

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 wide-ranging 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
15-Sep-07	3:25BCT to 2CR SBCT TOA	TOA
9-Oct-07	3:25B to 1:10MNT TOA	TOA
26-Oct-07	3:42ABN to 1:10MNT TOA	TOA
26-Oct-07	3:42ABN to 5:25BFSB	TOA
3-Nov-07	2:10MNT to 3:10MNT TOA	TOA
13-Nov-07	2:10B to 2:10MNT TOA	TOA
18-Nov-07	14:25ABN to 4:30D 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 ceasefires 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
9-Aug-07	Death of 7th Imam	CUL TUSA
22-Aug-07	Occulation of the 12th Imam	TOA
23-Aug-07	10th National Festival against US (1996)	TOA
29-Aug-07	Birth of the 12th Imam	TOA
13-Sep-07	Ramadan begins	CUL TUSA
22-Sep-07	Death of Khadija, first wife of Muhammad	TOA
29-Sep-07	Death of Saib	TOA
1-Oct-07	Death of the 9th Imam	TOA
3-Oct-07	Lahat al-Gade revelation to Muhammad	TOA
12-Oct-07	Ramadan ends	CUL TUSA
13-15 Oct-07	Eid al-Fitr Feast at end of Ramadan	TOA

20 U.S. BCT Set
Disposition of Forces at Completion of Plus-Up -15 June 2007

C3 PLANNING PRIORITIES

EUOPS (C35)

1. FPS Training and Replacement Program
2. Infrastructure Repair and Security
3. MND-N Samarra Mosque Rehabilitation
4. Enhance POE Capabilities
5. 5:2 RMR TOA
6. Geoplan BDE Integration
7. Phantom Strike Enablers
8. National ID Card System
9. TRC Company
10. Dujaila, Samarra, Basrah Ops Centers

PLANS & POLICY (C37)

1. Joint Campaign Plan (JCP) 07 Review
2. MNC-I Sini Engagement Strategy
3. IA Future FAO Rotations
4. Operations Phantom Thinder
5. Build POC Capability
6. MNC-I RFF 656 Riverine
7. MNC-I Request Engineers Assets
8. Operation Phantom Hammer
9. Request for Police Advisors
10. Operation Phantom Strike

Force Flow

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