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Unit Location Update

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• How we have arrayed forces to execute concept given 20 U.S. BCT set
• Main security effort is protecting the population, with priority to Baghdad and then to strategic cities
• Coalition Forces and ISF secure people of Baghdad while outlying MNDs interdict accelerants to sectarian violence and deny them sanctuary within the Baghdad Belts
• Includes a balanced approach in application of population control measures, as well as in conduct of intelligence-driven strike operations against Sunni and Shia extremists
• CJSTOF – a key role through operations to disrupt EJK networks as well as AQI’s ability to carry out high-profile attacks in Baghdad
• Sustaining adequate Coalition Force presence in outlying areas to execute supporting efforts
• In Anbar, MNC-I exploits inroads made with Sunni tribes to improve population security, making progress toward defeating AQI and neutralizing Sunni insurgent groups; deploying the MEU later this summer will contribute to this effort
• In northern provinces, initial priority to protecting populace of Diyala, where effects of CF pressure in Baghdad have resulted in an escalation of AQI activity; continue to deny Mosul as an extremist sanctuary; monitor situation around Kirkuk, conducting engagement to help prevent Sunni tribes from cooperating with AQI as a result of Kurdish expansionism
• In the south, CF continue with an ordered transition to Iraqi civil control and take measures to ensure Intra-Shia conflict remains localized and does not threaten Coalition lines of communication
• Throughout the country, CJSTOF supports the effort by conducting
tribal engagement, disrupting EJK networks, and disrupting the flow of terrorists and foreign fighters into Iraq

- Security efforts synchronized with other lines of operation, supported by a focus on reconciliation leading to political accommodation
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