

**MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES**

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

**MNC-I MISSION**

MNC-I conducts combat and stability operations in coordination with the Iraqi Security Forces to secure the population, defeat terrorists and irreconcilable extremists, neutralize insurgent and militia groups, and transition responsibilities to the ISF in order to reduce violence, gain the support of the people, stabilize Iraq, and enable GOI security self-reliance. NLT December 2007, we will establish improved stability and create irreversible momentum, leading to widening political accommodation and sustainable security by Spring 2008 and to the ultimate goal of self-reliance in the longer term.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of our operations is to bring stability to Iraq and then to sustain it in order to create time and space for the Iraqis to make progress toward political accommodation, continued political and economic development, and ultimately self-reliance. We accomplish this first by securing the population of Iraq, with priority to Baghdad, followed by the nine strategic cities and the rest of the country. Additionally, we must continue to support the development of a capable GOI and ISF so that both are viewed as legitimate and credible in the eyes of Iraqis. In order to sustain stability over time, we help build governmental capacity, strengthen GOI legitimacy, reduce sectarian behavior in Iraqi security institutions, and deliberately transition security responsibilities to the ISF as they demonstrate appropriate readiness to assume them. All of this leads to Iraqi self-reliance, creating the conditions for a peaceful, stable Iraq, led by a representative government subscribing to the rule of law, able to provide security for its people, and denying its territory as a terrorist safe haven.

**TIMELINE EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	TOA	
4 Oct 07	3:25D TO 1:00M TOA	TOA	
27 Oct 07	3:02ABN TO 1:01AA TOA	TOA	
26 Oct 07	5:04M TO 5:25F SB TOA	TOA	
3 Nov 07	1:00M TO 3:01AA TOA	TOA	
18 Nov 07	2:10D TO 2:19AA TOA	TOA	
2 Dec 07	4:25ABN TO 4:10D TOA	TOA	
3 Dec 07	1:1 CAU RFP CF with 4:2 ID	NP	
12 Dec 07	1:1 CAU TO 3:4R TOA	TOA	
29 Dec 07	2:2 ID to 4:10 MTO TOA	TOA	
4 Jan 08	2:1 CAU to 3:4 ID TOA	TOA	
15 Jan 08	1:1 CAU to 2:2 ID TOA	TOA	
1	TBD	1:4 ID to 4:1 ID TOA	TOA

**Key Tasks:**

- Protect the population
- Facilitate reconciliation
- Defeat AQI and extremists
- Continue to develop ISF capacity
- Assist efforts to build and improve GOI capacity
- Protect the Force

**Endstate:** In the near term, an improved level of stability is achieved; the population is secure and conditions are set for the restoration of civil authority in Iraq, with priority to Baghdad; sectarian violence is reduced and militia influence is diminished. GOI legitimacy is enhanced as the Iraqi government demonstrates increased ability to provide security, essential services, justice based on the rule of law, and economic opportunity for all Iraqis. Iraqi Security Forces, while continuing to build capacity, are in the lead - for the most part - with CF in tactical or operational overwatch. AQI and other extremists are neutralized and under persistent CF and ISF pressure. Their freedom of action is limited, and their operations are unable to disrupt progress toward political accommodation where cessfires exist. In the longer term, Iraq is self-reliant and politically stable with the institutions and resources it needs to govern justly, secure from internal and external threats, inaccessable as a safe haven for terrorists, and integrated into the international community as an engine for regional economic growth.

**CULTURAL EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	TOA
4 Oct 07	Start of Ash'ud (Feast of Muharram)	CULTURAL
4-11 Oct 07	Ala Sh'ud and 'Id - In Sa'ud RFP	CULTURAL
13-15 Oct 07	Eid al-Fitr at end of Ramadan	CULTURAL
6 Nov 07	Death of 6th IMAM	CULTURAL
13 Nov 07	Anniversary of Sa'ud Al-Sa'ud Death	CULTURAL
9 Dec 07	Death of 9th IMAM Khadimiyah	CULTURAL
17 Dec 07	Death of 5th IMAM	CULTURAL
19-22 Dec 07	Hajj	CULTURAL

**EUOPS (C35)**

- IP Expansion Program
- FPS Training and Replacement (MoA, MoT, MoM)
- Infrastructure Repair and Security
- Op Silver Raven Enhance POC Capabilities
- BLIP Inspection / Malign Actor Removal
- Karbala PIC / Other Provincial PIC Ceremonies
- MND-N Basra Mosque Security Force
- Hajj and 'Id Incent Commemorative
- Op McCall and IAEA Visits
- Southern Governors Meeting

**PLANS & POLICY (C37)**

- Mission Analysis of Post Plus-Up
- MNF-I Force Posture OPT
- MNC-Shih Engagement Strategy
- Maritime CONOPS
- 11 LR HQ Force Size and Deployment
- Build POE Capability-Border Strategy
- RFF 144 Replacement HQ for MND-C
- RFF 144 Horizontal Engineer
- RFF 544 Increase in AEA Support
- Equipment Support to DCE & BN

**C3 PLANNING PRIORITIES**

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