MND-N Backbrief

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Task Force

Lightning

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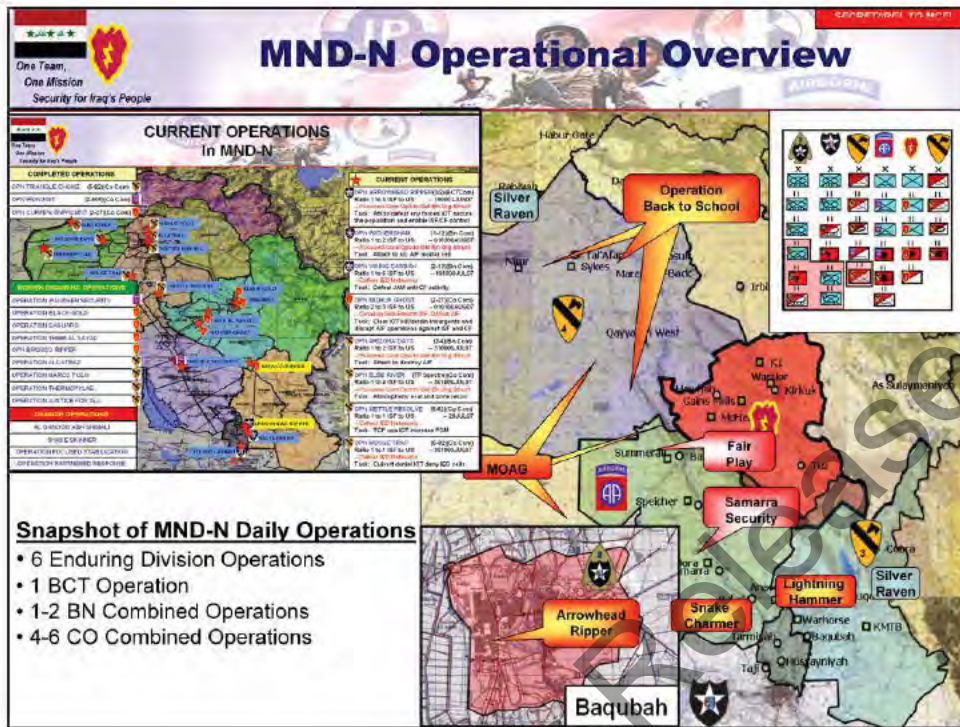
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There are 4 Phantom Strike Backbrief Requirements

1. Identify Planned Operations in support of Phantom Strike (Unit and Location of Operation)

2. MND Plan for prioritizing Internal Enablers to effect a surge in emphasis against AQI and IED Networks from 15 AUG – 15 SEP

3. Anticipated Requirements for Corps level Enablers

4. Any Additional Corps Support Required

MND-N Operational Overview

•Working down the left hand side of the slide, the MND-N Operational Priorities, Operational Objectives, and enduring MND-N missions

•Our objective for the next 90 days is to reduce the IED threat and to pursue, and exploit success against, enemy forces – These objectives directly support Operation Phantom Strike

•Enduring Missions, Emerging Missions, and RIP will challenge the MND ability to fully resource operations with internal assets

Enduring Operations

Al Qanoon Ash Shimali (Northern Law)

Snake Skinner

Operation Focused Stabilization

Operation Partnered Response

Fair Play (Honest Hands)

Samarra Security (Lightning Shamrock)
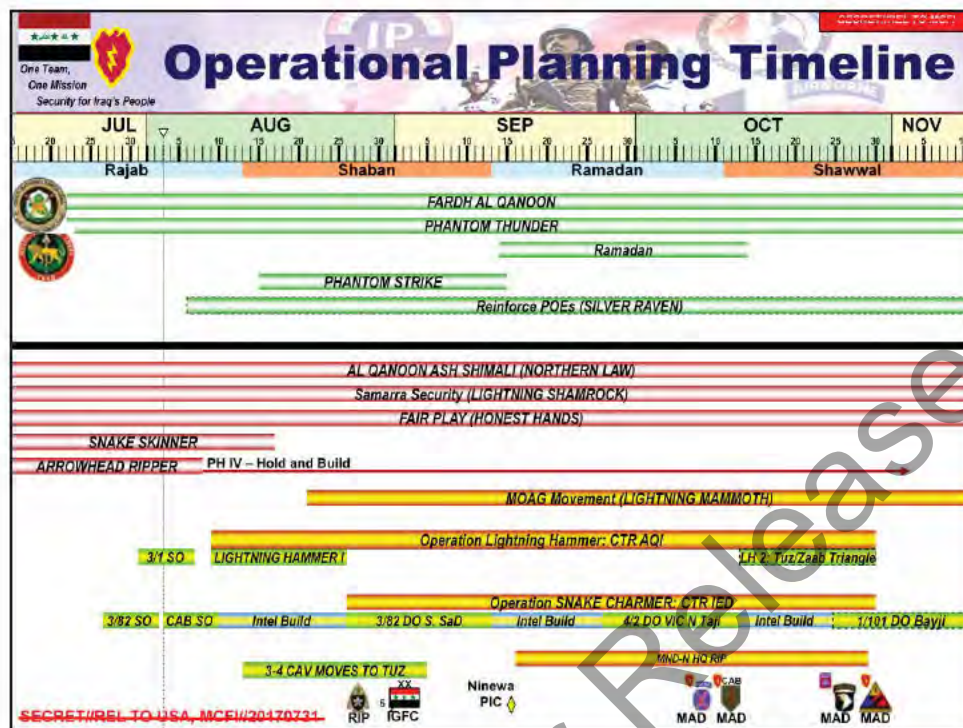
BCT Operations

Arrowhead Ripper Phase IV

Emerging Operations

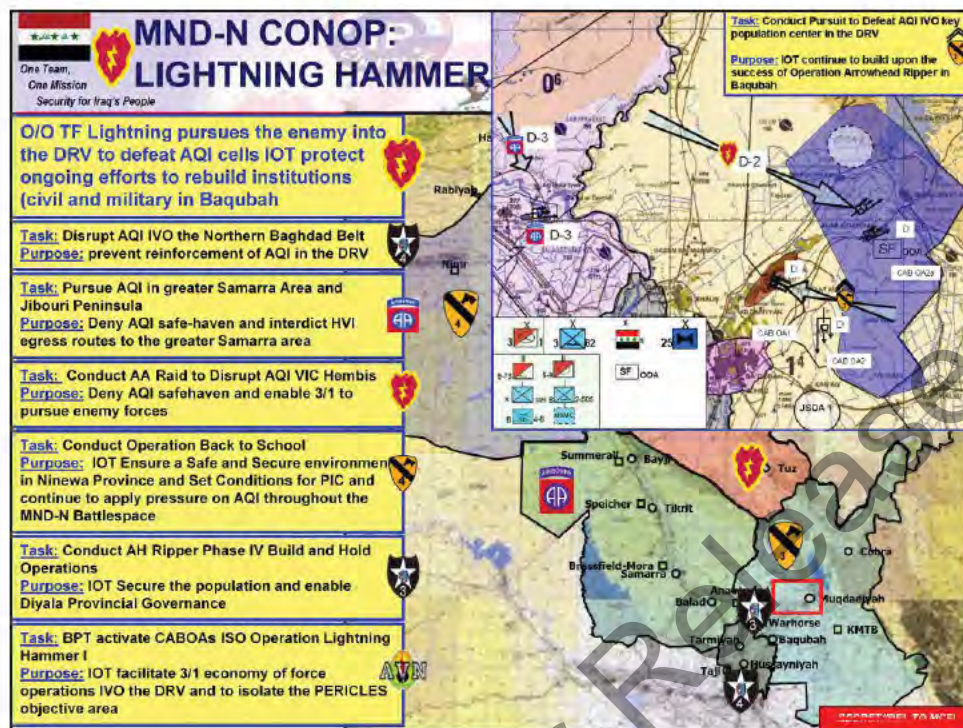MOAG Movement (Lightning Mammoth)

Operation Lightning Hammer

Operation Snake Charmer

TF Lightning RIP/TOA with TF Iron

Operational Planning Timeline

- Operation's Lightning Hammer and Snake Charmer are two MND-N Named Operations that achieve your intent for Operation Phantom Strike

- Shaping Operations for Lightning Hammer and Snake Charmer

  - 1-3 AUG Operation Wickersham (1-12 IN SW of Baqubah ISO Lightning Hammer)

  - 4-6 AUG Operation Hoplite (5-73 in the DRV ISO Lightning Hammer)

  - 4-8 AUG Operation Mechanics (3/2 in Baqubah ISO Arrowhead Ripper)

  - **5-8 AUG Highwayman (25 CAB SO along MSR Tampa ISO Snake Charmer)**

  - 5-8 AUG Operation William Wallace (5-73 in the DRV ISO Lightning Hammer)

  - **10 AUG – 10 SEP Operation Back to School (4/1 SO ISO Lightning Hammer)**

  - D-3 (11 AUG) 3/82 ABN AA S of Samarra

  - **D-2 (12 AUG) 3/25 ID AA IVO Hembis and Sinsel**

  - 14-25 AUG INTEL Build ISO Snake Charmer

  - **11 AUG – O/A 7 SEP Movement of 3-4 CAV from Sykes to Tuz**

MND-N CONOP: LIGHTNING HAMMER

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• Disrupt enemy activity South of the DRV VIC Kanan and Balad Ruz

• Disrupt the enemy in CABOAs 1, 2 and 2 A

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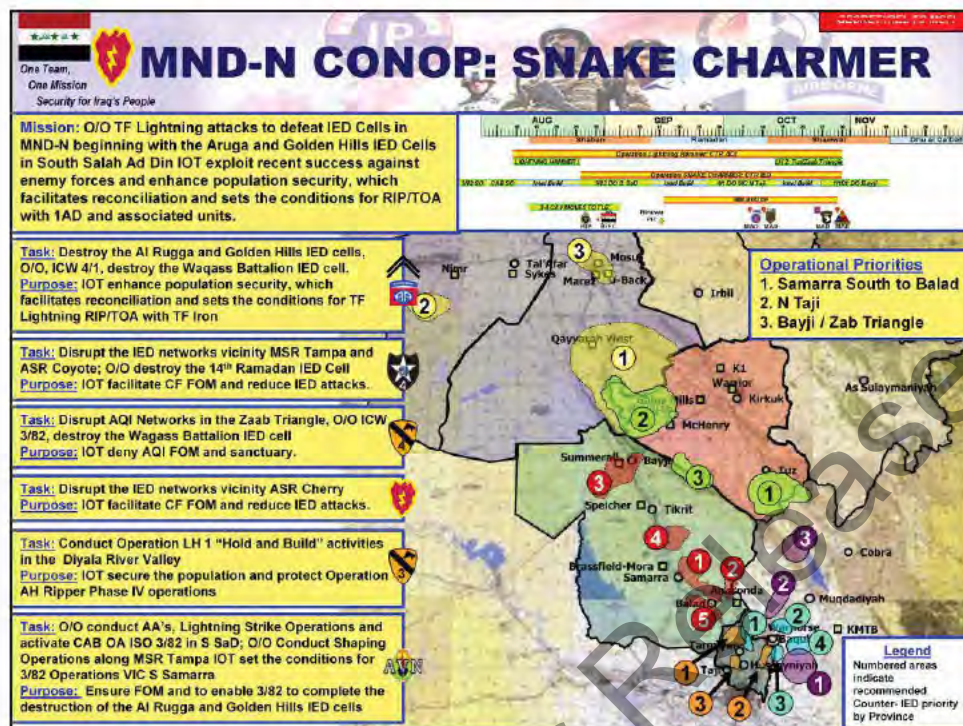
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Terrain: The local population's perception of the IA and IP is positive. The government of Diyala continues to establish itself as the governing body of the Province. The DOC is fully functional and operating.

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•Dominate key portions of MSRs/ASRs IOT ensure CF FOM

•Maintain the initiative with an accelerated and unpredictable OPTEMPO; conduct high potential operations even when forces to hold and build are not available

•Incorporate ISF into operations at every echelon

Endstate:

Friendly: 25th ID forces have freedom of movement in sector and are postured to receive 1st AD and it's associated units.

Enemy: The Al Rugga and Golden Hills IED cells defeated in Southern SaD. AQI influence with the local populace is diminished enabling progress towards reconciliation.

Terrain: The local populace enjoys an increased sense of security. IA and IPS are dominant security forces, operating under Provincial/Local C2, who support and uphold the rule of law; setting the environmental conditions required for the initial stages of reconciliation and PIC.

Corps Enablers Required

- **Aviation**
  - **Extend GS AWTs TO MND-N until 01 SEP 07**
- **ISR**
  - 1.4 **X FMV Platform for FMV overlap and 24 hour coverage**
  - **GMTI: JSTARS 2100D – 0400D /0000D – 0600D**
  - **Highlighter: 6 Hours per day**
  - **Constant Hawk: 6 Hours per day**
  - **SIGINT: GRCS / EP3 8 Hours per day**
- **Engineer**
  - **Priority of Support from Corps Route Clearance Assets**
  - **Priority of Support for MNC-I Route Clearnce Equipment fielding thru September**
- **Corps Support other than Enablers**
  - **None**

Approved for Release

Aviation

1.4 X AWTs currently GS to MND-N due to return to MNC-I control on 15 AUG.

•Require extension to 1 SEP IOT support Decisive Operations for Operation Lightning Hammer and Operation Snake Charmer

ISR

Projected ISR On-Hand

	BCT:	17 – 20 Hours	
	IBCT:	17 – 20 Hours	
1.4a	BCT:	20 – 24 Hours	
	IBCT:	17 – 20 Hours	
	BCT:	20 – 24 Hours	
1.4a (CAB)		24 Hours	
		4.5 Hours	
1.4a		4.5 Hours	
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TF 1.4a		15 Hours	

Engineer Assets:

•Require 2 X Additional RCTs in Diyala IOT support Operation Lightning Hammer.

•Require 875th TAI coverage on Southern Tampa IVO TAI Massachusets in support of Snake Charmer from 25 AUG to O/A 4 NOV

•Request priority of Support for MNC-I RTE Clearance Team Equipment Fielding thru September

Back Up Slides

MND-N ISR Requirements

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AUG   SEP   OCT
Shaban   Ramadan
PHANTOM THUNDER
Counter AOI IEDs (PHANTOM STRIKE)
Reinforce POEs (SILVER RAVEN)
AL QAHOOH ASH SHIMALI (NORTHERN LAW)
Operation Lightning Hammer: CTR AOI
Operation SNAKE CHARMER: CTR IED
Samarra Security (LIGHTNING SHAMROCK)
FAIR PLAY (HONEST HANDS)
3-4 CAV MOVES TO TUZ
3/2 SBCT RIP
ARROWHEAD RIPPER   PH IV – Hold and Build
ISOAG Movement (LIGHTNING MAMMOTH)
Reinforce POEs (SILVER RAVEN)

Multi-National Division – North
Assessed Enemy Concentrations

From early August until mid-October MND-N will simultaneously conduct over six Division-level operations ISO OPNs PHANTOM THUNDER and PHATNOM STRIKE. To achieve maximum operational and tactical effects MND-N must integrate EAD ISR to fill Intelligence gaps and ensure situational awareness within a battle space the size of Pennsylvania.

ISR Requests   (Per 24 Hour Period)

EAD FMV:
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GMTI:
JSTARS: 2100D – 0400D / 0000D – 0600D

TF 1 4a
Highlighter: 6 Hours
- Route Study & Screen,
- Targeting / Cache
Constant Hawk: 6 Hours
- VBIED, DBIED
ARMS: 5 Hours
- PeARL and FMV

SIGINT:
GRCS / EP3:   8 Hours
Force Protection Boxes

** National and Theater Nominations EO/MASINT

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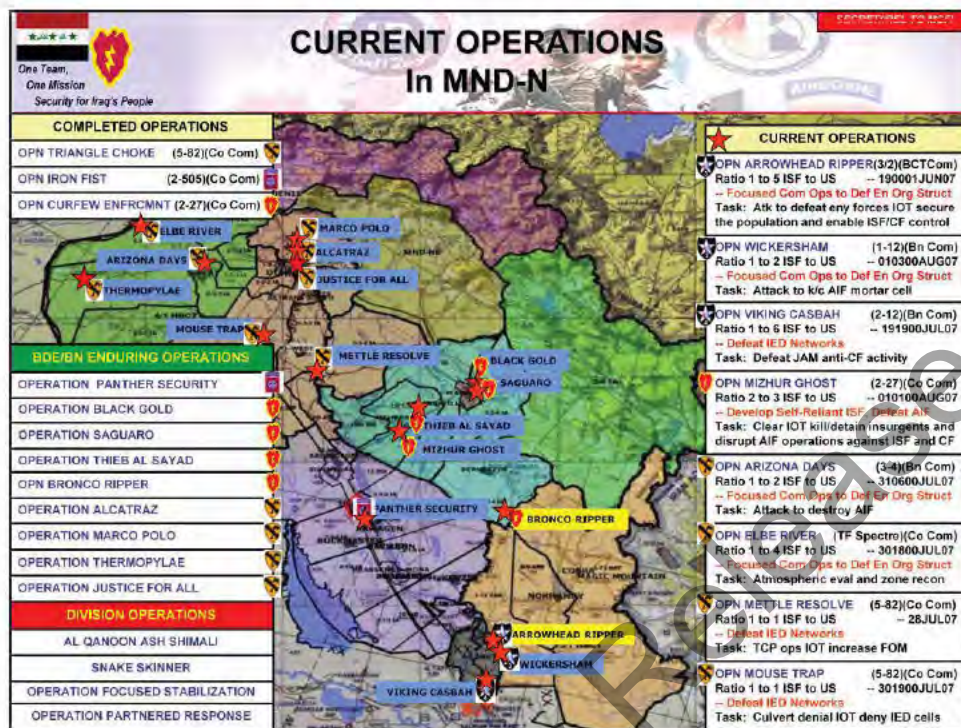
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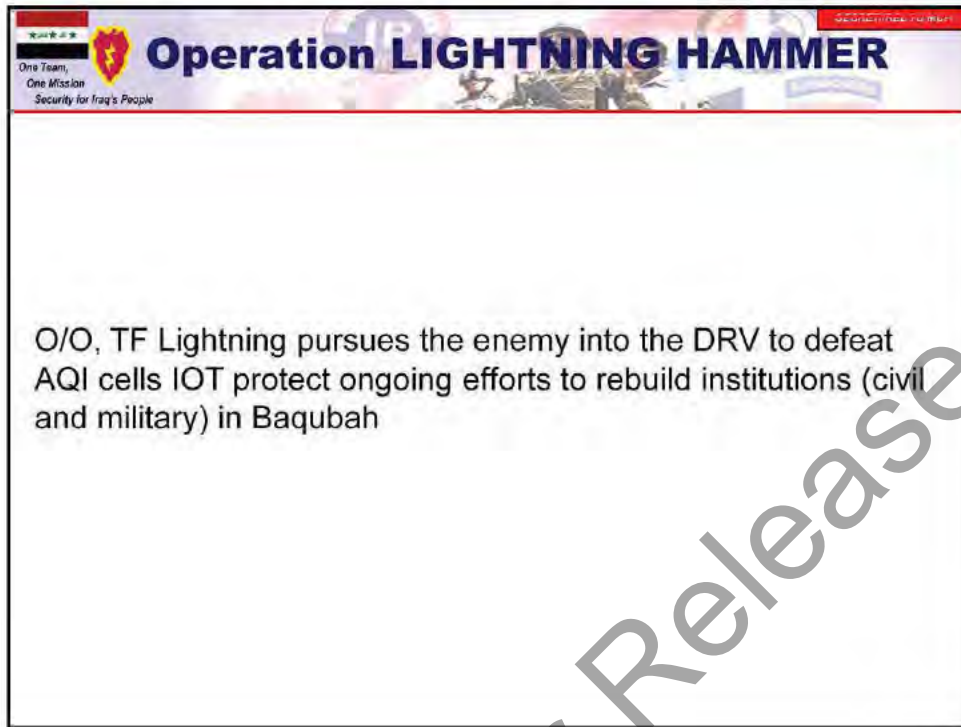
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24 Hours

4.5 Hours

15 Hours

Operation Snake Skinner, day 61 – Arrowhead Ripper, day 43

During the last 12 hours, there were 2 x company level and above operations completed and 1 x OCF-I mission executed. Completed operations are Bandit Quest in AO Greywolf and Fox Run in AO Panther.

There are currently 7 x non-enduring, on-going company level and above operations which are Arrowhead Ripper in AO Arrowhead, Viking Casbah in AO Raider, Arizona Days, Elbe River, Mettle Resolve, Triangle Choke and Mouse Trap in AO Long Knife.

During the next 12 hours, there are 4 x company level and above operations scheduled to begin and no OCF-I missions planned. New operations are Wickersham in AO Raider, Simms Iron Fist in AO Panther, Curfew Enforcement and Mizhur Ghost in AO Bronco.

I'll be followed by the Arrowhead LNO.

Operation LIGHTNING HAMMER

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O/O, TF Lightning pursues the enemy into the DRV to defeat AQI cells IOT protect ongoing efforts to rebuild institutions (civil and military) in Baqubah

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O/O TF Lightning attacks to defeat IED Cells in MND-N beginning with the Al Rugga and Golden Hills IED Cells in South Salah Ad Din IOT exploit recent success against AQI and enhance population security, which facilitates reconciliation and sets the conditions for RIP/TOA with 1AD and associated units.

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