

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

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

**MNC-I MISSION (OPERATIONAL)**

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
18 Nov 07	2 ID TO 2 WJAA TOA	TOA
1 Dec 07	14 25ABN TO 2 300 TOA	TOA
2 Dec 07	3 CAV TO 42 ID TOA	TOA
11 Dec 07	4 CAV TO 3 ACR TOA	TOA
29 Dec 07	2 ID TO 4 W MTN TOA	TOA
6 Jan 08	2 CAV TO 34 ID TOA	TOA
15 Jan 08	1 CAV TO 2 25 ID TOA	TOA
15 Mar 08	2 82 ABN TO 34 ID TOA (proposed)	TOA
15 Apr 08	4 ID TO 14 ID TOA (proposed)	TOA
15 Jun 08	14 ID TO 2 CR TOA (proposed)	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
17 Nov 07	Anniv of Sadr's 1st Death	CULTURAL
3 Dec 07	Death of 96 MIM Murtadiah	CULTURAL
17 Dec 07	Death of 96 MIM	CULTURAL
18 Dec 07	Hajj	CULTURAL
22 Dec 07	Eid al-Adha Sunni	CULTURAL
19 Jan 08	Adana	CULTURAL
3 Feb 08	Death of 96 MIM	CULTURAL
11 Feb 08	Anniversary of Golden Mosque Bombing	CULTURAL
28 Feb 08	Adana	CULTURAL
7 Mar 08	Death of Prophet Muhammad	CULTURAL
17 Mar 08	Death of 2nd MIM	CULTURAL

**EUOPS (C35)**

- IP Expansion Program
- CBF FPS Training/Replacement (McT, MoH)
- Infrastructure Repair and Security
- Op Silver Raven Enhance FOC Capabilities
- BILP Security/Maljan Actor Removal
- IGFC / BOC Boundaries
- MND-N Samarra Mosque Reconstruction
- Haji Ashura, Ash'een Commemoration
- Baghdad Forum
- Company Force Generation

**PLANS & POLICY (C37)**

- OPORD 08-01 Development
- En Laydown Risk Assessments Jul 07
- Operational Reserve (OPRES)
- JASISCT
- 11 IA HQ Force Gen and Deployment
- RFF 786 Mod 1 Aviation TF Extension
- RFF 154 Horizontal En Co for MND-III
- RFF 152 Facilities En Detachments
- RFF 148 Non-Standard Brigade HQ

**C3 PLANNING PRIORITIES**

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