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3 x IA Brigade Deployment to MND-B

Problem Statement: MNC-I plans, in coordination with IGFC, for the deployment of 3 x Iraqi Army brigades into MND-B?



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Background

- MND-B has required 2x IA BDEs (~6x Bns) since beginning of Operation Together Forward
- 3x IA Bns attempted to move into Baghdad (2 failures; 1 partial) since 4 Aug 06
 - 2/4/10 IA mutinied in MND-SE
 - 4/1/4 IA partially disintegrated but is receiving 300 replacements within 30 days
 - 3/1/3 IA attempting still to deploy (maximum ~235 soldiers)
- Attempting to keep an "Iraqi Face" on operation and turn over to ISF at endstate
- On 14 OCT, LTG Chiarelli received a briefing on the feasibility of deploying 1 x IA Brigade and 3 x IA Battalions into MND-B.
- Analysis conducted with input from the MNDs, led to the following units being recommended for deployment:
 - 4/1 IA BDE HQ (Fallujah)
 - 1-4/1 IA Bn
 - 2-4/1 IA Bn
 - 3-1/3 IA Bn (SE Ninewa)
 - 2-1/2 IA Bn (Irbil)
 - 1-3/2 IA Bn (Dahuk)
- Units were selected not only for TRA level but also ability of the sector they are vacating to continue at a high security level once they are pulled out.
- 4/1 IA is the only unit that will receive any CF backfill (US Bn from MND-B)
- LTG Chiarelli approved recommendations but with several pre-requisite conditions that must be in place before any movements could take place.
- LTG Chiarelli also said that this plan must be developed by the Iraqis, we were NOT to be the lead but to provide guidance and assistance

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Conditions



- ***MNC-I will not support move if conditions are not met***
- ***GOI/MOD must have the following implemented before moving Bde/Bns:***
 - JHQ has prepared/approved a Deployability Training Plan.
 - Approved deployment pay (250,000 Dinar [approx. \$150]) / month
 - MOD/JHQ Senior leaders visit selected units to explain mission
 - Allow leave to take pay home before departure
 - Joint CF/IA Quick look type inspections to ensure unit readiness
- ***Institute the following Modified Deployment Plan:***
 - Phase I (7 days)- Home station preparation, fill of unit to >85% men and equipment, start monetary incentives. (15 Day normally)
 - Phase II (7 days)- Deploy to Besmaya Range for individual and select collective training. (15 Day normally)
 - Phase III (90 days)- Deploy to operational mission.
 - Phase IV (30 days)- Redeployment and recovery, release for block paid leave. (No leave mentioned during the deployment cycle.)

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Current Situation



- Areas inside Baghdad still remain unclear and MND-B does not have sufficient combat power to accomplish without pulling up CF and IA BDEs from other areas
- On 27 and 28 Nov, five separate proposals were suggested by the MOD/ JHQ, each with a different set of IA battalions suggested. MOD and IGFC Operations and Planning sections knew nothing of these suggestions.
- On 29 Nov, following list of units and deployment dates were provided to MNC-I C3 to begin planning for:
 - 4 Bde / 1 IA – 15 DEC 06
 - 1-4/1 Bn
 - 3-4/1 Bn
 - 3 Bde / 4 IA – 1 JAN 07
 - 2/3/4 Bn
 - 3/3/4 Bn
 - 1 Bde / 2 IA – 15 JAN 07
 - 2-1/2 Bn
 - 3-1/2 Bn
- MOD, JHQ, or IGFC operations and planning sections have not received orders to begin planning for this deployment as of 30 Nov.

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Guidance

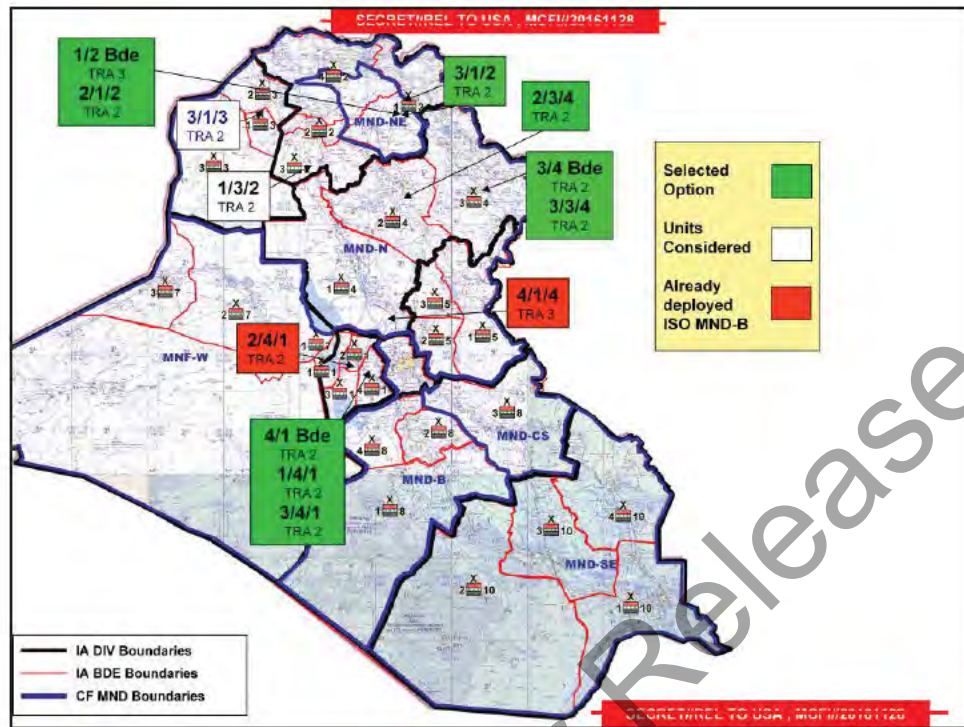


Planning Guidance Provided...

- No training at Besmaya range for at least first brigade... all training will be conducted at home station.
- 4/1 IA movement will be preceded by the movement of a CF battalion to MNF-W from MND-B as backfill; all the BDE deployments should be echeloned.
- MNC-I and IGFC will work with IGFC to plan the operation.
- LTG Ali feels these units are ready and wants to move 4/1 IA BDE (2x Bns) and 3-1/3 immediately
- No unit will deploy to Baghdad without a designated MiTT. If a unit does not have a MiTT, MND-B will provide one. IAG will assist in this effort.
- MNC-I staff has begun its analysis and OPTs, a WARNO has gone out to the Corps, and the goal is to have a FRAGO on the street by 3 DEC

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DOWN THE BRIGADE LEVEL.

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Key Tasks



- Identification of training requirements and initiate home station training schedule for the battalions/ brigades. *(IA and MITTs)*
- Identification of equipment shortfalls and creation of an accelerated fielding or cross-leveling schedule. *(IA Divisions and MNDs)*
- Identification of transportation shortfalls in the IA divisions and what CF assets can be used to meet the shortfall. *(IGFC and MNC-I)*
- Identification of basing shortfalls in Baghdad and the additional resources that will be required to come from the CF to make up the shortfalls. *(MND-B, MNC-I, and IGFC)*
- Identification of potential logistical shortfalls once IA Bdes are inside Baghdad, both life support and operational, and what we will need to provide to make up the shortfalls. *(MND-B and MNC-I)*
- Identification of the sectors where the IA units will be employed and the C2 relationships that will be set up. *(MND-B)*
- Identify CF Bn from MND-B to backfill 4/1 IA and prep for movement *(MND-B)*
- Be prepared to help establish basing and continue to make improvements *(MND-B)*

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Issues





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- MOD has not provided orders to IGFC to plan and execute this operation
- IGFC G5 Plans will not execute plan without directive from MOD
- 4 IA is under IGFC control --- therefore IGFC will have to order 3/4 to deploy and then attach them to 6 IA or 9 IA
- 2 IA transitions under IGFC by 15 Jan --- unless directed to remain under MNC-I control throughout duration of deployment this unit will revert to 2IA and subsequent IGFC control.
- ROE must be made clear during the deployment
- Need MOD concurrence on C2 structure that will be proposed for the IA brigades.
- Incentive package has been approved but no plan is in place to get payment to soldiers
- Still require a senior Iraqi military official to state responsibility for this operation and visit the Iraqi units scheduled to deploy to ensure the soldiers understand the reason for the deployment and the manner in which they will be supported.

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Recommendations

Following actions need to occur...

- **Must get MOD to issue orders to JHQ and IGFC to plan and execute this operation ... followed up by a personal visit to 4/1, 1/2, & 3/4 IA by the MOD and GEN Babikur**
- **Incentives package must be finalized and payment working immediately**
- **Planning process must be a collaborative effort, having a purely CF face on this operation does not improve chances of success nor does it prepare JHQ & IGFC.**

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