CIVILIAN POPULATION AT RISK: LOCATION 2

SATELLITE-DETECTED ROADBLOCKS AND "SOS" SIGNS SUGGEST PROBABLE ETHNIC-UZBEK NEIGHBORHOOD IN DISTRESS - APPROXIMATE LOCATION BETWEEN CHEREMYSHKI AND DOSTUK AREAS, SOUTH OF NOOKATSKYA ROAD, OSH, KYRGYZSTAN

Based on a detailed review of crisis satellite imagery acquired the morning of 18 June 2010, there is compelling evidence to suggest that there are several ethnic-Uzbek neighborhoods within the city of Osh that are potentially still heavily populated and relatively undamaged by the reported arson attacks. These distressed neighborhoods have been identified by the presence of multiple roadblocks at main road and bridge entry points, as well as the presence of multiple "SOS" signs painted on interior roads within clearly defined residential areas. In most of these identified neighborhoods, a significant majority of buildings appear to be undamaged and thus could still provide shelter to potentially thousands of local residents. Within the suspected ethnic-Uzbek neighborhood identified in this emergency report as Location 2 (see map below), there are ten "SOS" signs, and five roadblocks. The roadblocks are situated on main roads surrounding the apparent boundary of the neighborhood. The approximate location is situated between Cheremyshki and Dostuk areas, south of Nookatskya road, west of the Osh River. This crisis assessment was produced in direct support of international and local emergency staff on the ground in Osh, with the understanding that the assessment conclusions are based exclusively on satellite imagery analysis with an associated moderate degree of uncertainty, and have not yet been validated on the ground. Please send additions / corrections to UNITAR / UNOSAT at emergencymapping@unosat.org.

Over 50 "SOS" signs have been identified across Osh, some with lettering as large as 5 meters in height.
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