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MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

CORPS MAIN EFFORT: MND-BAGHDAD DECISIVE OPERATION: SECURE BAGHDAD

MNC-I Mission and Effort Focus:

- MNC-I conducts operations in coordination with the Iraqi Security Forces to defeat terrorists and irreconcilable insurgents, neutralize extremist groups, and transition responsibilities to the ISF in order to reduce sectarian violence, stabilize Iraq, and enable GOI security self-reliance.
- Stabilize the security situation in Baghdad and the nine strategic cities.
- Enhance the capability, credibility, and reach of the ISF while transitioning them to self-reliance.
- Defeat terrorists and extremists, irreconcilable insurgents, and individuals actively participating in extra-judicial killings (EJKs).
- Protect the force. Neutralize the IED Network.
- Support and sustain the transition to Iraqi provincial control and self-reliance.

Decision Point 8

Request 4/1 ID be brought forward from Kuwait and employed in Baghdad

Desired Effects:

- IB: Population in urban centers secure
- IB: Insurgency lacks the ability to conduct effective operations
- IC: Perpetrators of sectarian violence neutralized
- IA: IED network neutralized

PIR:

- What is the current level of sectarian violence in Baghdad?
- Are the accelerants of sectarian violence (EJK, VBIEDs) present in Baghdad?
- What is the status of militias in Baghdad?
- Are EFPs effective against coalition and/or Iraqi Security Forces?
- What is the current status of the nine administrative districts of Baghdad?
- What is the current level of violence in the Baghdad Security Belts?

FR:

- Do we have enough forces to Clear, Control, and Retain Baghdad's nine Administrative Districts?
- Do we have enough forces to secure the Baghdad Security Belts?
- Do we have enough forces to disrupt the flow of VBIEDs and EFPs into Baghdad?
- Do we have enough forces to secure the Southern LOCs?

Decision Point 9a

Request 3/3 ID be brought forward from Kuwait and employed in Baghdad

Desired Effects:

- IB: Population in urban centers secure
- IB: Insurgency lacks the ability to conduct effective operations
- IC: Perpetrators of sectarian violence neutralized
- IA: IED network neutralized

PIR:

- What is the state of the AQI threat in Al Anbar Province?
- What is the current level of sectarian violence in Baghdad / Baqubah?
- Are the accelerants of sectarian violence (EJK, VBIEDs) present in Baghdad / Baqubah?
- What is the status of militias in Baghdad?
- Are EFPs effective against Coalition and/or Iraqi Security Forces?
- What is the current status of the nine administrative districts of Baghdad?
- How effective are AQI insurgents in the Baghdad Security Belts?
- What is the current level of violence in Sadr City?

FR:

- Do we have enough forces to secure the Baghdad Belt / barrier?
- Do we have enough forces to interdict / neutralize I&FF along the TRV and ERV?
- Do we have enough forces to Clear, Control, and Retain Baghdad's nine Administrative Districts?
- Do we have enough forces to disrupt the flow of VBIEDs and EFPs into Baghdad?
- Do we have enough forces to secure the Southern LOCs?
- Do we have enough forces to secure the Baghdad Security Belts?

MNC-I Priorities

- Reduce sectarian violence in Baghdad with sustained, deliberate success
- Neutralize Sunni and Shia extremist groups
- Exploit successes of MND-N and MNF-W
- Keep illegal weapons and foreign fighters out of Iraq

C3 Planning Priorities

EUOPS (C35)

- 3 x IA BDE movement to Baghdad
- ISF Operational Reserve (Strike Force)
- POE Closure
- Ashura/Arba'een Security Plan
- Operation SPIGOT
- ASR Aspen and K-Crossing
- International Zone Transition Plan

PLANS (C37)

Operation Together Forward

BCT Force Surge

14b, 14d

Transition Ongoing Strategy

Transition of IA Divisions to IGFC

Basing (BRAC4IRAQ)

Coalition Partnership

Force Structure Assessment

Timeline Events

DATE	EVENT	IA MOVE
28-Jan-07	4/1 IA FOC in BAGHDAD	IA MOVE
1-Feb-07	3/4 IA FOC in BAGHDAD	IA MOVE
2-Feb-07	2828AR FOC in BAGHDAD	TOA/LAD
9-Feb-07	1 TO 3 MEF TOA	TOA/LAD
15-Feb-07	1 IA OPCON to IGFC	IGFC
15-Feb-07	1/1AD to 13AD TOA	TOA/LAD
20-Feb-07	1/2 IA FOC in BAGHDAD	IA MOVE
1-Mar-07	18 IA OPCON to IGFC	IGFC
1-Mar-07	19 IA OPCON to IGFC	IGFC
1-Mar-07	4/1D FOC in BAGHDAD	TOA/LAD
16-Mar-07	33AD LAD in KUWAIT	TOA/LAD
16-Mar-07	18TH MEU OUT CHOP	TOA/LAD
31-Mar-07	SHARAH LOG BASE TRANSFER	IRAC
31-Mar-07	18 IA OPCON to IGFC	IGFC
15-Apr-07	425BCT LAD in KUWAIT	TOA/LAD
1-May-07	2 USMC BN FOC in ANBAR	TOA/LAD
15-May-07	205D LAD in KUWAIT	TOA/LAD
1-Jun-07	COMBAT OUTPOST TRANSFER	IRAC
15-Jun-07	FOB SUMMERALL TRANSFER	IRAC
25-Jun-07	FOB MCHERRY TRANSFER	IRAC
30-Jun-07	FOB RAWAY TRANSFER	IRAC
30-Jun-07	FOB BRASSFIELD WORK TRANSFER	IRAC
15-Jul-07	3828AR to 173D ABN TOA	TOA/LAD
25-Jul-07	123 to 182ABN TOA	TOA/LAD
1-Aug-07	2/1D to 33D TOA	TOA/LAD
1-Aug-07	1/3AD (TS) to 43D TOA	TOA/LAD
1-Aug-07	325BCT to 42 SICT TOA	TOA/LAD
5-Aug-07	2/10MTN to 1/10MTN TOA	TOA/LAD
15-Sep-07	FOB LOYALTY TRANSFER	IRAC
15-Sep-07	FOB UNION TRANSFER	IRAC
30-Sep-07	HURRICANE POINT TRANSFER	IRAC
30-Sep-07	FREEDOM REST TRANSFER	IRAC
15-Oct-07	FOB PROSPERITY TRANSFER	IRAC
31-Oct-07	FORRIDGEOR TRANSFER	IRAC
31-Oct-07	CEBAR TRANSFER	IRAC

Cultural Events

DATE	EVENT	CULTURAL
20-Jan-07	HEJRA (ISLAMIC YEAR)	CULTURAL
28-Jan-07	DEATH OF 50 IMAM (MUHAMMAD)	CULTURAL
11-Feb-07	GOLDEN MOSQUE BOMBING (SAMARRA)	CULTURAL
12-Feb-07	DEATH OF 4TH IMAM (ALI)	CULTURAL
15-Feb-07	DEATH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD	CULTURAL
31-Mar-07	SUNMI OBSV BIRTH OF PROPHET	CULTURAL
1-Apr-07	SHAK OBSV BIRTH OF PROPHET	CULTURAL
1-Apr-07	DEATH OF 6TH CALIPH (UJAYD)	CULTURAL
15-Jul-07	DEATH OF 5TH IMAM (ALI AL-NAQI)	CULTURAL
9-Aug-07	DEATH OF 11TH IMAM (ALI AL-KAZI)	CULTURAL
13-Sep-07	RAMADAN BEGINS	CULTURAL
16-Oct-07	RAMADAN ENDS	CULTURAL

Force Flow Timeline: Shows the movement and deployment of various units from January to June. Key units include 282 ID, Adnon BSC FOC, 4/1 ID, 1-2 MAR BN LAD, 2-5 MAR BN LAD, 3/3 ID, 4/2 ID, and 2/3 ID.

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