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Introduction

WHAT WE KNOW

- NLT 01JAN07, MND-B conducts limited offensive operations to set the conditions for Phase 2
  - Kadamiyah first and then Adamiyah
- NLT 15JAN07, MND-B conducts offensive operations within every Security Framework District within Baghdad City
  - Must reinforce Baghdad Security Belt
  - Must establish Joint Security Stations (JSS) in each Security Framework District
- NP Commands West side of Baghdad City and 9th IA
  - Commands East side of Baghdad City
- One ISF Brigade level commander commands all IA, NP, and IP forces within each Security Framework District
- No written orders from MNF-I or MNC-I
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WHAT WE THINK WE KNOW

- DRB is fully operationally capable (FOC) on 25JAN07 with 3 Maneuver Battalions and 1 Artillery Battalion
- PTDO E-LAD of 05FEB07 in Kuwait with 3 Maneuver Battalions and 1 Artillery Battalion
- Must reinforce Army Canal Checkpoints and set up Tigris River Bridge Checkpoints
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WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

- Baghdad Security Commander and Headquarter Structure
- The disposition of ISF forces within the nine Security Framework Districts
- Timeline to reposition ISF within the nine Security Framework Districts
- Implications of GOI Strike Force for our plan
Assumptions

- Government of Iraq agrees to security and offensive framework
- Iraqi Forces arriving into MND-B are fully operationally capable in accordance with current timeline; 1 BDE(+) by 20 JAN, 1 additional BDE(-) by 5 FEB and final BDE(−) by 20 FEB
- DRB and PTDO arrive on schedule (FOC 15 JAN and 7 MAR respectively)
- ISF are able to man and operate JSS at initial operating capability levels in Adhamiyah (NLT 1 JAN) and Kadhamiyah (NLT 5 JAN).
We are beginning Phase 1 now with focusing 3/2 SBCT on specific areas and directing land owning BCTs to begin control tasks. If we have sufficient combat power available, we can begin clearing on 15 January.

As we come to the end of January, two decisions present themselves. First, if offensive clearing is not done we may have to delay transfer of 6 and 9 IA to IGFC. The other decision is whether we must prosecute targets in Sadr City to eliminate AIF resistance.
Phase 1: Set Conditions

Create the conditions to expand the focus areas: Ghazalla, Amerniyah, Risala, Musafeer, Adhamiyah, Shaab

Inside the city, increase presence, activity and security operations in previously cleared areas to protect citizens

Combined effort to secure citizens and disrupt enemy

Conduct patrols, focused reconnaissance and raids to disrupt enemy forces in other areas of the city

Attack enemy outside city; prevent enemy from reinforcing
Phase 2: Clear, Control and Retain

Deliberate expansion of control and retain from base focus areas

Combined clearing forces eliminate AIF support zone; establish Joint Security Stations to facilitate control and retain
Phase 3: Retain and Renewal

Coalition forces assist ISF in retaining all areas and allow ISF to establish/operate command and control.

Iraqi Security Forces aligned and controlled in accordance with administrative districts.

Coalition forces positioned to respond to contingencies as needed to support Iraqi Security Forces and Transition Teams.
Phase 4: Transition and Exploit

Iraqi Security Forces assume full responsibility for security within the capitol; civil authorities attain Provincial Iraqi Control.

Coalition Forces in coordination with other ISF complete the reduction of enemy support zones on the outside of Baghdad, support ISF in Baghdad by interdicting enemy lines of communication into Baghdad and maintaining a responsive force to assist as needed inside the city.
Tasks by Phase

- **Phase 1: Setting the Conditions**
  - Conduct focused raids, patrols and snap checkpoints in order to disrupt militia and AIF operations throughout Baghdad City
  - Initiate establishment of JSS concept within each of the nine Security Framework Districts

- **Phase 2: Clear, Control, Retain**
  - Simultaneously conduct clear, control, or retain operations throughout Baghdad City
  - Complete the establishment of JSS concept within each of the nine Security Framework Districts
  - Continue to progress the Hayys from Clear to Control to Retain
  - Continue to create “gated communities” in Retain Hayys

- **Phase 3: Retain and Renewal**
  - Enhance Transition Teams
  - ISF assume responsibility for security in all Districts
  - CF provides operational overwatch

- **Phase 4: Transition and Exploit**
  - CF maintains operational overwatch of ISF within Baghdad City and moves outside of Baghdad City and attack AIF support zones to complete the reduction of AIF within MND-B AOR
We have classified the key neighborhoods within Baghdad in three categories.

“Retain” neighborhoods have been cleared and indicate security must be present to allow for continued progress.

“Control” areas are contested zones that will require a range of offensive and security operations to protect the populace.

“Clear” areas require a large scale, dedicated offensive effort to disarm and disrupt AIF located there.

Retain and control will be our initial focus as we set conditions to clearing operations. Our terrain holding BCTs concentrate on Retain and Control while our Strikers clear designated areas in two sequential operations, Shula/Nur, Huriyah and Jihad being first then clearing Mansour and the Hadar areas.

When these strike operations are complete and control and retain operations continue in the other key neighborhoods MND-B then seeks to
isolate Sadr City by controlling the key population centers and routes around it.
**Joint Security Station Concept (Control Phase)**

- JSS is a HQ building, not a FOB
- Center of gravity for continual IA, NP and IP patrol presence
- JSS manned 24/7

**JSS will require:**
- Force Protection
- 24/7 electricity
- Limited life support
- C2 architecture
- Detainee holding area

**Tiered System**

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**Issues:**
- Detainee capacity / judicial process
- MDG/MDT cooperation at all levels
- Common support standards

25 December 2006
Command and Control

- Nine Unified Security Commands created; one for each Administrative Division (AD).
- NP DIV provides C3 of all ISF on the west side of the river (Four AOs).
- OP M provides C3 of all ISF on the east side of the river (Five AOs).
Beginning larger scale clearing on 15 January allows:

- Completion of surge
- Better reconnaissance
- Better targeting
- Set conditions for 3-82ABN entry in AO
- Deliberate staff planning DIV to BN
- Synchronization of engineering efforts for gated communities
- Engagement of Iraqi counterparts

Clear areas = 13 days to clear, 50 days control, 50 retain
Control to Retain = 40 days to control, 40 days to retain
Retain Only = 50 days to retain
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