

CG Comments

MNC-I BUA Wednesday Night 301730JAN08

INTEL: Brief centered around SAF events. No comments/questions

SWO: No comments/questions

MEDIA: see tape 1737-1738

LTG O: That was great action by the unit on that suicide bomber. Really great execution of EOF and caused that bomber to detonate early which really limited the number of casualties that occurred. So that was a really great action. It shows the discipline of our Soldiers and Marines out there. It shows what they are capable of doing. Just incredible. Secondly, I just want to comment on some of MG Hammond's comments on what he is trying to do to stretch, as much as he can, the force in Baghdad. And all the commanders are very focused on that. That's why I want to make a comment here to the staffs. As we reduce the size from 20 to 15 brigades, it is important to try to make the most use of the force that we have. Making sure we have the best use of our maneuver formations, getting them out as much as possible to continue to have an effect on the population. Which has really been the key to our success here is the effect we have had on the population.

OPERATIONS: No comments/questions

IGFC: No comments/questions

MND-N:

LTG O: Thank you very much I appreciate all the hard work that's going on

MND-NE: No comments/questions

MNF-W: No comments/questions tape 1759-9

MND-B: No comments/questions

MND-C:

LTG O: I had a great visit out to (inaudible location). They are doing a great job getting that patrol base built so they are making some great progress there.

MND-CS:

LTG O: Welcome GEN Malinowski and the 10th rotation to the MNC-I. Thanks I enjoyed that today.

MND-SE:

LTG O: I understand the point of coordination of local government working with GOI and I will work that up here with the GOI and try to get that coordination happening moving forward.

CJSOTF: No comments/questions

316TH ESC: No comments/questions

JOINT Fires: No comments/questions

ALO: No comments/questions

IO: No comments/questions

C4:

LTG O: I guess I need an update on where we stand with the Hunters.
Unknown Briefer; Sir one hunter down for fuel leak due back up by 1 FEB, two down for front wheel bushings, due up by 31 JAN.

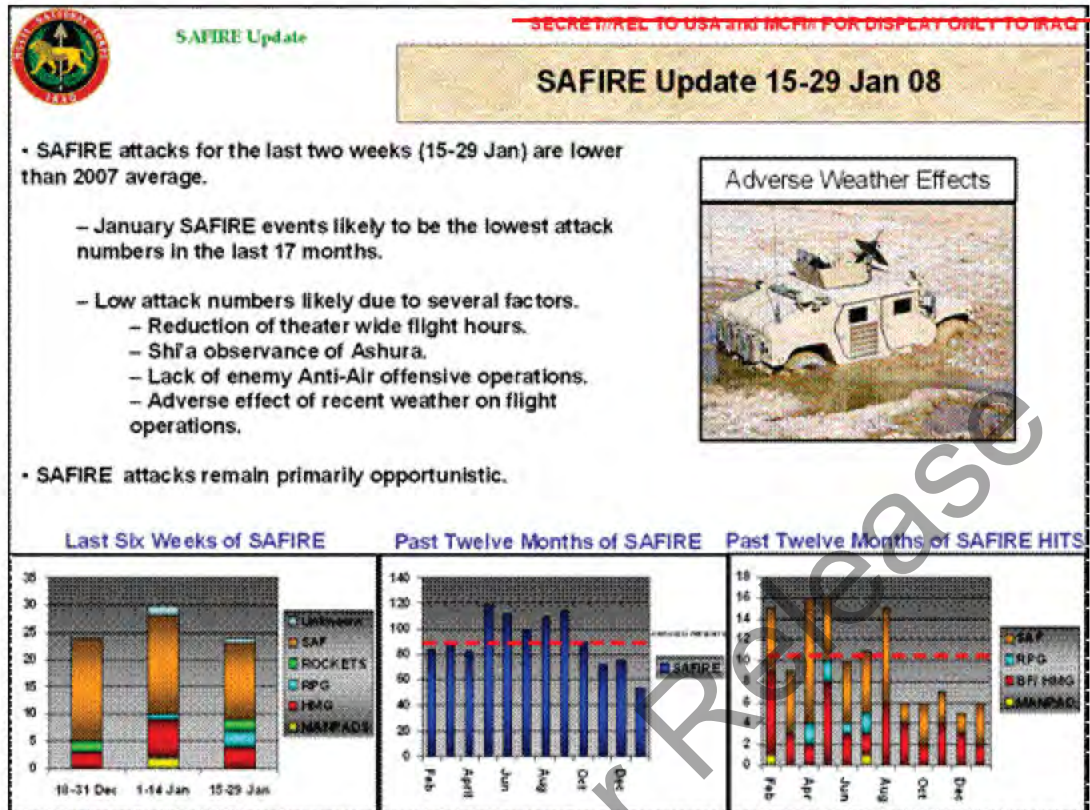
CHAPLAIN:

COS: Just for the 9. We will work with SE an Forces R&S and focus our recon visit. The purpose the objectives and how we are going to support this thing on 3 & 6 FEB I think we are all a little bit concerned on that.

CG:

LTG O: As we know we have started to get some bad weather in; some rainy days; we are starting to see more accidents. I just need all our commanders to make sure they are talking to all our Soldiers about the canal roads and other dangers we are facing here. We have had 2 or 3 pretty significant accidents here over the last couple of days that were due to the weather. So I ask everyone to really take this on and make sure we don't lose any Soldiers and Marines unnecessarily. May God bless all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians.
Phantom 6 out.

C2:



Tonight's Intel Update is the periodic SAFIRE events and trends.

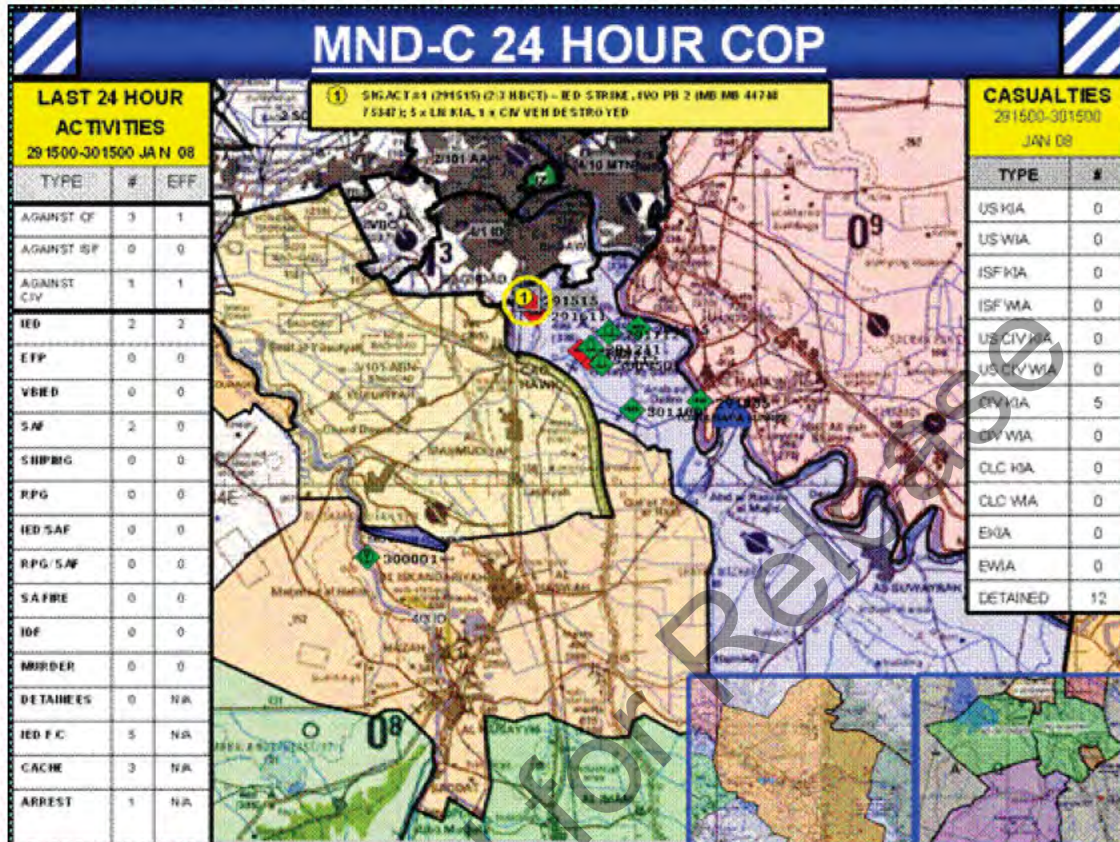
There were a total of 24 Surface to Air Fire (SAFIRE) events over the past two weeks (15-29 Jan 08). This was a decrease of (6) events when compared to the previous two weeks.

There were (14) small arms engagements, (4) Belt-Fed Heavy Machine Guns, (2) rockets, (3) RPGs, and (1) unknown. Projected SAFIRE events are below the monthly average. (3) Coalition Forces (CF) aircraft were hit, none were downed and January is projected to have the lowest SAFIRE event total over the last 17 months. The majority of SAFIRE attacks are still occurring in MND-North and MND-Baghdad.

SAFIRE events for January (54 to date) are significantly down from December (when we saw 73 total events). SAFIRE engagements have continued to decline since the peak of the surge and the beginning of Al Sadr's Freeze in August, with the average attacks per month at (85) for all of 2007. This decrease is likely attributed to several factors. Some of the factors include; a reduced amount of theatre wide flight hours, recent Ashura observances, lack of enemy anti-air offensive operations, coalition forces avoidance of "hot-spot" over-flight, and finally the adverse effect of recent weather on aviation.

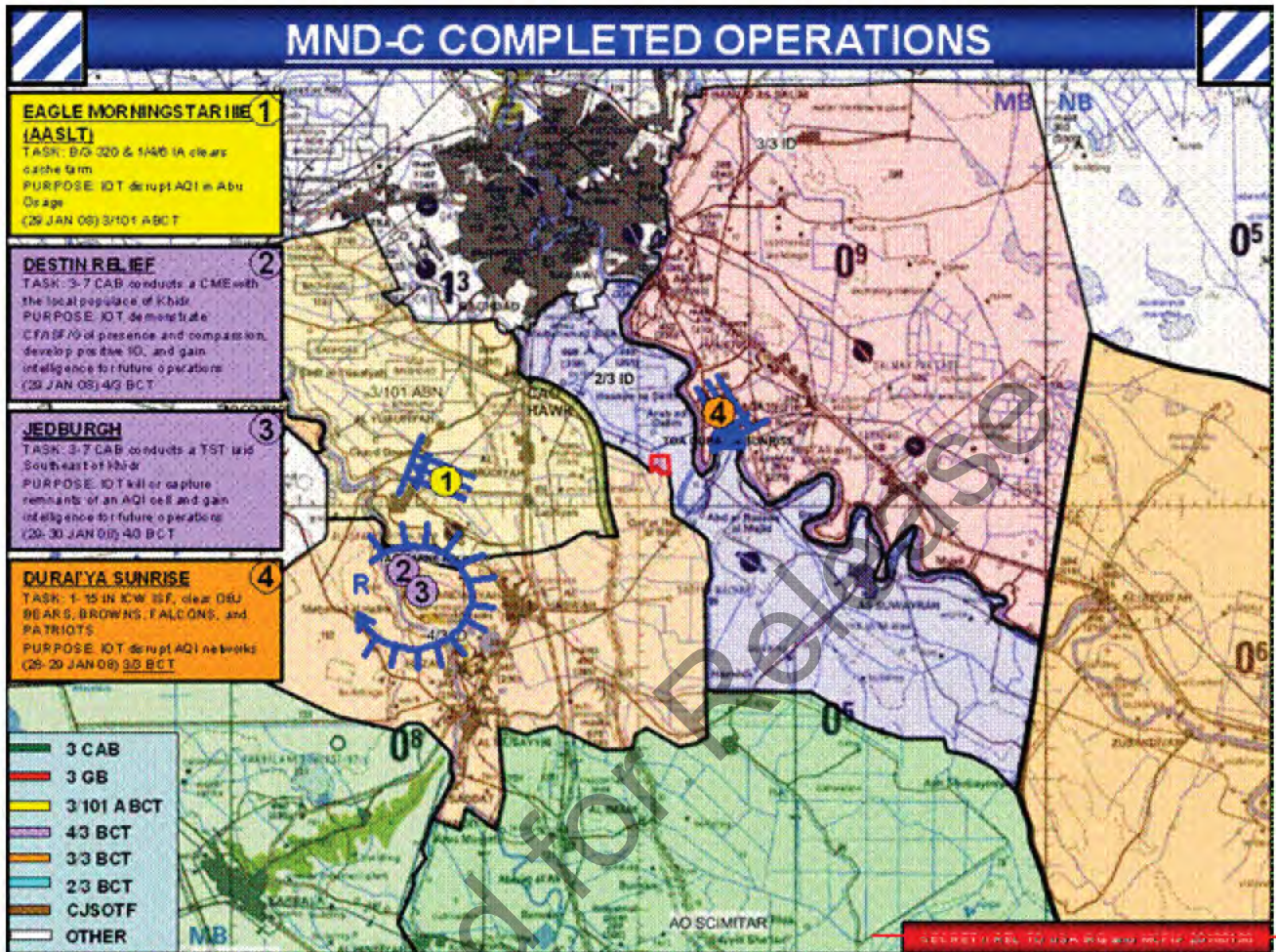
SAFIRE incidents continue to be mostly opportunistic attacks. Insurgent elements, including Shi'a extremists groups and AQI, will continue these attacks to shoot down Coalition Forces (CF) aircraft. The greatest threat to CF aircraft likely remains attacks involving Belt Fed Heavy Machine Gun and small arms fire, with MANPADS remaining a credible threat.

MND-C Marne:



Last 24 hours 13 total events with 1 reportable SIGACT. 2 of 4 enemy attacks in our area were effective

Yesterday a 2/3 BCT dismounted patrol West of PB Murray located a burning civilian vehicle with 5 x LN KIAs inside. The vehicle was struck by a command detonated IED. Reporting indicates this could have been a Sunni on Sunni contract dispute.



COMPLETED OPERATIONS)

In the last 24 hours, we have completed 4 operations.

Yesterday, 3/101 completed Operation EAGLE MORNINGSTAR 3E, an AASLT raid to clear possible AQI caches, Southwest of Mahmudiyah.

To the South, in the Khidr region of 4/3 BCT's OE, Operation DESTIN RELIEF, a Cooperative Medical Engagement.

Southeast of Khidr, 4/3 completed Operation JEDBURGH, a TST raid targeting an AQI cell in Hanasawa. This operation captured 3 x BCT HVIs, and 3 x other detainees, all associated with AQI.

Finally yesterday, in our Eastern OE, 3/3 BCT completed Operation DURAI'YA SUNRISE, which is highlighted in the first of three OPSUMs.

OPN DURAI'YA SUNRISE, SALMAN PAK, 3/3 HBCT	
WHAT: OPN DURAI'YA SUNRISE WHERE: SALMAN PAK Mission Significant Actions: 7 x IED 1 x IED EXPLOSION 1 x CACIE 13 x CLC CPs established	(b)(3), (b)(6)
On January 28 and 29, 2008, TF 1-15 IN conducted Operation Durai'ya Sunrise, that cleared Durai'ya of extremists. The CLCs pointed out several IEDs that were cleared by Coalition Forces explosive experts. Approximately 160 CLCs from the Durai'ya area participated in the establishment of checkpoints in the village with the assistance of CLCs from the Zelig and Al Bawi regions. Those checkpoints are now manned by the CLCs in the Durai'ya area which prevent extremists freedom of movement.	1.4c


(DURAI'YA SUNRISE)

Yesterday, 3/3 BCT, in coordination with 1/9 IA and 1/1 National Police, completed Operation DURAI'YA SUNRISE, a 2-day clearance operation Southeast of Salman Pak which found and cleared 7 x IEDs and established 13 new CLC checkpoints. The new CLC CPs support the isolation of AQI in the MARNE THUNDERBOLT Objectives, and help set the conditions for our next Division Operation, Operation GRAND SLAM, in the Al Lej area.

OPN EAGLE MORNINGSTAR IIIIE, 3/101 ABCT	
<p>SUMMARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1813320* ISO 1481A AIR ASSAULTED THE ABU OSAGE AREA OF RO DAHDAH EAGLE SOUTH IOT DISRUPT AQI IN THAT AREA. • A LN SOURCE PD 30LN TO DETAIN MO HOUSE 2. THE 30DETAINELS HAVE HOUSED AND ARE ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN FIGHTERS THAT USED TO OPERATE IN THE AREA. • OBJ ADDER AND OBJ DGER WERE CLEARED BY 1813320* AND 1481A. • NO CACHES OR SLEEP SITES WERE USED. 40NS FROM HOUSE 6 LED 1813320* TO A CACHE CONSISTING OF 40XPS SURE PLATES, 200DS (CONSISTING OF 6 EACH 57MM RND S AND DET CORD), 50X7.62 ROUNDS AND 10XSNIPER RIFLE MO MD 3170/ 53710. AFTER THE CACHE WAS DESTROYED BY LOD, A SWAT ON STATION DISCOVERED 1X HIDE SITE. • WHILE EN ROUTE, THE ELEMENT DISCOVERED A TUNNEL. THE TUNNEL WAS 17X200M DEEP AND WAS REINFORCED BY PLYWOOD AND 2KAS. • THE TUNNEL WAS DESTROYED BY HELLFIRE. THE HIDE SITE WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE BECAUSE IT WAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF A CANAL. • ISR WILL MONITOR MOVEMENT AROUND THE HIDE SITE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE OPERATIONS. <p>SUMMARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 X DETAINELS • 1 X HIDE SITE • 1 X TUNNEL • 2 X IEDS (6X57MM RND S WITH DET CORD EACH) • 1 X SNIPER RIFLE • 4 X PRE SSURE PLATES • 50 X 7.62MM ROUNDS (IN MAGAZINE) <p>S2 ASSESSMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE SIZEABLE CACHE DISCOVERED WITH PRE-CONSTRUCTED IEDS, THE HIDE SITE, AND THE SNIPER RIFLE INDICATE THE OBJECTIVE AREA AS A HISTORICAL AQI CACHE SITE AND HIDE SITE. • THE SNIPER RIFLE IS CONSISTENT WITH REPORTS OF A TRAINED SNIPER LOCATED IN THE MOLO S AREA. • THE RESULTS OF THIS OPERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION IRON BOSTON HAVE NEGATIVELY EFFECTED THE OPERATIONS OF AQI IN THE AREA. 	<div data-bbox="998 472 1047 504">1.4c</div> <div data-bbox="1047 787 1104 819">(b)(6)</div> <div data-bbox="690 871 738 903">1.4c</div> <div data-bbox="771 882 1372 1033">  <div data-bbox="1031 997 1128 1029">IED CACHE</div> <div data-bbox="1193 997 1356 1029">RIFLE & PRESSURE PLATES</div> </div>

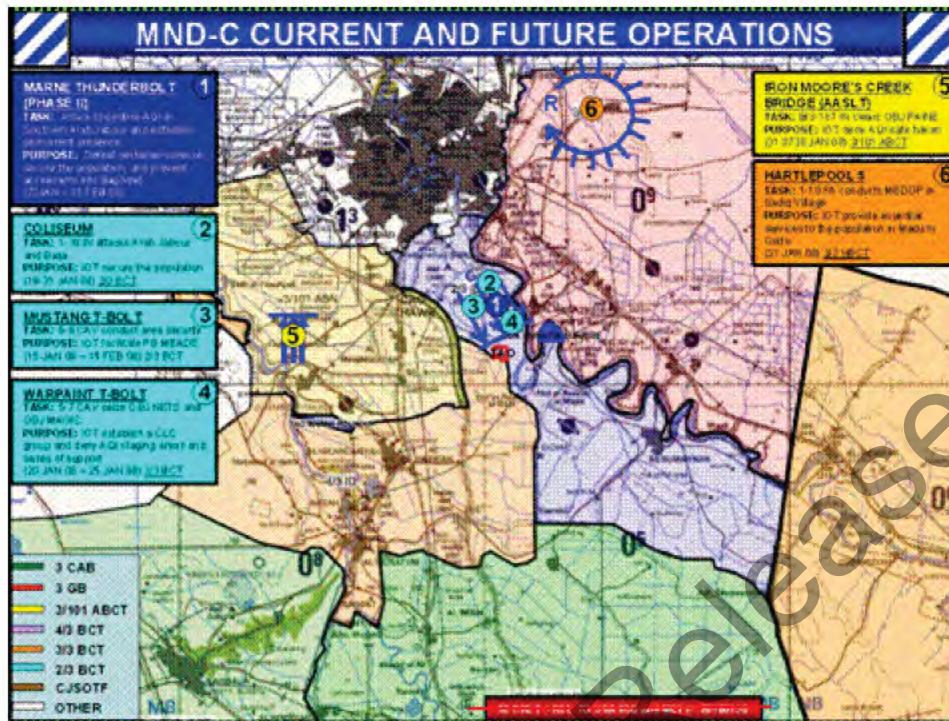
(EAGLE MORNINGSTAR 3 ECHO)

Yesterday 3/101 BCT, and 4/6 IA, completed Operation EAGLE MORNINGSTAR 3 ECHO, an AASLT raid into the Abu Osage region, Southwest of Mahmudiyah to disrupt AQI in the Sa'id Abdullah Corridor. The operation detained 3 x local nationals associated with Foreign Fighter facilitation; cleared a cache of IED making materials; captured a sniper rifle; destroyed an 84-foot long tunnel; and, found a small hide site to monitor for future activity.

OPN DESTIN RELIEF. CME IN KHIDR, 4/3 HBCT	
(b)(6)	<p>MARNE FORTITUDE II <i>Creating the conditions for Iraqi self-reliance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-The 3-7 IN BN Surgeon, 4th BCT Surgeon, a Female PA, IA BDE Surgeon, and the Abu Shamsi Doctor, Mahmood Hashim Abid, provided medical treatment to the people of Khidr.-Once the medical assets were established inside the Jadine School the gates were opened for civilians to enter. The patients then received a preventive medicine course from one of the IA Medics, in conjunction with a CF Medic. Then they received standard medical screening consisting of a questionnaire and a check of their vital signs. Once completed they were seen by one of the four doctors. Then they received toys for children, and a Humanitarian Assistance Bag.-Iraqi Army took control of most aspects of the security and even handed out the food and IO products. After the first 90 minutes it was hard to distinguish who had planned this operation; CF were definitely able to take more of an over watch role.-Several major VIP's showed up to include (b)(6) and most importantly MG Fadil, the Babil Police Chief. He was quite excited by the overwhelming display of compassion given by the IA, and CLCs to the Iraq citizens. <p>OUTCOME: The CME was a great operation and it was very effective. It produced a huge positive IO message to the people in Khidr and it hopefully will spark humanitarian support for the region by the North Babil Province Government.</p>
(b)(6)	

(OPN DESTIN RELIEF. CME IN KHIDR, 4/3 HBCT)

In our final OPSUM, yesterday 4/3 BCT, in coordination with 4/8 IA and CLCs, completed Operation DESTIN RELIEF, a Cooperative Medical Engagement in Khidr as part of Phase IV of last month's MARNE ROUNDUP, which treated over 200 Iraqi Citizens. The Iraqi Army passed out IO products, food and toys. The Babil Provincial Director of Police, MG Fadil attended this event and was excited by the care for Iraqi citizens shown by IA and CLCs.



(CURRENT AND FUTURE OPERATIONS)

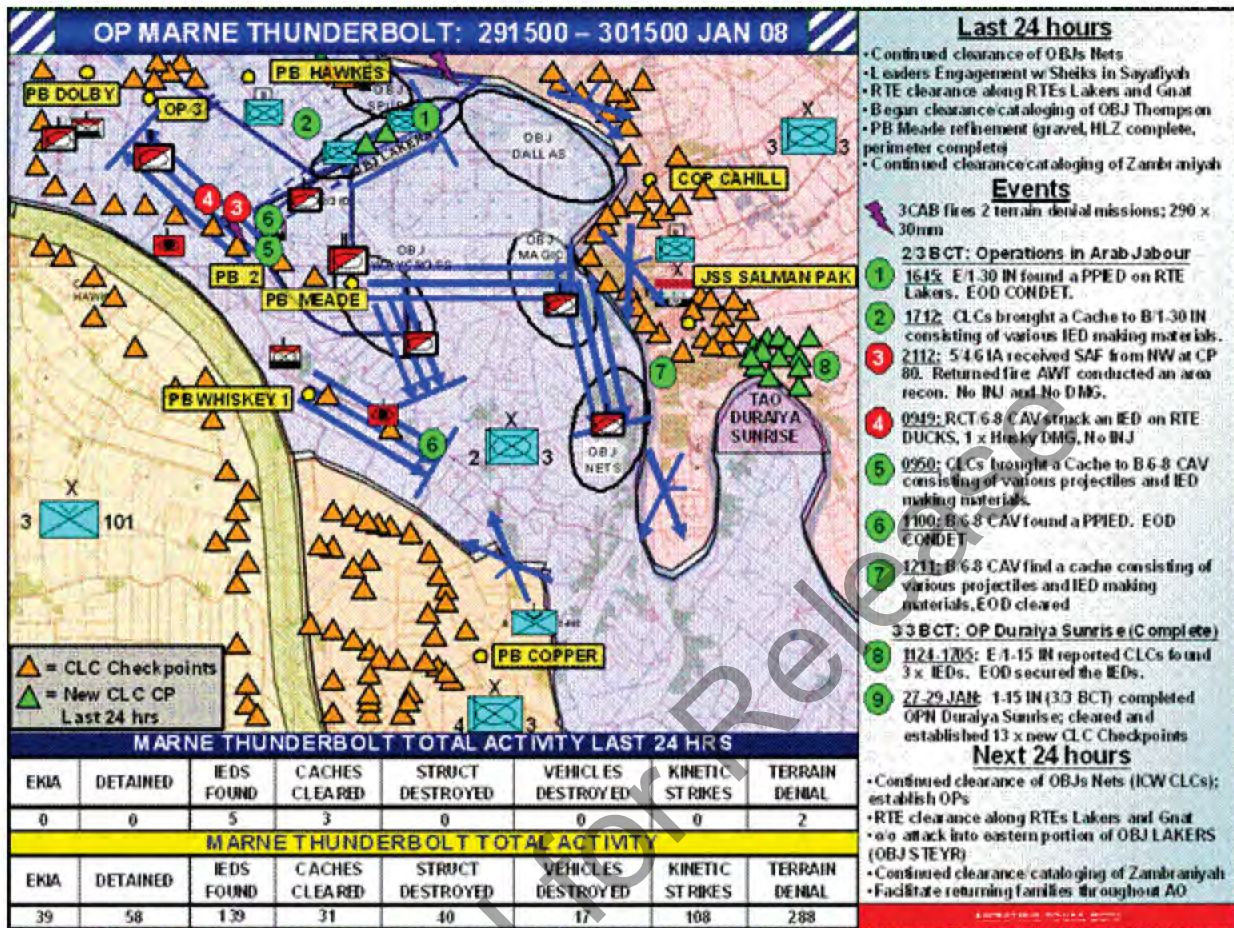
MND-Center units have 4 ongoing operations and 2 future operations.

3/101 ABCT

Tomorrow, 3/101 BCT begins Operation IRON MOORE'S CREEK BRIDGE, an AASLT targeting a reported AQI safe haven West of Mahmudiyah.

3/3 HBCT

Tomorrow, 3/3 BCT conducts HARTLEPOOL 5, a MEDOP in Sadiq Village west of Nahrwan to provide essential services to Internally Displaced Persons from Diyala.



TF MARNE continues PHASE II (Decisive Operations) with 5-7 CAV, the Main Effort's, continuing clearance of OBJ NETS in Sayafiyah and has established 5 mutually supporting OPs along the LOC back to PB MEADE. To the north, OBJ LAKERS is secure and two more CLC Check Points were established. East of OBJ NETS, Operation DURAI'YA SUNRISE, as previously briefed, is complete. Additionally, 2/3 BCT detained found and cleared 5 x IEDs, and found and cleared 3 x caches. PB MEADE construction continues with no significant issues.

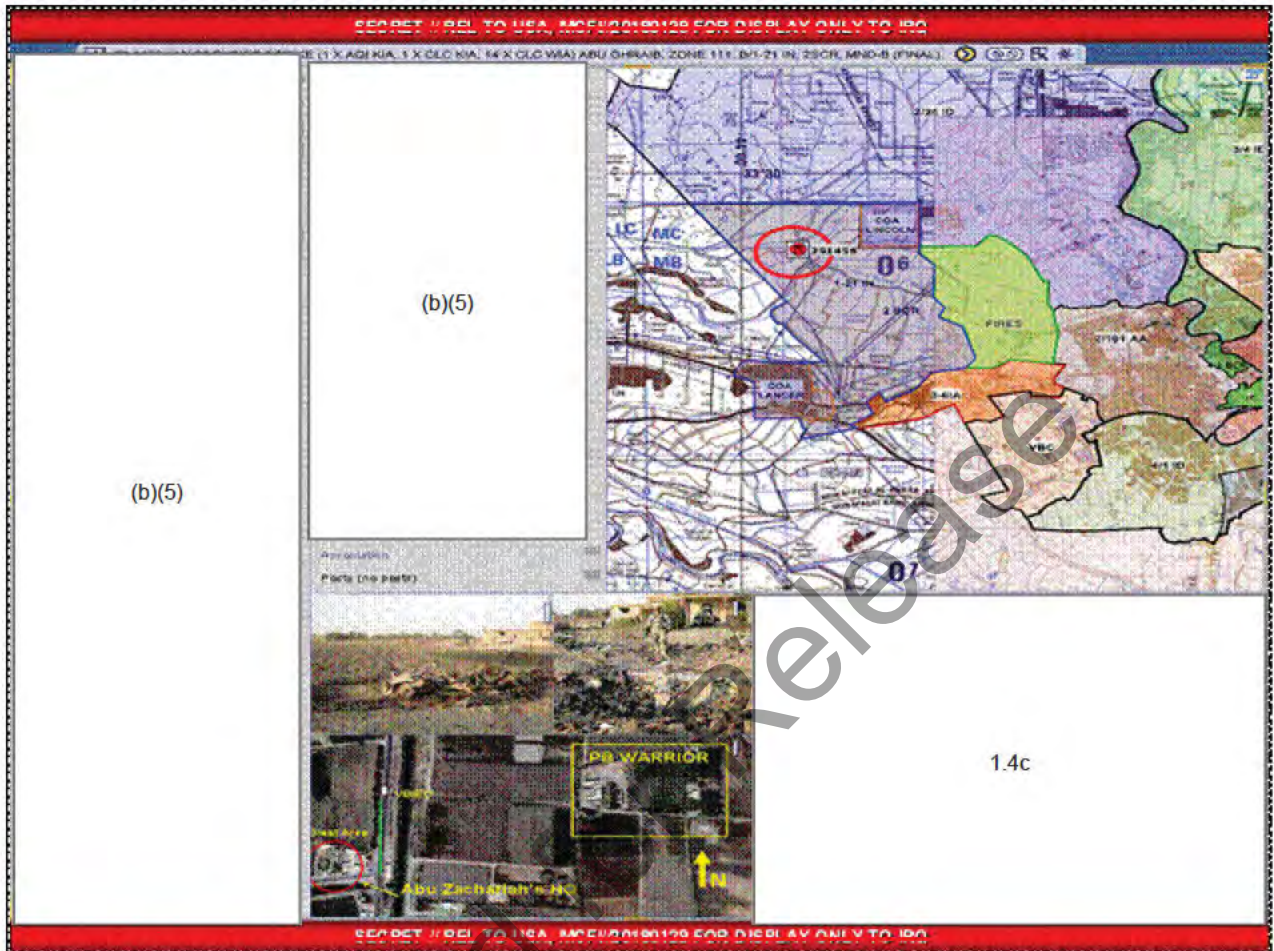
MND-C Provincial Directors of Police Conference (Blackhawk Conference Center, IZ)		
<p>MARNE FORTITUDE II <i>Creating the conditions for Iraqi self-reliance</i></p> <p>In coordination with the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and Civilian Police Assistance Training Team (CPATT), Multi-National Division-Center (MND-C) hosted a Provincial Directors of Police (PDoP) Conference to promote discussion between representatives from MoI, CPATT, and the southern PDoPs of Wasit, Karbala, Najaf, and Babil, regarding current challenges and future requirements of the Iraqi Police. The PDoP of Qadisiyah Province was invited to participate in recognition of the province's importance to the southern region of Iraq. Focusing on increasing the capacity of their IP to conduct operations, each PDoP presented issues to MG Fakher, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Police Affairs. The principal deputy assistants within the MoI for finance, infrastructure, human resources, and the commander of the Iraqi QRF listened then presented thoughts for improving the way ahead in the southern provinces.</p>	 <p><u>Above:</u> BG Huggins presents the "Building Iraq Together" coffee table book to BG Safa, the Qadisiyah PDoP</p>	 <p><u>Below:</u> MG Hannin from Wasit discusses logistical issues with MG Abdul Amir, Assistant Deputy Minister of Financial Affairs.</p>
	<p>(b)(3), (b)(6)</p>	 <p><u>Left:</u> Conference attendees identify concerns and issues regarding capacity building for IP in the southern provinces.</p>

(MND-C PDoP CONFERENCE)

Sir, our one highlight is from yesterday, in coordination with the Ministry of Interior and the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, MND-Center hosted a Provincial Director of Police Conference. The purpose of the conference was to promote discussion among representatives from MoI, CPATT and the PDoPs of Wasit, Karbala, Najaf and Babil. Topics included current challenges and future requirements for enhancing police capacity in the Southern Provinces.

MND-B Iron Horse:

Lethality and casualties remain low with exception to the TBIED targeting CLCs.



(EVENT 29 1456 // Abu Ghraib // TBIED // CLCs)

Yesterday afternoon, AQI detonated a TBIED on a CLC checkpoint south west of Saba Al Bour.

- A white bongo truck with an unknown numbers of barrels in the bed reportedly drove up to CLC checkpoint 6A outside CLC Leader Abu Zacharias' house in Zone 111C.
- Local nationals who witnessed the incident reported to CF that the driver got out of the truck, threw something into the back of the truck, and the vehicle then exploded, subsequently killing the driver.
- Units from 2 SCR responded to the audible explosion and reported 1 x LN KIA and 14 x LN WIA at the blast site.
- Eight of the local nationals were air-evacuated to the Jordanian hospital; four refused evacuation and were treated on site and released.
- Abu Zacharias (local CLC Leader) was not at his house at the time; he arrived shortly after the explosion.
- B/1-21 escorted EOD and WIT teams to the site, encountering and reducing two IEDs along their approach.
- The VBIED attack against Abu Zacharia is likely an effort of the AQI/ISI cell from the Lahib area of Karmah. This cell conducts intimidation attacks on CLC check points from Karmah through Lahib to Ibrahim Bin Ali.
- Recent attacks have focused on CLC leadership and check points in order to maintain control over a Northern Belt supply line into Baghdad.

(EVENT 30 0020 // East Rashid // UVB-IED // CLC)

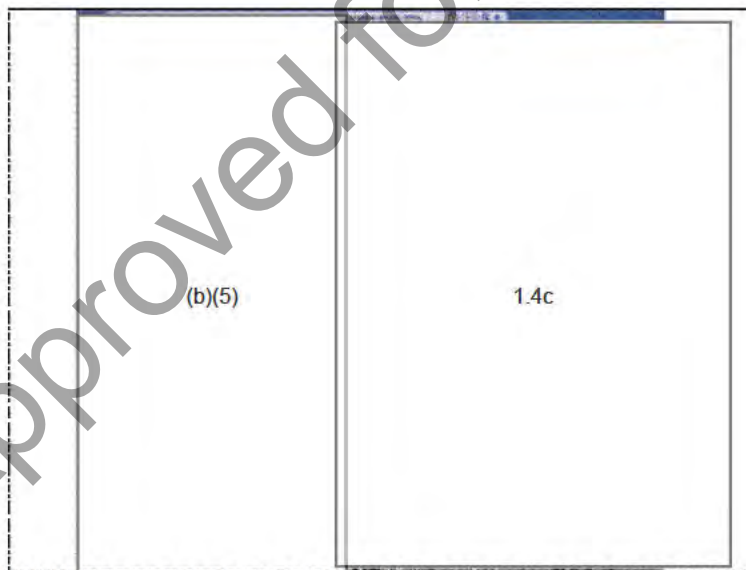
Last night, a CF unit in Rashid received a LN tip of an IED location.

- The unit responded and found a under vehicle bomb on the car of a CLC leader.
- The improvised device consisted of an AP mine, blasting caps, and magnets. The initiation device was not recovered.
- We continue to see AQI targeting CLC leadership in this manner. Expect continued UVB-IEDs where CLC contracts have disrupts AQI's freedom of movement, as deterrence to others participating or supporting CLC operations.

(EVENT 30 0745 // Adamiyah // IED-NP KIA)

This morning, a NP convoy struck an IED in an EFP engagement area along route GRIZZLIES.

- US EOD struck a separate IED while enroute to conduct PBA.
- A CF patrol took picture and conducted SSE. The IA and NP recovered secondary IEDs at the site transported then to FOB Loyalty for SSE
- It's highly likely that one of these three IEDs is an EFP.
- This attack was likely conducted by the Bachay Special Groups cell that specializes in IED and EFP operations in this OE.
- CEXC / WIT analysis of the recovered IEDs will help confirm or deny the assessment of Special Groups involvement
- This attack destroyed a NP vehicle, killed 1 X NP, and wounded 2 others.



(EVENT 30 1111 // Karadah // IED-CF WIA)

Late this morning, a four vehicle patrol from 4/10 MTN struck an IED in close proximity to an IA CP.

- This is the first IED in this location of Brewers and Airport road in three months.
- 1 X M1114 was damaged and 1 CF Soldier was wounded and is currently at the CSH.
- The location would indicate this is a Special Group attack, but currently we do not have any reporting to indicate who is responsible.

Sir, there is one change to our near term assessment.

1.4c indicates AQI intent to conduct a MANPAD attack north of Taji. We elevated the threat assessment to Medium as a precautionary measure due to historical SAFIRE attack locations and this recent reporting. 1.4c

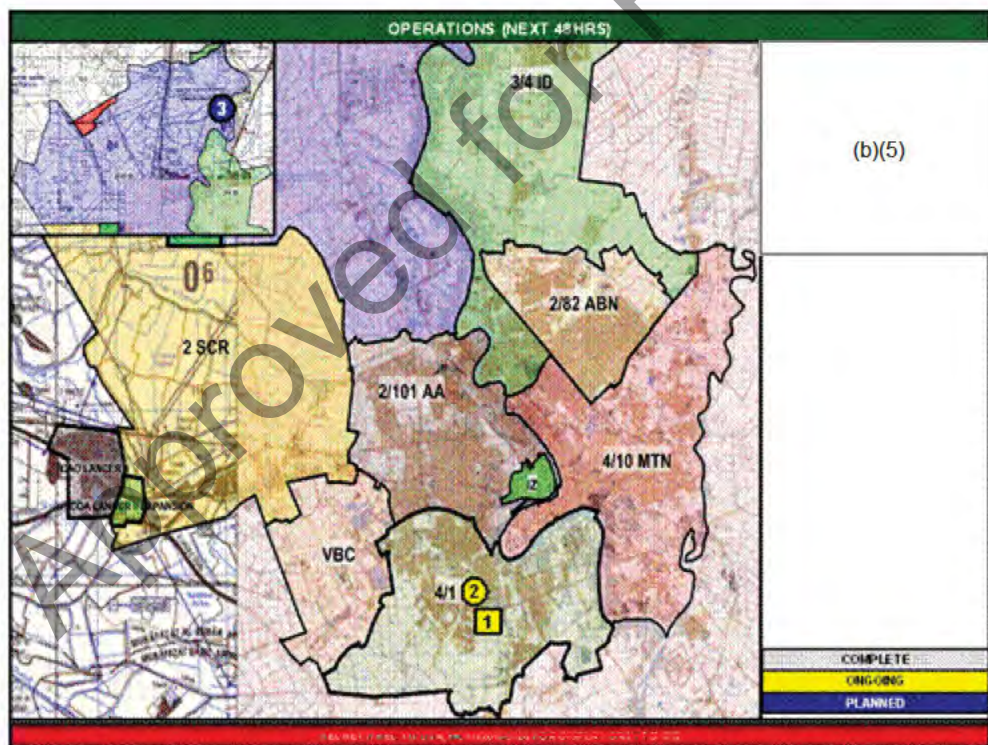
1.4c We have conducted IPB and reconnaissance using EAD UAV and divisional aircraft to confirm or deny indications of the cache. 2/25ID has this information and is conducting searches in the reported location of the cache.

[OPS UPDATE]

In the last 24 Hours, MND-B conducted 3x company sized operations. Of note:

OPN DRAGON ALLIANCE resulted in 2x small caches and 2x Detainees.

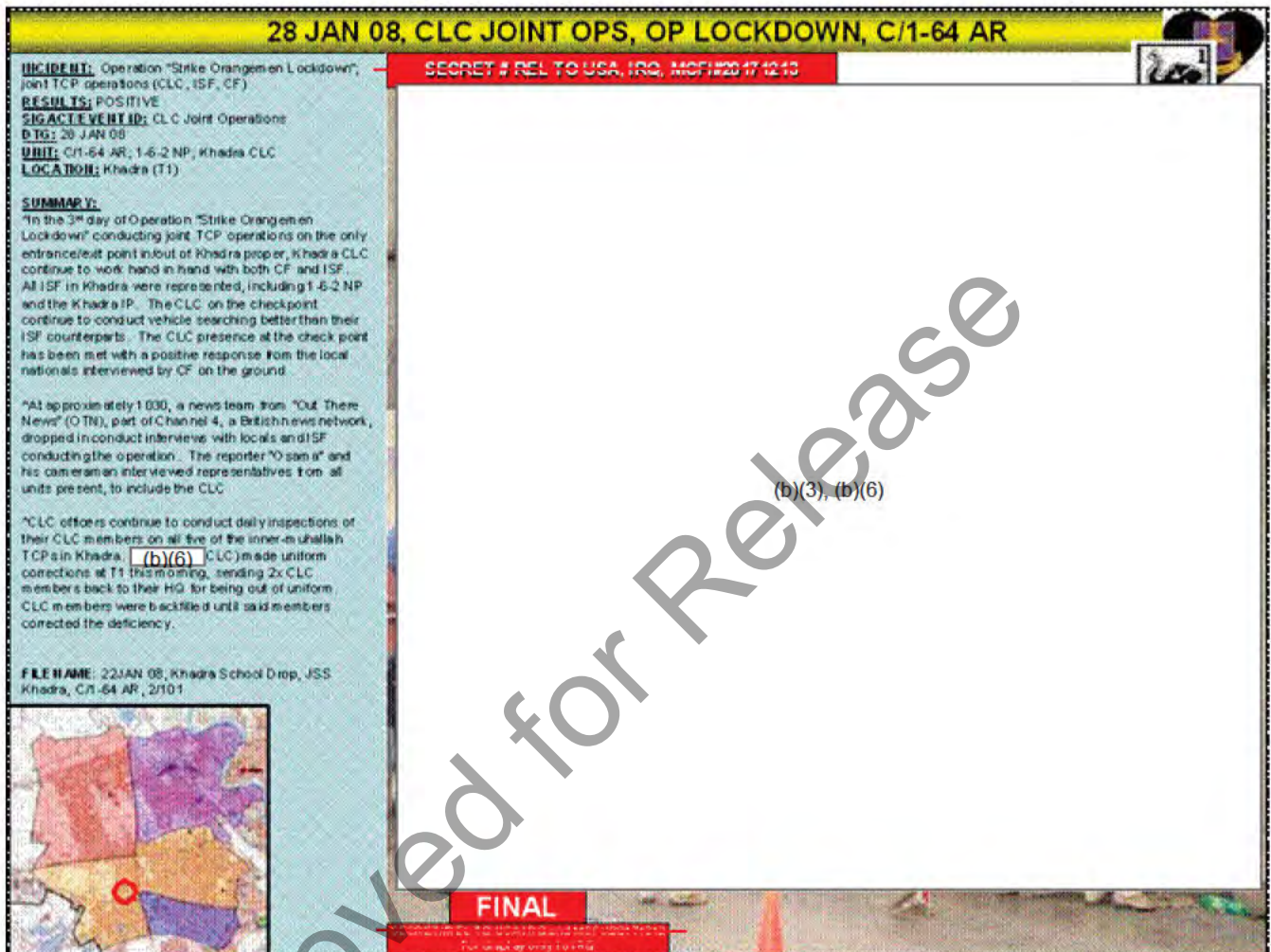
2/82ABN conducted OPN FRANKFURT, a raid to disrupt a Shia extremist network in Ur (Adhamiyah). The operation resulted in 1x Detainee who tested positive for X-Spray.



In the next 48 hours, MND-B will conduct three company level or higher operations.

OPNs DRAGON ALLIANCE and SADIYAH DAWN will continue in West Rashid.

As mentioned as part of the intel assessment, 2/25ID will continue the search for a suspected MANPADS cache.



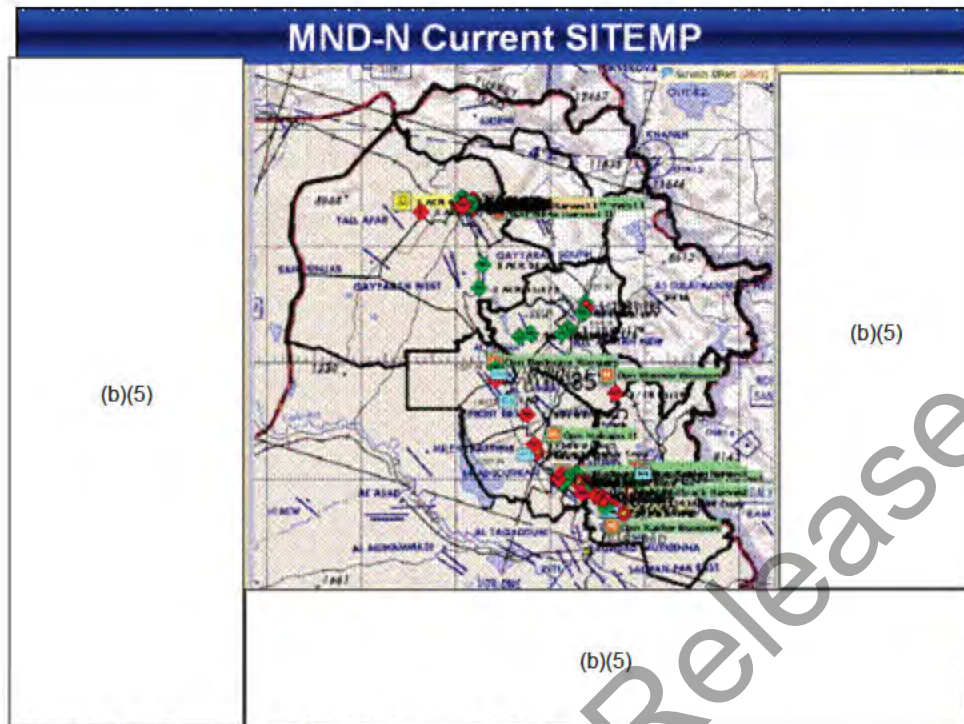
A good news story from 2/101AA Hayy Khadra in Mansour.

As part of OPN STRIKE ORANGMEN LOCKDOWN, coalition forces, ISF, and CLCs continue to man joint TCPs leading into Hayy Khadra. Overall, the populace is supportive of the security efforts by all of the parties involved.

A British news network stopped by and conducted interviews with the ISF and CLCs.

The CLCs are also demonstrating an increased emphasis on discipline and uniform standards.

MND-N Iron Soldiers:



During the past 24 hrs we faced 42 attacks and 1 CCIR.

Operations ISO Iron Harvest continues with 16 company combined level or higher operations across our AOR. Sir, tonight I will brief you on significant events across the Provinces.

Ninewa 3ACR

In Ninewa, Brave Rifles continues to extend their combined presence throughout Mosul. Route clearance and presence patrols continue to be a daily focus in Mosul. Upgrades and establishment of COPs are ongoing with progress affected by weather slightly. Along RTE Barracuda, final FP construction is being completed today on COP Rabi; COP Saleh, the old gas station will require an additional 2-3 days of further construction.

R6 reports AQI continues to surge their IO efforts on the momentum gained during recent attacks on CF in an effort to regain support from the public. Additionally, ISI IO efforts have been exploiting the recent explosion with ISI fliers denying any involvement with the event. R6 assesses that the enemy IO campaign is outpacing CF IO efforts in Mosul. He is revitalizing their Regimental IO projects and re-looking their focus for current IO operations in Mosul.

In eastern Mosul- (b)(6) one of the Regiment's 1.4c continues to take an active role in operations on the eastern side of the city. Recent reporting indicates that vehicles used for VBIED operations come from Syria where they are then loaded with explosives in Mosul. Of note, subsequent reporting indicates the same cell ldr associated with the Damer Somer Mosque attack was responsible for the VBIED attack on 1-8IN route clearance yesterday.

In western Mosul- AQI attacks continue to focus along RTE Barracuda specifically the two COPs mentioned earlier. We expect the attacks will decrease or shift west as CF/ISF gradually become more familiar with the area. We also expect to gain local support with frequent CF/ISF presence with the establishment of the COPs.

Further west, in Tal 'Afar IPs found a large weapons cache in the city consisting of 250x Plastic Caps, 4 x Body Armor, 45 x Mortar round fuses, 8x RPG Anti-Personnel Rockets, 8x RPG Anti-

Tank Rockets, 100x Mortar round pusher explosives, 2x RPG missile pushers, 1 x 20 liter can of HME, and an estimated 1,000 lbs of HME. EOD is scheduled to reduce these items currently stored in the Tal Afar IP station.

A couple of good news notes:

Change of pace from all the kinetic engagements in Mosul, 3IA DIV CMO and 3IA MiTT conducted a Humanitarian Assistance mission to the village of Kojek S of Sinjar on Monday. 3IA elements distributed needed school supplies to 300 students, assisted the handicapped, met with the local leaders, and conducted an assessment of the village for future operations. Of note, Iraqi Army IO messages were attached to all wheelchairs that were distributed. The message was developed by the Iraqi National Military Advisors attached to the 3IA MiTT

On Monday, (b)(6) visited Q-West. He was greeted by CF and ISF and escorted to a village feast in honor of his visit. R6 reports he continues to influence local leaders and do great work; his health seems to be keeping up. (b)(6) is a provincial civilian who has been supporting CF for years- he is a very influential- especially in the Zaab and Sharqat regions. He was injured in an IED blast enroute to Q West on a business trip a month ago. He suffered the loss of both legs and severe head trauma.)

Kirkuk 1/10 MTN

In Kirkuk, Warrior maintains steady state ops with TST and ARF missions across the province.

Recently 2-22IN identified an oil refinery (Grey Oil Refinery) operating in the outskirts of Kirkuk in Buyuk. It is currently unknown if the factory is running IAW laws and regulations. Upon questioning workers- the refinery gets all their crude oil from Zakho from DNO, a Norwegian owned company. The company sells to civilian market producing tar, fuel oil, and diesel. In the past six months they have produced 1,200 tons of fuel oil and 780 tons of diesel fuel. The tar production has only started in the past 2 months. They are working on the capability to produce benzene. This along with reports from GOI officials of a couple of illegal oil refineries in the Buyuk area reportedly able to process 5,000 barrels of oil per day raised some concerns. The concern is that illegal operation and sale of products may support insurgent activities. In response, 3-6 FA will conduct combined snap TCPs (Gunsmoke Curtain) N of Kirkuk along routes commonly used by oil tankers to the refinery. All oil tankers will be scanned by a backscatter, drivers paperwork verified, HIIDES confirmed, and all drivers questioned.

Salah ad Din

In SaD, Bastogne continues to conduct operations focusing on disrupting and denying AQI safe haven and support zones vic Samarra and along MSR Tampa. Opn Dillon-NSTR. In a unilateral operation, 4IA is currently conducting Opn Makapu II clearing suspected farmlands housing AQI NW of Samarra. Additionally, in the past 4IA has had engagements with AQI utilizing truck mounted dshks in this area.

In Bayji, ISF and CLCs continues to be effective; IA operation yesterday resulted in the detainment of five personnel south of Bayji who claimed to be mujahedeen fighters. Continued operations along the outlying areas of Bayji, where Insurgent groups have relocated after being pushed out by CF/ISF operations in Bayji, will likely result in additional detainments of Insurgent fighters and/or Cache discoveries. In and around the BOR, Insurgent cells have set up small logistical nodes to support attacks on patrols and CP's in Bayji. 1-327 IN are planning to clear these nodes in upcoming missions.

Intermittent disruption attacks on CF/ISF patrols in the form of IEDs and Grenade attacks continue to be seen around Tikrit. The use of Tikrit and outlying areas as a logistical hub continues to be reaffirmed as Insurgent activity in the area remains light and inconsistent.

Small caches continue to be discovered south of Samarra providing further evidence that the area near Ishaki is consistently being used by Insurgent elements for Cache sties, safe houses/bed down locations, and meeting locations. The discovery of another pressure plate IED on ASR Golden shows that Insurgents are attempting to disrupt CF movement into their support areas. We assess Insurgent cells will continue to change and adapt new and old TTPs to determine the most effective method to disrupt CF/ISF patrols to protect their support zones.

Diyala 4/2 SBCT

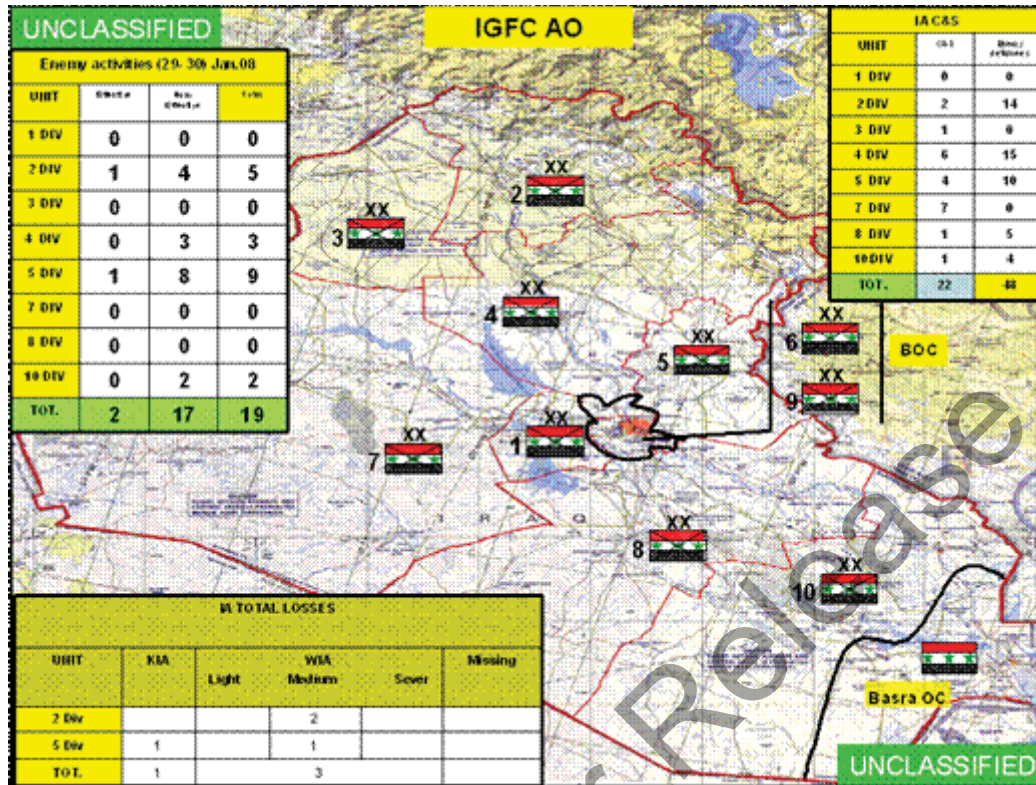
In Diyala, operations in the BB continue to yield progress and positive atmospherics with IA leading in the areas of HA and CME. CF continues to drive and supervise Community restoration projects improving the economy by generating local employment and contracts. Most importantly, CF/ISF and CLCs maintains security of the DRV.

OPTEMPO was temporarily impeded with the discovery of a make shift bunker and cache in Himbus (1155) initially briefed to you by I6 yesterday. 3/2 cleared the bunker and a search of the area led to the discovery of a cache site consisting of a dismantled CF Predator UAV, 19 x propane tanks, 2 x homemade mortar tubes, 1 x homemade shoulder fired rocket, 4 x dishka tripods, and a large 4' x7' tank buried in the vicinity of the wreckage. EOD on site reduced the cache including the UAV (1615). After the controlled blast, (1629) 23 x CFs and 2 x Terps showed symptoms of Chlorine gas inhalation and were evacuated to Balad. All 25 casualties are RTD. Of note the casualties were mounted and apporx. 200 m from the reduction site. Chlorine gas has not been determined to be the source of the casualties. The black box from UAV was recovered prior to the blast. The UAV was reported missing on 17 DEC, cause of the the crash is unknown at this time.

We assess the various homemade components found in this cache may indicate that our recent operations have impacted logistical resupply lines for local AQL in the BB. The buried tank was most likely being prepped for use as a chemical IED. The continued elimination of caches such as this will cause insurgents to find more elaborate ways to camouflage their caches. Further questioning of the land owner will be conducted to determine connection to the cache.

South of Baqubah, 2-1 CAV began Blackhawk Rodeo to maintain their successes gained in Blackhawk Harvest. This sensor to shooter mission involves UAS overwatching NALs along the Diyala River and surrounding villages with an AWT responding to any enemy activity.

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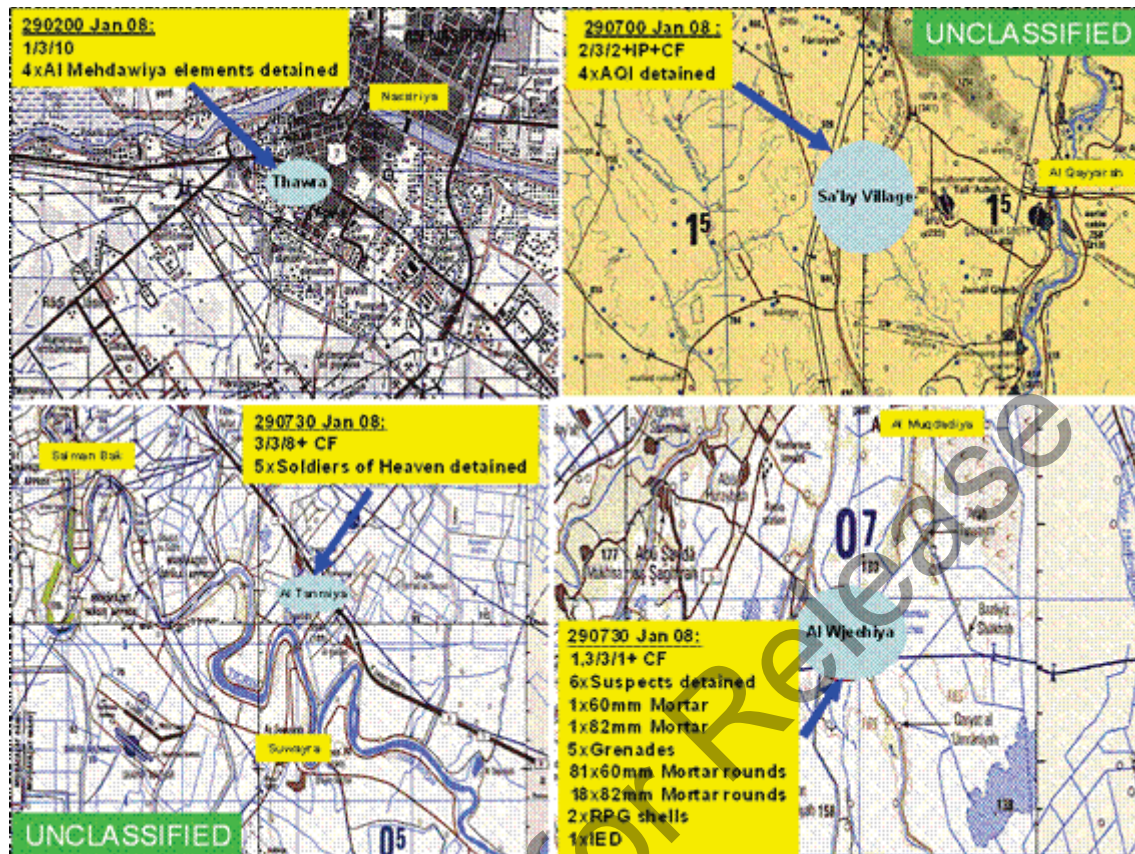


The level of attacks increased to 19 from 10 in the IGFC's AO, and the effective attacks increased by 1.

The IA conducted 22 C&S along the IGFC's AO which resulted in 48 Detainees.

The most important event:

29 Jan 1045, a VBIED exploded on civilian in Al Baa'th area in Mosul resulting in 10 LNs KIA, 15 LNs WIA, and 4 civil cars destroyed.



The most important operations along the IGFC's AO were in Nassiriya, Mosul, Wasit, and Dayala are depicted on the slide.

The Central Bank building is one of the most valuable historical sites in Baghdad regarding its location at (Rashid) street and also for being close to the left side bank of the Tigris River.

Originally this building was built in the end of year 1948 and was considered one of the best accomplishment of Prime Minister (Saleh Jabr) during that time then. It remained sustained to this time with its magnificent construction and unique importance until its modification and expansion in the mid eighties of last century.

During its entire 60 years this old monument always known as the central bank of Iraq, had never witnessed one single fire due to its robust technical structure and safety procedures since the day it was established until today, especially its early fire warning system and its interior and exterior advanced surveillance cameras that are capable of photographing during the worst visibility during daylight and night time .

The Central Banks in the other countries which specialize in foreign currency and are a window for interior and exterior trade of currency exchange and funds in the trade movement, in other words Iraqi income is from oil export in the country.

The other job for Central Banks is governmentally and should comply with the currency policy for the country.

There could be suspects for this incident and there are objectives that some parties wanted to accomplish such as:

1. The 2008 budget was not approved yet by the parliament claiming that some financial resources have been hurt due to long discussions and the opposition of finance minister on some modification that others have desired.
2. might be to attempt a new cover to rob the Central Bank it had last been robbed by mobsters in April / 9 / 2003.
3. To hide the real Dollar amount deposited in the safe of the bank, since there should have been reserve money apart from what it was earmarked for the 2008 budget. No doubt that this amount is not small if we compare it to the international oil prices that are close to \$100 a barrel and if we should measure it on the basis of the daily export which is no less than 1.5 million barrels a day making it easy to seize the large amount of currency.
4. If we assume that this fire have never reached the amounts of currency, it would have inflicted damage to a large number of files , Computers, and hard and flexible disc that contained plenty of information which may have been relevant to robberies or programmed theft (or hack), it would have been information that would be revealed.
5. And if the two past aforementioned reasons were not included to cause the fire, still the main objective intended to damage the Iraqi economy and bring more misery and hunger to the Iraqis regardless of the multiple of reasons that might have contributed to the fire.

It is also important to mention that the Central Bank Safe was very far from the fire and that the only people authorized to enter were very few and very well known.

316th ESC Sustainer:

FOR SUSTAINMENT OPERATIONS, OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS THERE WERE 75 COMBAT LOGISTICS PATROLS WITH 3,033 TRUCKS. WE ALSO MOVED 258 PALLETS BY AIR.

# CORPS CLPS:	59	# VEHICLES:	2,566
# THEATER CLPS:	16	# VEHICLES:	467

OVER THE NEXT 24 HOURS, THERE ARE 86 CLPS SCHEDULED CONSISTING OF 3,145 TRUCKS.

# CORPS CLPS:	62	# VEHICLES:	2,448
# THEATER CLPS:	24	# VEHICLES:	697

DURING THE PAST REPORTING PERIOD, WE EXPERIENCED A TOTAL OF EIGHT EVENTS; FOUR OF THESE EVENTS WERE ATTACKS ON OUR CLPS, ONE WAS ON THE 1ST TSC; THERE WERE TWO IED ATTACKS AND TWO SMALL ARMS FIRE

ATTACKS. THERE WAS AN IED ATTACK ON THE 1ST TSC. THESE ATTACKS RESULTED IN THREE COALITION FORCE INJURIES.

DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THERE WAS ONE IDF ATTACK ON LSAA THAT RESULTED IN NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE.

IDF

291814: 316 ESC; MND-N: NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE

IED

292000: 213 ASG; MND-N: 2 X CF WIA AND 1 X M1117 DISABLED

292120: 213 ASG; MND-N: NO INJURIES AND 1 X KBR TRK DISABLED

300237: 640 SB; MND-N: NO INJURIES AND 1 X M1070 DAMAGED

SAF

300110: 1 SB; MND-B: NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE

300330: 1 SB; MND-C: NO INJURIES AND 1 X M1078 DAMAGED

ACC

300140: 1-82 BCT; MND-C: 2 X CF INJURED AND 1 X M1151 DISABLED, 1 X TCN TRK DISABLED

EOF

300940: 316 ESC; MND-N: NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE

(TRENDS OVERLAY)

A REVIEW OF EVENTS AND TRENDS OVER THE PAST 24 HOURS SHOWS THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 23 REPORTED EVENTS ON MSRS, ASRS AND LOGBASES, A INCREASE OF 4 FROM THE PREVIOUS REPORT. OF THE 23 ATTACKS, 26% (6) WERE ON 316th ESC UNITS.

FOR SUSTAINMENT STATUS, ALL GS AND DS HUBS CURRENTLY AVERAGE 7.5 DAYS OF SUPPLY JP8 ON HAND AND AVERAGE 11.0 DAYS OF SUPPLY DF2 ON HAND. THERE ARE NO OPERATIONAL IMPACTS.

ON LSAA, CANAL WATER LEVEL INCREASED OVERNIGHT FOLLOWING REPAIRS DONE ON BOTH LINES COMING FROM BAKIR VILLAGE. JUST PRIOR TO FIXING THE LINES WATER LEVELS WERE AT FIVE INCHES. SINCE THAT TIME WATER LEVELS HAVE RISEN TO NEARLY EIGHTEEN INCHES. THE CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES INCLUDE: CLOSING ALL BASE FOOD VENDORS, THE USE OF ALL PAPER AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS IN DFACS, SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY TURN-IN ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND THE CLOSING OF ALL WASH RACKS. OUR CANAL LEVEL HAS GONE UP, BUT WE CONTINUE TO EXERCISE WATER CONSERVATION TO ALLOW OUR ON-HAND WATER SUPPLY TO INCREASE ABOVE TWO MILLION GALLONS.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS, THE 3RD SB HAS COMPLETED ITS OPERATIONAL MOVES PROVIDING HEAVY LIFT TO TF GHOST IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRON HARVEST. THIS MOVE, WHICH SUPPORTED THE 1/71ST CAV AND 2/22ND

IN, INCLUDED MORE THAN 260 PIECES AND TOOK PLACE OVER A TWO-WEEK PERIOD, WITH ALL MOVES COMPLETED ON OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

FRAG5 INSTALLATION SITES HAVE COMPLETED 12,117 INSTALLATIONS. 9,055 OF A PROJECTED 9,755 M1114 INSTALLATIONS, 2,300 M1151 INSTALLATIONS, 378 M1152 INSTALLATIONS, AND 384 M1165 INSTALLATIONS. ESC-OPERATED SITES COMPLETED ONE (1) M1165 INSTALLATION OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS.

CONVOY NUMBERS 29-30 JAN 08 (LAST 24 HOURS)

	CORPS CLP	CORPS VEH	THEATER CLP	THEATER VEH	Total CLPs	Total Vehicles
Day	20	1033	0	0	20	1033
Night	39	1533	16	467	55	2000
Total	59	2566	16	467	75	3033
PERCENTAGE OF CLPs CONDUCTED AT NIGHT						73

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MND-B LNO to MNC-I

NIPR

SIPR

SVOI

DSN:

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