

## MNC-I C3 PLANS AND POLICY NOTES (#5)

As of 7 February 2008

### WARPLANS:

#### **1. TOPIC:** Operation Phantom Phoenix (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** From Jan-Mar 08 Operation Phantom Phoenix synchronizes ongoing non-lethal and lethal corps operations to continue the pursuit of AQI. A FRAGO moving a battalion for MNF-W to MND-C and a battalion from MND-B to MND-N ISO the operation was published 2 JAN. 5-7 CAV Squadron from MNF-W arrived in Arab Jabour (MND-C) 15 JAN and is FOC. 1-8 IN (from MND-B) is conducting operations IVO Mosul (MND-N) and the OPRES. 3/2 SCR is conducting operations in the DRV (Bread Basket).

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**NEXT ACTION:** Continue Operations.

**KEY DATES:** 15 Dec 07 – 15 Mar 08

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)

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#### **2. TOPIC:** Environmental Estimate and Assessment ~Late Summer 2008 (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** Initial 10 Provinces briefed to MNC-I Commander. Effort continues as the staff refines assessments for the remainder of Iraq. Commander will cross reference these assessments with those received from the MND/F Commanders at the OPOD 08-01 Back-Briefs. Estimates must be maintained as they will change with time.

**NEXT ACTION:** NA.

**KEY DATES:** NA.

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)

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#### **3. TOPIC:** "First 100 Days" Decision Briefing (Update)

**DISCUSSION:** The "First 100 Days" decisions are those decisions that XVIII ABC is likely to make between TOA (14 Feb 2008) and 1 June 2008. This decision briefing will be presented on **8FEB08 from 1300-1400 in the Tigris conference room**, in order to provide continuity between corps and enhanced situational awareness to XVIII ABC as they transition to their role as MNC-I. **WAY AHEAD:** See "First 100 Days" decisions planning timeline; posted to the SIPR C3 Plans and Policies homepage.

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)

#### **4. TOPIC:** MNC-I SOP (Update)

**DISCUSSION:** SOP is complete and posted on the MNC-I SIPR homepage (toggle on top near the 08-01 toggle).

**ACTO:** (b)(3), (b)(6)

#### **5. TOPIC:** HQ Consolidation (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** As BCTs in theater decrease, so will certain staff requirements, leading to an eventual consolidation of MNC-I and MNF-I. To preserve combat power, and an optimal ratio of HQ to subordinate forces as BCTs depart theater, plans is determining the HQ staff requirements for varying levels of BCTs assigned in theaters, identifying any excesses in HQ staff personnel and redundancies between MNC-I and MNF-I. Corps provided comment to MNF-I FRAGO which is expected to be published in the coming month. Attended initial sync conference for

OPT leads at MNF-I as well as sub OPT for operations. Key issues remaining are future disposition of Coalition Operations as either MNF-I or MNC-I asset and FSEC restructuring.

**KEY DATES:** 2 February 1100 Transformation Board briefing to the MNF-I CoS.

**POC:** [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

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**6. TOPIC:** 2CR Employment in Diyala (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** Briefing prepared on deployment options available in the employment of 2CR in Diyala.

**NEXT ACTION:** Work into 100 day decision briefing.

**KEY DATES:** 100 day decision briefing 6 Feb 08 1500-1700 Tigris Conference Room, Al Faw Palace.

**POC:** [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

[redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**7. TOPIC:** Elections (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** Legislation: No recent progress on Elections Law or Provincial Powers Law As of now, there have been 12 of 19 GEOs approved (one per province and two in Baghdad). That leaves 7 GEOs still to be nominated.

Voter Registration: Because there is still no operational budget for the IHEC, and due to those other difficulties, voter registration is unlikely to occur in January 2008.

Security: There is no definitive need for security assistance identified at this time. It was made clear that, as of now, MNC-I and MNF-I have no official requirements to provide security assistance for anything (actual elections or voter registration). We have been neither formally tasked nor informally asked to provide any assistance.

Provincial Elections: Earliest possible date for Provincial Elections, "if everything goes right" is June 2008, but much more likely is winter 2008, due to slow progress on legislation and lack of unified GOI position.

**WAY AHEAD:** 12 Feb 2008 1000-1030 MNC-I Elections Working Group at the C3 Plans and Policy conference room.

**POC:** [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**8. TOPIC:** Coalition Participation (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** With the arrival of [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) in the MNC-I Coalition LNO Cell, C3 Plans has focused its coalition actions to the following items: (1) planning named operations that involve both US forces and a coalition MND (either MND-NE, MND-SE, or MND-CS), and also require corps enabler support, (2) tracking when the capabilities of coalition forces change dramatically enough to warrant either re-missioning of US forces or a boundary change, and (3) participating in WARFIGHTER exercises that train follow-on coalition partners.

**POC:** [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**9. TOPIC:** Base Consolidation and Closure (Change)

**DISCUSSION:** Base transfer / closures remain a conditions based approach driven by three major considerations: stability in the AO, ISF ability/capability to assume & hold battle space, and funding for base consolidation. The current methodology is bottom-up driven with MSC nominating bases for transfer / closure and MNC-I approve closure requests and supports/monitors the MNC-I SOP base closure process.

O3 & P4 approved COB list remains: Q-West-or-Zaytun, Speicher, Anaconda, VBC, IZ, Al-Asad, Delta, Adder, BAS, Bucca, Um-Qasr.

Base transfers: MNF-West; Blue Diamond transfers 1-Mar-08 and Hurricane Point transfers 20-Feb-08, There are no new PCN requests.

MNC-I Basing OPT continues to address action office topics such as the MNC-I SOP update, and implications to basing projections and strategies from the shrink and share command guidance. MNC-I DCoS has departed theater and has transferred his Basing management to the MNC-I Deputy C7 (b)(3), (b)(6) until 18<sup>th</sup> Abn Corps TOA.

IZ Consolidation Master Plan briefed to DDCS, SPA on 17 Nov. MNC-I also briefed DDCS, SPA on 20 Nov. Latest regarding the NEC occupation window is Feb 08 and be completed by Feb 09. Current plan for movement of MNF-I staff to NEC is approx 175 (down from 250) with STRATEFF being the major staff section moving. Intention is to collapse other elements into the Presidential Palace as space is made available by those moving to the NEC. All MNF-I properties within the IZ will transition to JASG prior to return to the GoI. JASG briefed DDCS SPA on the way forward. Brief included possible demolition of numerous buildings, as well as the inclusion of a permanent structure to be built where Freedom Rest resides. US Military forces FOB site is on the RONCO site.

MNF-West has submitted and intent to transfer Habbaniyah base to the IA. Staffing this action (request for issues) went out via DTU-FRAGO (29-JAN-08) and was also discussed during last Saturday's BMWG. No issues expected.

**Next Action:** MNF-I SPA has formed an OPT to produce an Aug-08 basing outlook based on MNC-I's Aug-08 assessment. This outlook will produce the current and projected basing needs from every MNF-I subordinate unit/agency across Iraq. This OPT effort feeds a MNF-I briefing to P4 in early Feb-08.

MNC-I Basing (b)(3), (b)(6) is presenting an MNC-I base transfer process info-brief to the MNF-I DCS R&S MG McHale on 31-Jan-08; (b)(3), (b)(6) and his SE2 Staff at R&S will attend and assist.

**Future Actions:**

18<sup>th</sup> ABN Corps' current plan of responsibility for Basing management is still under review. Last COA had Basing under the C5.

The PCN staffing for approval will be assembled this Saturday for CoS review and CG decision.

**Bases transferring / closing in the next:**

**30 days:** MNF-West's Hurricane Point

**60 days:** MNF-West's Blue Diamond

**90 days:** -

**Key dates:** Next EBMB is 02-FEB-08, and the next BMWG 12-FEB-08. The next MNF-I Basing Board (IZ) is 17 FEB 08.

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)  
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**10. TOPIC:** Establishment of Judicial Complexes (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** During the conduct of the MNC-I OPOD 07-01 Brief, the CG MNC-I directed the MNC-I SJA to assume responsibility for the establishment of safe, secure judicial complexes throughout Iraq, modeled after the Rule of Law Complex in the Rusafa District of Baghdad. Additionally, the CG MNC-I provided guidance to establish the first site in the city of Ramadi. Initial planning began with the development of a Concept Brief, which was briefed to the MNC-I C3. Upon briefing the C3, the MNC-I SJA section published WARNO 008 to provide notice to the major subordinate commands about this initiative and to assemble the Corps Judicial Complex Working Group (JCWG). Members of the JCWG include representatives from the Corps SJA, C4, C6, C7, C8, C9, and AT-FP sections as well as a representative from the Joint Contracting Command.

- Initial Site Assessment has been completed. Overall cost of project is now estimated to be \$11.6 million. Total completion time for project would be 120 days (assuming complete availability of site).

- Location for Judicial Complex in Anbar province has moved from Camp Blue Diamond to Hurricane Point, directly across the river. The move was made to accommodate the Provincial Governor, who wished to use portions of Blue Diamond for a governmental center. Current plans indicate that the Judicial Courthouse and administrative offices will be situated within a pre-existing building on Hurricane Point, and discussions and planning are underway for the location of the judicial housing (either on Hurricane Point or within Blue Diamond).
- Construction expected to begin on Judicial Complex at Hurricane Point in March 2008.
- MNC-I FRAGO 29 to OPORD 08-01, Judicial Complex Site Selection, was published on 1 January 2008. The FRAGO directs MND-N to choose locations for four (4) judicial complexes, one per province, within MND-N's AO and provide site information to MNC-I NLT 20 JAN. It further directs MND-C to initially determine whether a judicial complex is required within its AO NLT 20 JAN, and then subsequently to select a site NLT 1 Feb, if required. The purpose of the FRAGO is to begin necessary movement and place XVIII ABC in a position where they have sites selected, and can begin working through the planning and contracting process.

POC: [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**11. TOPIC:** IA Legal Advisor Partnership Program (IALAPP) (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** The MNC-I OSJA IALAPP stated priorities are: (1) Oversee IGFC Legal Advisor training; (2) Provide assistance in implementation of revised IA military justice system; (3) Encourage centralized IGFC Detainee procedures and policies; (4) Coordinate providing equipment, materials, and training to increase effectiveness of IA legal advisors; and (5) Foster decrease in IA detainee abuse.

**NEXT ACTION:** Ongoing projects include:

- BG Adnan Hamudi, IGFC Legal Advisor, meeting on a semi-monthly basis with MNC-I OSJA IALAPP attorney.
- IA implemented Military Justice System on 1 Oct 07. The English translation of the published laws is complete; MNC-I OSJA IALAPP attorney distributed the training package on the IA Military Justice System throughout the theater via MNC-I FRAGO. MNC-I OSJA IALAPP attorney continues providing instruction to Coalition Force Transition Teams on the new Iraqi Military Justice System.
- Military Court at Muthana Airport is staffed and is hearing cases; a couple of minor offense cases have already been heard and completed.

**KEY DATES:**

1 OCT – IA Military Justice System implemented

POC: [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**12. TOPIC:** Major Cultural / Religious Events (Update)

**DISCUSSION:** The following lists the months of the Lunar Calendar for 1429 (2008):

<u>Lunar Month</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Gregorian Month</u>
1 Safar 1429	Empty	9 February 2008
1 Rabi I 1429	First Spring	9 March 2008
1 Rabi II 1429	Second Spring	8 April 2008
1 Jumada I 1429	First Freeze	8 May 2008
1 Jumada II 1429	Second Freeze	7 June 2008
* 1 Rajab 1429	Respect	7 July 2008
1 Shaban 1429	Distribute	5 August 2008
1 Ramadan 1429	Parched Thirst	3 September 2008
1 Shawwal 1429	Vigorous	2 October 2008
* 1 Dhu al Qada 1429	Month of Rest	1 November 2008
* 1 Dhu al Hajj 1429	Month of Hajj	30 November 2008

\* 1 Muharram 1429

Forbidden

10 January 2008

\* **Muhammad decreed the 4 months with an asterisk as holy months. During holy months, it is forbidden for practicing Muslims to wage war or fight.**

**WAY AHEAD:** Updated Operationally Significant Religious Events Master List is located on the SIPR MNC-I C3 Plans and Policy homepage under LEAD PLANNER / (b)(3), (b)(6) and also under RELIGIOUS EVENTS.

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)

**13. TOPIC:** Maritime CONOPS (formerly called Riverine Ops) (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** The Maritime CONOPs OPT convened on 23 Oct 07 with the arrival of Naval planners from the Naval Expeditionary Combatant Command (NEEC). The mission analysis ISO a recommended Maritime Conop in the ITO is currently in progress.

**NEXT ACTION:** Continue IPB and mission analysis

**KEY DATES:** N/A

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

**14. TOPIC:** Theater Security Brigade Contracting (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** In order to maximize use of coalition combat forces in theater, MNC-I seeks to identify which security responsibilities can be assumed by civilian contractors. This action would provide MNC-I with another brigade for counter insurgency that previously had been dedicated to convoy security. C3 Plans conducting detailed troop to task with 316<sup>th</sup> Force Protection Cell of Theater Security Brigade to determine recommended tasks to contract to private security firms.

**NEXT ACTION:** Present briefing to Corps CG.

**KEY DATES:** NA.

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)

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