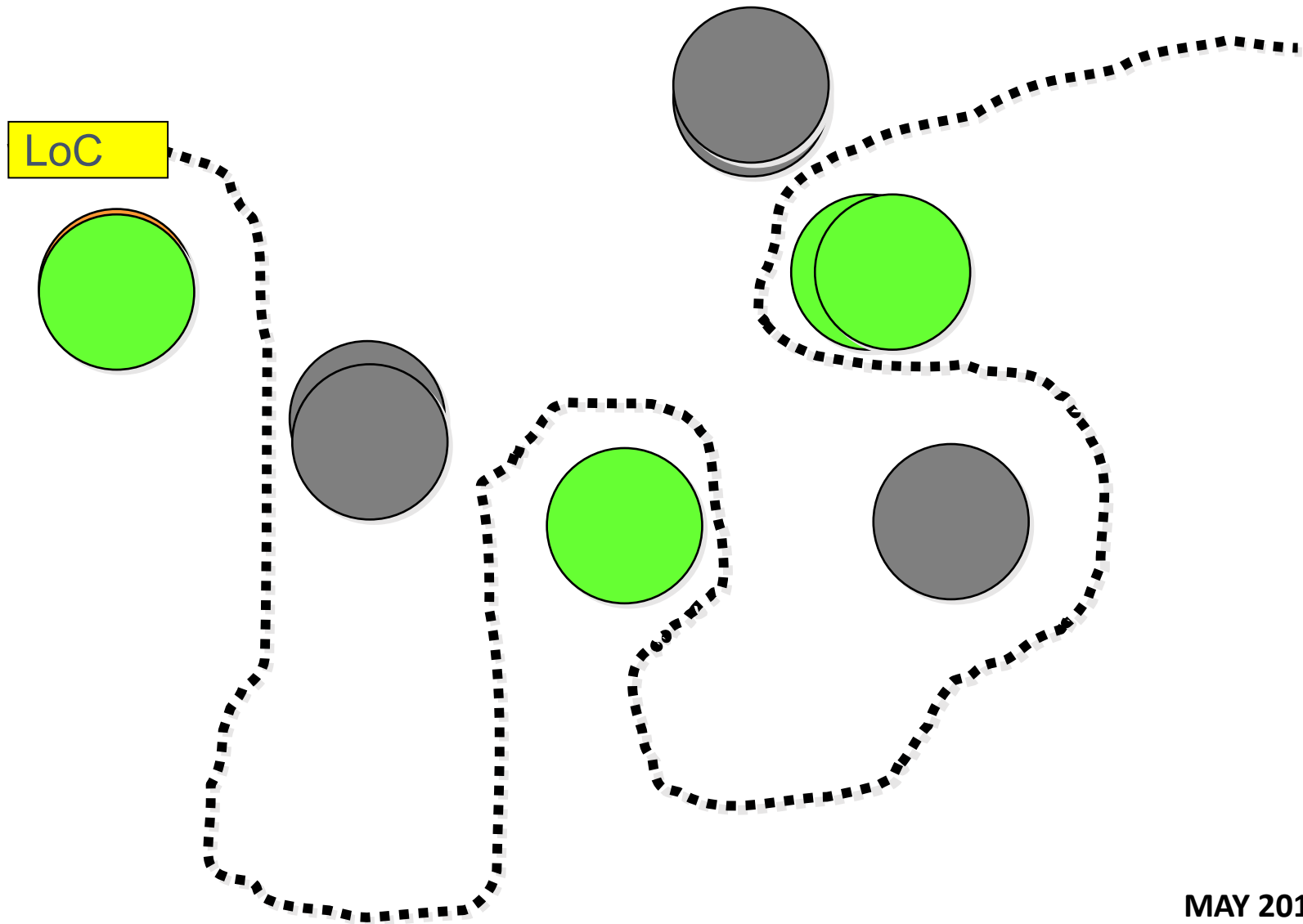


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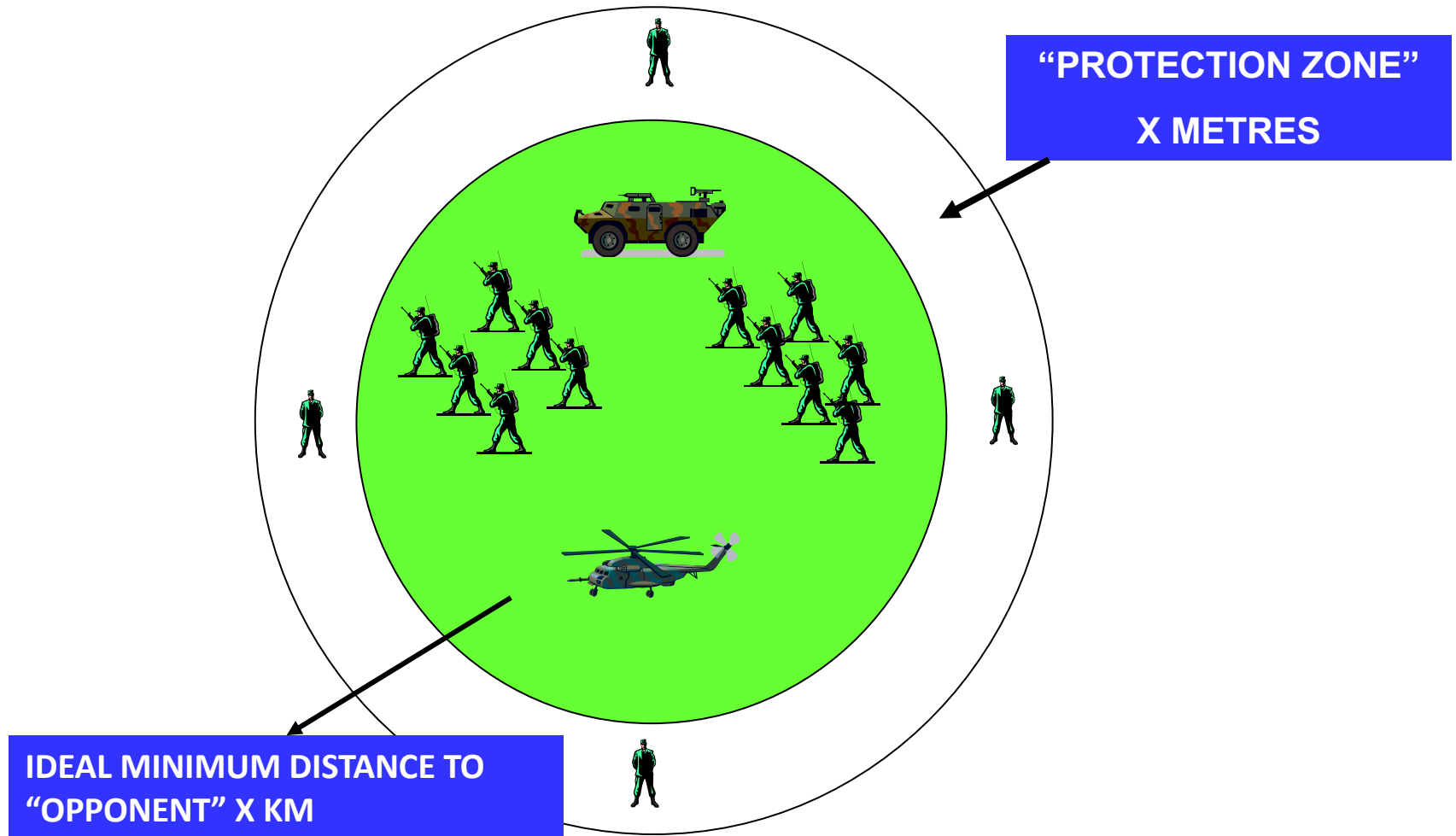
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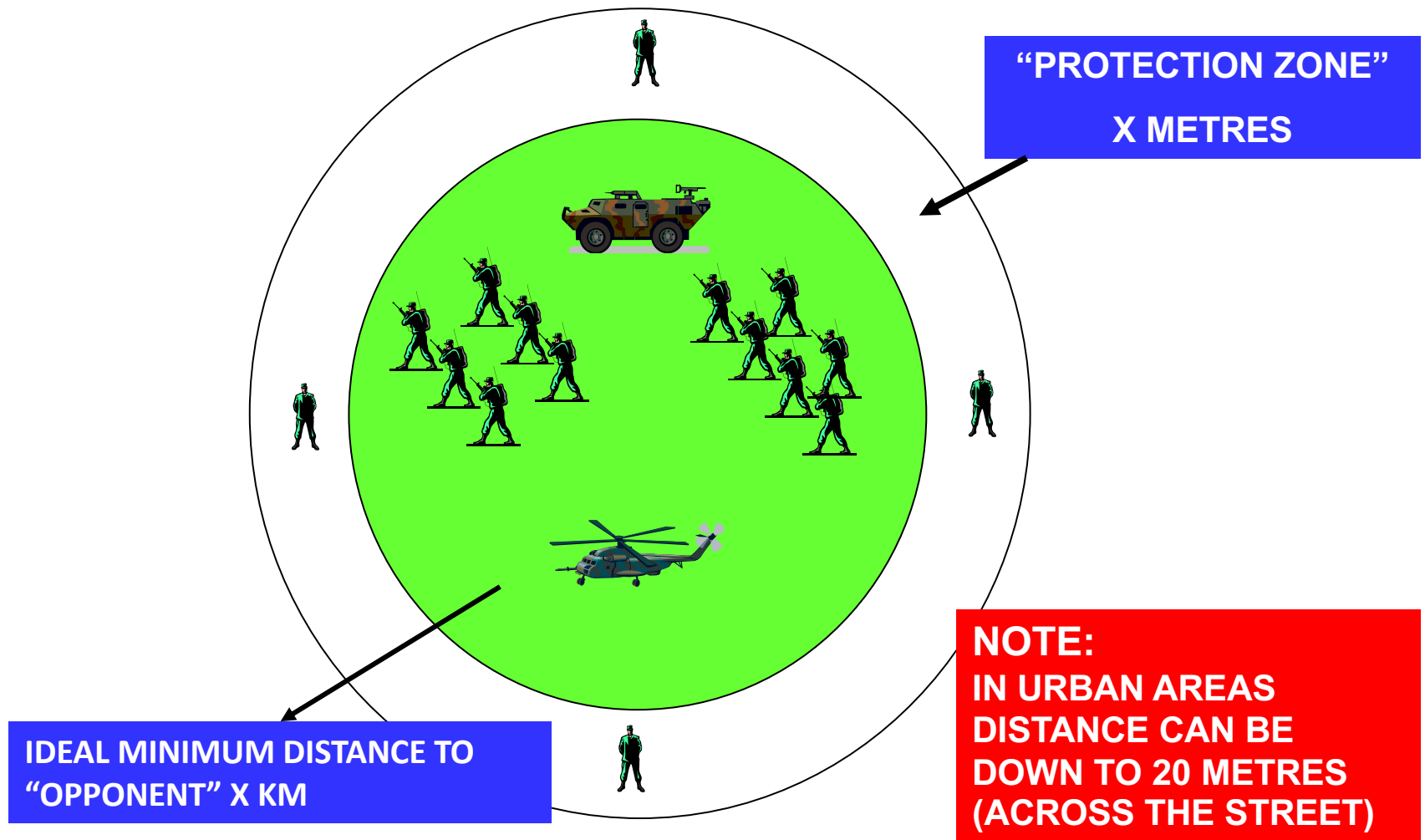
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## SAFE AND CONTROLLED STORAGE OF WEAPONS EXAMPLE UNMIN/NEPAL

**STORAGE AREA  
WITH 24/7 MANNING**

**3 DIV  
HQ**

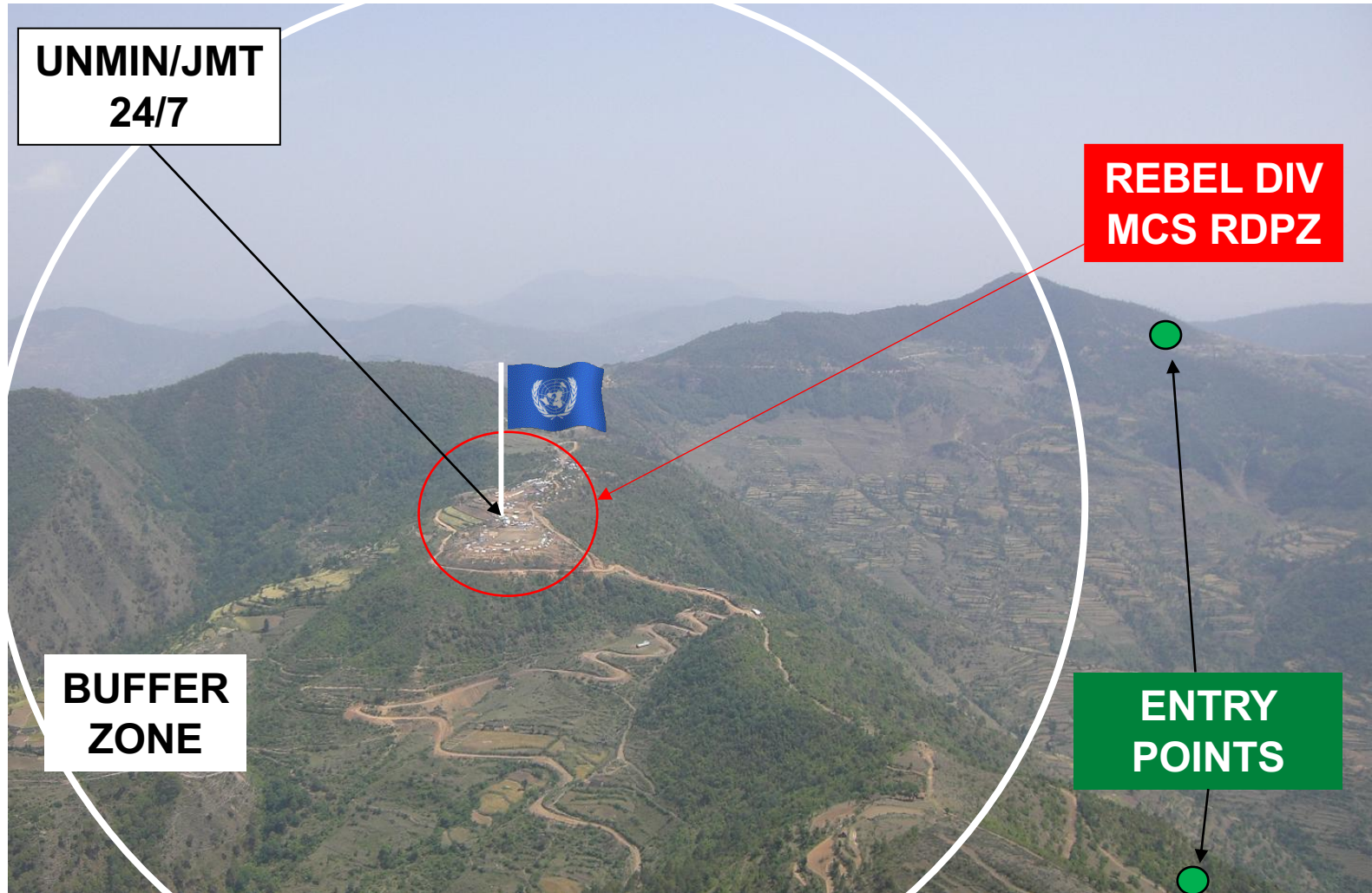
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## EXAMPLE OF ZONING & BUFFER ZONE

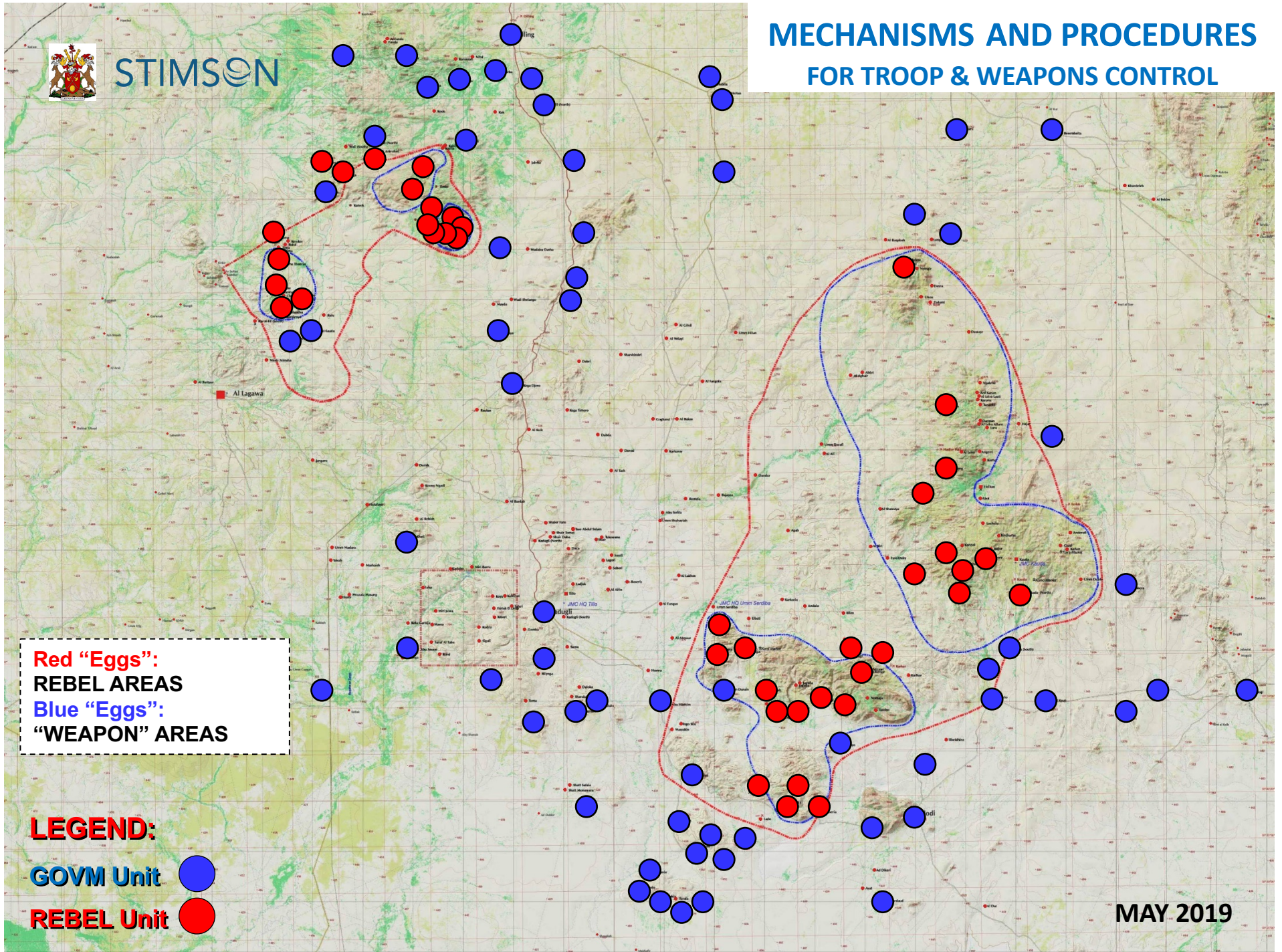






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# MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES FOR TROOP & WEAPONS CONTROL



**Red "Eggs":**  
REBEL AREAS  
**Blue "Eggs":**  
"WEAPON" AREAS

**LEGEND:**  
GOVM Unit   
REBEL Unit 

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## MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES FOR TROOP & WEAPONS CONTROL

### PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES:

1. CEASEFIRE ZONE OR SCOPE OF CEASEFIRE
2. DECLARATION OF FORCES' DISPOSITIONS
3. PLOTTING ON A MASTER MAP
4. IDENTIFY CONTESTED LOCALITIES, POSITIONS OR CITIES
5. IDENTIFY SPECIAL AREAS
6. IDENTIFY CIVILIAN COMMUNITIES, IDP AND REFUGEE CAMPS THAT NEED PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS
7. IDENTIFY NON-SIGNATORY ARMED GROUPS/SPOILERS
8. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM

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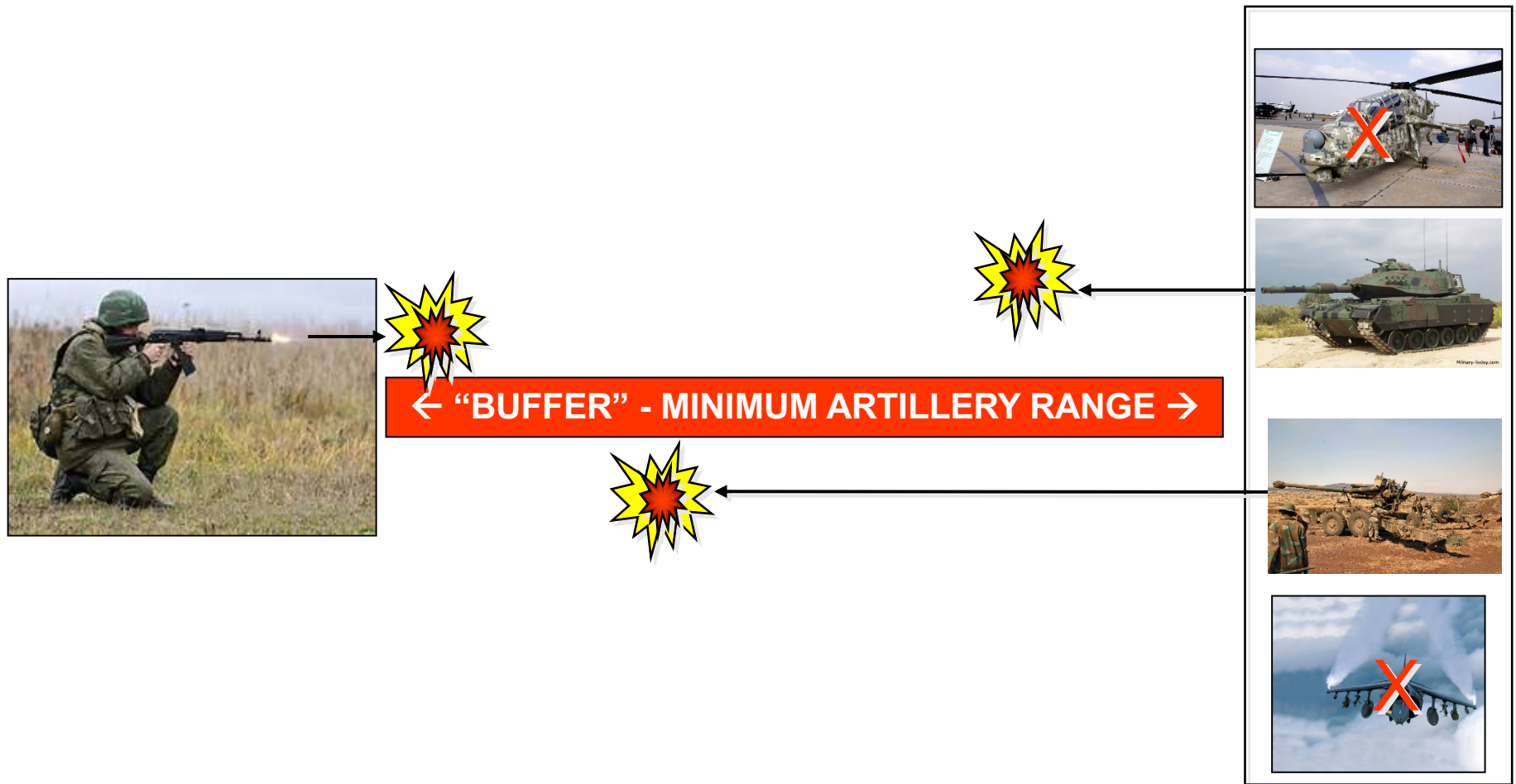
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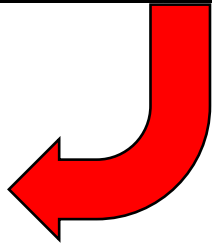


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# ZONING - WEAPONS REDEPLOYMENT/STORAGE

## STORAGE AT OPERATIONAL AND TACTICAL LEVEL

### STRATEGIC WEAPONS



	ARTILLERY, GUNS, AND TUBE ARTILLERY;	→	DIVISION
	TACTICAL TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT (FIXED WING AND ROTARY);	→	DIVISION
	MAIN BATTLE TANKS AND APCs;	→	BRIGADE
	HEAVY MORTARS; AND	→	BRIGADE
	ANTI-TANK WEAPONS		

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