

# MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

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**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 wideranging 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
11 Dec 07	191 CAV to 3 ACE TOA	TOA
18 Dec 07	110 B ACE to 32 CAB	TOA
19 Dec 07	11 CB to 10	TOA
29 Dec 07	22 ID to 4 10 MTR TOA	TOA
6 Jan 08	214 CAV to 34 ID	TOA
15 Jan 08	111 CAV to 225 ID TOA	TOA
22 Jan 08	1 RCT to 5 RCT	TOA
27 Jan 08	16 RCT to 1 RCT	TOA
9 Feb 08	18 MEF to 1 MEF	TOA
11 Feb 08	17 1st OD to 524 OD	TOA
14 Feb 08	101 Corps to 10 ARVC	TOA
15 Mar 08	102, 108 to 14 ID TOA	TOA
15 Apr 08	11 10 to 14 ID TOA	TOA

**19 U.S. BCT Set**  
Disposition of Forces as of 2 DEC 2007

**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	CULTURAL
1 Dec 07	Death of 9th IMAM Khomeini	CULTURAL
17 Dec 07	Death of 5th IMAM	CULTURAL
18-22 Dec 07	Hajj	CULTURAL
22-24 Dec	Eid al-Adha Sunni	CULTURAL
10 Jan 08	Ashura	CULTURAL
1 Feb 08	Death of 10th IMAM	CULTURAL
11 Feb 08	Anniversary of Golden Mosque Bombing	CULTURAL
28 Feb 08	Ash'een	CULTURAL
7 Mar 08	Death of Prophet Muhammad	CULTURAL
7 Mar 08	Death of 2nd IMAM	CULTURAL

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**PIC Dates**

DATE	EVENT	PIC
15 Dec 07	Sunah PIC	PIC
15 Mar 08	Qadr PIC	PIC
15 Apr 08	Wash PIC	PIC
15 Apr 08	Mawana PIC	PIC
15 Apr 08	Al-Nahwa PIC	PIC
15 Jun 08	Eid PIC	PIC
19 Aug 08	Sabah Ash'een PIC	PIC
15 Sep 08	Yusuf PIC	PIC
15 Oct 08	Yusuf PIC	PIC
10 Feb	Kabernet Article 140 Referendum	PIC

**PLANS & POLICY**

- Private Security Company oversight
- OP Silver Dragnet (Baghdad IP Expansion)
- Operations Commands (Ninewa, Anbar, etc.)
- CBI Security Upgrades
- Infrastructure Repair, Security & Enhancement
- BAP Security/Militia Actor Removal
- IGFC / BOC Boundaries
- Samarra Mosque Reconstruction
- Haji Ash'een Ash'een Commemorations
- 7th Co & 1st 42nd PVTQA
- OPORD 08-01 Development/Publication
- Theater Posture
- 25CR Employment in Diyala
- 11 IA HQ Force Gen and Deployment
- RFF 708 Mod 1 Aviation Task Force EXT
- RFF 824 Facilities Eng Det and Hospital
- RFF 167, 2 x BDE HQ (+)
- RFF 167, 1 x SECFOR Combat Arms BN
- Build POE Cross-Border Strategy, Security

**Timeline (December to April)**

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