MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

CORPS MAIN EFFORT: MND-BAGHDAD

PURPOSE: The purpose of our operations is to bring stability to Iraq and then to sustain it to create time and space for the Iraqis to make progress toward political accommodation, continued political and economic development, and ultimately self-reliance. We accomplish this first by securing the population, with priority to Baghdad, followed by the nine strategic cities and the rest of the country.

Additionally, we must continue to support the development of a capable GOI and ISF so that both are viewed as legitimate and credible in the eyes of Iraqis. In order to sustain stability over time, we help build governmental capacity, strengthen ISF legitimacy, reduce sectarian behavior in Iraqi security institutions, and deliver transition security responsibilities to the ISF as they demonstrate appropriate readiness to assume them.

This is leading to Iraq self-reliance, creating conditions for a peaceful, stable Iraq, led by a representative government subscribing to the rule of law, able to provide security for its people, and defining its territory as a terrorist safe haven.

Key Tasks:
- Protect the population
- Facilitate reconciliation
- Defeat AQI and extremists
- Continue to develop ISF capacity
- Assist efforts to build and improve GOI capacity
- Protect the Force

Endstate: In the near term, an improved level of stability is achieved, the population is secure and conditions are set for the restoration of civil authority in Iraq, with priority to Baghdad; sectarian violence is reduced and militia influence is diminished. GOI legitimacy is enhanced, the Iraqi government demonstrates increased ability to provide security, essential services, justice based on the rule of law, and economic opportunity for all Iraqis. Iraqi Security Forces, while continuing to build capacity, are in the lead for the most part - with CF in tactical or operational oversight. AQI and other extremists are neutralized and persistent CF and ISF pressure. Their freedom of action is limited, and their operations are unable to disrupt progress toward political accommodation where conditions exist. In the longer term, Iraq is self-reliant and politically stable with the institutions and resources it needs to govern fairly, secure from internal and external threats, accessible as a safe haven for terrorists, and integrated into the international community as an engine for regional economic growth.

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