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
• 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
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
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**MND-N CONOP: SNAKE CHARMER**

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**Tasks:**
1. **Destory the Ait Rugga and Golden Hills IED cells, OOD, KfW 1:**
   - Objective: IIST enhance population security, which facilitates reconciliation and sets the conditions for TF Lightning RFTDA with TF IIST.
2. **Disrupt the IED networks vicinity Mrb Tema and Ait Rugga:**
   - Objective: IIST destroy the 5th iraqi IED Cell
   - Purpose: IIST facilitate CF FOM and reduce IED attacks.
3. **Disrupt AQI Networks in the Zab Triangle, OOD IIST:**
   - Objective: IIST AQI FOM and sanctuary.
4. **Conduct Operation Lh 1 “Hold and Build” activities in the Omarir River Valley:**
   - Objective: IIST secure the population and protect Operations Air Refuelling drones for operations.
5. **Disrupt AQI’s Lightening Strike Operations and activate CAb DaIsq 342 in S SaD:**
   - Objective: IIST conduct shaping Operations along Mrb Tema IIST set the conditions for SAb Operations Wcks Samsara
   - Purpose: Ensure FOM and to enable 3/2 to complete the destruction of the Jai Rugga and Golden Hills IED cells

**Operational Priorities:**
1. Samsara South to Baled
2. N Taji
3. Bajiya i Zab Triangle

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Corps Enablers Required

- **Aviation**
  - Extend GS AWTs TO MND-N until 01 SEP 07

- **ISR**
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  - 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 Clearance Equipment fielding thru September

- **Corps Support other than Enablers**
  - None

Aviation

4x 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

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- Require 2 X Additional RCTs in Diyala IOT support Operation Lightning Hammer.
- Require 875th TAI coverage on Southern Tampa IVO TAI Massachusetts in support of Snake Charmer from 25 AUG to 0/4/20
- Request priority of Support for MNC-I RTE Clearance Team Equipment Fielding thru September
Back Up Slides
From early August until mid-October MND-N will simultaneously conduct over six Division-level operations ISO COPs PHANTOM THUNDER and PHANTOM 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.

**MND-N ISR Requirements**

**ISR Requests** (Per 24 Hour Period)

- **EAD FMV**
  - Minimum of 2 FMV platforms for FMV overlap and 24 hour coverage: Predator, Deep Hunter, SNAR, Warrior Alpha or ARMES. Must be available to units.

- **GMTI**
  - JETARS: 2100h - 0600h (2100h - 0400h)
  - TR 14h
  - Highlights:
    - Route Study & Scoping
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    - Cost
    - VIDEO, IDVIEO
    - ARMS:
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  - GEO/ERS
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Operation Snake Skinner, day 61 – Arrowhead Ripper, day 43

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