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SEDEF Binder

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MNF Iraq Update

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Commander's Assessment

- On track with security preparations for Referendum. Impact of 12 OCT Constitution changes uncertain. Expect violence at levels of 31 January elections, but much larger Sunni turn out. Expect Referendum to pass. *(STAFF SURVISE)*
- Saddam trial preparations still evolving. Expect short (1-2 day) hearing and continuation later this year.
- ISF exceed 200K. 6th Division has taken control of 2 brigade sector in Baghdad.
- Working completion of conditions for security transfer. May link to UNSCR extension request.
- Corruption allegations continue to hamper MOD development.
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Referendum Highlights

- Registered voters increased by almost a million; approximately 98% of eligible Iraqis registered to vote; approximately 15.6 million.
- Polling Infrastructure. 900 more voting sites now than in January, almost all additions are in Sunni areas. 5200 (Jan 05) / 6057 (Oct 05) / 20% increase.
- Five times as many polling sites in Anbar (33 in January, 171 now); three times as many sites in Ninewa (88 in January, 330 now).
- Voting will occur in Tal 'Afar and Haditha.
- Detainee's voted 13 October; ISF will have opportunity to vote. 50% SK
- Four times as many election workers. Applied to be election workers 110,000 in January / 450,000 today.
- IECI led referendum planning and execution.
- MOI led security planning.
- Coalition forces will provide backup and support where necessary.
- The Iraqis and Coalition Forces have moved 880 tons of material and ~1500 election workers in the last few days.

65k more



Saddam's Trial

- No specific threat to disrupt the trial or kill/rescue Saddam
- Trial begins 19 OCT at Iraqi Special Tribunal Courthouse (in the International Zone)
- Next trial date expected ~~30 days~~ +
- MNFI provides security; no issues
- MNF-I moves Saddam early morning during darkness
- 7 co-defendants
- Al Dujayl massacre
 - Retaliation for assassination attempt in 1982
 - Murdered 146 Iraqis
 - Hundreds imprisoned for many years, incl infants & children