Mission and Commander’s Intent
MNC-I Mission

MNC-I conducts operations in coordination with the Iraqi Security Forces to defeat terrorists and irreconcilable insurgents, neutralize extremist groups, and transition responsibilities to the ISF in order to reduce sectarian violence, stabilize Iraq, and enable GOI security self-reliance.
**Commander’s Intent**

**Purpose:** Stabilize the security situation with priority to Baghdad and then the nine key cities and transition security responsibility to the GOI. Strengthen GOI legitimacy through development of Iraq’s emerging security institutions at the national and provincial levels, enabling those institutions to be self-reliant, effective, and representative of the Iraqi people; and create the conditions that allow Iraq to become an ally in the War on Terror by defeating terrorists and extremists in Iraq and denying its territory as a safe haven.

**Key Tasks:**
- Stabilize the security situation in Baghdad and the nine strategic cities
- Enhance the capability, credibility, and reach of the ISF while transitioning them to self-reliance
- Defeat terrorists and irreconcilable insurgents and neutralize extremists and individuals actively participating in extra-judicial killings (EJJs)
- Protect the force; Neutralize the IED Network
- Support and sustain the transition to Iraqi provincial control and self-reliance

**Endstate:** Conditions are set for the full restoration of civil authority in Baghdad; sectarian violence reduced and militias influence diminished. The GOI is viewed as legitimate in the eyes of the Iraqi people, able to provide security, essential services, justice based on the rule of law, and economic opportunity for all Iraqis. Iraqi Security Forces are in the lead with Coalition forces in operational overwatch, operating from a reduced footprint. Iraq is politically stable, secure from internal and external threats, and denied as a safe haven for terrorists.

**OLD KEY TASK:**
Defeat terrorists and extremists, irreconcilable insurgents, and individuals actively participating in extra-judicial killings (EJJs)
Commander's Intent

Stabilize the security situation in Baghdad and the nine strategic cities

- IAW the National Strategy for Victory in Iraq, coalition forces will:
  - ICW the ISF, clear AQI, T&FF and AIF strongholds and diminish the influence of militias and groups carrying out EJKs
  - Isolate and defeat VBIED, SVIED and EFP networks
  - Assist ISF in holding areas under GOI control and expand influence in those areas cleared of AQI, T&FF and AIF
  - Reinforce the GOI in building ISF, increasing economic development, and advancing the rule of law
  - Reinforce the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police Forces in their efforts to protect the population
  - Reinforce the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police in their efforts to reduce sectarian violence and prevent civil war
  - Set the conditions to transition security responsibilities to Iraqi authorities
Commander's Intent

Enhance the capability, credibility, and reach of the ISF while transitioning them to self-reliance

- Enhance transition through the effective use of enhanced MITTs, BTTs, PTTs, and NPTTs
- Continue to support the NPTTs in developing a functional Iraqi National Police that protects the Iraqi population and enables civil authority
- Assist the ISF in the development of sustainable logistics systems at all levels (tactical, provincial, and national)
- Strengthen the Transition Readiness Assessment (TRA) reporting system to include ISF efficiency and reliability
- Reduce divisive influences in the MoI and MoD by identifying, reporting, and monitoring sectarian and non-governmental influence in the Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police, National Police, and the Department of Border Enforcement
- Coalition forces will not allow ISF to condone or take part in sectarian violence and ethnic cleansing
- Expand information operations; work to promote Iraqi initiatives and successes, strengthening ISF credibility in the eyes of Iraqis
- Adjust MNC-I resources as security conditions allow for the reduction of Coalition Forces
- Continue to reduce the number of Coalition bases while maintaining a responsive posture
Commander's Intent
(Sec-Task 3 of 5)

Defeat terrorists and irreconcilable insurgents and neutralize extremists and individuals actively participating in extra-judicial killings (EJKs)

- Maintain an offensive mindset and exploit success to rapidly neutralize extremists and defeat terrorists and irreconcilable insurgents
- Conduct intelligence-driven operations, precise in their effects, with priority on VBIED, SVBIED, and EFP networks
- Deny terrorists and extremists the use of sanctuaries
- Establish relationships with the Iraqi people based on dignity and respect; cultural awareness helps win their support and enhances force protection
- Deny support to extremist groups and assist the Iraqis in removing divisive influences from the security ministries

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Commander's Intent
(Sub-Task 4 of 5)

Protect the force: Neutralize the IED Network

- Conduct proactive, focused, continuous, and precise operations against key elements of the IED Network; bring all instruments of national power, as well as international resources, to bear on this complex problem through the implementation of a CIED Operational Integration Center (COIC)
- Protect and maintain the capability to reinforce Transition Teams and Provincial Reconstruction Teams
- Protect information; maintain effective OPSEC
- Conduct effective risk mitigation in all operations to reduce both battle and non-battle injuries
- Maintain freedom of movement; control designated MSR/ASRs
Commander's Intent

Support and sustain the governmental transition to Iraqi provincial control and self-reliance

- Support the development of the IGFC and JHQ as operational headquarters through partnership
- Assist in the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) of militias as a means to reduce sectarian tensions
- Continue to transition functions, facilities, and responsibilities to Iraqi institutions in support of the PIC process
- Reinforce GOI capacity in the protection of key strategic infrastructure
- Support the emplacement of economic enablers that put Iraqis to work, provide economic opportunity, and foster near-term economic growth linked to mid- and long-term economic objectives
- Facilitate PRT, NCT, and IRMO operations in order to develop national and provincial capacity, focus on areas that contribute to essential services and the long-term success of Iraq (Justice, Oil, Electricity, and Transportation)
- Support the GOI conduct of provincial elections and the constitutional referendum process
- Transition to a normal security and defense relationship with the GOI by assuming broader responsibilities as headquarters merge and an Office of Security and Cooperation is established
- Foster a mutual understanding of roles and responsibilities among the various players in the "Greater Interagency," leverage their unique capabilities and emphasize unity of effort