

Sir – Notes for MNC-I BUA, 25 Oct 07:

CG Comments

- During COIC IED Summary – LTG Odierno commented that the decrease in IED attacks by Shia is not a significant decrease. He said, “It is not as great as we make it out to be in my mind. It is a lot smaller decrease than I expected.”
- During Media update, re: Large EFP Find in MND-N – LTG Odierno said it was a great effort by 3/1 Cav and the Iraqi Security Forces. That’s probably a 6 month supply, hopefully we’ll be able to exploit this and get after their networks.
- During MND-N update – LTG Odierno asked when the SAFIRE engagement against the CH47 occurred. Answer: I5 said it was last night.

C2 Ops

- Tonight’s Intel update examines infiltration of CLC Groups.
- Concerned Local Citizens (CLC) groups partnered with CF and ISF are playing an important role in combating the insurgency in Iraq. CLC groups provide Sunni and Shi’a alike with an additional opportunity to secure their local areas, giving them ownership of their own security, an important element of the effort to undermine the insurgency in Iraq. The successful operation of mixed-sect CLCs has great potential to help quell the insurgency. Given already complex sectarian situations in some AORs, CLCs view AQI and Shi’a extremists as equal threats to peace and security. In early Oct, a jihadi website used footage taken in Diyala on 20 Jul 07 to encourage AQI to infiltrate CLCs in order to conduct operations against CF. In the majority of areas there are clear success stories; in others, there are indications that extremist groups, primarily AQI, are seeking to hinder the progress of CLCs, infiltrating groups and using them for their own means. Such actions at present however, are not the norm.
- MND-Baghdad has often reported CLC groups including those in Ameriyah and Ghazaliyah as participating successfully in combined operations with CF and ISF for some time.
- In MND-North, while sectarian tension is still present in Diyala, local CLC groups remain an effective tool in the anti-AQI fight and still continue to be integrated into the ISF. Two mixed-CLCs groups operating in Albu Hisma and al Zor have helped to reduce attacks by 40% by informing CF of multiple cache locations and displaying a vigilance regarding local security, becoming adept at disrupting enemy activity.
- MND-Center reports that as of 19 Oct, the Kargolia CLC group contained approximately 70% Sunni and 30% Shi’a, and had around 300 members. Reporting indicates that CLCs have detained high value individuals (HVs), found and cleared (F/C) caches, and helped to improve the welfare of local citizens. Also operating in MND-Center are the S. Abu Ghuraib CLC group (85% Sunni, 15% Shi’a) and the Hamiya CLC group

(50% Sunni, 50% Shi'a). Some single source reporting also indicates that a few AQI members may have infiltrated CLCs in Southern Baghdad Province with a likely aim of targeting Shi'a elements in order to create instability.

- While there has also been isolated reports of Shi'a extremist infiltration of CLCs to date, likely due to the predominant anti-AQI main effort of CLCs, this infiltration is likely an attempt by Shi'a extremist members to continue undermining CF operations while avoiding violation of the Sadrist "Freeze".
- CLCs are important for local security in the short-term. While there are indications of some infiltration by insurgents, CLC groups remain a productive and positive component of countering the insurgency. Existing enrollment procedures including use of B.A.T.S. and oversight by CF/ISF will continue to minimize insurgent efforts to infiltrate CLC groups.

COIC IED Summary

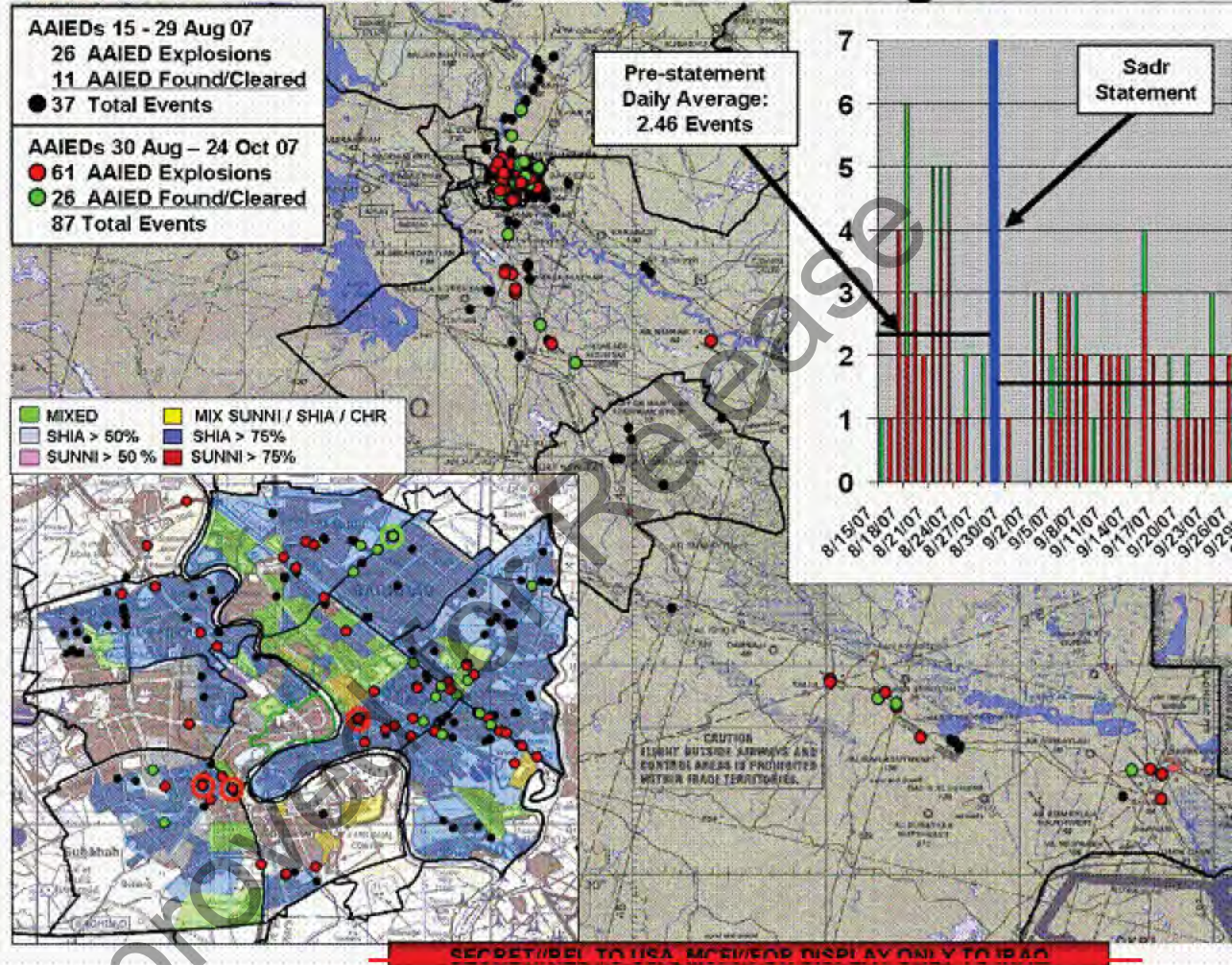
- IED and AAIED attacks preceding and following Al Sadr's order to JAM to cease attacks on Coalition Forces.



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AAIEDs

15 - 29 Aug 07 and 30 Aug 07 – 24 Oct 07

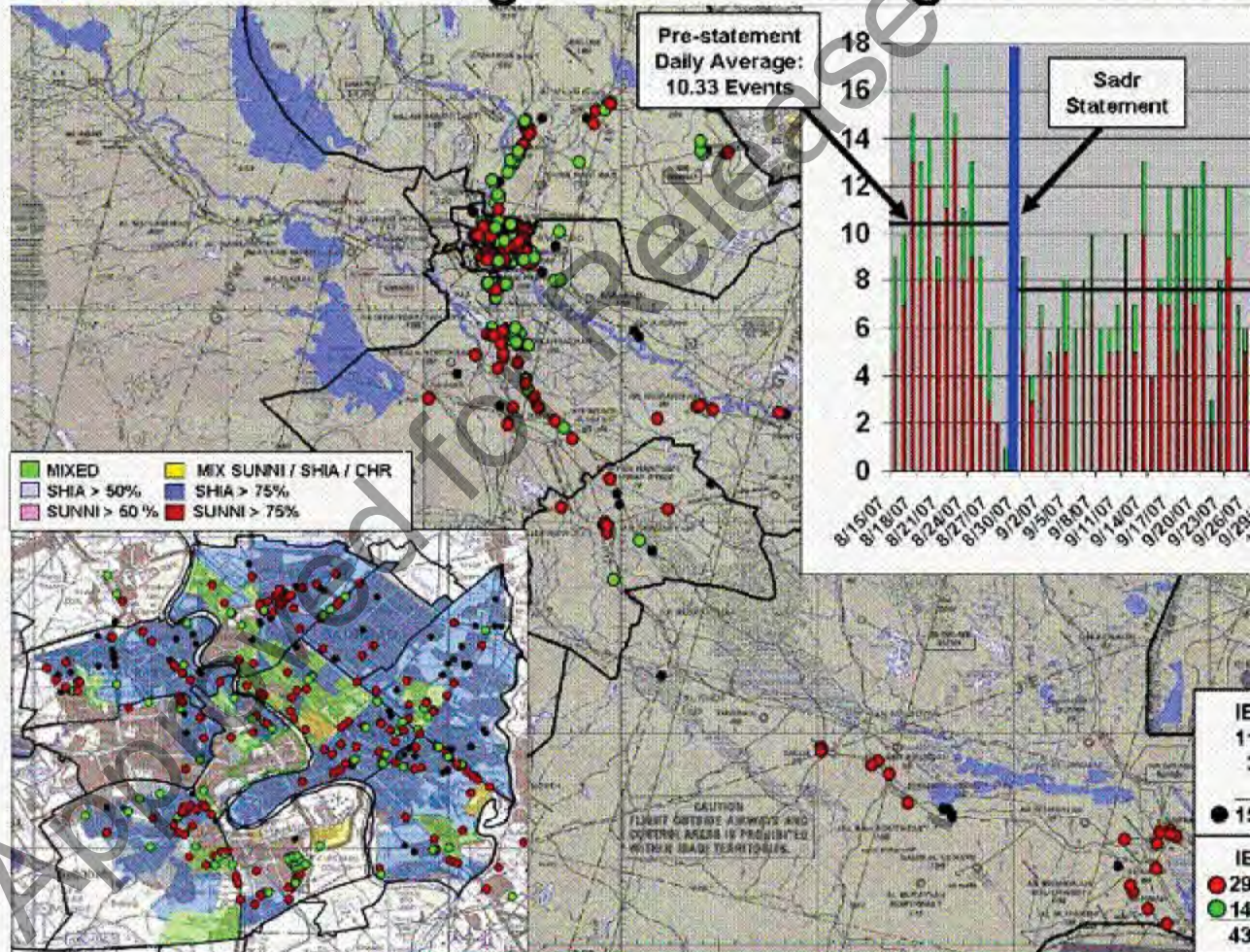


- During the two weeks preceding the 29 AUG announcement, AAIED attacks were occurring at a daily average of 2.5 events per day. Since the announcement, there have been 87 total AAIED attacks. This equates to a daily average of 1.5 events per day. There was an increase in activity during the first weeks of OCT, but has slowed over the past week. Compared to the September total of 54 AAIED attacks, there have been 42 attacks to date in October, with projected monthly totals in the Mid 50s. AAIED attacks since Thursday's BUA show an additional ring around the Icon. This week, there was one event found and cleared Just NE of Sadr city, two explosions in W. Rashid, and an explosion in Rusafa District. Of note, is the continued decrease or lack of AAIED attacks in MND-CS and SE.

- The second slide depicts all IED attacks in Shia areas, or that are attributed to Shia extremists. There were 155 IED attacks from 15 to 29 August, for a daily average of 10.3. Since then, IED attacks have occurred at a daily rate of approximately 7.8, correlating with decreasing IED attack trends throughout the ITO.



IEDs in Predominantly Shia Areas 15 - 29 Aug 07 and 30 Aug 07 – 24 Oct 07




- Initial indicators are that overall IED activity has declined in the weeks following the August 29th announcement. However, JAM Special Groups are still actively targeting Coalition Forces within Baghdad using AAIED's. It remains unclear at this time whether recent substantial cache finds will have an impact on future attack rates. In reference there were large cache finds at the end of February, yet attacks increased in March.

CCIRs reported to MNC-I for the previous 24 hour period are shown below.

- To view report details, go to the MNC-I SIGACTS rollup page at [MNC-I CCIR/SIGACT Roll-up](#).
- See MNC-I CCIR storyboards at anytime at [MNC-I CCIR Storyboards](#).

MND-B

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MND-N

CCIR		251115D Oct 07 : 20071025111538SLC9866069910 : (ENEMY ACTION) DIRECT FIRE RPT (Small Arms) 3/3-8 CAV : 1 CF KIA												
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MND-SE – None

MND-CS – None

MND-NE – None

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