

# MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

SECURITY/POLICY/OPS/INT/LOG/INF

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

**MNC-I MISSION**

MNC-I conducts combat and stability operations in coordination with the Iraqi Security Forces to secure the population, defeat AQI and other extremists, neutralize insurgent and militia groups, and, as local conditions permit, transfer security responsibilities to the ISF in order to achieve *irreversible momentum* NLI summer 2009, leading to sustainable security and, in the longer term, Iraqi self-reliance.

**Summary of Situation**

Context: The conflict in Iraq is a non-linear struggle between and among the security and stability forces. This requires an understanding of the interrelated factors that explain it and the likely effects of our time and resource actions. Commanders must thoroughly understand the complex dynamics at work in their areas of operations and recognize how their tactical tasks are affected by the diverse conditions existing elsewhere. Our understanding of the conflict will be the primary driver of our operations.

My intent is to achieve irreversible momentum towards sustainable security in Iraq. By late summer 2009, we will generate an environment in which the Iraqis feel safer, have greater access to opportunities, feel more empowered, and increasingly come to rely on Iraqi institutions to fulfill their basic needs.

We will seek the goal in the near-term by: controlling the population; reducing access to violence; building the capacity of professional ISF; ensuring local accountability; facilitating reconstruction; encouraging broader participation in decision-making; promoting policy progress; facilitating responsible allocation of resources; providing access to justice for all; fostering an environment for economic development; creating jobs; and facilitating the delivery of public services.

Long term requires substantial Coalition assistance, but as leaders increasingly assert Iraqi sovereignty, security and stability improve, we will modify our TPO to accommodate Iraqi capabilities. In all cases, we will treat Iraqis with respect and work with them in the spirit of partnership. This partnership extends beyond the military dimension. It involves cultivating the active support of the people and strengthening their commitment to Iraq's institutions. CLCs serve as one example. They temporarily meet a need for security at the local level and become vehicles for reconciliation with their subsequent integration into the ISF or other forms of public service.

Sustainable security requires a purposeful effort to transfer security responsibility to the ISF. We will do so at local, regional, provincial and in conjunction with a gradual, measured reduction of Coalition forces. We will transition authority by area and on a unit-by-unit basis, comparable to a level-8 necessary.

Many of our success hinges on the choices that Iraqi make and on the preparations that Iraqi make. Coalition considered information operations must support everything we do.

**TIMELINE EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	TOA
18-Dec-07	100 ACE TO 12 CHC	TOA
19-Dec-07	13 CB to 4 IB	TOA
23-Dec-07	22 ID to 140 MTH TOA	TOA
6-Jan-08	21 CAW to 34 IB	TOA
15-Jan-08	11 1 CAW to 225 ID TOA	TOA
22-Jan-08	2 RCT to 3 RCT	TOA
27-Jan-08	6 RCT to 1 RCT	TOA
4-Feb-08	18 MEF to 1 MEF	TOA
11-Feb-08	17 1st OD to 524 OD	TOA
14-Feb-08	18 Corps to 18 ABN	TOA
15-Mar-08	732 ADM to 31 IB TOA	TOA
17-Apr-08	4.1 IB to 1.4 IB TOA	TOA

**Key Tasks:**

- Facilitate reconstruction
- Extend AQI and extremist
- Develop ISF capacity
- Transfer security responsibility
- Assist efforts to improve civil and governmental capacity
- Protect the base

**Enablers:** In the near term (late summer 2009), irreversible momentum towards sustainable security is achieved; the population is protected at a level sufficient to allow for continuing political accommodation and economic development, with priority in Baghdad and then the Shia key cities; sectarian violence is reduced and public confidence is restored; ISG legitimacy is enhanced as the Iraq government demonstrates increased ability to provide security, essential services, justice based on the rule of law, and economic opportunity for all Iraqis; ISG efforts to reach political accommodation throughout the country begin to bear fruit and advance the process of reconciliation; Transfer of security responsibility is well underway, with capacity, coalition ISF units progressively at the end; Coalition forces maintain a presence among the population in several places but have succeeded in avoiding escalation based on coalition, AQI and other extremist air capabilities and other personnel Iraq or Coalition force presence. Their freedom of action is limited, and their operations are unable to disrupt progress towards political accommodation and sustainable economic development.

(In the long term (2010-2012)) Iraq is unified and stable, with fully developed security forces and supporting institutions, fully functioning political and governmental structures, and a developing economy. The country is committed to participatory governance based on the rule of law, devoted to a safe haven for refugees, and integrated into the international community as an engine for regional economic growth.

**CULTURAL EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	CULTURAL
17-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
18-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
19-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
20-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
21-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
22-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
23-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
24-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
25-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
26-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
27-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
28-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
29-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
30-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL
31-Dec-07	Death of Sakh MAM	CULTURAL

**PIC Dates**

DATE	EVENT	PIC
15-Mar-08	Qadisiyah PIC	PIC
15-Apr-08	Wasit PIC	PIC
15-Apr-08	Ninawa PIC	PIC
15-Apr-08	Al Anbar PIC	PIC
15-Jun-08	Sahel PIC	PIC
15-Jun-08	Sahel Al Din PIC	PIC
15-Sep-08	Qadisiyah PIC	PIC
15-Oct-08	Baghdad PIC	PIC
15-Nov-08	Karbala PIC	PIC
15-Dec-08	Karbala NET Article 140 Referendum PIC	PIC

**C3 PLANNING PRIORITIES**

**FUOPS (C3B)**

- Private Security Company oversight
- OP Silver Dragonet (Baghdad IP Expansion)
- Operations Commands (Ninawa, Anbar, CEOC)
- CB Security Upgrade & FPI Replacement
- Infrastructure Repair, Security & Enhancement

**PLANS & POLICY (C3T)**

- Environmental Assessment 2009
- Operation Phantom Phoenix
- JASG-C TOA
- Decision Points
- 11 IA HQ Force Gen and Deployment

**PLANS & POLICY (C3T)**

- FFF 796 Mod 1 Aviation Task Force EXT
- FFF 824 Facilities Eng Det and Horizontal
- FFF 167, 2 x BDE HQ (+)
- FFF 695 MOD 2, AUGMENTATION JESG
- FFF 816, C2, IB, HQD

**Timeline (December to May)**

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