



# Multi-National Corps - Iraq



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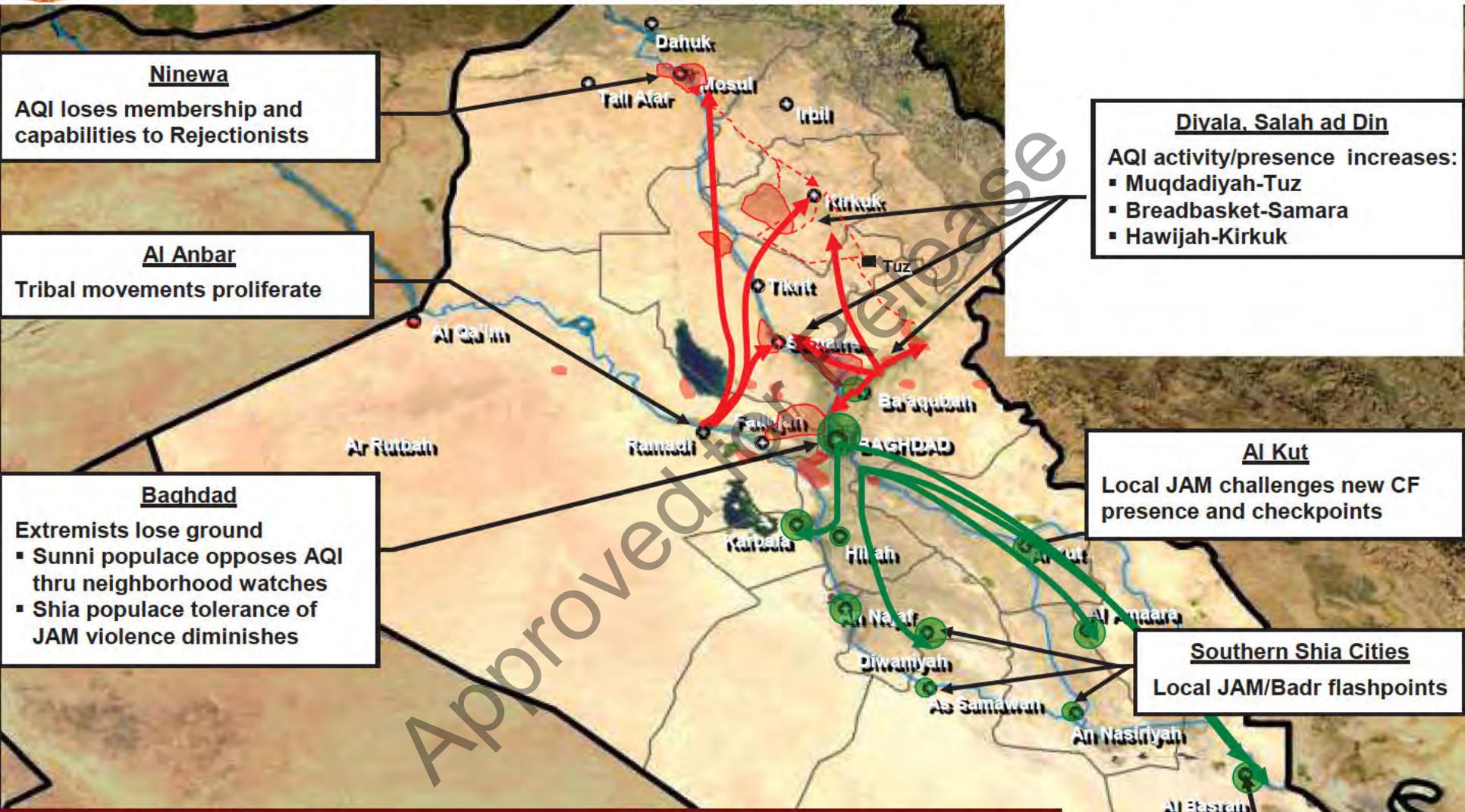
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# MNC-I Threat Outlook: Aug-Sep 07



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**Current Trends:**

- Insurgency Shift from urban to rural
- Migration from Extremist to Rejectionist groups
- Increased Rejectionist interest in Reconciliation
- GoI solution to intra-Shia competition

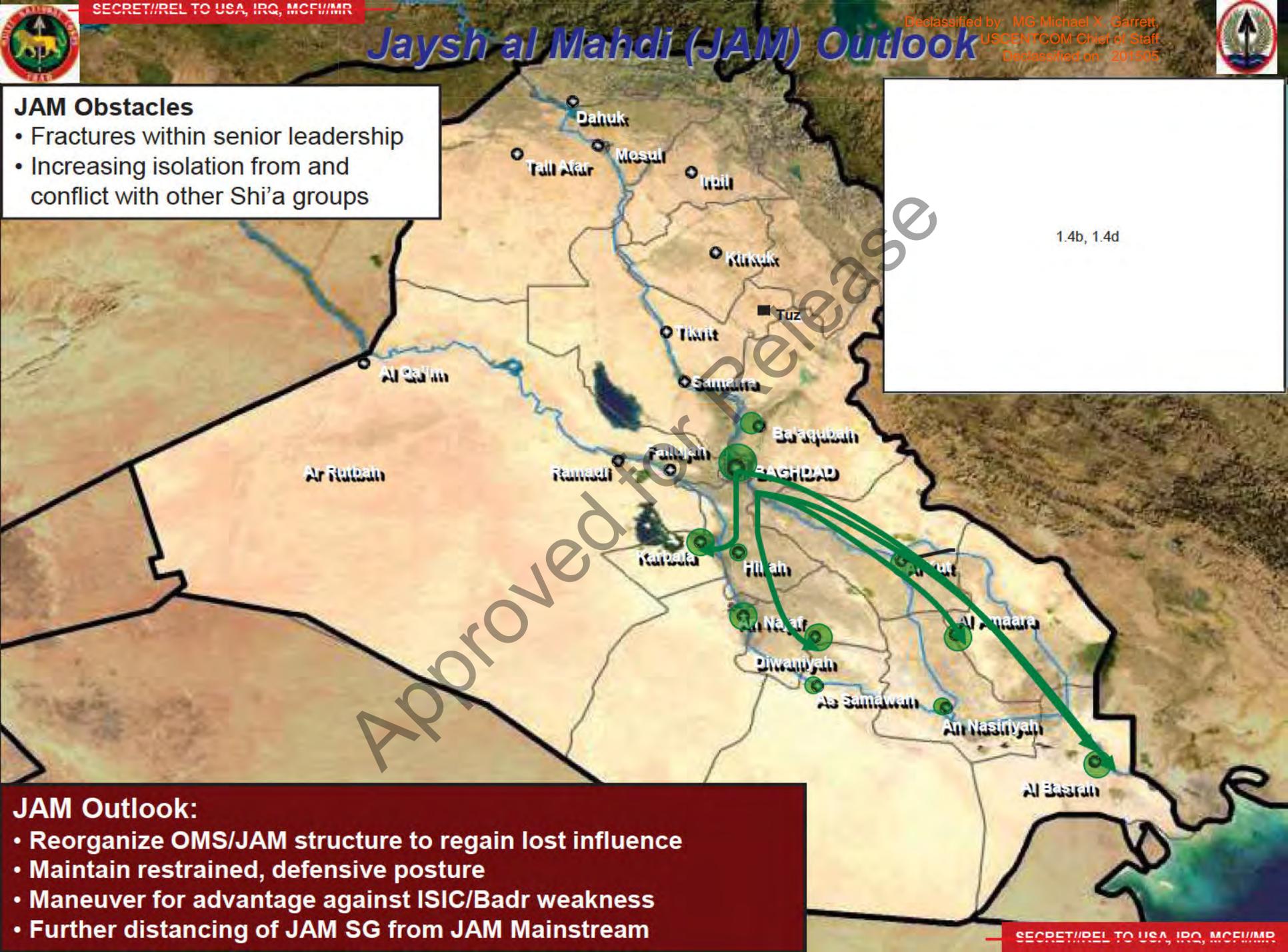


# Jaysh al Mahdi (JAM) Outlook

## JAM Obstacles

- Fractures within senior leadership
- Increasing isolation from and conflict with other Shi'a groups

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## JAM Outlook:

- Reorganize OMS/JAM structure to regain lost influence
- Maintain restrained, defensive posture
- Maneuver for advantage against ISIC/Badr weakness
- Further distancing of JAM SG from JAM Mainstream

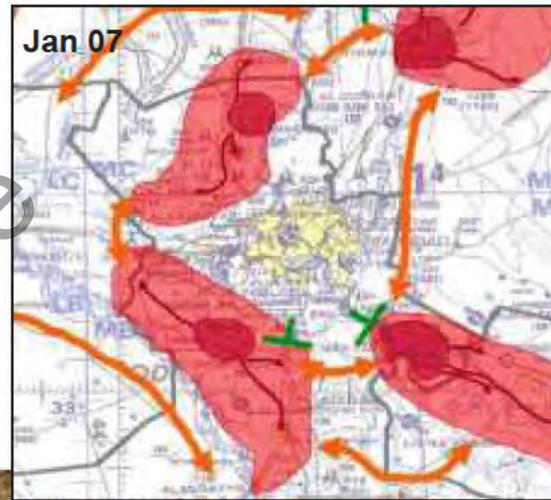


# Al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) Outlook

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## AQI Obstacles

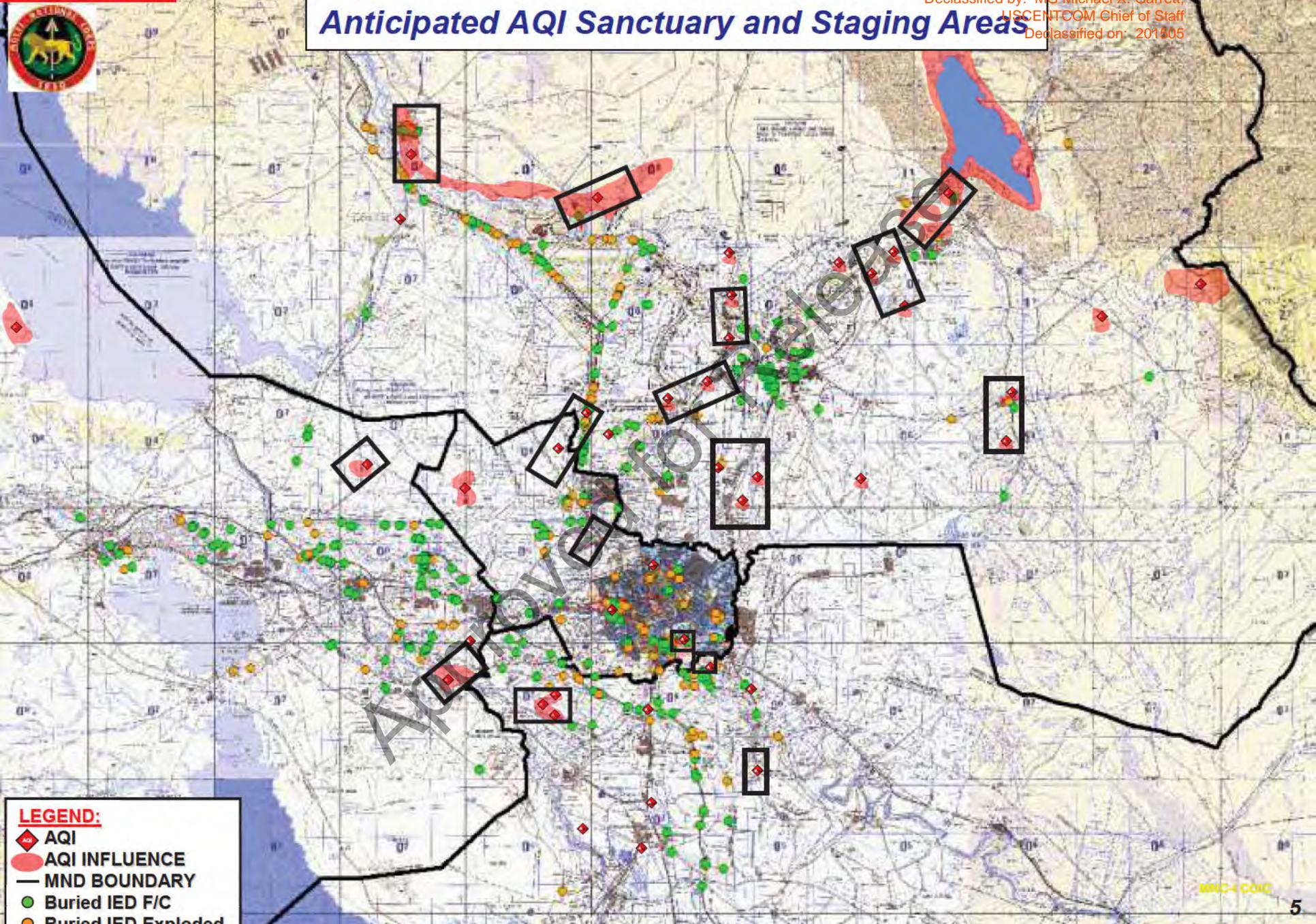
- Continued pressure from operations
- Growing populist rejection in the West and North
- Increasing isolation from and conflict with other Sunni militants



## AQI Outlook:

- Exploit historical Ramadan surge
- Baghdad remains strategic center of gravity
- Seeking new sanctuary

# Anticipated AQI Sanctuary and Staging Areas



**LEGEND:**

- ◆ AQI
- AQI INFLUENCE
- MND BOUNDARY
- Buried IED F/C
- Buried IED Exploded

MNC-I COIC

# Commander's Intent

- ✦ **Purpose.** The purpose of Phantom Strike is to disrupt AQI's planning, preparation, and execution of operations in order to prevent AQI from negatively impacting CF and GOI progress and continuing CF and ISF momentum in dismantling AQI networks.
- ✦ **Key Tasks**
  - *Significantly increase the OPTEMPO of offensive operations against AQI sanctuary and staging areas.*
  - *Conduct targeted operations against AQI networks that produce and employ deep buried IEDs.*
  - *Prioritize and employ MND/F and MNC-I level enablers in support of counter AQI operations for maximum impact against AQI.*
- ✦ **Endstate.** AQI planning and preparation disrupted, AQI unable to execute a surge in operations, and CF and ISF momentum against AQI networks sustained or accelerated.



# Concept Of Operations

While continuing to operate within the framework established in OPORD 07-01, MNC-I will conduct a significant surge in offensive operations to disrupt AQI operations from 15 Aug to 15 Sep 07. CF Operations will include short term raids against AQI sanctuaries / staging areas, targeted operations to dismantle AQI DBIED networks, and operations to kill or capture AQI HVIs. During this time period operations with a high potential to temporarily disrupt AQI operations will be executed even when the forces required to hold and build on gains made are not available. Both MNC-I and MSC Enablers will be fully employed during this time period with increased emphasis on disrupting AQI operations.

# Tasks to MND-N, MNF-W, MND-B, AND MND-C

✦ ***On 03 Aug 07 from 1700 to 1845 MND/F Commanders will Backbrief the MNC-I CG on their plans to surge operations against AQI from 15 Aug to 15 Sep 07.***

## ***Backbriefs will include:***

- Identification of planned operations targeting AQI to include what force will execute the operation and anticipated execution dates.
- MND/F plan for prioritizing internal enablers to effect a surge in emphasis against AQI from 15 Aug to 15 Sep.
- anticipated requirements for corps enablers in support of MND/F Phantom Strike Operations, and the impact on operations if Corps enablers are not available.
- Corps support other than enablers required to effectively engage AQI targets (i.e. temporary boundary changes, or corps coordination for operations conducted adjacent to existing MSC boundaries).

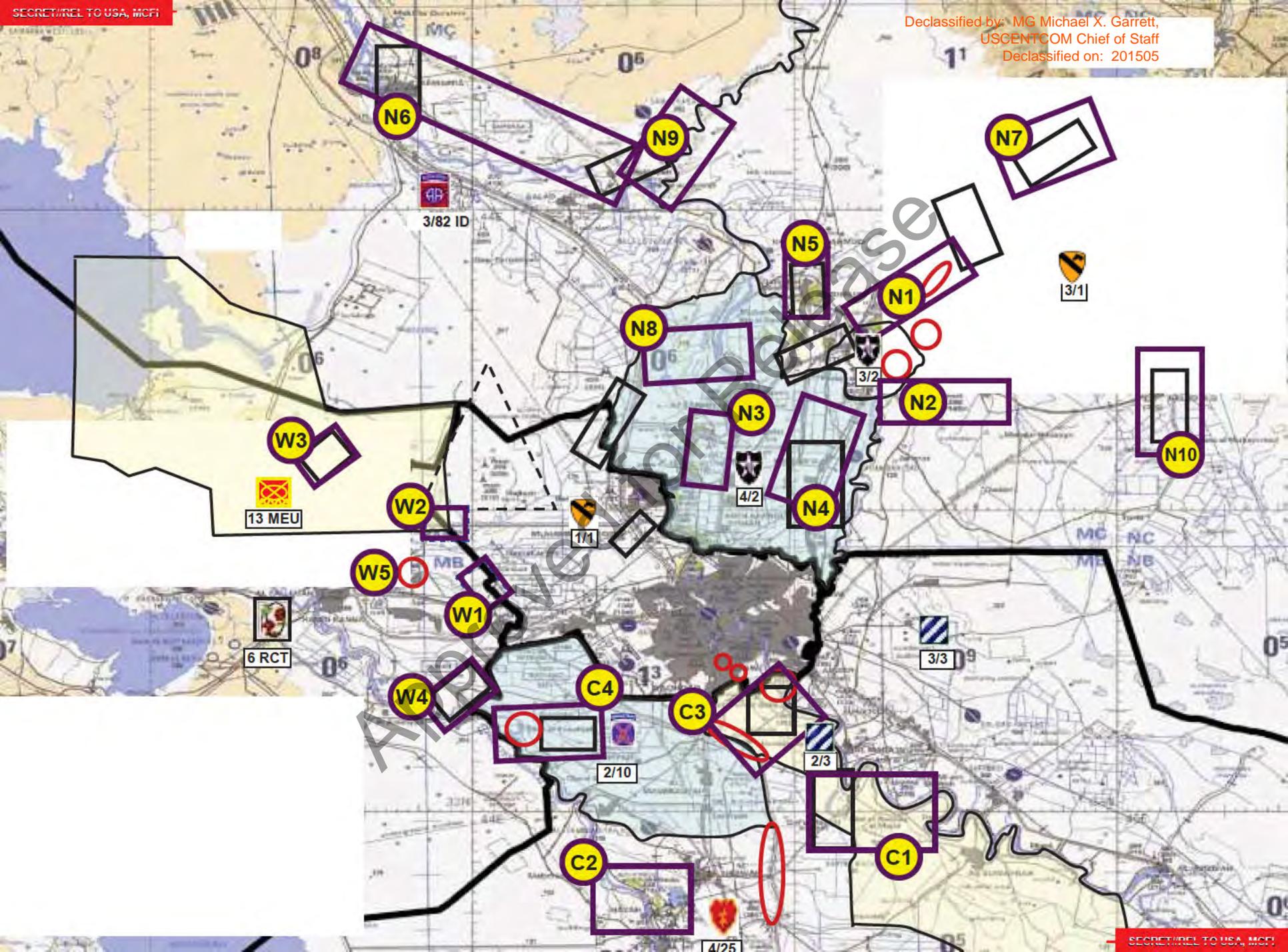


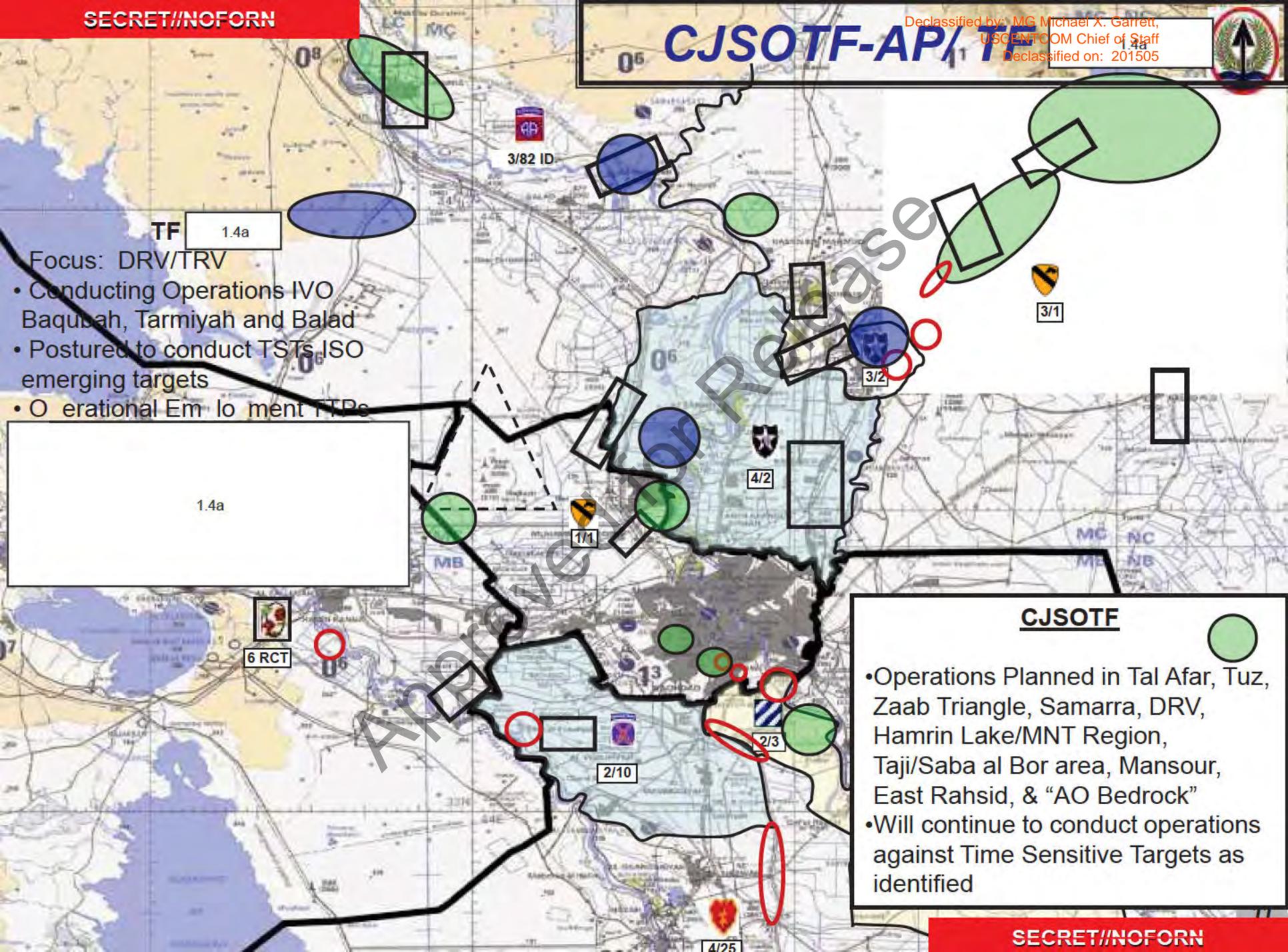
## Facts

- ✦ **Dedicating forces to engage AQI in sanctuary areas impacts ongoing operations to protect the populace.**
- ✦ **The MOAG Movement Beginning in August will be a Corps priority and will require ISR, Security, and Route Clearance Equipment.**
- ✦ **If Sadr's postponed march to Samarra occurs during the lead-up to Ramadan, tensions in the area will be raised significantly**
- ✦ **If Phantom Hammer is executed, MND-C and Corps' ability to actively counter an AQI surge will be significantly reduced.**

## Assumptions

- ✦ **Both AQI and Shia extremists will attempt to increase the level of violence in Iraq prior to or during Ramadan, a period which coincides with the September assessment**
- ✦ **As long as CF and ISF can jointly provide local security for the population, Sunni tribes in Al Anbar, Salah Al-Din, and parts of Diyala will continue to actively reject AQI and join the Iraqi Police to protect their cities and neighborhoods.**
- ✦ **Increasing POE security will impact AQI's ability to move fighters and weapons in support of an August surge.**





TF 1.4a

Focus: DRV/TRV

- Conducting Operations IVO Baqubah, Tarmiyah and Balad
- Postured to conduct TSTs ISO emerging targets
- Operational Emplacement ITPs

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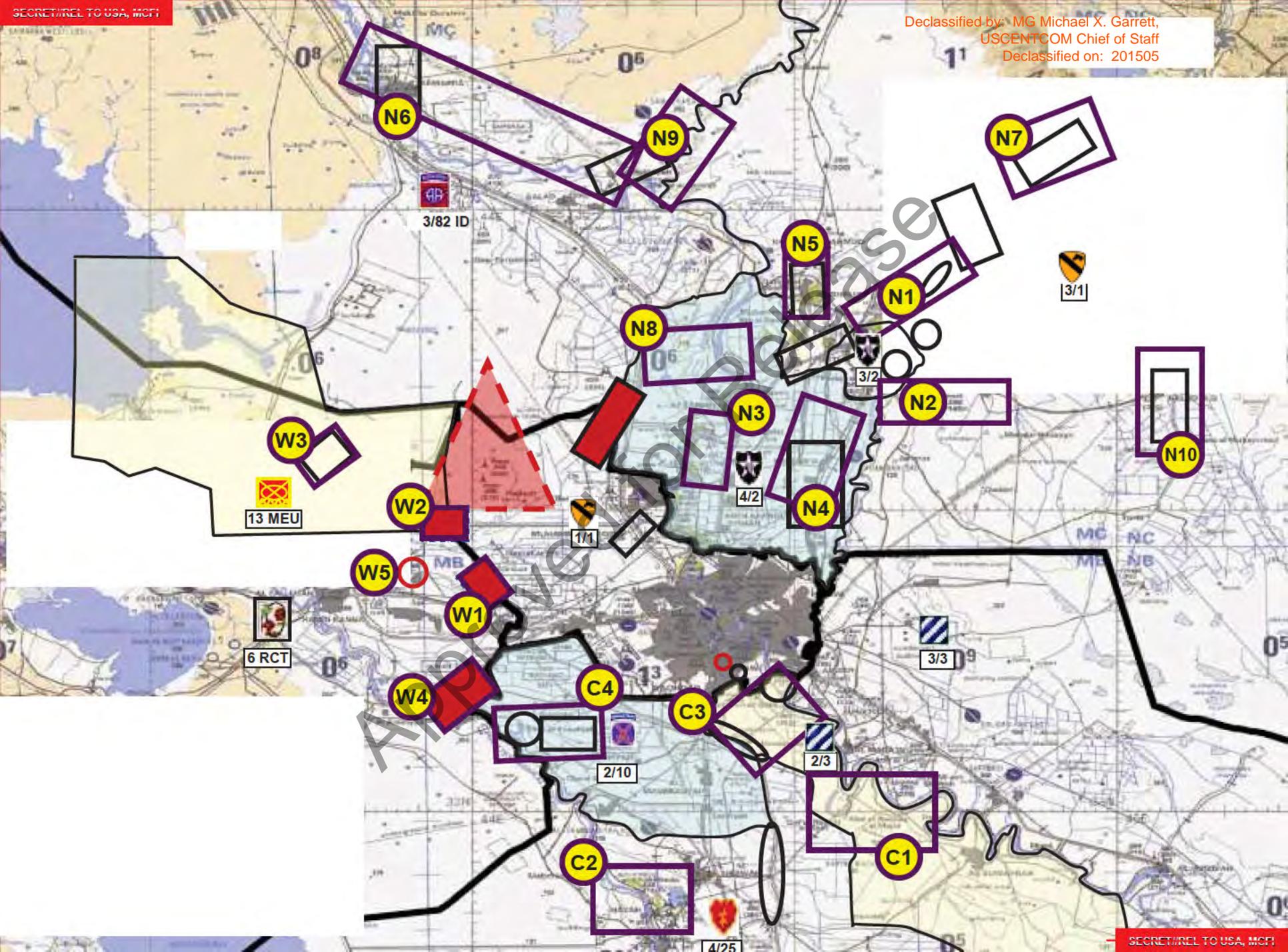
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### CJSOTF

- Operations Planned in Tal Afar, Tuz, Zaab Triangle, Samarra, DRV, Hamrin Lake/MNT Region, Taji/Saba al Bor area, Mansour, East Rahsid, & "AO Bedrock"
- Will continue to conduct operations against Time Sensitive Targets as identified



13 MEU

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# How Corps Will Weight the Effort

- ✦ **Prioritize Corps Enablers (ISR, Aviation, Engineer) ISO MSC operations.**
- ✦ **Coordinate MSC Operations crossing or adjacent to MSC boundaries.**
- ✦ **Assist in the Intel build for potential CJSOTF-AP raids in the "Bedrock Area."**
- ✦ **Engage IGFC for IA/ISOF support to CF operations/ complimentary ISF operations.**

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- ✦ **Enforce a ban on VIP visits, conferences, mandatory briefings, to free up resources (primarily aircraft) and leader's time to focus on combat operations.**
- ✦ **Provide Corps' intelligence analysis resources to MSCs (Analysis Surge) to capitalize on information currently not analyzed in a timely manner.**
- ✦ **Engage AQL targets outside the operational reach of conventional forces with ODA/AWT/ISR strike packages as required by assessed priorities.**



# How MNF-I Can Assist

- ✦ **Ensure TF 1.4a Operations are coordinated with MNC-I Operations.**
- ✦ **Engage GOI to further reconciliation efforts to make Sunni populations less supportive of AQI.**
- ✦ **Engage GOI to publicize ISF efforts against AQI.**
- ✦ **Engage GOI to support Local Security Forces who are willing to fight AQI.**
- ✦ **Continue Diplomatic and Strategic Communication efforts to limit and disrupt external support to AQI.**
- ✦ **Prioritize funds and reconstruction aid to areas targeted by Phantom Strike Operations to help secure hearts and minds of wavering populace.**



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## Questions and Discussion

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# **Back Up**



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# OP PHANTOM STRIKE COUNTERING AQI SURGE: MNF-W ANALYSIS AND OPERATIONS



**CG, MNF-W: MGEN W.E. GASKIN**

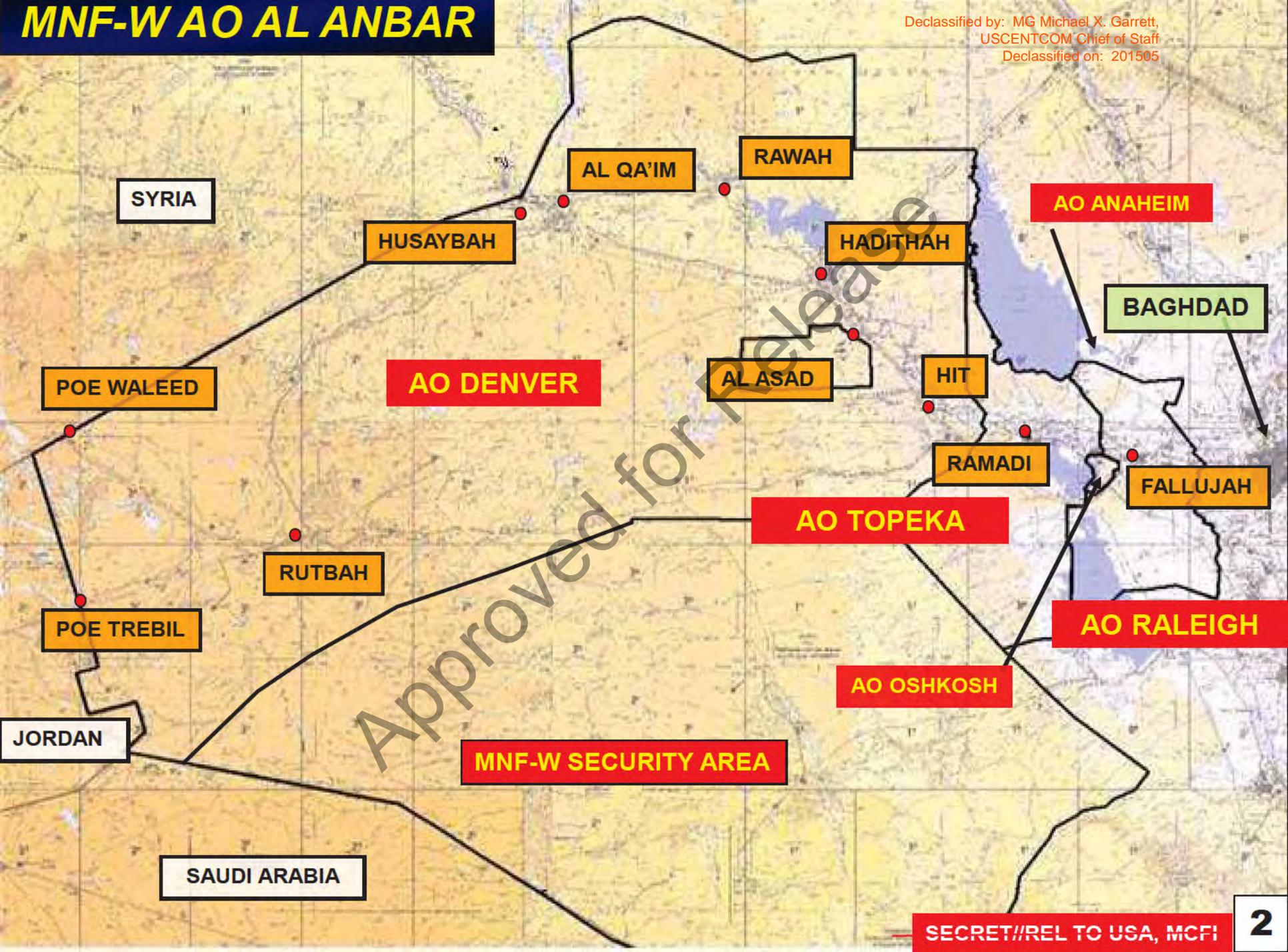
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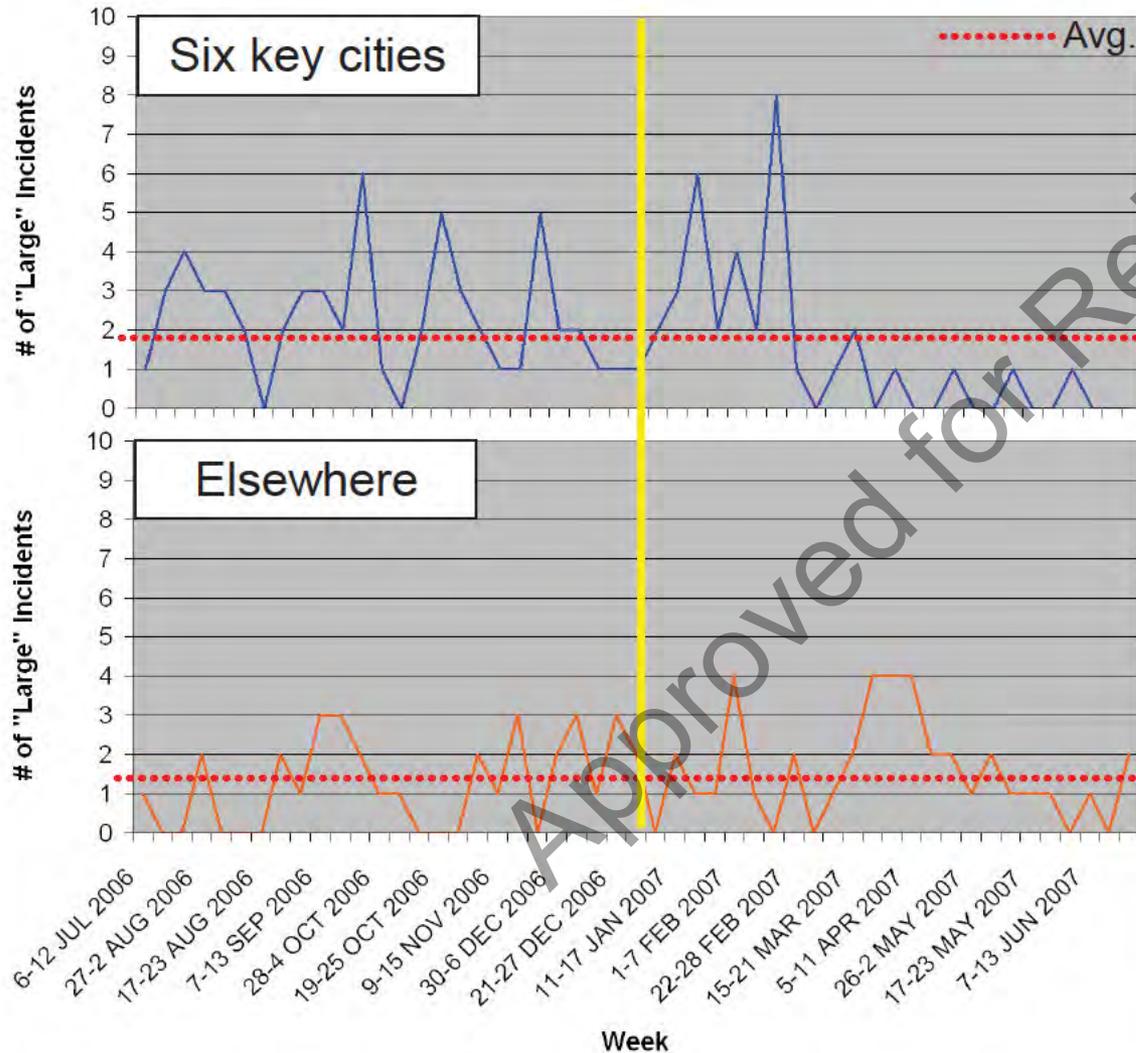
# MNF-W AO AL ANBAR

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# Large Incidents in MNF-W

## 6 Key Cities and Elsewhere: Jan - June 07



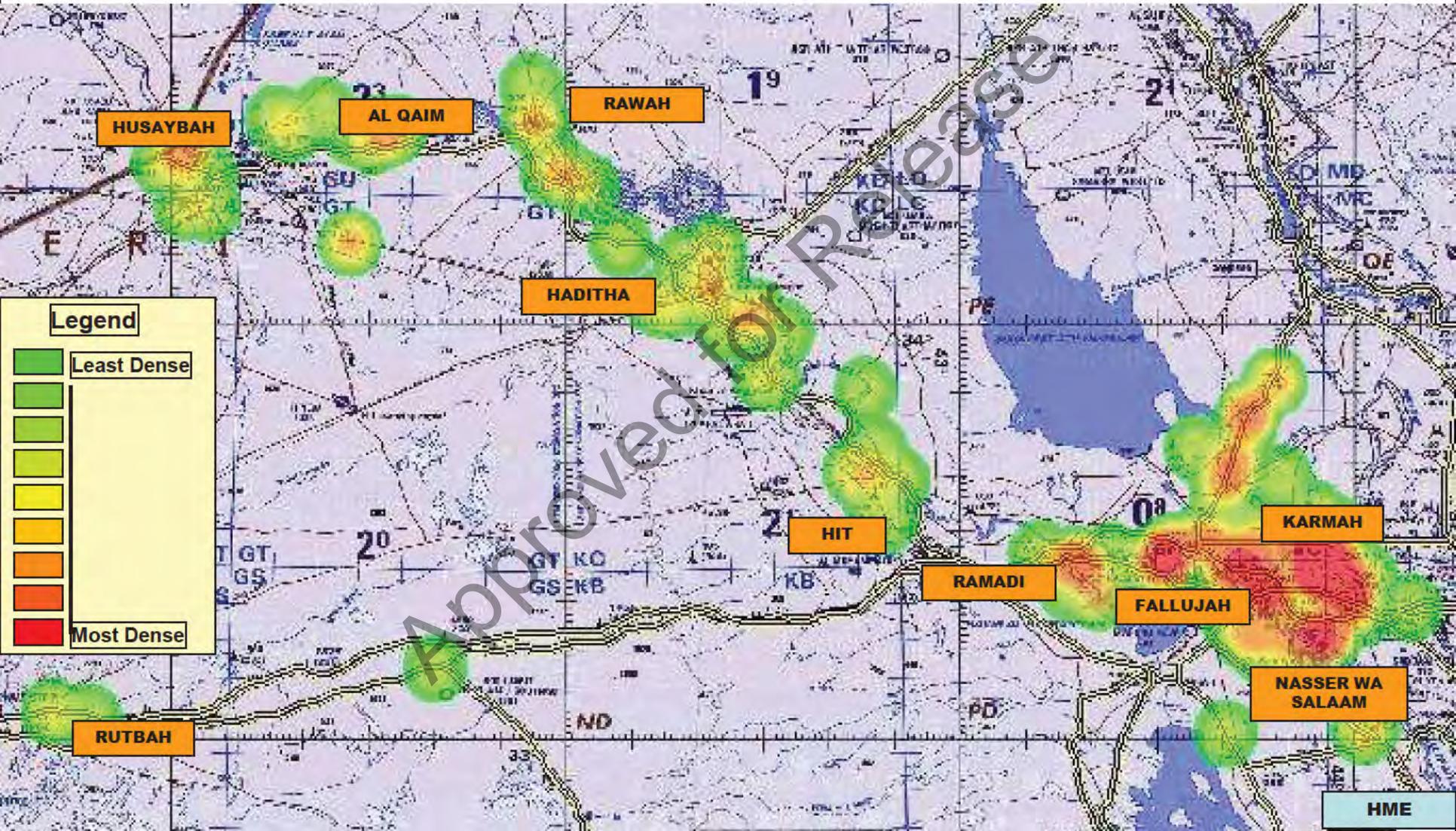
- Large incidents inside the six key cities within MNF-W (Ramadi, Fallujah, Hit, Hadithah, Al Qaim, Rutbah) have been below the average since Feb 07, as a result of MNF-W's persistent presence inside these key population centers
- Large incidents outside the six cities have declined from a recent high, but still hover around the average.
- Enemy trend has been to flee the cities and attempt to operate in peripheral areas throughout the AO.
- There are signs of aggregation in areas surrounding Fallujah (e.g. Karmah); and evidence of insurgent attempts to re-infiltrate Ramadi

DONKEY ISLAND

BRIDGES

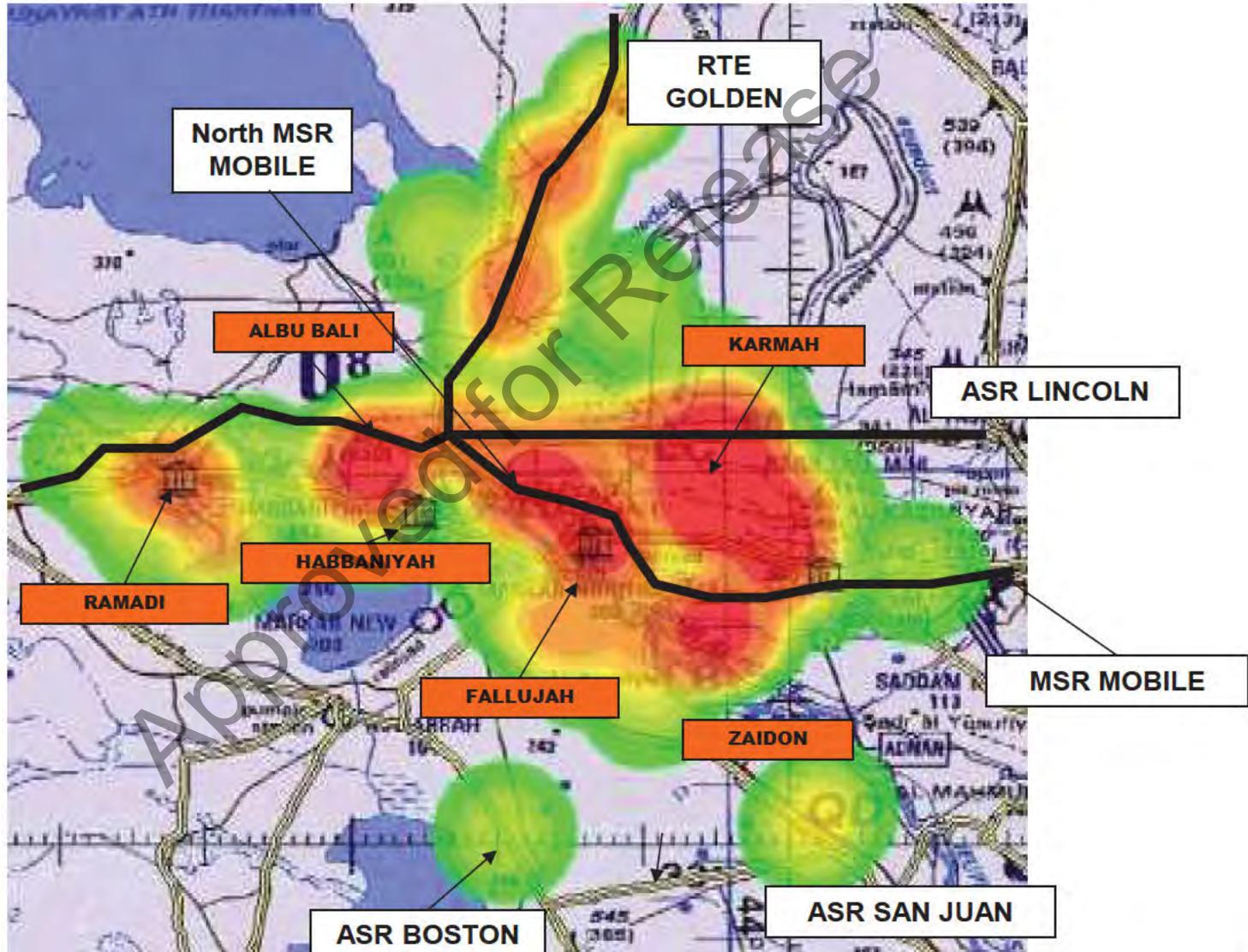
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6 weeks (10 June 2007 - 21 July 2007)

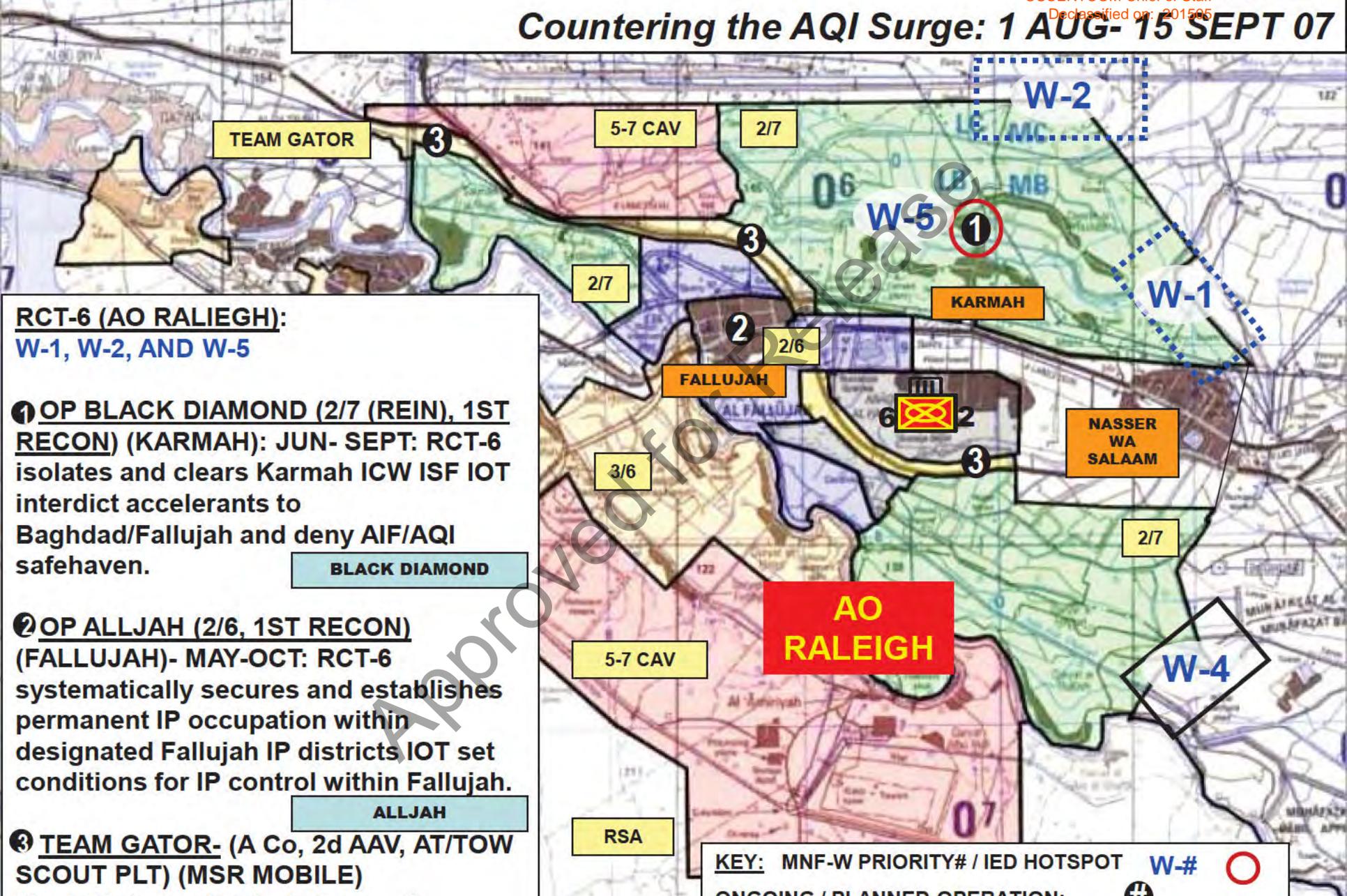


# AO Raleigh / Anaheim IED Density

6 weeks (10 June 2007 - 21 July 2007)



# Countering the AQI Surge: 1 AUG- 15 SEPT 07



### RCT-6 (AO RALEIGH): W-1, W-2, AND W-5

**1 OP BLACK DIAMOND (2/7 (REIN), 1ST RECON) (KARMAH): JUN- SEPT: RCT-6 isolates and clears Karmah ICW ISF IOT interdict accelerants to Baghdad/Fallujah and deny AIF/AQI safehaven.**

**BLACK DIAMOND**

**2 OP ALLJAH (2/6, 1ST RECON) (FALLUJAH)- MAY-OCT: RCT-6 systematically secures and establishes permanent IP occupation within designated Fallujah IP districts IOT set conditions for IP control within Fallujah.**

**ALLJAH**

**3 TEAM GATOR- (A Co, 2d AAV, AT/TOW SCOUT PLT) (MSR MOBILE) Mech/Motorized Patrols focused on disrupting IED cells.**

**KEY:** MNF-W PRIORITY# / IED HOTSPOT **W#**

ONGOING / PLANNED OPERATION:

MNF-W / MNC-I AQI/AIF FOCUS AREA:

# Countering the AQI Surge: 1 AUG- 15 SEPT 07

## 13<sup>TH</sup> MEU (BLT 3/1)

(AO ANAHEIM, TAO SILVER ANVIL AND PEGASUS BRIDGE):  
W-2 AND W-3

1 Disruption ops, cache searches

2 OP SILVER ANVIL- monitor MUTHANNA CHEMICAL COMPLEX

SILVER ANVIL

• Combined Ops/ Transition to  
3 1 IA BDE AO

• OP PEGASUS BRIDGE- Clearing ops along East Boundary

PEGASUS BRIDGE

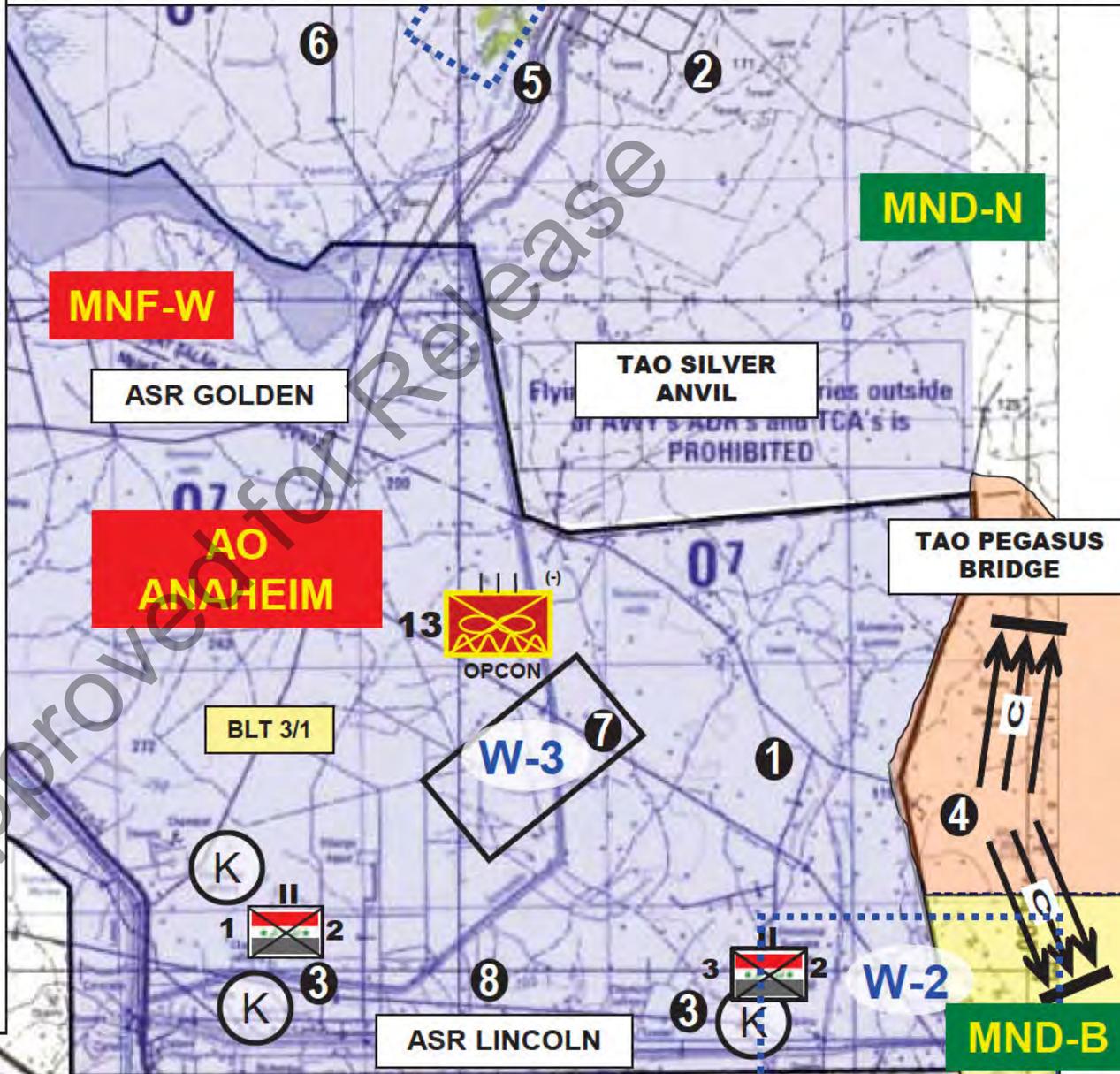
• OP FARMHOUSE (PLANNED) - Area Recon north of MCC

• AEROSCOUT - Ops NW MCC

AEROSCOUT

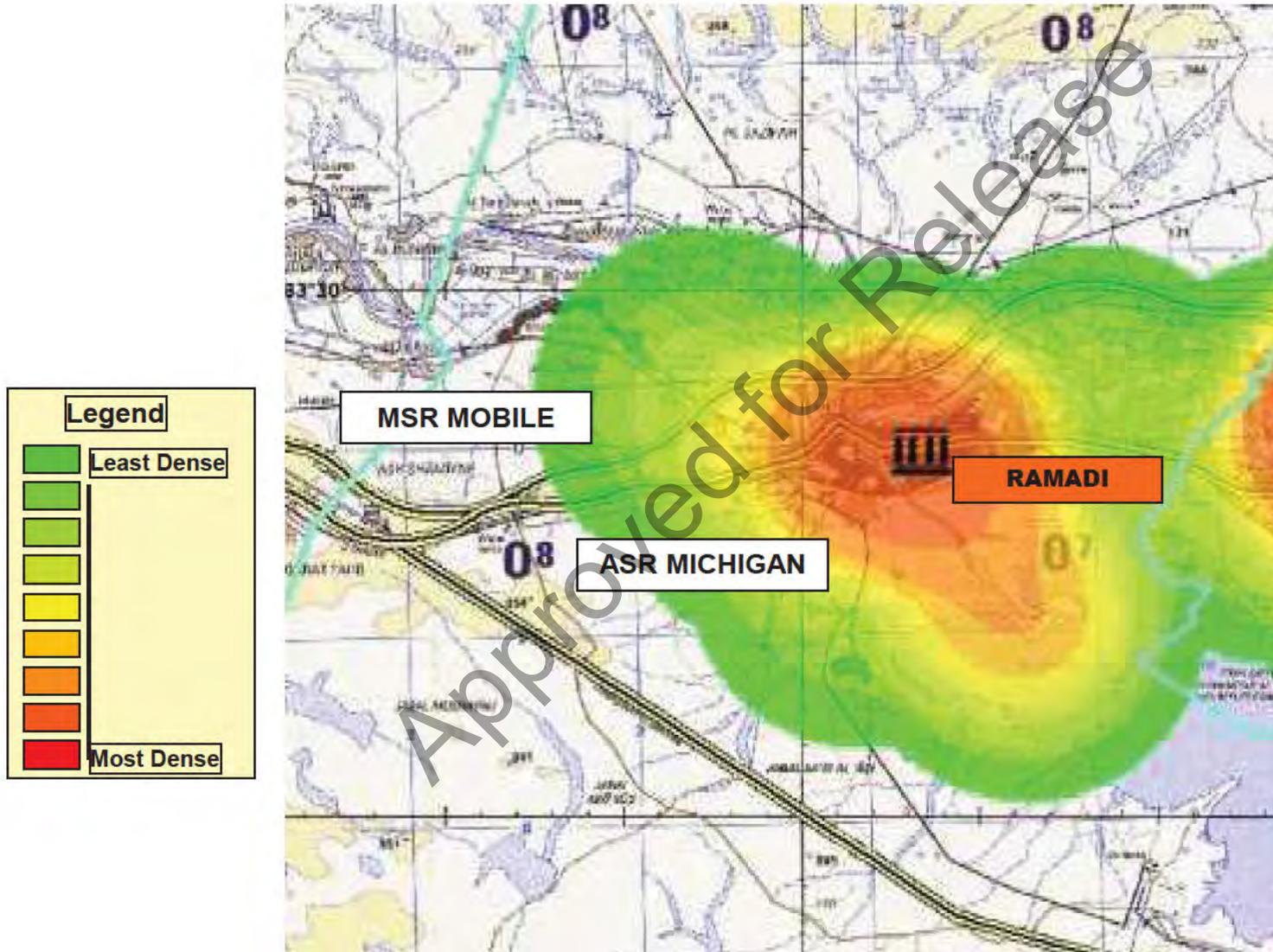
• OP CHINA SHOP III (PLANNED) - focus on suspected caches

• LINCOLN OVERWATCH (PLANNED) - Overwatch FROM AO



# AO Topeka IED Density

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# Countering the AQI Surge: 1 AUG- 15 SEPT 07

## 1-3 BCT (AO TOPEKA):

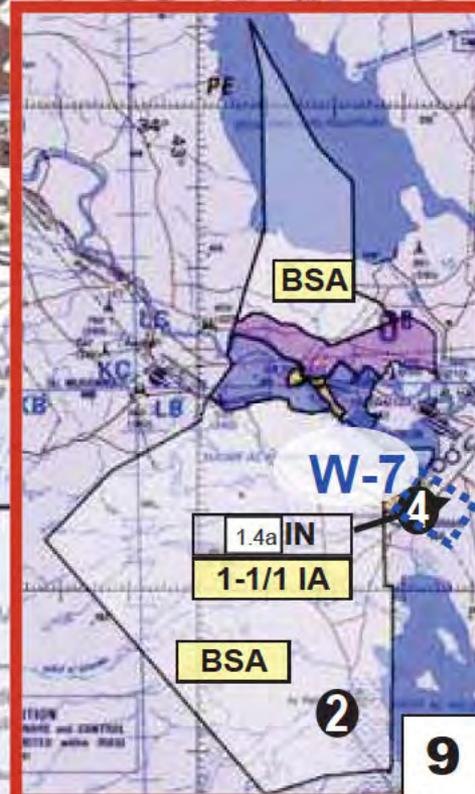
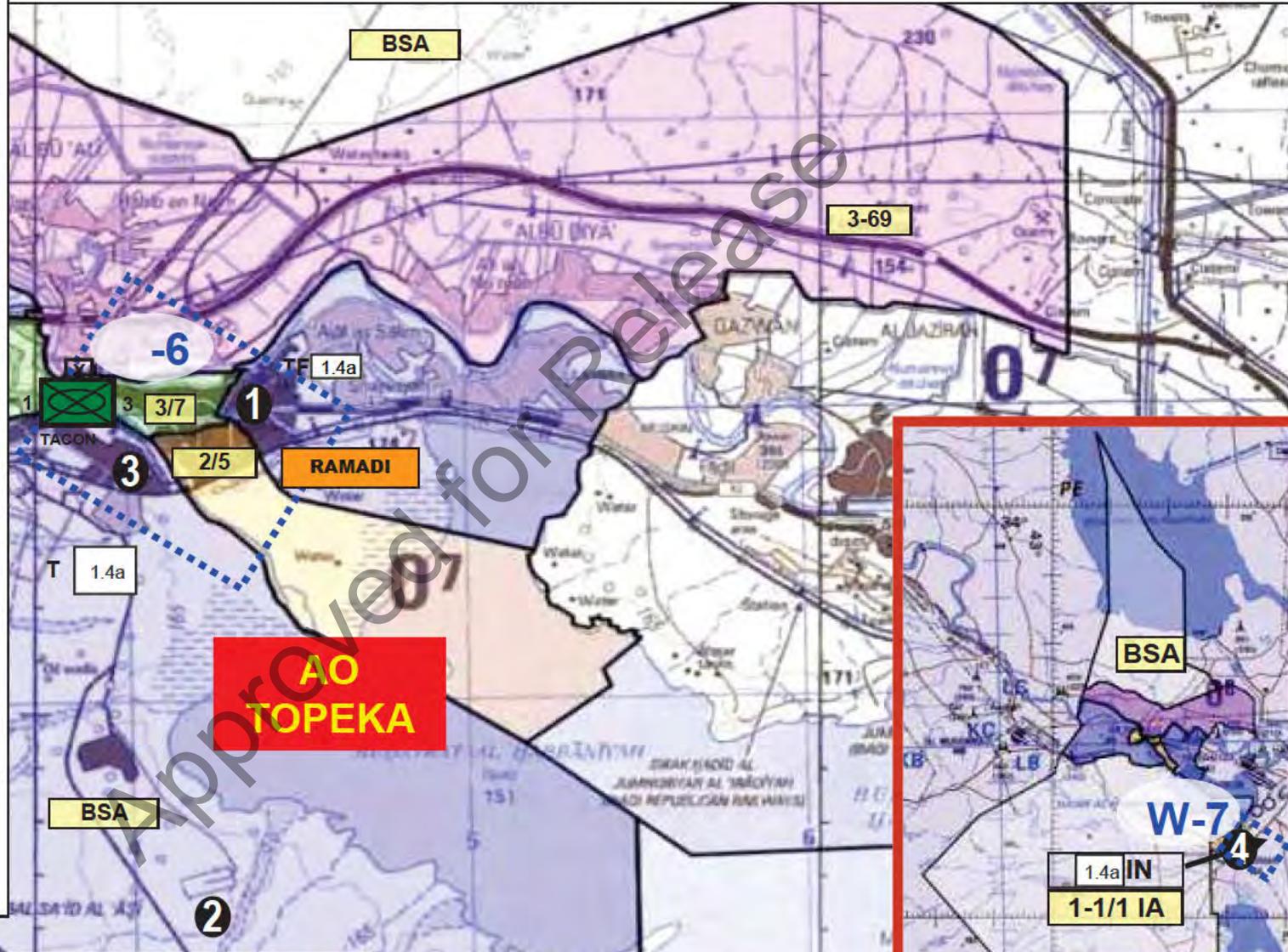
### W-6 AND W-7

#### 1 TOPEKA SECURITY PLAN

2 AEROSCOUT- 1-3 BCT, in partnership with ISF, conducts missions into BCT Security Areas to the south

3 RAMADI AND SELECTED SITES- in partnership with ISF, protect critical infrastructure

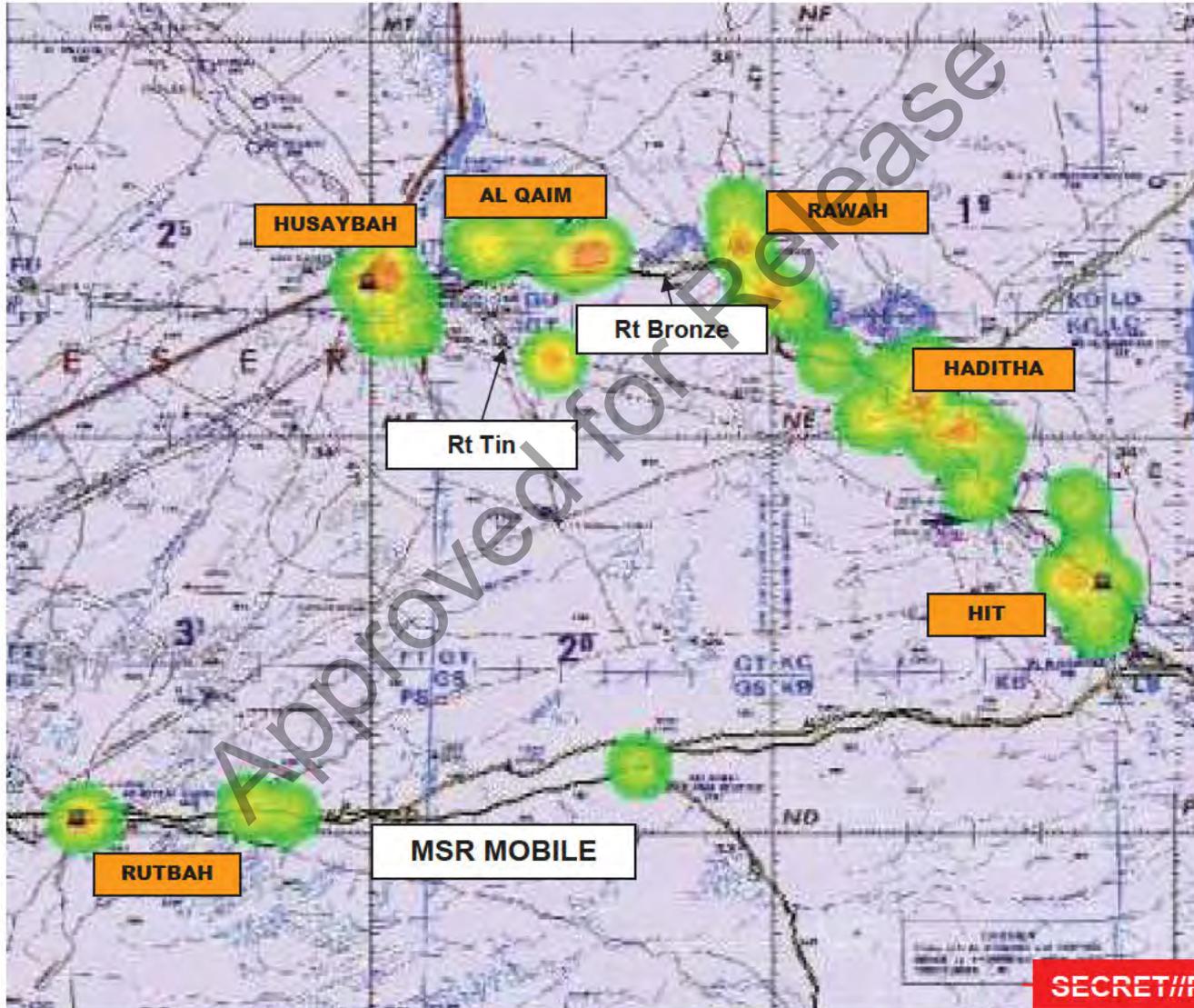
4 COMBINED OPS 1-9 IN with 2/1 IA BDE vic COP SEDGWICK, disrupt AQI/AIF activity to south and near Atlantic City and Compton Bridges



**KEY:** MNF-W PRIORITY# / IED HOTSPOT **W-#** ○  
 ONGOING / PLANNED OPERATION: #  
 MNF-W / MNC-I FOCUS AREA: [Dotted Box] [Solid Box]

# AO Denver IED Density

6 weeks (10 June 2007 – 21 July 2007)



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NOTE: IED Hotspot areas indicate both events/ incidents and finds.

# AO DENVER

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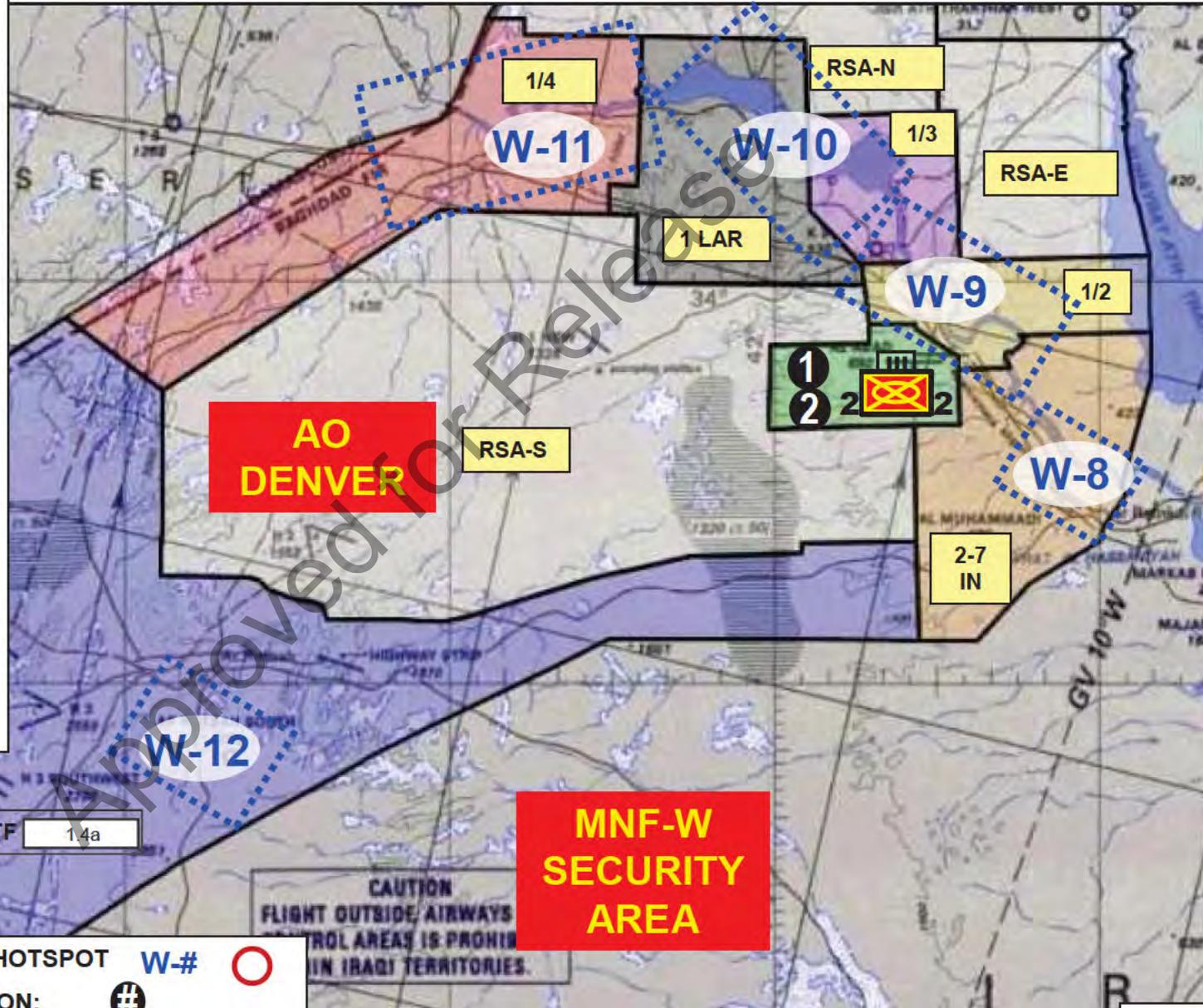
**RCT-2 (AO DENVER):**  
**W-8 THRU W-12**

**1 OP MAWTINI I AND II-**  
**RCT-2**, in partnership  
 with ISF, conducts  
 disruption ops IOT deny  
 AQI/AIF ability to surge,  
 reestablish presence in  
 urban areas and find  
 sanctuary in remote  
 areas within the AO

**MAWTINI**

**2 ERW SITES-**  
**RECON/SURVEY** of  
 remaining Explosive  
 Remnants of War (ERW)  
 sites in MNF-W (22  
 TOTAL)(EST 90 DAYS  
 TO COMPLETE ICW  
 ONGOING OPS)

**ERW**



**KEY:** MNF-W PRIORITY# / IED HOTSPOT **W-#** ○  
 ONGOING / PLANNED OPERATION: #  
 MNF-W / MNC-I FOCUS AREA: [Dashed Blue Box] [Red Box]

# SUMMARY

During Operation Phantom Strike, MNF-W will focus on continuing to maximize the synergy between operations within and between its AO's in order to deny AQI/AIF the opportunity to regroup and threaten key urban areas and critical infrastructure, as well as target IED Emplacement Cells within known and potential IED Hotspots.

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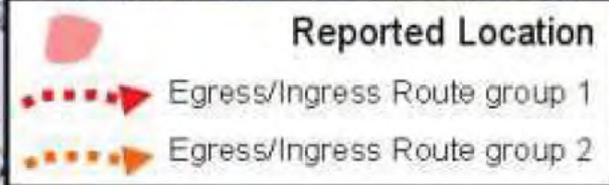
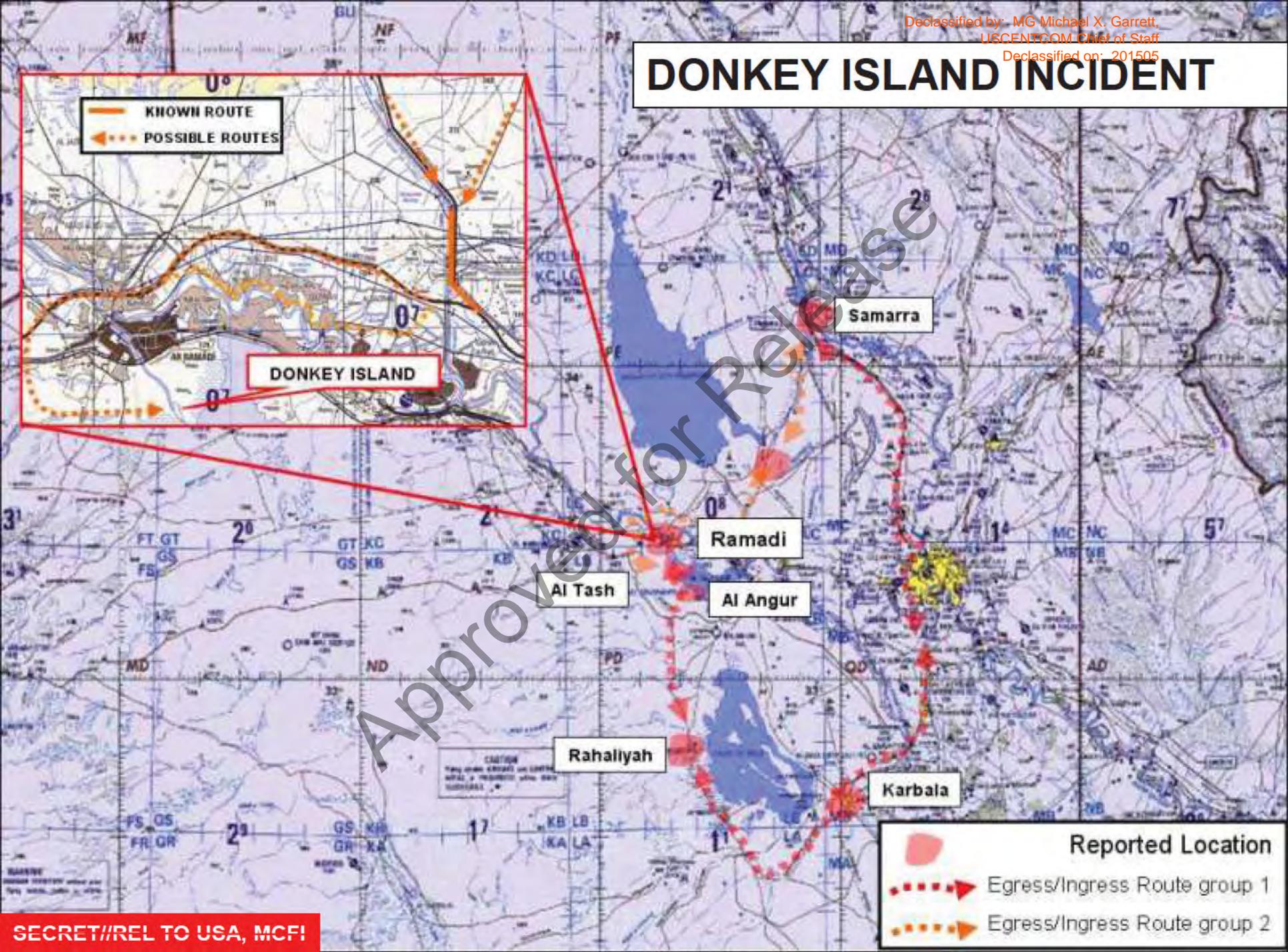
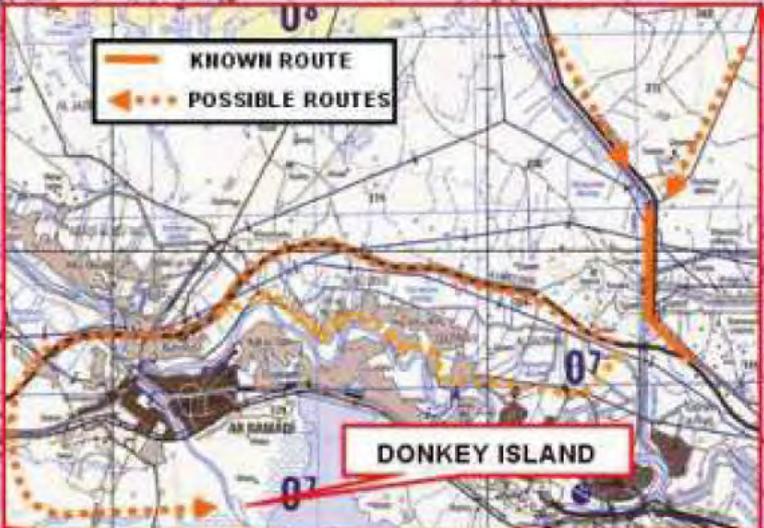


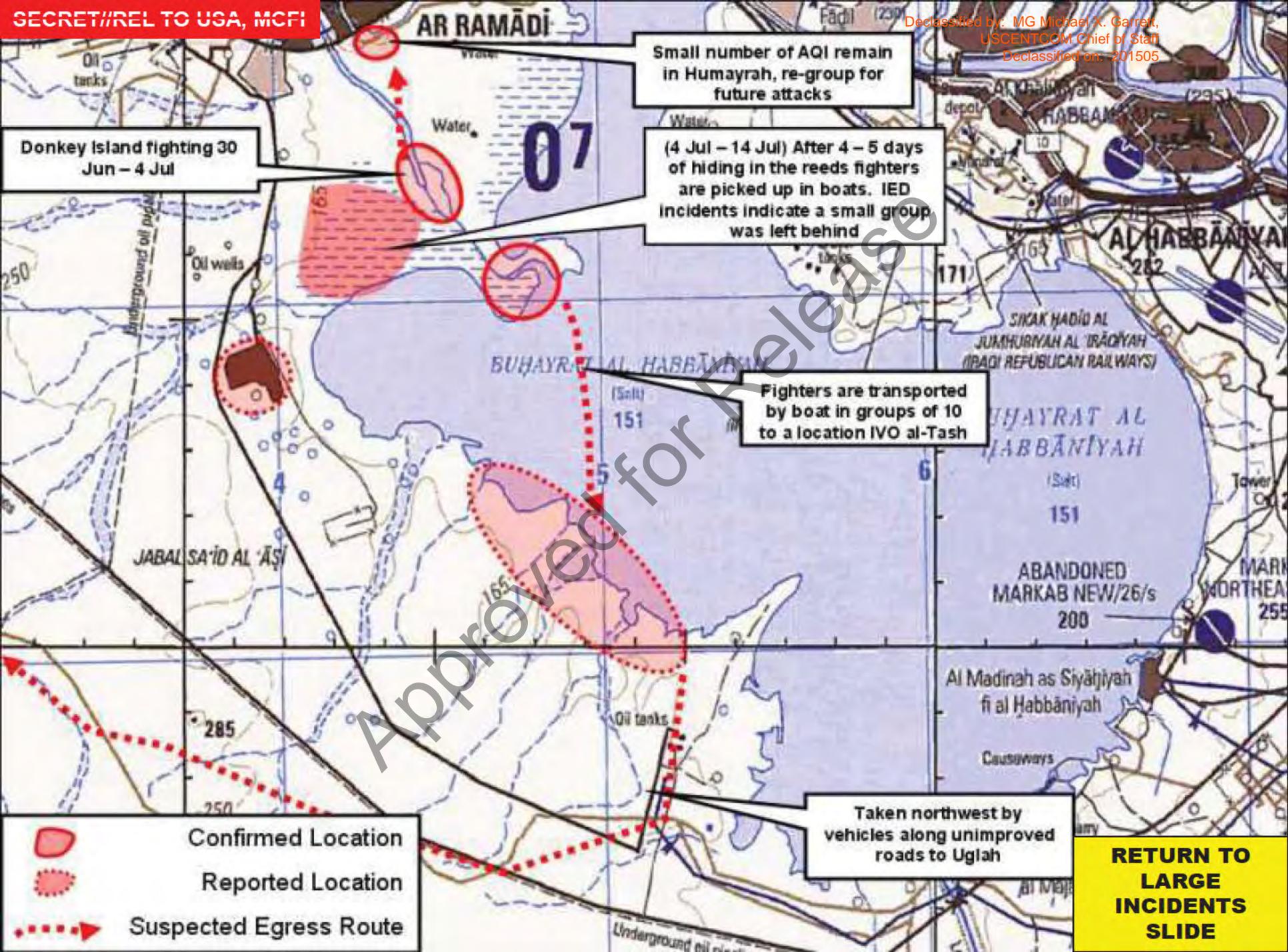


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# DONKEY ISLAND INCIDENT





Donkey Island fighting 30 Jun - 4 Jul

Small number of AQI remain in Humayrah, re-group for future attacks

(4 Jul - 14 Jul) After 4 - 5 days of hiding in the reeds fighters are picked up in boats. IED incidents indicate a small group was left behind

Fighters are transported by boat in groups of 10 to a location IVO al-Tash

Taken northwest by vehicles along unimproved roads to Uglah

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-  Confirmed Location
-  Reported Location
-  Suspected Egress Route

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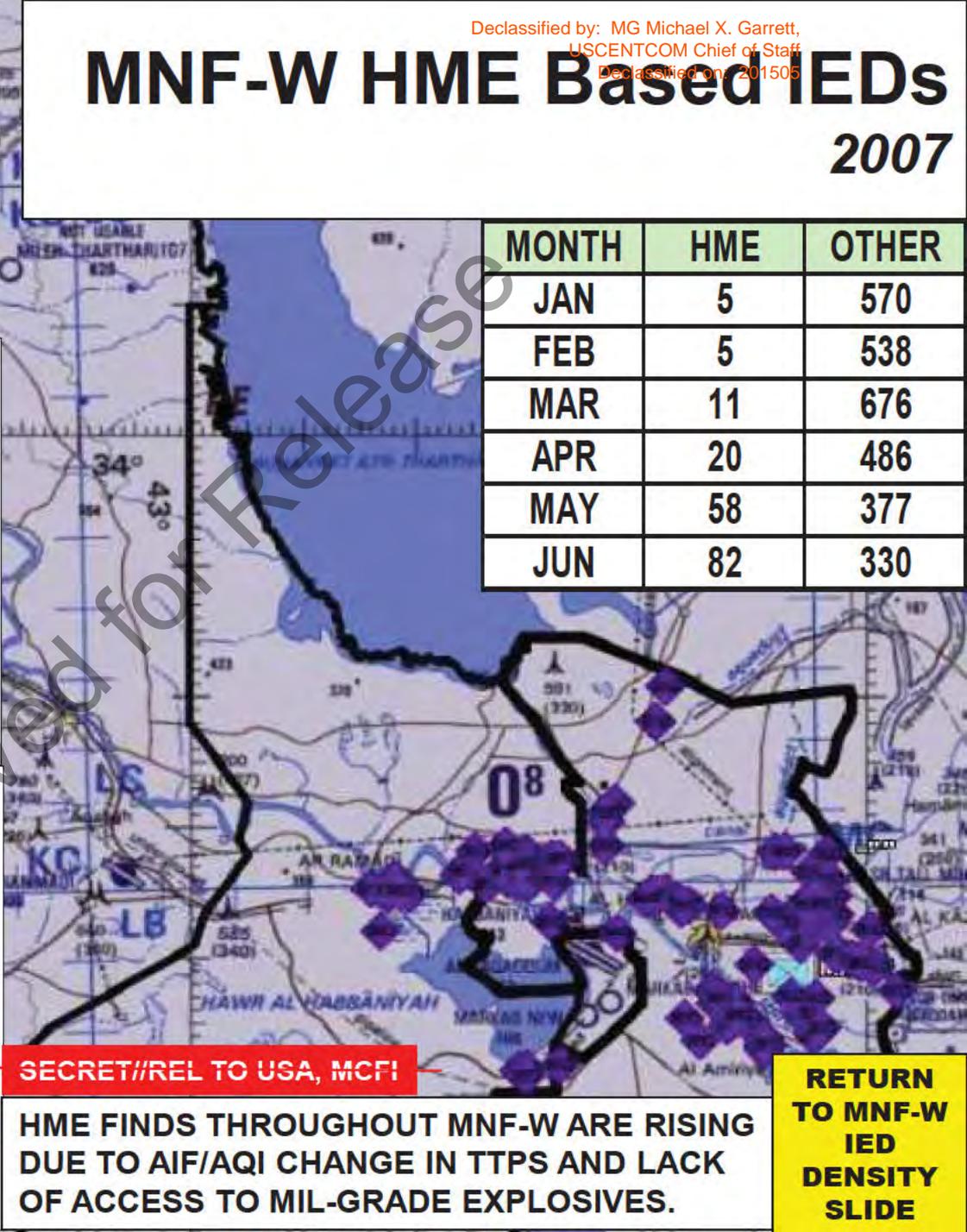
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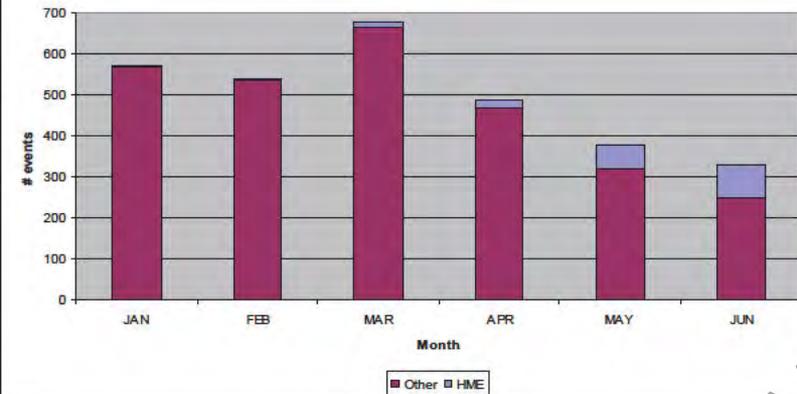
# MNF-W HME Based IEDs

## 2007

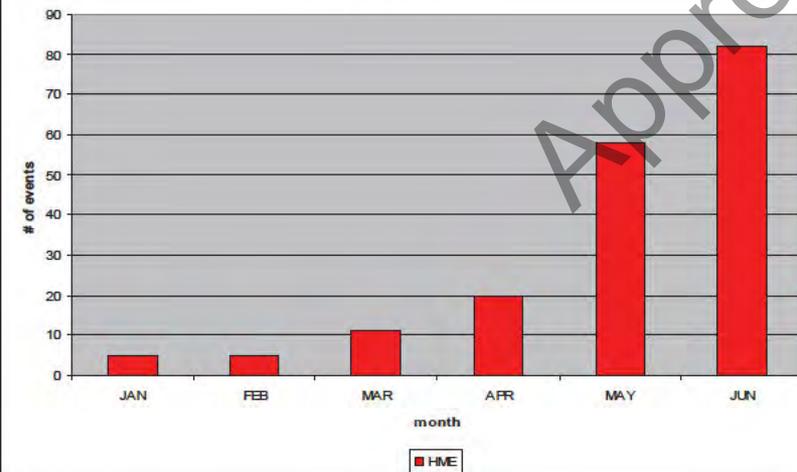


MONTH	HME	OTHER
JAN	5	570
FEB	5	538
MAR	11	676
APR	20	486
MAY	58	377
JUN	82	330

MNF-W IED FOUND/ATTACKS  
HME vs all other ordnance  
01 Jan 07 to 31 Jun 07



MNF-W HME IED EVENTS



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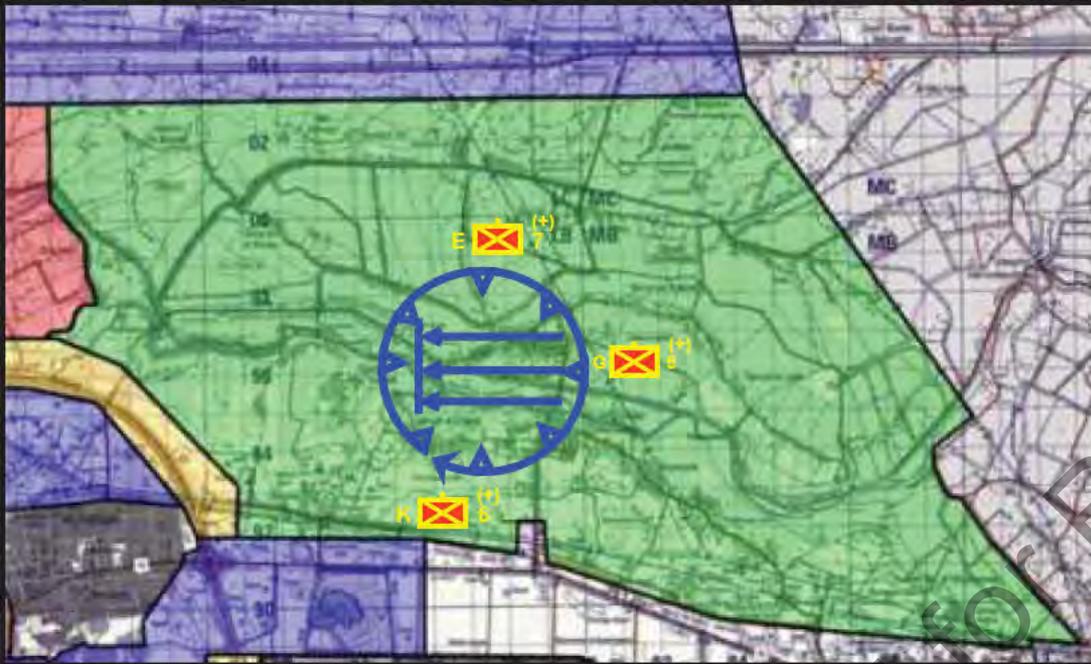
**HME FINDS THROUGHOUT MNF-W ARE RISING  
DUE TO AIF/AQI CHANGE IN TTPS AND LACK  
OF ACCESS TO MIL-GRADE EXPLOSIVES.**

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IED  
DENSITY  
SLIDE**

# OPERATION BLACK DIAMOND (KARMAH)

16 Jun – 1 Sep 07

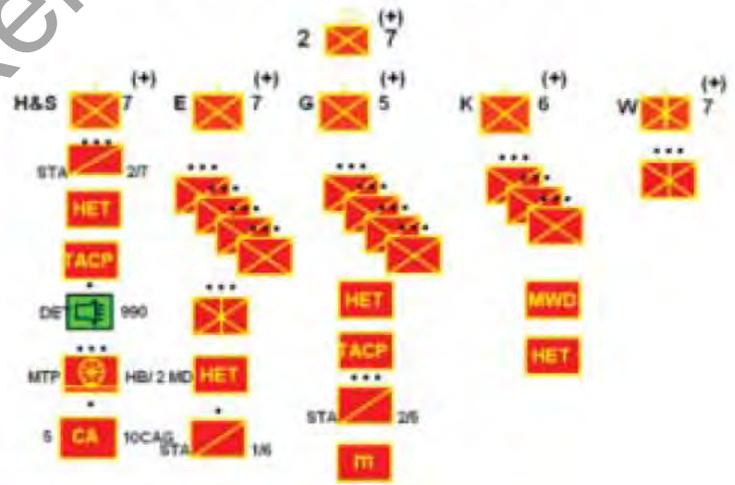
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## KEY INFORMATION

Primary Force: RCT-6 (2/7)  
ISF Personnel: N/A  
CF Personnel: 617  
# of vehicles: 101  
# of Aircraft: FW/RW CAS requested/on call  
Pre-Planned Fires: N/A  
Nearest City: Karmah  
Planned Start Date: 16 Jun 07  
Planned End Date: 1 Sep 07

## TASK ORGANIZATION



**MISSION:** O/O 2/7 isolates and clears Karmah in order to interdict accelerants to Baghdad/Fallujah and deny AIF/AQI safehaven.

operations outside the urban areas in order to disrupt the flow of AIF/AQI personnel and equipment into the MNF-W decisive area (Ramadi/Fallujah) and the MNC-I decisive area (Baghdad).  
**Adjacent.** 3-509th conducts RIP with 2/7 and executes movement/CHOP to MND-C. 13th MEU occupies AO Anaheim, establishes COP Golden and COPs on ASR Lincoln; clears in zone. MND-B conducts helo raid to the east of Karmah. 2/6 executes Operation Alljah in Fallujah.  
**Supporting.** 2d MAW(FWD) provides FW and RW CAS.

### Method

- Continue enduring COIN tasks per RCT-6 OIF 06-08 OPOD.
- Focus interdiction against AIF freedom of movement in AO RALEIGH and AO SAKAR.
- Focus disruption against AIF bases of operation in AO RALEIGH and AO SAKAR.
- Continue to sustain development of ISF capability to assume security lead in AO RALEIGH.

### Endstate

- AIF interdicted and unable to accelerate violence in Baghdad.
- ISF capable of conducting independent COIN operations.
- Establish conditions supporting Provincial Iraqi Control.

### Political Objectives in Area

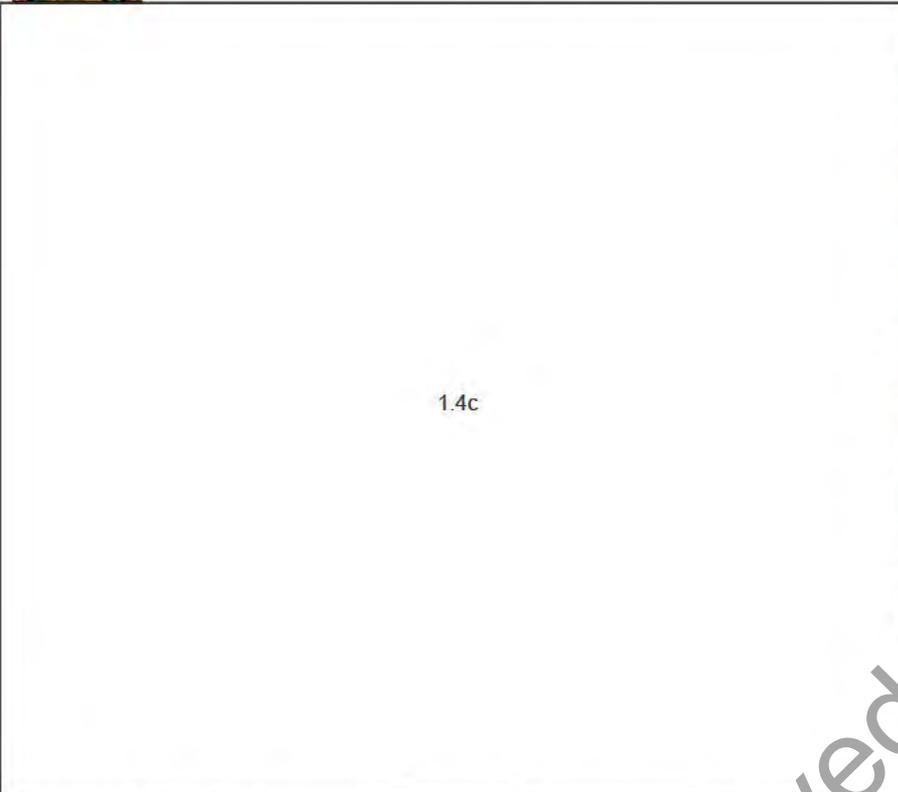
- Residents understand that allowing terrorists safe haven prevents Iraqi self-determination.
- Criminal activities hinder security.
- A secure environment promotes safety for children, economic prosperity, and the return of business to the area.

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29 May 07 Oct 07



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- District 1  
Al Jubail
- District 2  
Al Shuhada
- District 3  
Al Hey Al Sina'a
- District 4  
Hey Nazal Mahatat Al Ghaz  
Hey Nazal  
Hey Al Resala
- District 5  
Al Andaloos  
Hey Al Andaloos Walmakberah Al Qadima  
Al Jumhuria Al Thania  
Al Andaloos  
Monthakat Al Jameah Al Qabeer  
Al Saray Al Sook Al Qadim  
Madinet al bizzaza  
Hey Al Jumhuria  
Al Jumhuria Al Thalitha Al Mahkama Thakato Al Hezeb Al Islami
- District 6  
Al Shuhadaa Al Ufa  
Al Andaloos  
Al Andaloos Al Qadima
- District 7  
Nuah Al Qadim  
Hey Al Andaloos
- District 8  
Al Muallimeen  
Al Muhandissen  
Al Muallimeen Markaz Al Shorta
- District 9  
Hey Al Dubat Hadra Muhamadia  
Hey Al Dubat Al Thania
- District 10  
Hey Al Jughefi  
Hey Al Shorta
- District 11  
Hey Al Askari  
Tareek Al Muroor Al Sari  
Hey Al Shareka

**KEY INFORMATION**

Primary Force: RCT-6 (2/6)  
 CF Personnel: 130  
 MOD Personnel: 100  
 MOI Personnel: 70  
 # of vehicles: 30  
 # of A/C: FW/RW CAS Requested  
 Pre-Planned Fires: N/A

Nearest City: Fallujah  
 Planned Start Date: 29 2200 MAY 07  
 Planned End Date: OCT 07

**Task Organization (TF 1.4a)**

- 2/6 (-)(REIN)
- CLB-6
- Co-2/1 IA
- Fallujah IP
- Attach: EOD, MWD, CEB, RTE CLR

**MISSION:** Between May and October 2007, TF 1.4a

systematically secures and establishes permanent IP occupation within designated Fallujah IP districts IOT set conditions for IP control within Fallujah.

**RETURN TO AO RALEIGH SLIDE**

**Friendly Situation**

**Higher:** RCT-6's operations in AO Raleigh have eliminated the majority of safe havens for enemy forces; ability to attack into Fallujah has been limited as a result of Operation Fardh Al Qanoon.

**Adjacent:** 5-7 Cav limits insurgent activities in Amiryah-Ferristown, prevents use of area as a safe haven and LOC; 3/6 clearing along Euphrates River denies caches and reduces enemy's ability to use Euphrates River as a seam.

**Supporting:** 2d MAW(FWD) provides FW/RW CAS and ISR; CLB-6 emplaces barriers to restrict vehicular movement in and out of City Precincts.

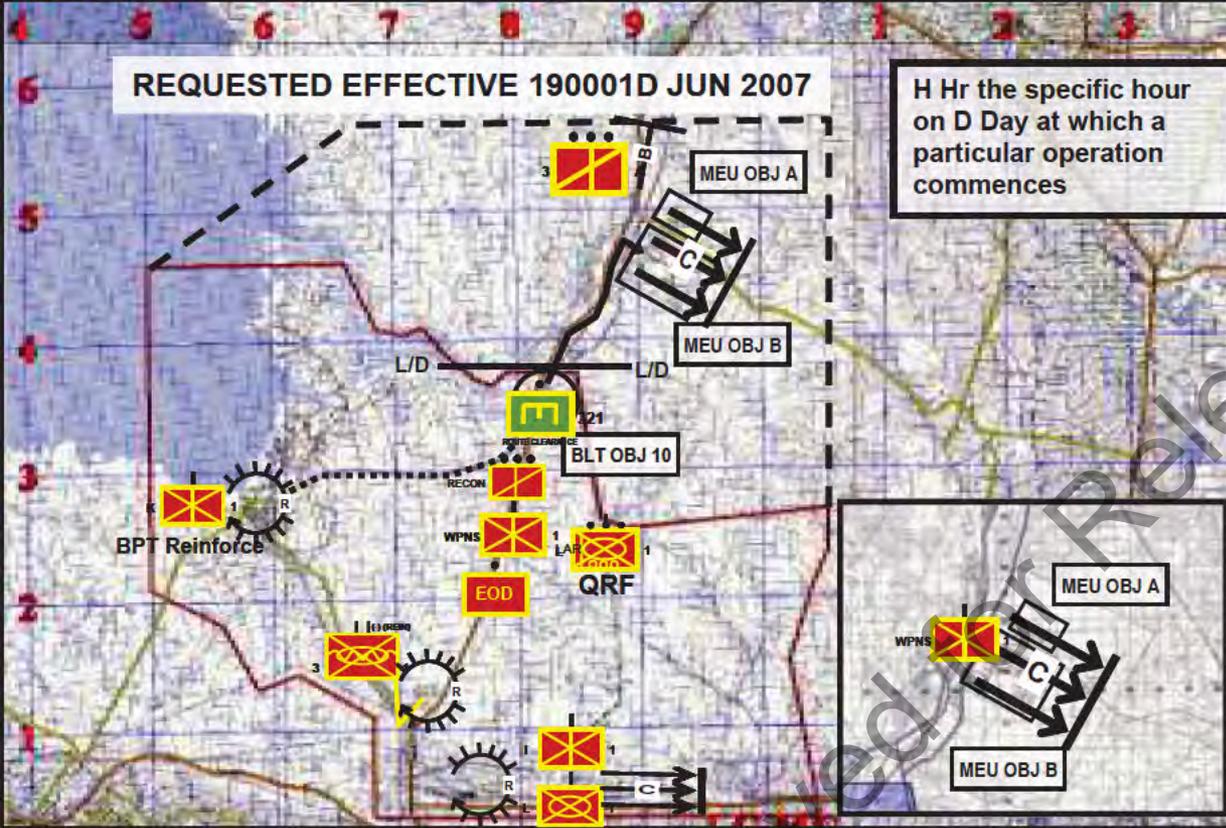
**Purpose:** Set conditions for IP control within Fallujah

**Method:**

- Systematic IP districting – military boundaries only when needed for IP enabling operations
- Credit the IP for all successes
- Increase partnership within city
- Gated communities – own the traffic pattern and remove AIF critical capability of vehicle-borne escape
- Take mitigated risks with community volunteerism
- Help when needed

**Endstate:**

- 8-11 District HQs w/ IP LtCols commanding
- IA partnered for security presence and support for IP in areas in which they currently operate
- IA provides training cadre for new IP's awaiting academy (at ITC)
- IP manning up to 2,000 (100-200 per district with remaining at city HQ)
- Zero mobility for AIF and M&I campaign discredited
- ECP transition to IP / USMC
- USMC positioned at FGC and external FOBS with squads supporting district headquarters – CMO efforts continue



**Concept of Operations:** MNF-W secures Muthanna Chemical Complex and emplaces unattended ground sensors with 13th MEU(-). This operation will be conducted in three phases.

**Phase I**  
 Develop Intel of who is at site, what is at site, and determine if there is opportune time to commence operations.

**Phase II**  
 On 19 Jun 07, 13th MEU Conducts operation to secure Muthanna Chemical Complex, kill or capture AQI using site, and emplace sensors.

Withdraws and monitor site via unattended ground sensors, airborne ISR, and periodic patrols. Conducts operations to kill/capture AQI based on detection of AQI presence at Muthanna Chemical Complex.

**Phase III**  
 Sequel under development.

<b>Reset Forces</b> 17 – 19 JUN	<b>19 JUN H</b> Hr 0600	<b>Clear Objs A and B</b> H+6 Hrs	<b>Emplace Sensors</b> H+6 – H+24 Hrs	<b>Extract</b> H+ 21 – H+ 24
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**Timeline**  
 H-Hour: 190600D Jun 07

Began Phase I: 170000D Jun 07  
 Began Phase II: 190600D Jun 07 retrograde from initial operation has commenced.

Began Phase III: TBD  
 - Ground sensors emplaced, enemy clear of Muthanna Chemical Complex

- Continue operations and period patrols of Muthanna Chemical Complex  
 - Transition/Turnover of BS to MND-N

**Non-Kinetic Effects:**

- Inform population that MCC is not a safe place to operate IOT prevent unnecessary casualties
- Safeguard information listed in the critical information list
- Document operations to enable exploitation or mitigation of unintended effects
- Support the CIED effort using airborne EW systems
- Commanders issue claim forms as necessary to compensate collateral damage.

**Risk/Consequence Management**

**Counter-IED:**

- Increased TF 1.4a route clearance operations along routes/LOCs.
- Counter-IDF/TIC: Priority for GMLRS, FW & RW, and UAV support (early warning)

**ECBRN Specialists:**

- HAZMAT ID: detects liquids and solids
- HAPSITE 1.4a 1.4

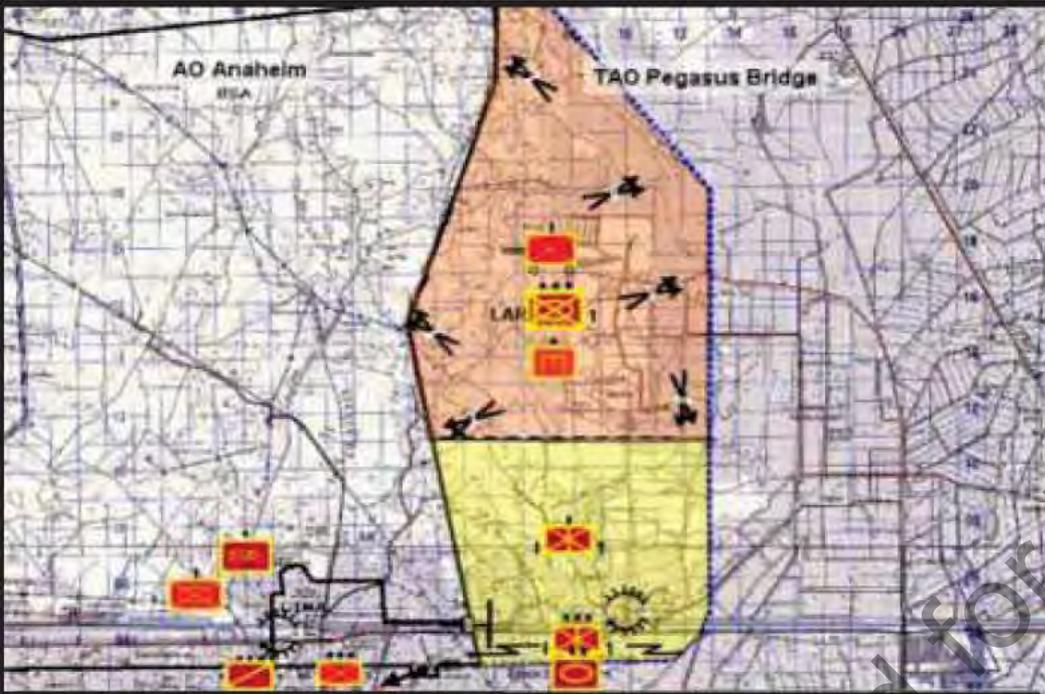
**MEDEVAC/TIC Support:** MNF-W TACSOP, embedded in assault package

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# OPERATION PEGASUS BRIDGE

30 Jul – 10 Aug 07

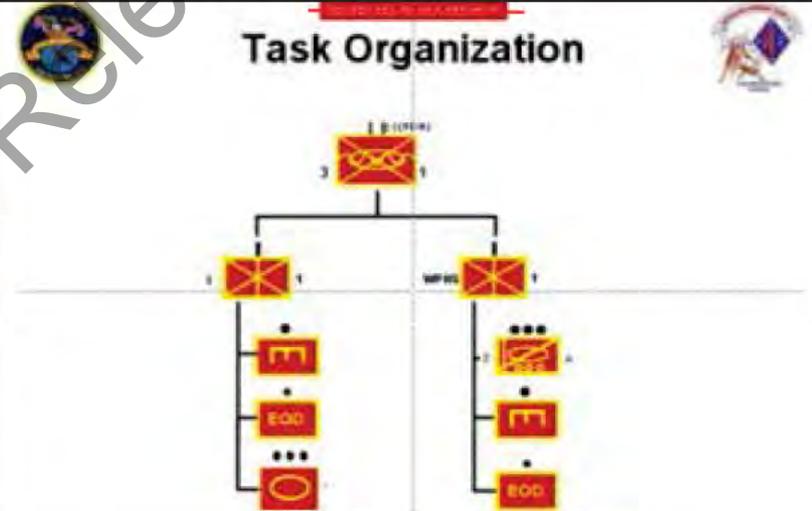
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## KEY INFORMATION

Primary Force: 13th MEU (BLT 3/1)  
 CF Personnel: 292  
 MOD Personnel: N/A  
 MOI Personnel: N/A  
 # of vehicles: 42  
 # of A/C: FW/RW CAS will be requested  
 Pre-Planned Fires: N/A  
 Nearest City: Fallujah  
 Planned Start Date: 30 Jul 07  
 Planned End Date: 10 Aug 07

## Task Organization



**MISSION:** NLT 300800D JUL 2007 BLT 3/1 (13th MEU) conducts deliberate clearing of TAO PEGASUS BRIDGE IOT to deny AQI/AIF sanctuary and freedom of movement and establish the conditions for the introduction of a permanent ISF presence in AO ANAHEIM.

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### Friendly Situation

**Higher:** 13th MEU conducts counter-insurgency operations in AO ANAHEIM to defeat AQI by disrupting in the Thar Thar region and interdicting key ASRs in order to deny AQI sanctuary and freedom of movement and establish the conditions for the introduction of a permanent ISF presence.

**Adjacent:** 2/7 conducts Black Diamond, isolating and clearing Karmah ICW ISF IOT interdict accelerants to Baghdad/Fallujah and deny AIF/AQI safe haven. 2-5 Cav (MND-B), conducted an AASLT vic Ibrahim bin Ali vic (MC1201) on 22 Jul IOT disrupt AQI cells and set conditions for an establishment of a Patrol Base (est O/A 15 Aug).

**Supporting:** 2d MAW(FWD) provides ASR, FW/RW CAS, and ISR ISO BLT 3/1.

### Commander's Intent

**Purpose:** Deny AQI/AIF a sanctuary to rest, train, and launch attacks into MNF-W and MND-B and prevent accelerants from moving into these AOs.

### Method:

- Maintain a high operational tempo
- Locate and destroy AQI/AIF cache sites throughout the TAO
- Conduct aggressive route interdiction throughout the TAO with a focus on key ratlines and ASR Lincoln
- Conduct detailed population control operations, via census, to deny the enemy FOM
- Ensure all actions and messages reinforce that the BLT is here to help the people and that CF will make a difference

**Endstate:** AQI/AIF denied sanctuary and freedom of movement, accelerants prevented from reaching MNF-W and MND-B AOs, enemy caches disrupted and/or destroyed.

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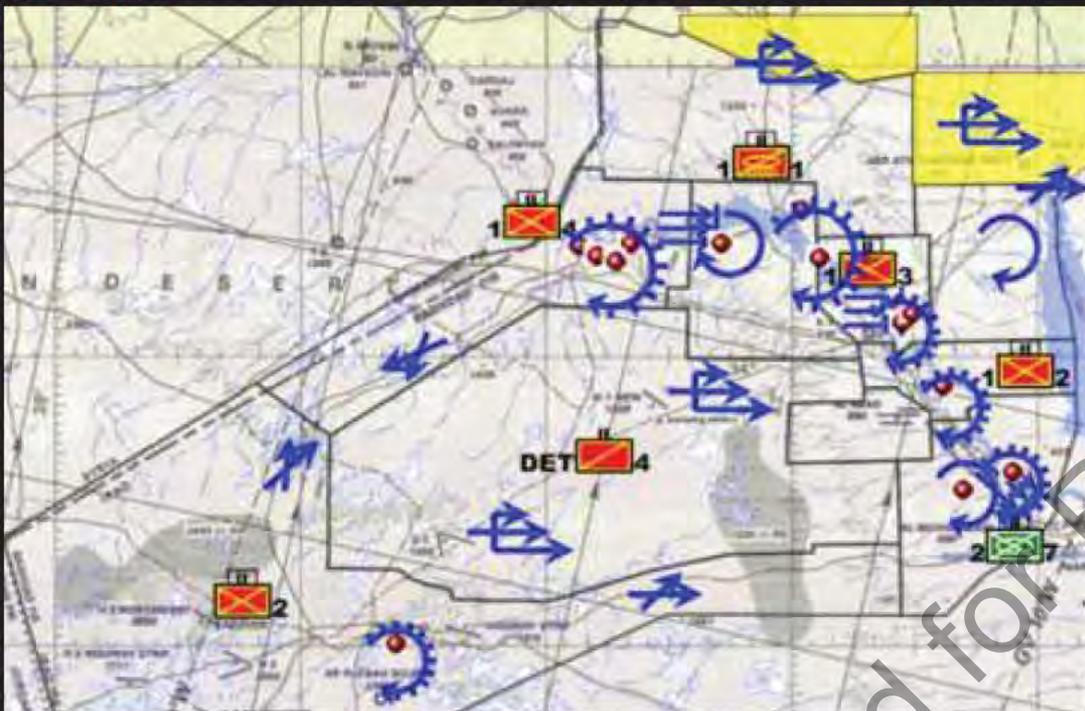
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# OPERATION MAWTINI (MY HOMELAND)

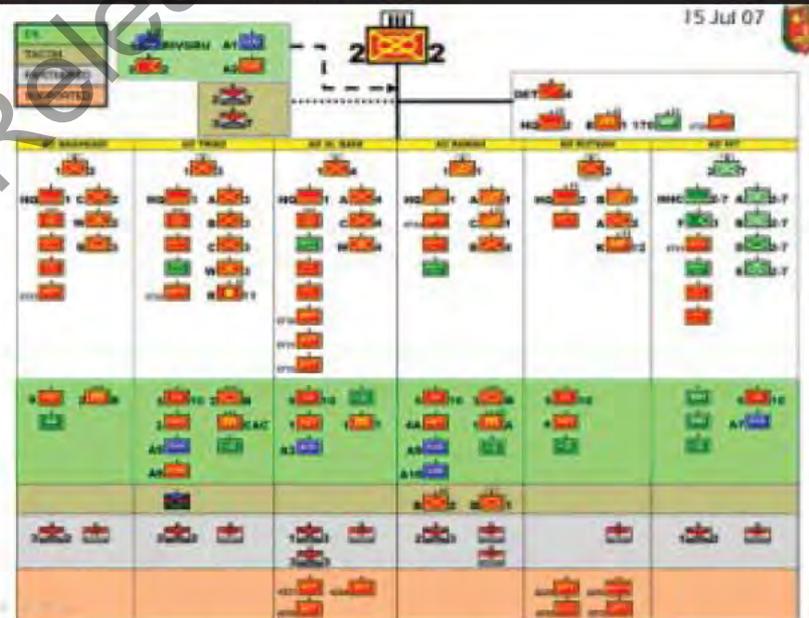
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## KEY INFORMATION

Primary Force: RCT-2  
 MOD Personnel: 720  
 MOI Personnel: 2000  
 CF Personnel: 7000  
 # of vehicles: TBD  
 # of Aircraft: RW/FW CAS requested  
 Pre-Planned Fires: N/A  
 Nearest City: N/A (AO wide) Key cities are Hit, Hadithah Triad, Rutbah, Baghdadi, Al Qaim, POEs  
 Planned Start Date: 15 July 07  
 Planned End Date: 15 August 07



**MISSION:** On 15 Jul 07, RCT-2, in partnership with the ISF, conducts disruption operations in order to deny the enemy the ability to conduct surge operations and re-establish presence in urban areas.

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**Friendly Situation:**  
 RCT-2 is currently executing Phase I, *Secure the cities and criminalize the insurgency*, of the RCT-2 campaign plan. Operation Mawtini I will serve as the transition to Phase II, *Keep the peace and defeat the insurgency*.

Operation Harris Ba'sil and ops conducted since that time have provided RCT-2 a better picture of the movement patterns of the enemy.

The information gained during this period will allow RCT-2 to conduct focused operations in those areas that have shown to be critical to the enemy.

**Purpose:** This operation targets an anticipated "surge" of insurgent and terrorist activity that will be undertaken to regain access and sway over the population. RCT-2 will prevent the enemy from disrupting steady improvements in governance and rule of law and interdict his efforts to target facilities, individuals, and organizations which represent security and stability. This will be done by attacking the enemy's vulnerabilities: vehicle movement, fixed caches, desert safe houses, and his inability to synchronize actions.

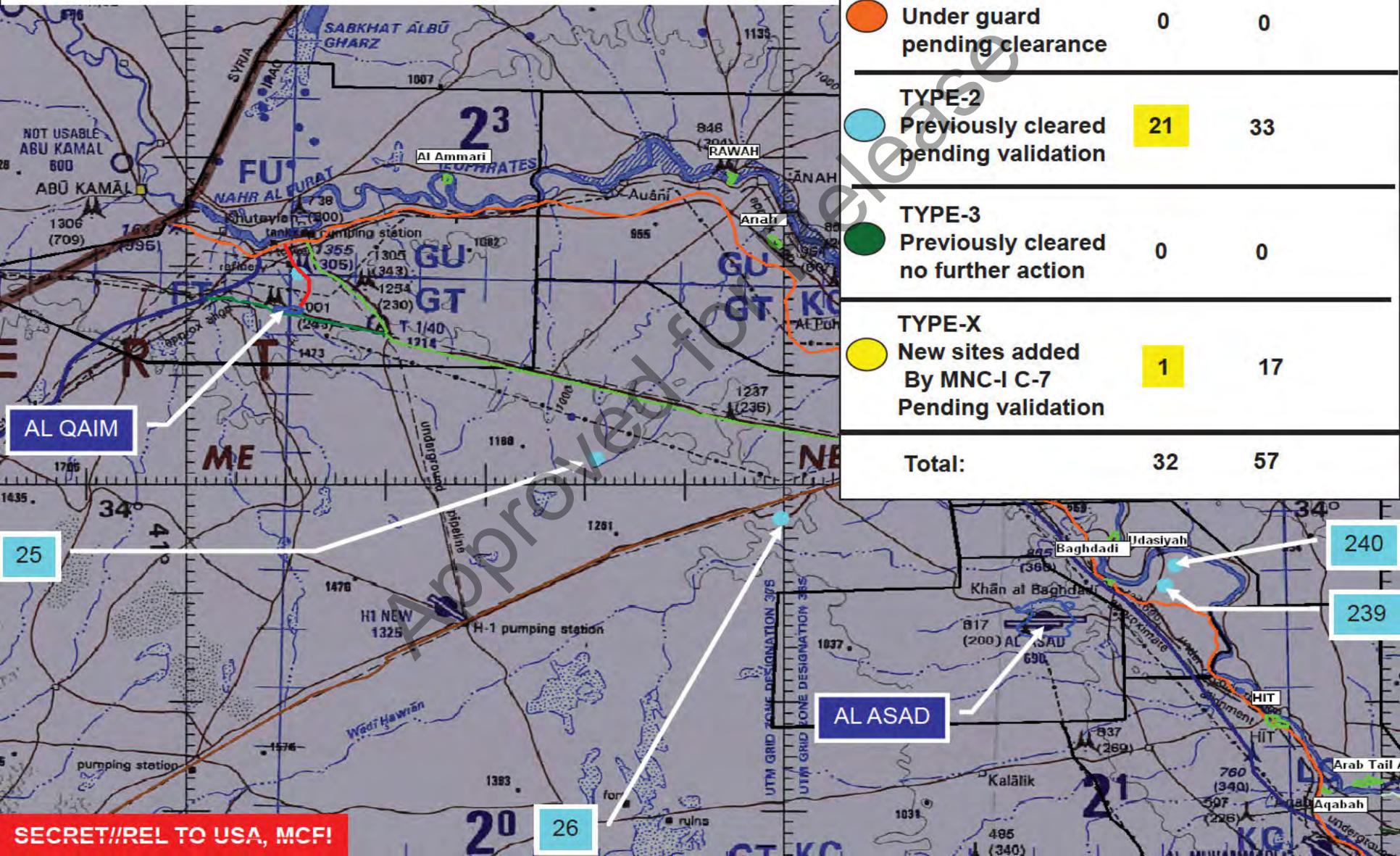
- Key Tasks:**
- Disrupt the Enemy
  - Secure Key Terrain
  - Protect the Population
  - Achieve Intermediate LOO Objectives
  - Conduct Focused CIED operations

**Endstate:** IA battalions and 2/7 IA Brigade validated, Governance and Rule of Law continuing to develop, and enemy actions against CF, ISF and the population maintained at historically low levels.

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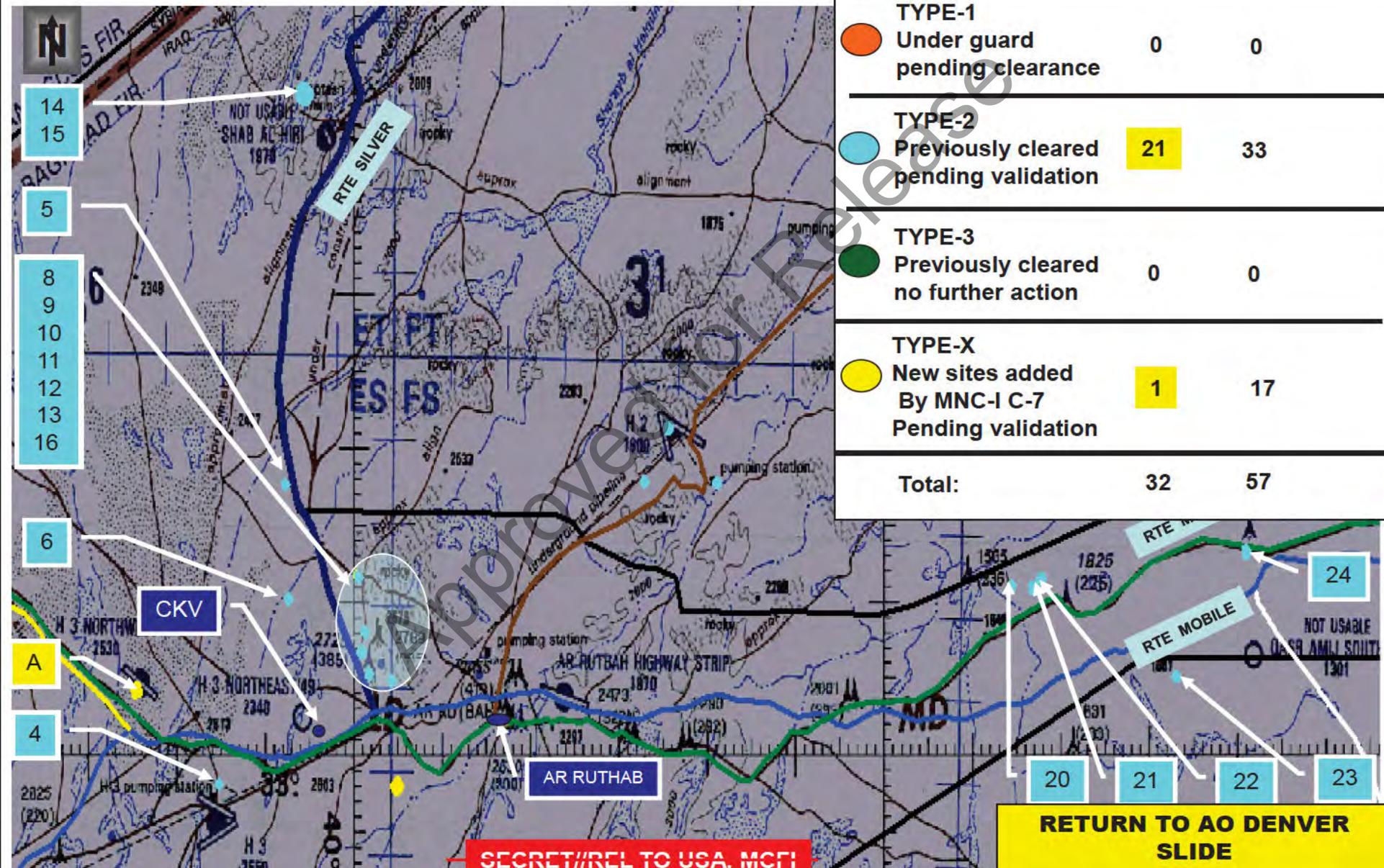
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# Phantom Strike Back Brief

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# Concept of the Operation

- MND-B disrupts an AQI surge during Operation Phantom Strike not through surging forces but by leveraging Information operations and reconciliation.
- The current defeat mechanism for extremist organizations in Baghdad is the Operation FAQ methodology. The methodology called for a surge of forces and now faces a temporary loss of combat power due to the 2 SCR RIP during Operation Phantom Strike.
- MND-B must shift non-kinetic means in an IO/reconciliation "raid" to disrupt AQI while sustaining FAQ security operations that target AQI.
- Central to this theme is to showcase successes that illuminate the possibility of a brighter future in Baghdad and a return to normalcy. This serves as an accelerant to the creation of a non-permissive environment for AQI networks during Operation Phantom Strike. Simultaneously, the FAQ security surge continues pressure against AQI planning, preparation and execution.

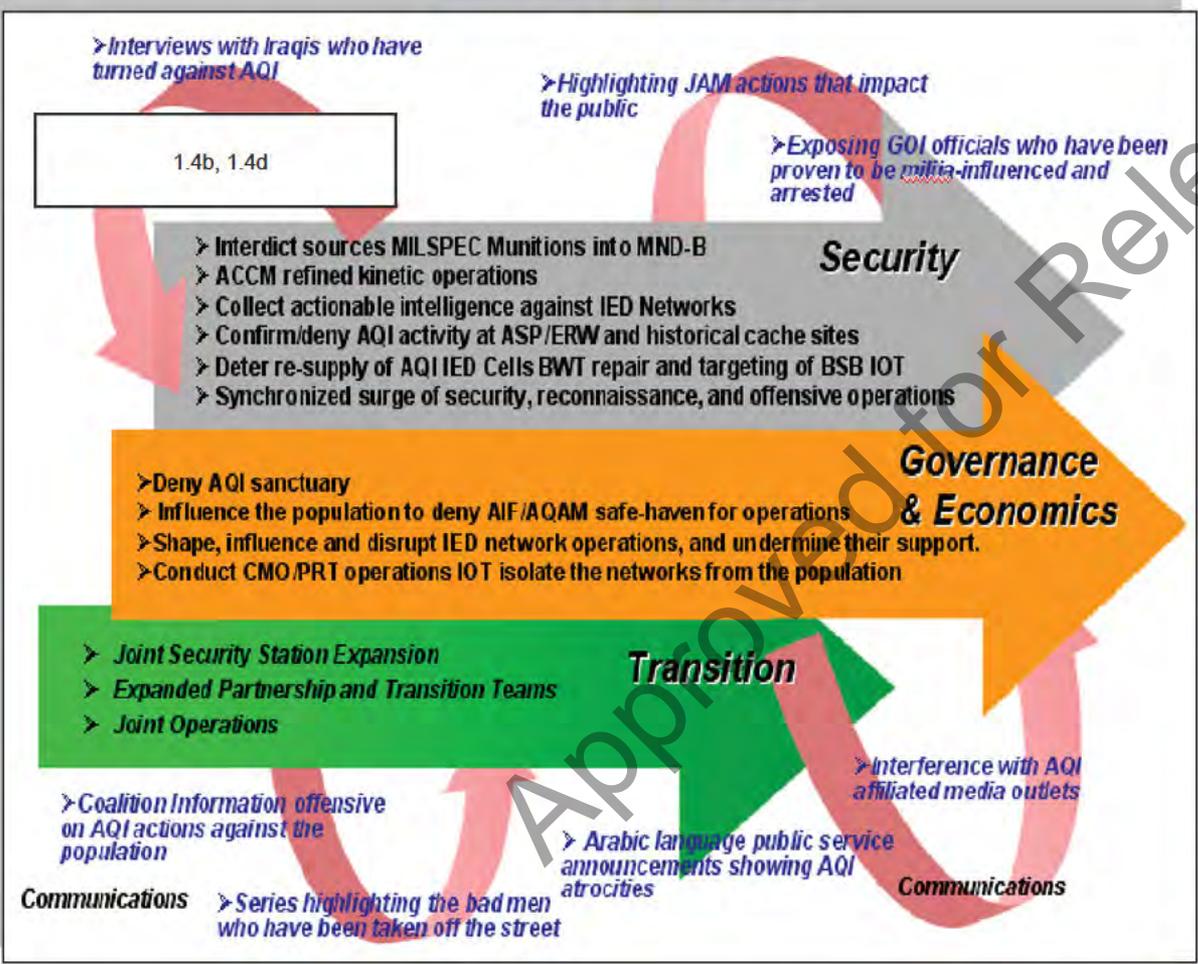
## MND-B Objectives

- Synchronized security, reconnaissance, and offensive operations targeting AQI
- Build offensive momentum and increase security going into Ramadan
- Creation of a non-permissive environment for AQI networks (elimination of safe-havens)
- AQI IED networks disrupted



# Concept of the Operation

## MND-B Key Tasks



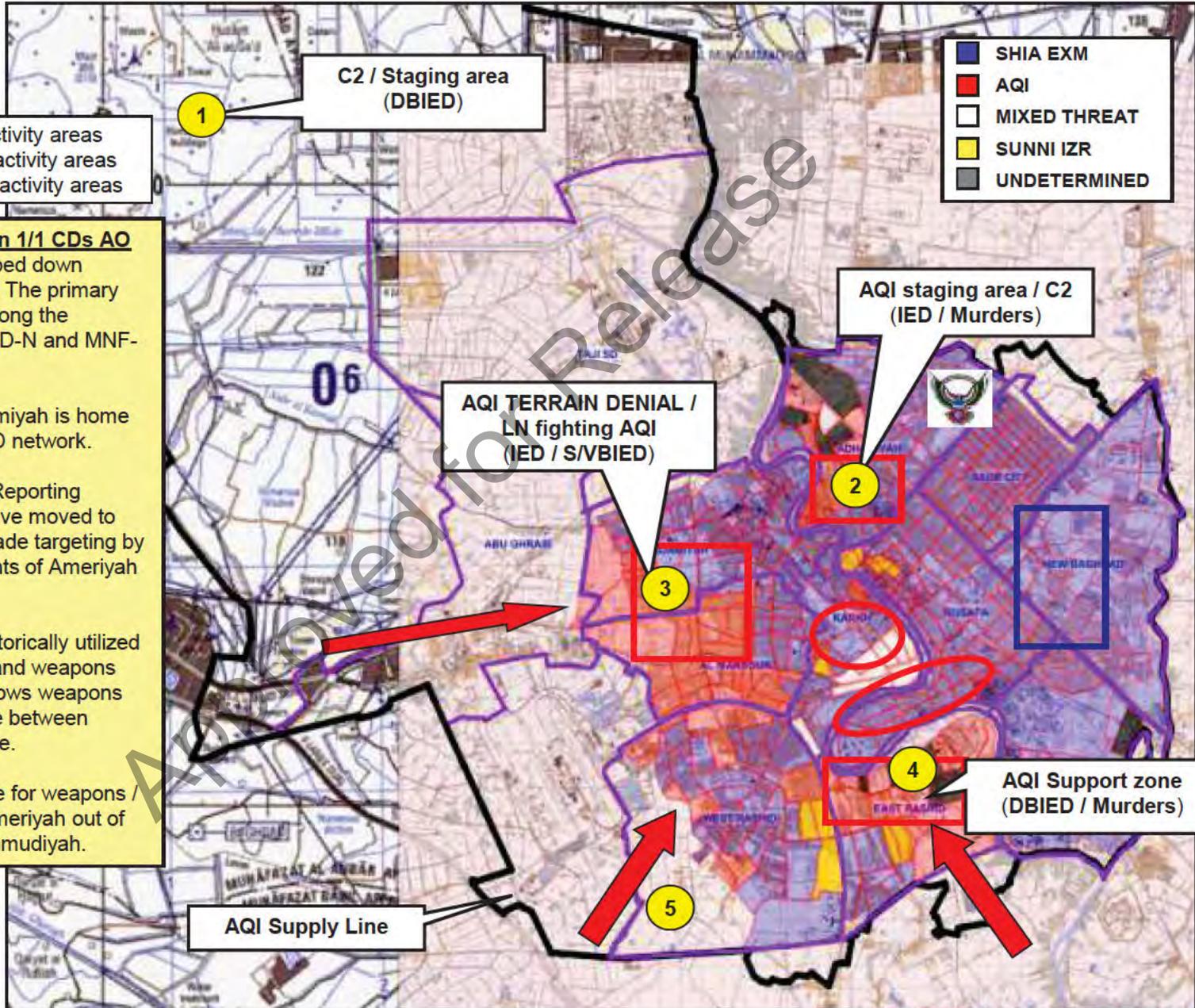
**Decisive:** In the decisive operation, the application of non-kinetic means will be the primary weapon to isolate the insurgents from the population.

**Shaping:** IAW the campaign plan, during partnership operations and through kinetic and non-kinetic means ISF and CF will initiate several new major simultaneous operations, all of which include the defeat of AQI cells and IED Networks. Aggressive security, reconnaissance, and offensive operations, disrupt AQI operations and IED cells in intelligence refined TAI. An intelligence build-up, including an extensive zonal IED analysis and ISR collection plan to develop TAI and associated physical LOCs, precedes kinetic operations.

**Sustaining:** In the Sustaining phase, MND-B refocuses on the campaign objectives, incorporating gained intelligence and TTP into all operations.

Full Spectrum Approach to Disrupting AQI Networks

# Focus of Operations



- Concentrated VBIED activity areas
- Concentrated AQI/IED activity areas
- Concentrated JAM/IED activity areas

- SHIA EXM
- AQI
- MIXED THREAT
- SUNNI IZR
- UNDETERMINED

- 1) **Karma / Quarry Region in 1/1 CDs AO**  
Primarily a C2 meeting and bed down location for members of AQI. The primary threat is DBIEDs and AAA along the peripheral of 1/1 CD and MND-N and MNF-W.
- 2) **Havv Adhamiyah** –Adhamiyah is home to much of the Rusafa VBIED network.
- 3) **Southern Ghazaliyah** – Reporting indicates elements of AQI have moved to southern Ghazaliyah IOT evade targeting by ISF / MNF and Sunni elements of Ameriyah Freedom Fighters (AFF).
- 4) **East Rashid**–AQI has historically utilized this area as a support zone and weapons storage facility. The area allows weapons and personnel to freely move between Division boundaries with ease.
- 5) **Radwaniyah** – Supply line for weapons / personnel into Furhat and Ameriyah out of Yusifiyah, Lutafiyah and Mahmudiyah.



Reconciliation & Military-Civic Action  
Creation of a Non-Permissive Environment for AQI

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RECONCILIATION



1/1 CD

**1 Abu Ghraib Tribal Council Formation  
Abu Ghraib Initiative**

✓ Al-Zoba'i, Tamim, and Janabi Tribes, Abu Ghraib security issues



2/1 ID

**2 Taji/Falahat Neighborhood Watch Units**

✓ Al Obeidi Tribe, Al-Zoba'i Tribe, Al Bu-Obeid Tribe, Al-Tamim Tribes; Neighborhood Watch and Critical infrastructure security initiatives



4/1 ID

**3 Ameriyah "Local Security Forces"**

✓ Work with CF and ISF to clear AQI from Ameriyah neighborhoods



2/82 ABN

**4 SW Rashid Support**

✓ Ghartan Tribe – Counter AQI; IP Volunteers; eventual police force



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**5 SE Rashid Support**

✓ Jabouri Tribe – Neighborhood Watch and critical node security



1/1 CD

**6 Doura/Masafee Support**

✓ Local populace and other community groups to rid the area of AQI



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**7 Adhamiya Support**

✓ Cooperation of the local Sunni Sheiks; counter AQI; IP Volunteers

**8 Rabi Hayy Volunteers**

✓ Sheik from Rabi to integrate "Local Security Forces" into the IP

**9 Basateen Hayy Volunteers**

✓ Sheik from North Basateen; "Local Security Forces" secure Rte Dover

**Facilitate observation of "Local Security Forces" by Gol key leaders**

✓ BOC, KAC, RAC CDRs, National Security Advisor, IFCNR Sec. Gen.

MILITARY-CIVIC ACTION



4/1 ID

Leverage increased security with expanded effort to Safe Muhalla projects



1/1 CD

Safe market construction projects and Farmers Associations ICW Taji & Abu Ghraib Qada

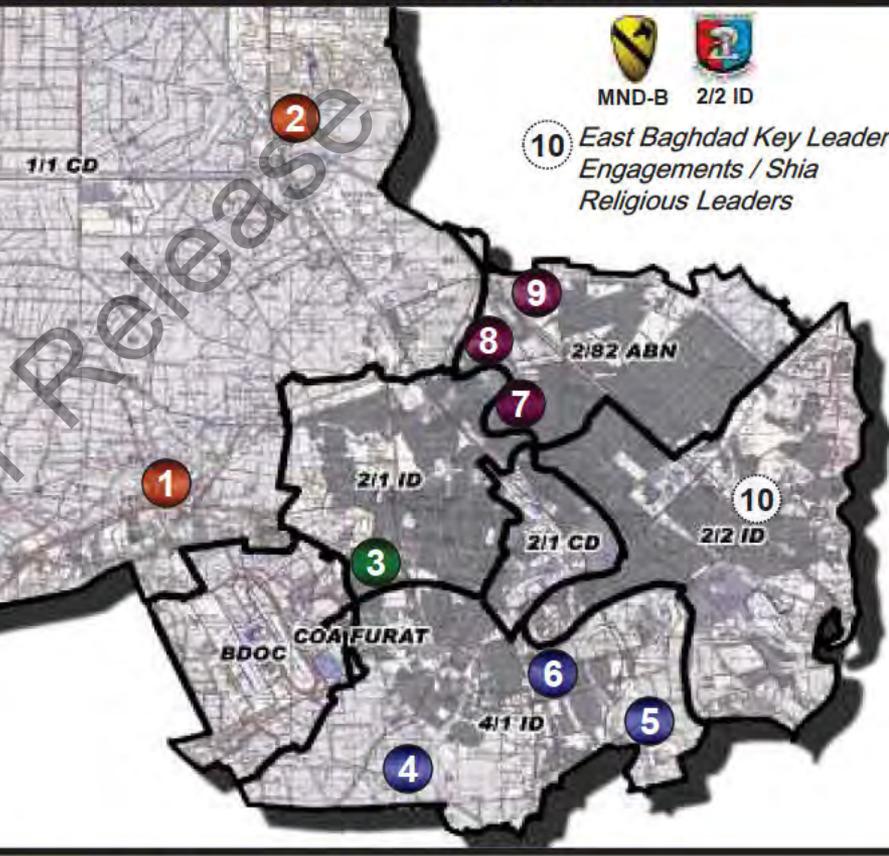


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Safe Markets - Maintain Tier-3 capability for Operation Safe Venture to protect Rusafa markets from VBIED attacks.

FOCUS OF RECONCILIATION ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Key Leader/Key Communicator Engagements, Relationship Building
- ✓ Awards and Condolence Payments
- ✓ Leverage Neighborhood Watch and Local Security Forces to Deny AQIZ Safe Haven & Sanctuary, Disrupt AQI LOCs
- ✓ Exploit Success to Increase the Populace Freedom of Movement
- ✓ CF Dissemination & Collaboration of Engagement Info



FOCUS OF MILITARY-CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

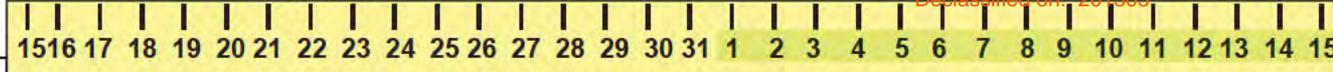
- ✓ Maintain Current BCT/ePRT priorities as per Joint Common Plans for
  - Governance
  - MND-B's Pillars for Economics
  - Local Essential Services (SWET-FH)
- ✓ Increased security with surge of Essential Projects (SWET-FH)
- ✓ Rewards to influence population behavior/actions; (tips)
- ✓ Consequence management in response to escalation of force
- ✓ Tribal alliances with Safe Neighborhood construction / employment
- ✓ Weekly DC/NC meetings: relationship between ISF, key leaders, CF
- ✓ ePRT development of District & Qada Councils/Leverage IO & PAO



# COMMUNICATIONS

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**INFORMATION OPERATIONS**

**IO MESSAGES**

- Are Security LOO Focused
- Will support Leader Engagements
- Are designed for different target audiences (Shia/Sunni)

**LEADER ENGAGEMENTS**

- Are focused on Surge Operations
- Tailored for Individual BCT

**IO MESSAGES**

- MSG 1: "Concerned Iraqi citizens are the ISF's greatest asset in capturing terrorist and killers who spread fear through violence"
- MSG 2: "AQI is using the cover of sectarianism to assassinate the people of Iraq, increase sectarian strife, and cause Civil War"
- MSG 3: "Illegal Militias and Anti-GOI factions are tied to malign foreign influences"
- MSG 4: "The Iraqi people need to reconcile their differences and move forward to the future"

**LEADER ENGAGEMENT TASK/PURPOSE**

- Inform Local Leadership/Populace of purpose of Surge Operations (AQI/IED/JAM/EJK)
- Influence Local Leadership/Populace to report suspicious activity (AQI/IED/JAM/EJK)

**PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS**

**PSYOP TASKS**

- Are Delivered through multiple Communications Assets
- Are security LOO Focused
- Are designed for multiple target audiences (ISF/AIF/Shia/Sunni)

**BCT EXPLOITATION**

- Will facilitate developing wanted and capture products

**PSYOP TASKS**

- COMMUNICATION ASSETS: TV/Radio/Billboards/Baghdad Now/Partnership Story Boards/Leader-F2F Engagements
- Target Audience increases compliance with the Rule of Law
- Target Audience increases reliance on ISF for security/emergency situations
- Target Audience increases public condemnation/protests of AIF and AIF Activity
- Target Audience increases involvement in reconciliation process

**BCT EXPLOITATION TASKS**

- Conduct loudspeaker broadcast to inform populace of AIF intent (AQI/IED/JAM) and to exploit AIF atrocities
- Use existing products (AQI/JAM) and Division Campaign Products to support ISF/CF operations and targeting

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS EFFORTS**

- Will highlight reconciliation efforts
- Are security LOO focused
- Continue to highlight urban revitalization efforts

**MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS**

- Are targeted at National and Arab media
- Are used to exploit security successes

**PA HIGHLIGHTS**

- Reconciliation efforts at the local level that reject AQI and illegal militias
- 2/2 ID & 2/82 East Baghdad OPs, Other ISF & CF OPs inside & outside Baghdad
- Abu Nuwas street market revitalization

  
**2/82 ABN CDR**  
 w/ Iraqi Media (T)

  
**4/1 ID CDR w/**  
 National Media (T)

  
**JPC (1):**  
 2/2 ID & RAC (T)

Media Embeds: CNN, ABC, Wash. Post, Wall Street Journal, Army Times, Reuters, Wash. Times, NY Post

Capitalize on Events/Exploit Success



# Kinetic Operations 1 of 2

Concentrated AQI-IED activity areas  
AQI Area of Operation

All BCTs execute aggressive security, reconnaissance, lethal targeting and other framework operations, IOT disrupt AQI Operations.

### Pegasus Bridge

**Baghdad Security Belts:** A joint 1/1 CD and MNF-W AASLT Operation (Operation Guillotine) to clear 2 x suspected AQI safe havens (Hamra Military Complex and Al Ra'ood area) within the proposed JSOA BEDROCK IOT disrupt AQI cells and set conditions for an eventual Patrol Base.

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C2 / Staging area (DBIED)

### Iron Blitz

**Baghdad Security Belts:** 1/1 CD in partnership with ISF neutralizes AQI/IZR in AO IRONHORSE to deny the enemy sanctuary and protect the western flank of MND-B.

- 1/1 CD conducts offensive operations to neutralize (clear then control) ICW ISF to protect the flank of MND-B opens ISO OPN FAQ.
- TACRES executes PLT level Disruption Ops via AASLT (3 day cycle)
- 2-5 and 2-8 execute CO level Disruption Ops via AASLT (7-10 day cycle)
- Phased reconnaissance and deception operations sequenced with neutralization operations by Belt.
- Establish Patrol Bases (later becoming JSS's) at key terrain to provide population control.

### Enduring Operation

### Dragon Anvil

**Rashid :** 4th IBCT defeats AQIZ cells in Arab Jabour IOT reduce AQIZ influence in Rashid SD and transition to ISF control in Doura.

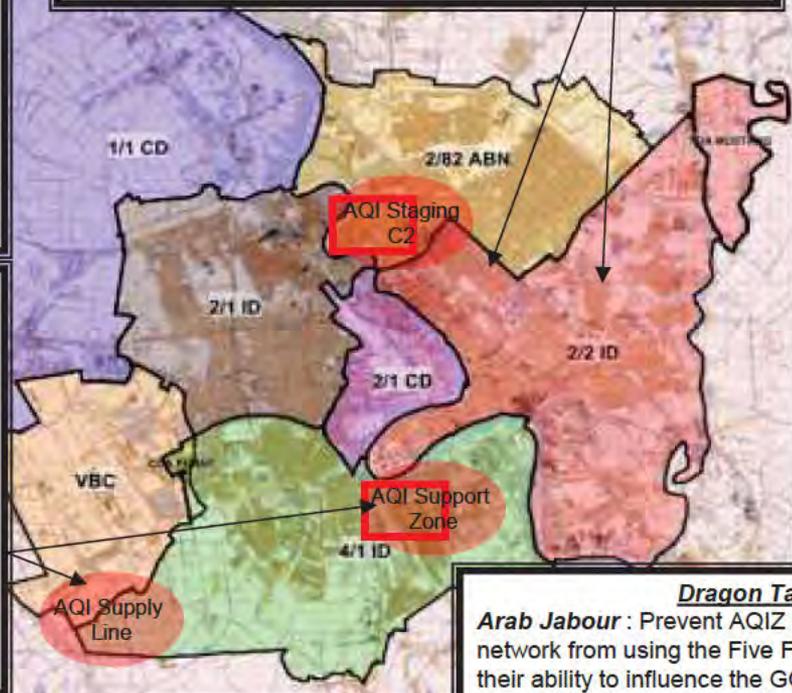
- Leverage ISR assets to stop AQIZ infil routes
- Conduct raids to kill/capture IED cell leaders, financiers and caches
- Conduct C-IED operations along IED hotspots
- Aggressively engage the population to gain information and resist AQIZ influence
- Leverage Neighborhood Watch (NW) and Iraqi Provisional Forces (IPV) to target AQIZ
- Conduct combined operations placing the ISF in the lead and establishing its presence in Muhallas
- Establish COP Crazyhorse

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## Main Effort

### East Baghdad

2/2 ID continues to Clear and Control the Kamaliyah & Shawra Um Jadir (SUJ) Hayys of New Baghdad IOT set conditions to control while disrupting JAM, EJK cells, and JAM Special Groups in Adhamiyah and Sadr City Security Districts. Deliberate route clearance and sanitization of a historic IED and EFP hot spots and security patrols disrupt AQI IED and VBIED infiltration into Shiite neighborhoods.



### Dragon Talon

**Arab Jabour :** Prevent AQIZ South network from using the Five Farms and their ability to influence the GOI through violent attacks against the Iraqi population. Continue security operations in M82

# Kinetic Operations (2 of 2)



Concentrated AQI-IED activity areas  
AQI Area of Operation

**Falcon Shaping Operations (AQI Focus)**

**Adhamiyah:** Focused C-IED and reconciliation efforts in Zone 20 (Adhamiyah) in order to maintain assured mobility.

- COP construction at BREWERS & DOVER (a historic IED hotspot).
- Raids (C/S) operations in Zones 18 & 19, the Adhamiyah Safe Neighborhood
- Massed forces following the Death of the 7th Imam march, 09-10 AUG.

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**Gates of Freedom**

2/1 ID BCT ICW the KSD and MSD, executes a series of simultaneous full-spectrum operations across the Karkh Area Command NW to defeat extremist and criminal influence

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**Dragon Talon**

**Arab Jabour:** 4/1 IN Prevents AQIZ South Karkh VBIED network from using the Five Farms area and reduce their ability to influence the GOI through large violent attacks against the Iraqi population and continue security operations in M822, M824 and M826 to maintain momentum.

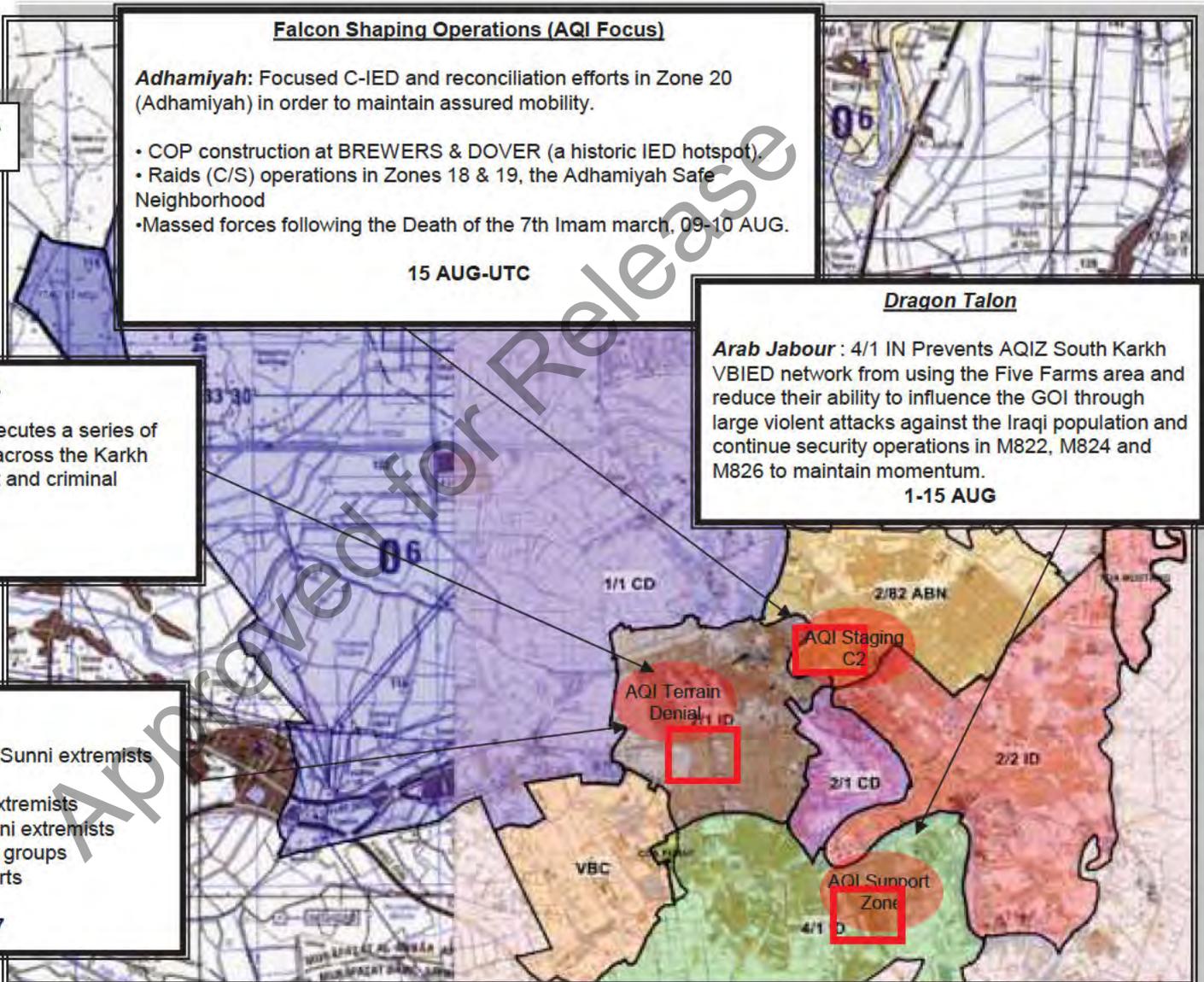
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**Marble Arch**

2/1 ID ICW KAC Defeats Shia and Sunni extremists

- Precision targeting against Shia extremists
- Combined operations against Sunni extremists
- Reconcile Emerging local security groups
- Continued safe neighborhood efforts

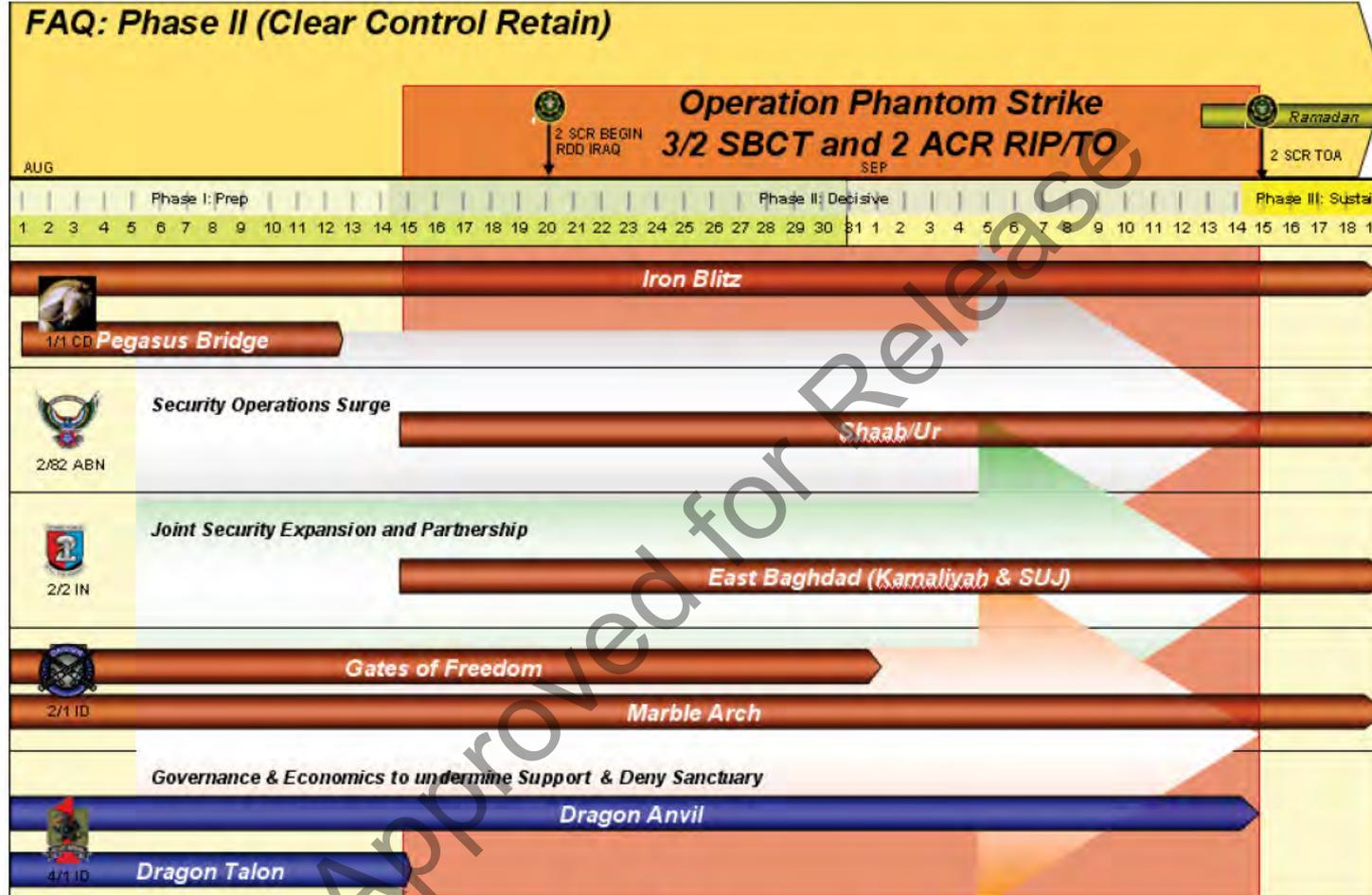
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# Concept of Operations



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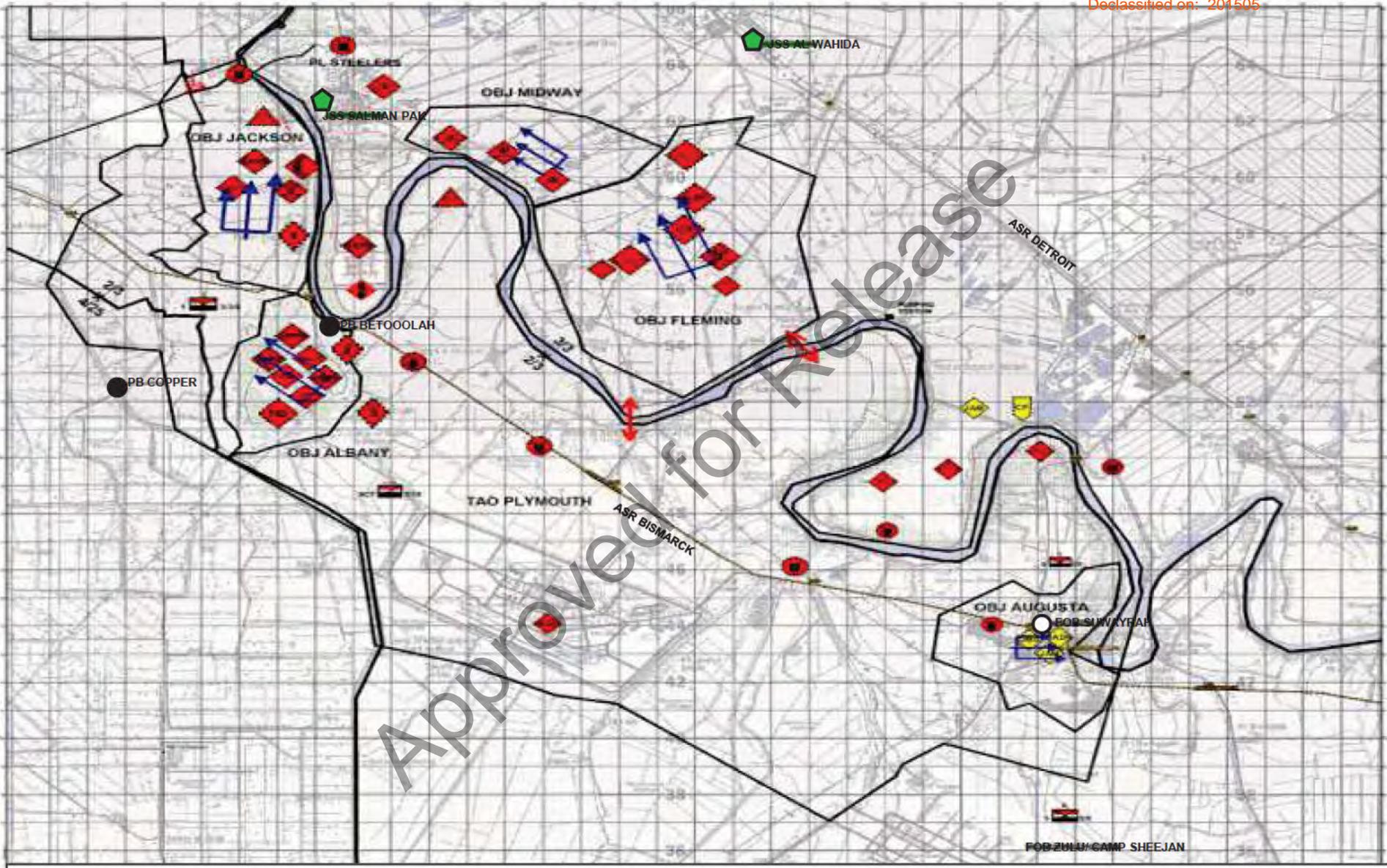
- Continued resourcing of Communication/Information operations.
- Synchronization of Iraq wide communication operation to prevent an AQL information offensive in Baghdad
- Continued allocation of EAD enablers (ISR, Aviation, Engineer) ISO MND-B operations.
- Minimize events in MND-B that require resources (primarily aircraft) from combat operations.

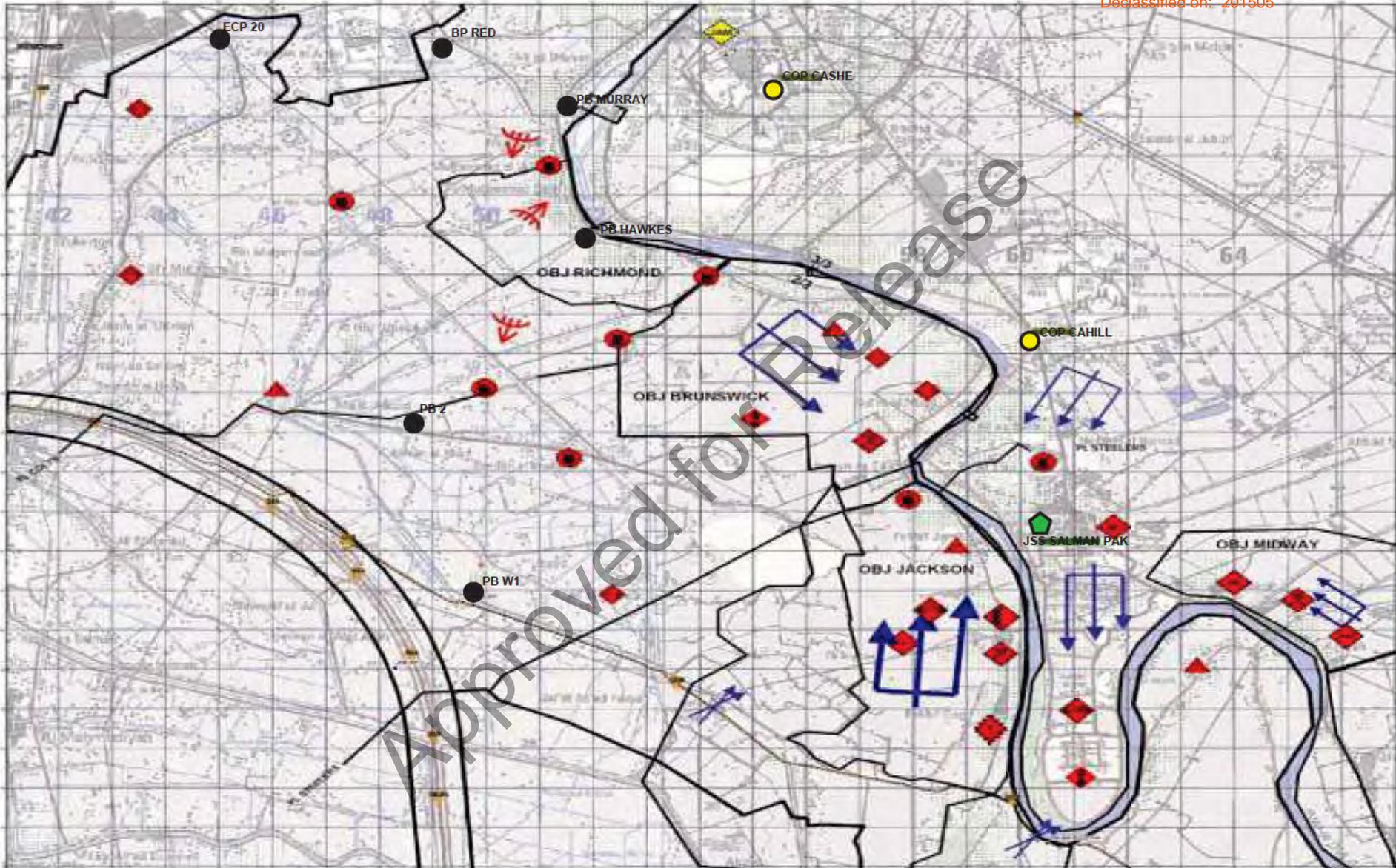


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# SOTF-C Baghdad and the Belts

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## Northern Baghdad Belt

- Ties to the Abu Ghazwan network
- 18 HVIs responsible for conducting EJK, targeting CF bases, and IEDs
- Conducted with surge ODA and ISOF CDO

## Baghdad

- 4 Cells across Baghdad that are responsible for sectarian violence, and IED/VBIED attacks
- Conducted with ISOF and ERU

## Western Baghdad Belt

- Targeting 3 different AQI Cells that aid flow of FF, target CF bases, emplace IEDs and conduct assassinations and kidnappings
- Conducted with ISOF CDO

## Southern Baghdad Belt

- Targeting AQI/TWJ Cells that aid flow of FF into Samrah Jungle, target CF bases, emplace IEDs and conduct assassinations and kidnappings
- Conducted with 8th IA and Hillah SWAT

## Additional Resources Required

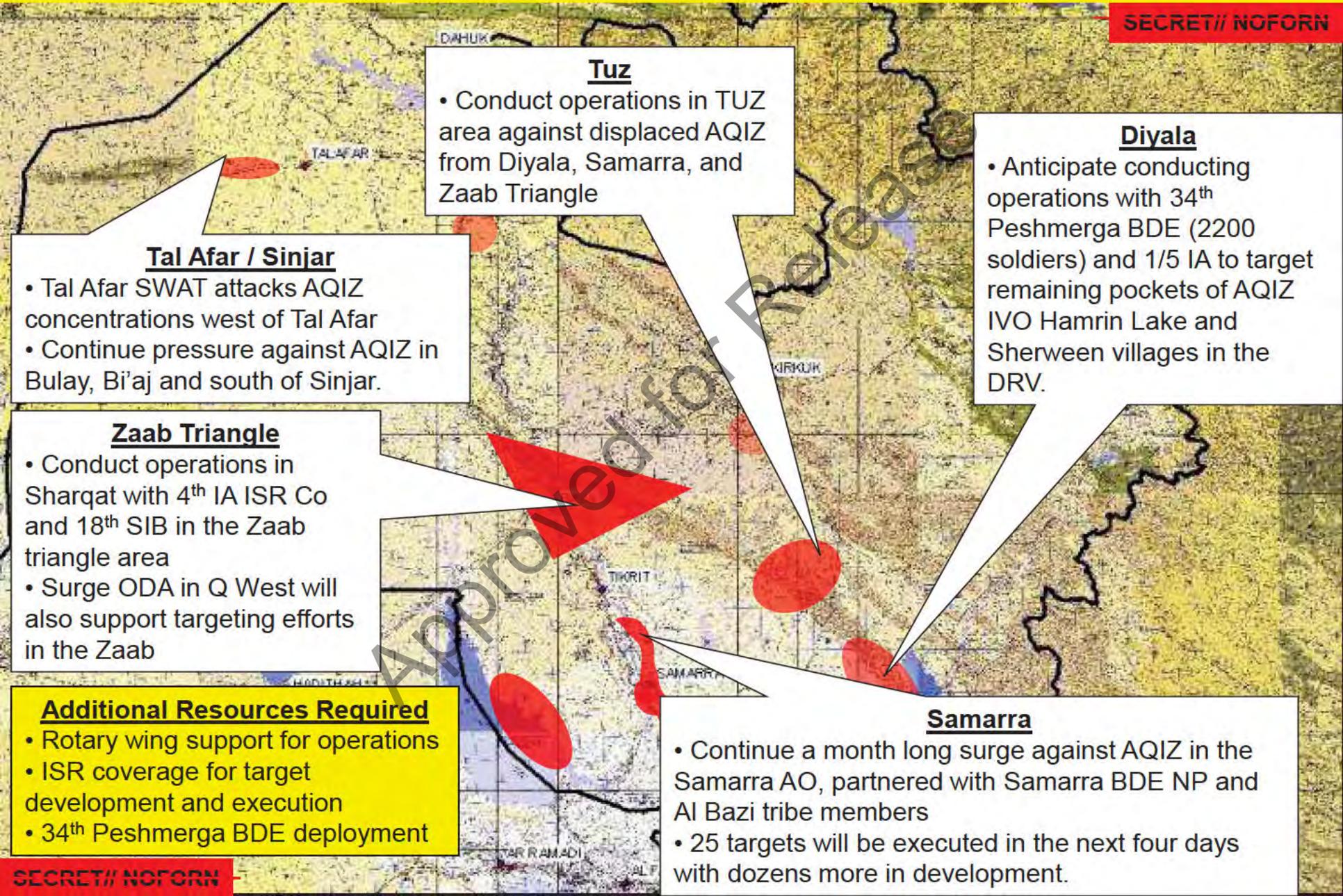
- Rotary support for operations
- Riverine Support for infil
- ISR coverage for target development and execution

## Southern Baghdad Belt

- Abu Jurah Network that directs EJK and IED attacks
- Possibly tied to DUSTWUN
- Conduct with 8<sup>th</sup> IA and Hillah SWAT

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**Tuz**

- Conduct operations in TUZ area against displaced AQIZ from Diyala, Samarra, and Zaab Triangle

**Diyala**

- Anticipate conducting operations with 34<sup>th</sup> Peshmerga BDE (2200 soldiers) and 1/5 IA to target remaining pockets of AQIZ IVO Hamrin Lake and Sherween villages in the DRV.

**Tal Afar / Sinjar**

- Tal Afar SWAT attacks AQIZ concentrations west of Tal Afar
- Continue pressure against AQIZ in Bulay, Bi'aj and south of Sinjar.

**Zaab Triangle**

- Conduct operations in Sharqat with 4<sup>th</sup> IA ISR Co and 18<sup>th</sup> SIB in the Zaab triangle area
- Surge ODA in Q West will also support targeting efforts in the Zaab

**Additional Resources Required**

- Rotary wing support for operations
- ISR coverage for target development and execution
- 34<sup>th</sup> Peshmerga BDE deployment

**Samarra**

- Continue a month long surge against AQIZ in the Samarra AO, partnered with Samarra BDE NP and Al Bazi tribe members
- 25 targets will be executed in the next four days with dozens more in development.

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SOTF-W continues to disrupt  
AQI/FF operations throughout  
MNF-W sector

**MNF-W**

**MND-N**

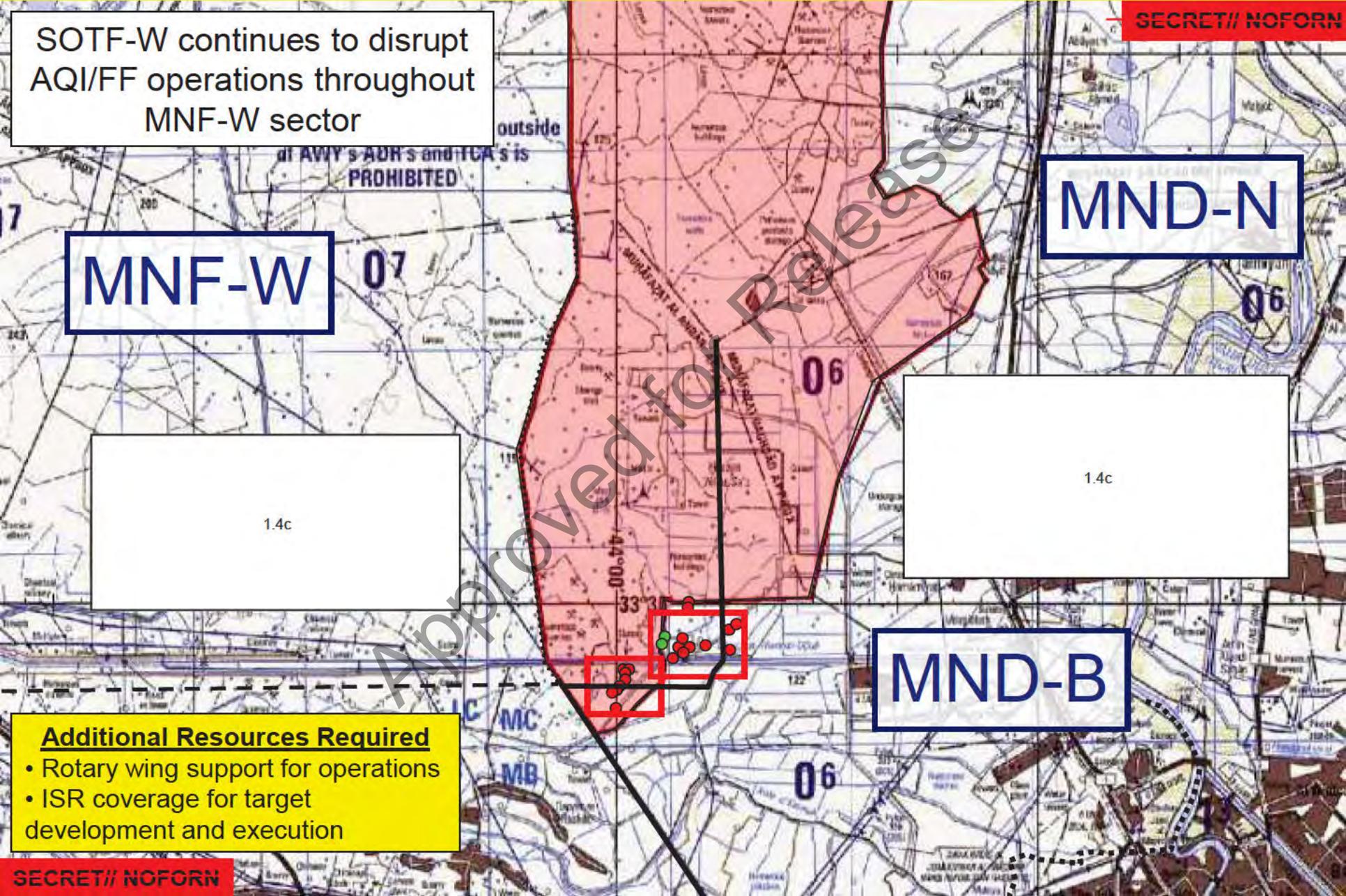
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**MND-B**

**Additional Resources Required**  
• Rotary wing support for operations  
• ISR coverage for target  
development and execution

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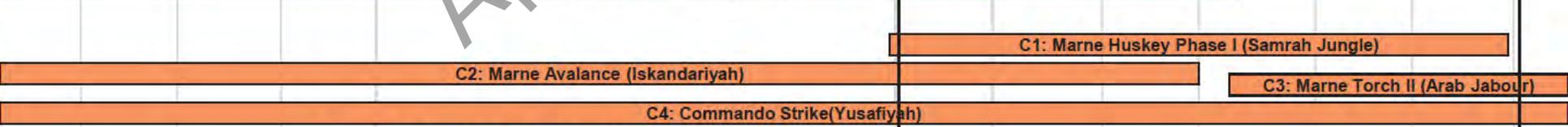
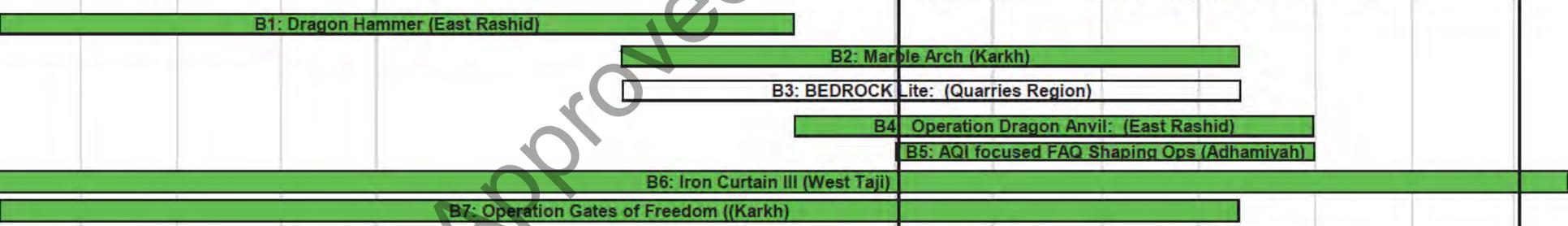
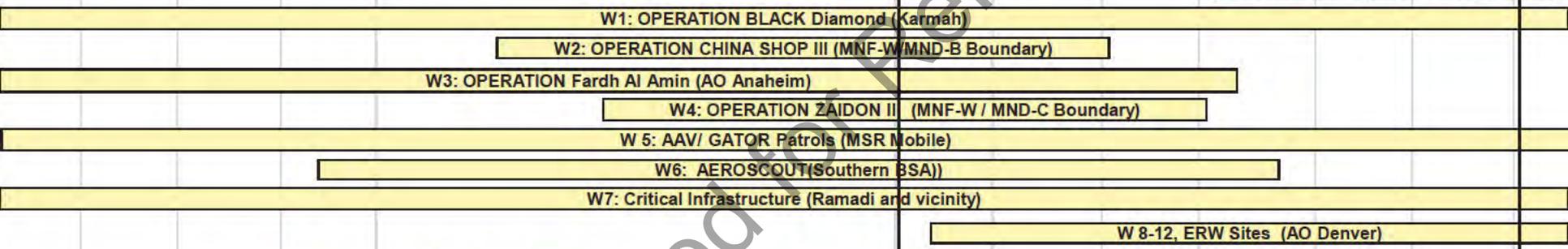
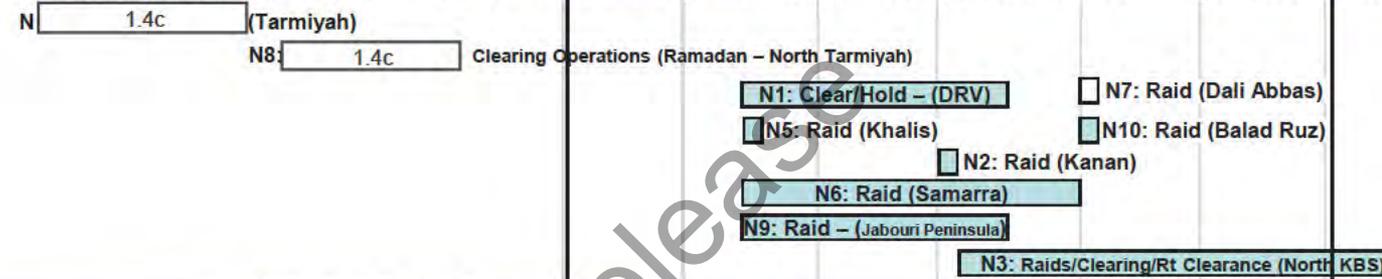


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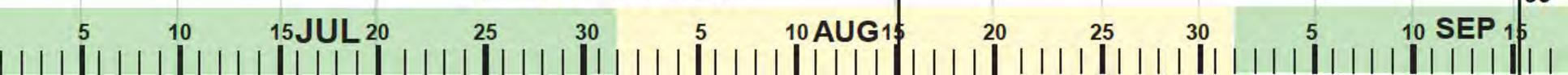
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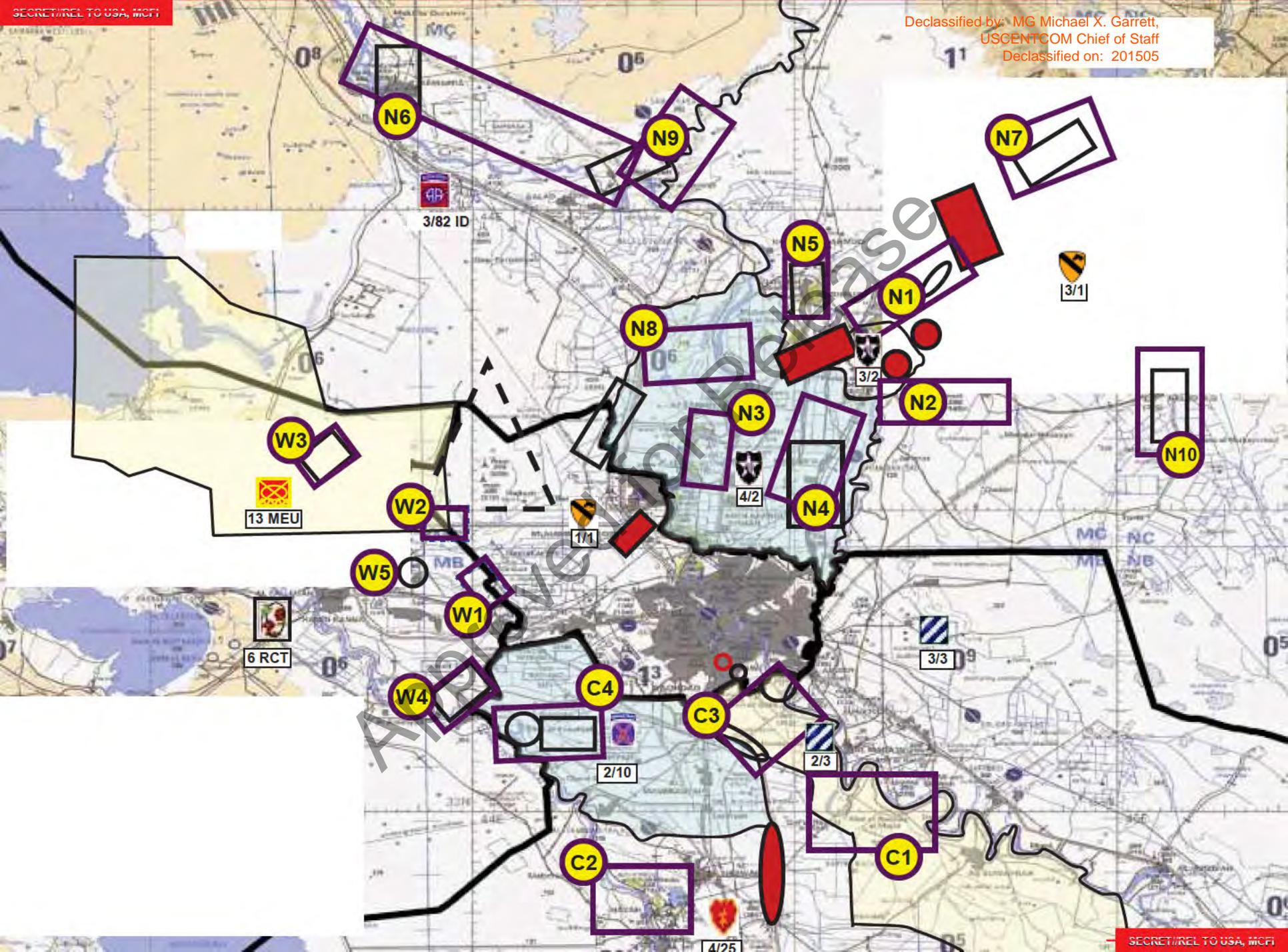


MND-N MND-B TF 1.4a  
 MNF-W MND-C



Quenchon III (Muqtadiyah)  
 Operations vic Tarmiyah





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N9

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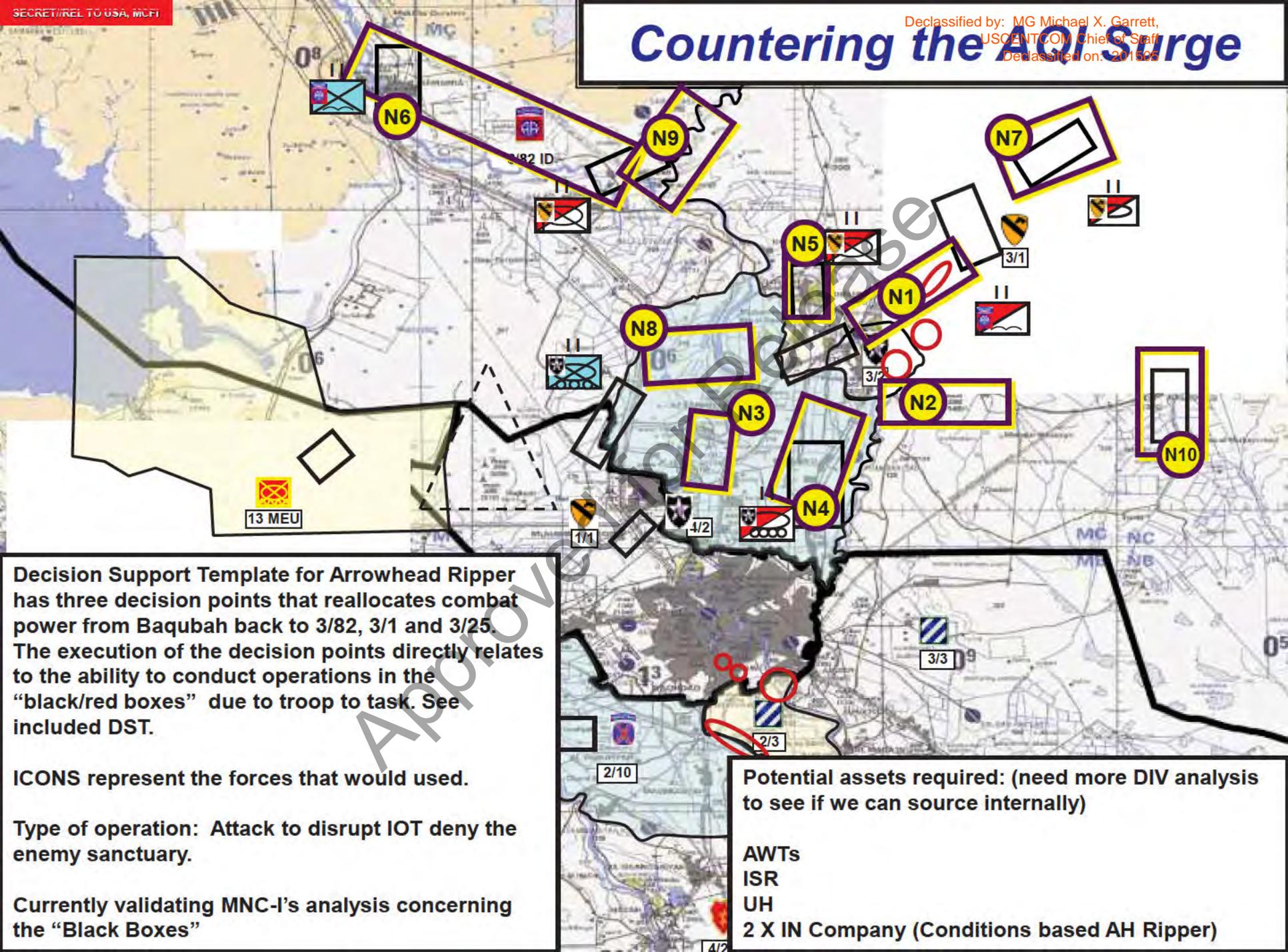
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# Countering the AQI Surge



**Decision Support Template for Arrowhead Ripper** has three decision points that reallocates combat power from Baqubah back to 3/82, 3/1 and 3/25. The execution of the decision points directly relates to the ability to conduct operations in the "black/red boxes" due to troop to task. See included DST.

ICONS represent the forces that would be used.

Type of operation: Attack to disrupt IOT deny the enemy sanctuary.

Currently validating MNC-I's analysis concerning the "Black Boxes"

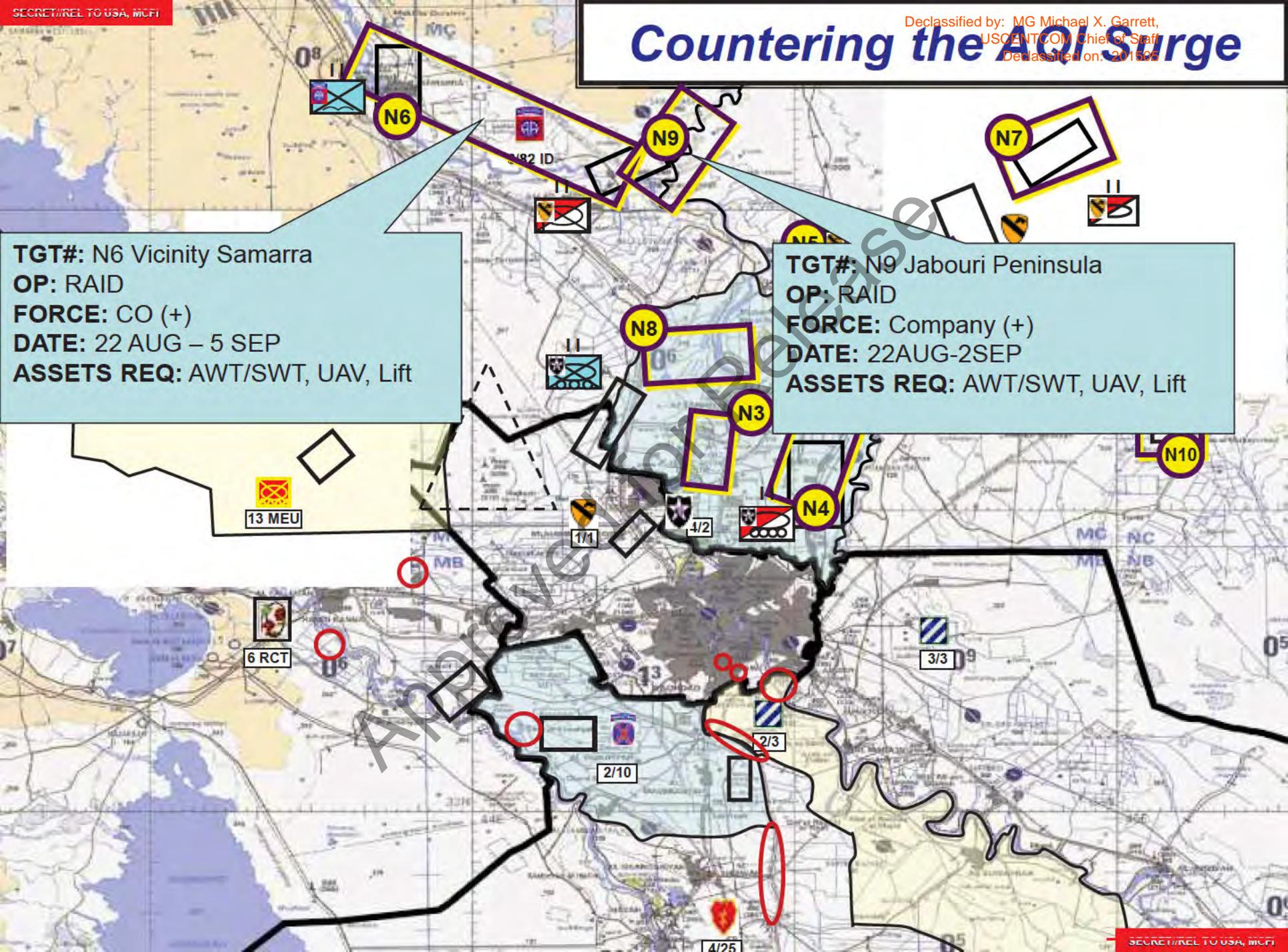
Potential assets required: (need more DIV analysis to see if we can source internally)

- AWTs
- ISR
- UH
- 2 X IN Company (Conditions based AH Ripper)

# Countering the AQI Surge

**TGT#:** N6 Vicinity Samarra  
**OP:** RAID  
**FORCE:** CO (+)  
**DATE:** 22 AUG – 5 SEP  
**ASSETS REQ:** AWT/SWT, UAV, Lift

**TGT#:** N9 Jabouri Peninsula  
**OP:** RAID  
**FORCE:** Company (+)  
**DATE:** 22AUG-2SEP  
**ASSETS REQ:** AWT/SWT, UAV, Lift





**TGT#:** N1 (DRV)  
**OP:** CLEAR/HOLD (OP PARAKLETE)  
**FORCE:** RSTA (+)  
**DATE:** 22AUG-2SEP  
**ASSETS REQ:** 2x IN CO, AWT/SWT, UAV



**TGT#:** N7 (DALI ABBAS)  
**OP:** RAID  
**FORCE:** ODA/ISF  
**DATE:** 5SEP  
**ASSETS REQ:** AWT/SWT, UAV

**TGT#:** N5 (KHALIS)  
**OP:** RAID (ICW OP PARAKLETE)  
**FORCE:** CO  
**DATE:** 22AUG  
**ASSETS REQ:** AWT/SWT, UAV



**TGT#:** N2 (KANAN)  
**OP:** RAID  
**FORCE:** CO  
**DATE:** 30AUG  
**ASSETS REQ:** AWT/SWT, UAV



**TGT#:** N10 (BALAD RUZ)  
**OP:** RAID  
**FORCE:** CO (-)  
**DATE:** 05SEP  
**ASSETS REQ:** AWT/SWT, UAV



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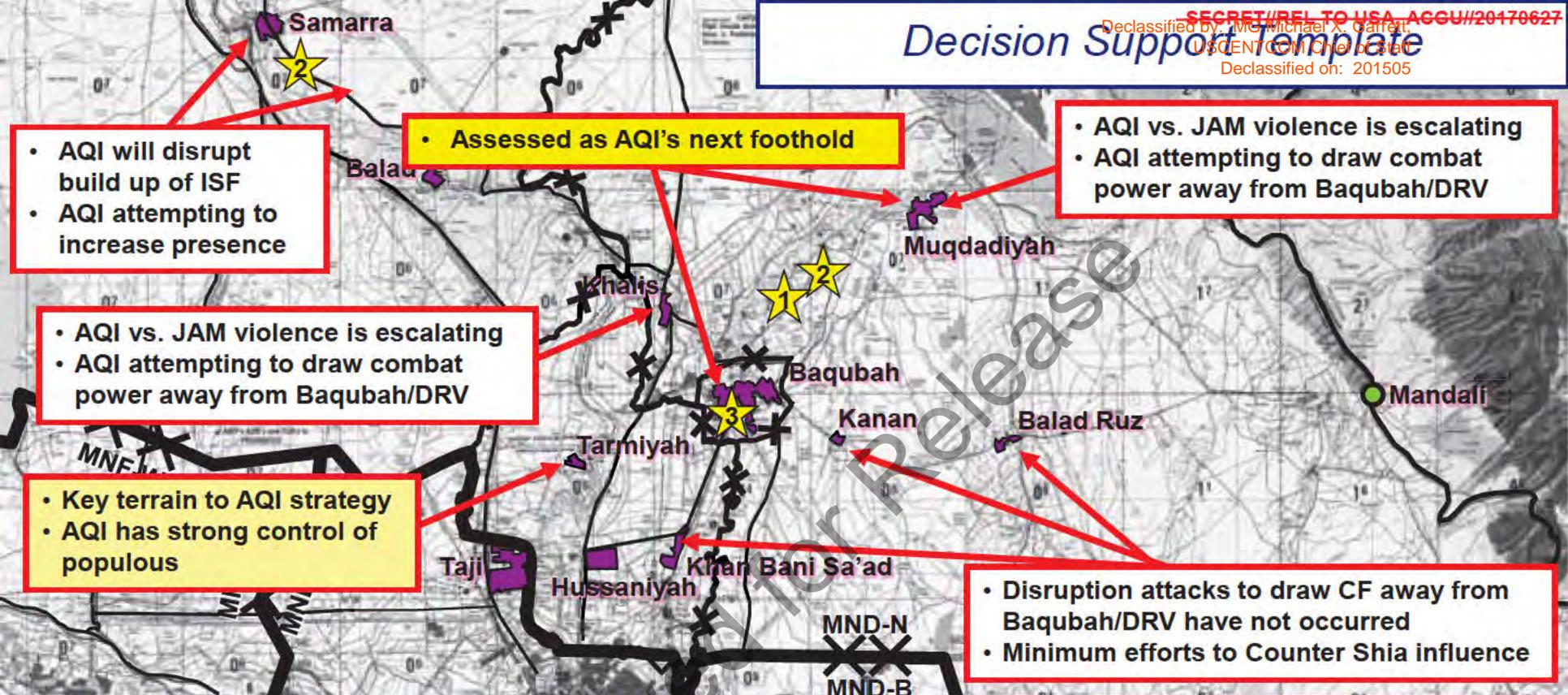
# 4/2 Stryker Brigade Countering the AQI surge



In order of Priority for 4/2 SBCT

- **N 8: Tarmiya Qada Offensive: AQI Support Zone for Tampa, Coyotes, and Tarmiya proper**
  - **Operations:** [1.4c] and clearance operations of AQI Strong Holds vic 14<sup>th</sup> Ramadan area (Rowad), Abayachi, North Tarmiya. C/K AQI HVI network, disrupt AQI capability to influence Tampa, Coyotes, and Tarmiya
  - **Force size:** Battalion Plus Operation, encompassing 3-4 weeks. Perhaps ICW TF [1.4a]
  - **Timeframe:** 1-30 August. Must begin early, current Raider Plan is to conduct Tarmiya Qada Offensive prior to anticipated RIP with 2SCR, and then transition to RTE Vanessa clearance and Al Rasul disruption, east side of Diyala, to set conditions for anticipated RIP with 3/1 and assumption of Diyala proper. See attached 'Way Ahead' Slide.
  - **Assets requested:** Additional RTE Clearance, TF [1.4a] (Intel Packet working now)
- **N 3: Al Rasul and RTE Vanessa: AQI Support Zone for Kahn Bani Sa'ad, RTE Vannesa, and Ba'qubah**
  - **Operations:** [1.4c] and clearance Operation of Al Rasul (north KBS) and deliberate RTE Clearance Operation of RTE Vanessa and Al. C/K AQI HVI, disrupt AQI capability to influence KBS < RTE Vanessa, and Ba'qubah, set conditions for RIP of Ba'qubah and Diyala
  - **Force Size:** Battalion Plus Operation, encompassing 2 months.
  - **Timeframe:** 1 SEP – 1 NOV. Will set conditions for assumption of Battlespace in Diyala. See attached 'Way Ahead' Slide.
  - **Assets requested:** IA (3/2/5 from KBS currently ISO Ba'qubah), RTE Clearance Assets
- **N 4: Rashadiya: AQI Strong Hold that supports Tarmiya**
  - **Operations** [1.4c] to C/K AQI HVIs influencing Rahadiya and Tarmiya proper
  - **Force Size:** Company plus operation
  - **Timeframe:** Currently on-going, will continue until complete, anticipated 60 days
  - **Assets requested:** Additional UAS support.

# Decision Support Template



- AQI will disrupt build up of ISF
- AQI attempting to increase presence

- Assessed as AQI's next foothold

- AQI vs. JAM violence is escalating
- AQI attempting to draw combat power away from Baqubah/DRV

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- AQI attempting to draw combat power away from Baqubah/DRV

- Key terrain to AQI strategy
- AQI has strong control of populous

- Disruption attacks to draw CF away from Baqubah/DRV have not occurred
- Minimum efforts to Counter Shia influence

DP	CG's Decision	Window	Critical Event	CCIR	NAIs	ISR
★1	Conduct TST on C2 Node	15 Jun – 31 Aug	Targetable information acquired on AQI C2 Node	PIR #1: Identify key Insurgent node structure and relationships within MND-N; C2, relationship / Finance, and Logistics. FFIR # 1G: ID of a network EEFI #1: MND-N OPNs that target AIF	DRV, Mukisa, Hashimiya, Baqubah	1.4c
★2	Reposition assets to prevent reestablishment of AQI foothold	20 Jun – 31 Aug	Indications of AQI reestablishing foothold	PIR # 9 Where will AQI attempt to regroup and attempt to establish its next foothold? FFIR #1D: Reduction of IP ability FFIR 2C: Change in local security EEFI #10 MND-N change in Combat power or Task Org	Muqdadiyah, Khalis, KBS, Balad Ruz, Samarra	
★3	Reposition assets from Baqubah	01 Jul – 24 Aug	Enemy defeated in Baqubah	FFIR # 2C: Change in local security FFIR #1D: Reduction of IP ability EEFI #10: MND-N change in Combat power or Task Org PIR # 6: Where and what groups or individuals are moving into MND-N that contribute to insurgent or sectarian violence?	Baqubah	

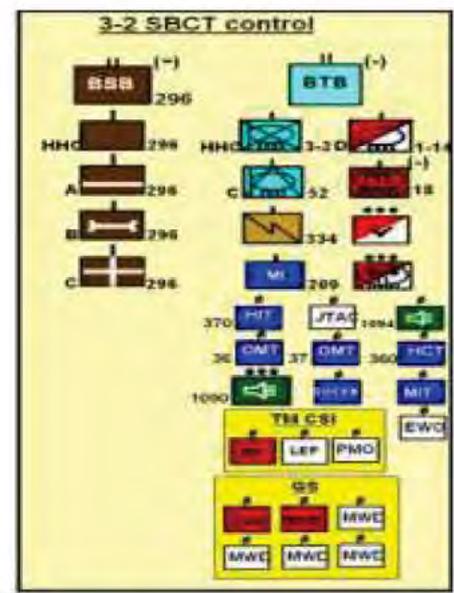
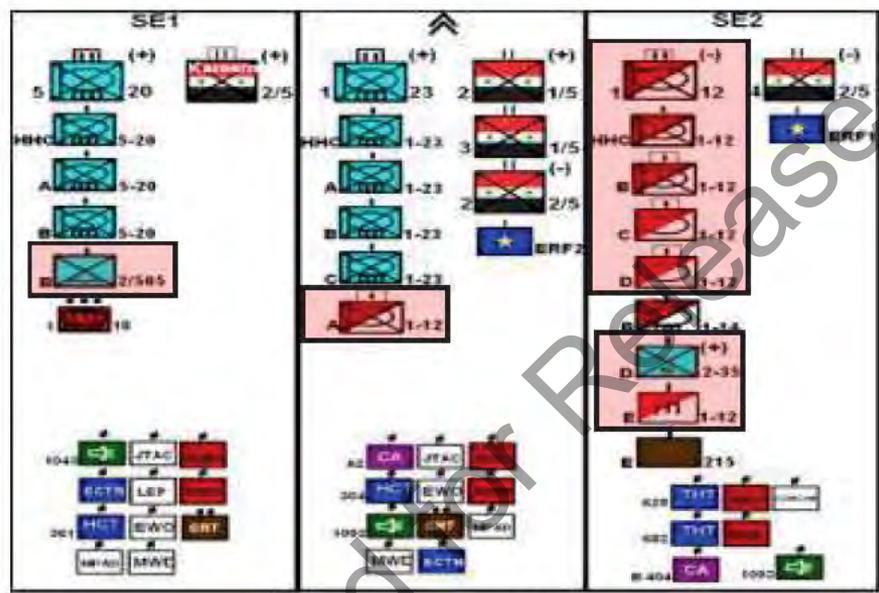


# Decision Point

## ISF Endstate:

- 4,800 IP
- 2,400 East
- 2,400 West
- 1 IA BDE (4 BNs)
- 2 BNs East
- 2 BNs West

 Denotes non 3-2 Organic elements



### Diyala Phase IV Execution Matrix Key Tasks

Metric: Iraqi Led

•PDS operational in Baqubah 

•Fuel push to Diyala 

•Required Weapons, Ammo and PPE for IPs 

•Medical Re-supply in Diyala and security of MTFs 

•Currency to Banks 

	Unit	o/a Decision Date	o/a Execution Date	Metric
	B  2/505	15 Aug	17-20 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Execution Matrix Key tasks Iraqi Led.</li> <li>•Clearance in Chibernot is complete.</li> </ul>
	D  (+) 2-35	10 Aug	15 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Execution Matrix Key tasks Iraqi Led.</li> <li>•Clearance in Old Baqubah Complete</li> </ul>
	 1	15 Jul	8 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Western Baqubah cleared.</li> <li>•Western Baqubah COPs est. &amp; manned with 100 IA each w/ CF Oversight</li> </ul>
	 12	15 Aug	20Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Clearance &amp; Exploitation Complete in the west and east.</li> <li>•Future COPs manned with 100 IA each w/ CF Oversight. IP stations established in Mufrek and Khatoon.</li> <li>•Recruit quality leaders. IP 80% fill, 50% Trained, 100% Equipped...Sustained</li> </ul>



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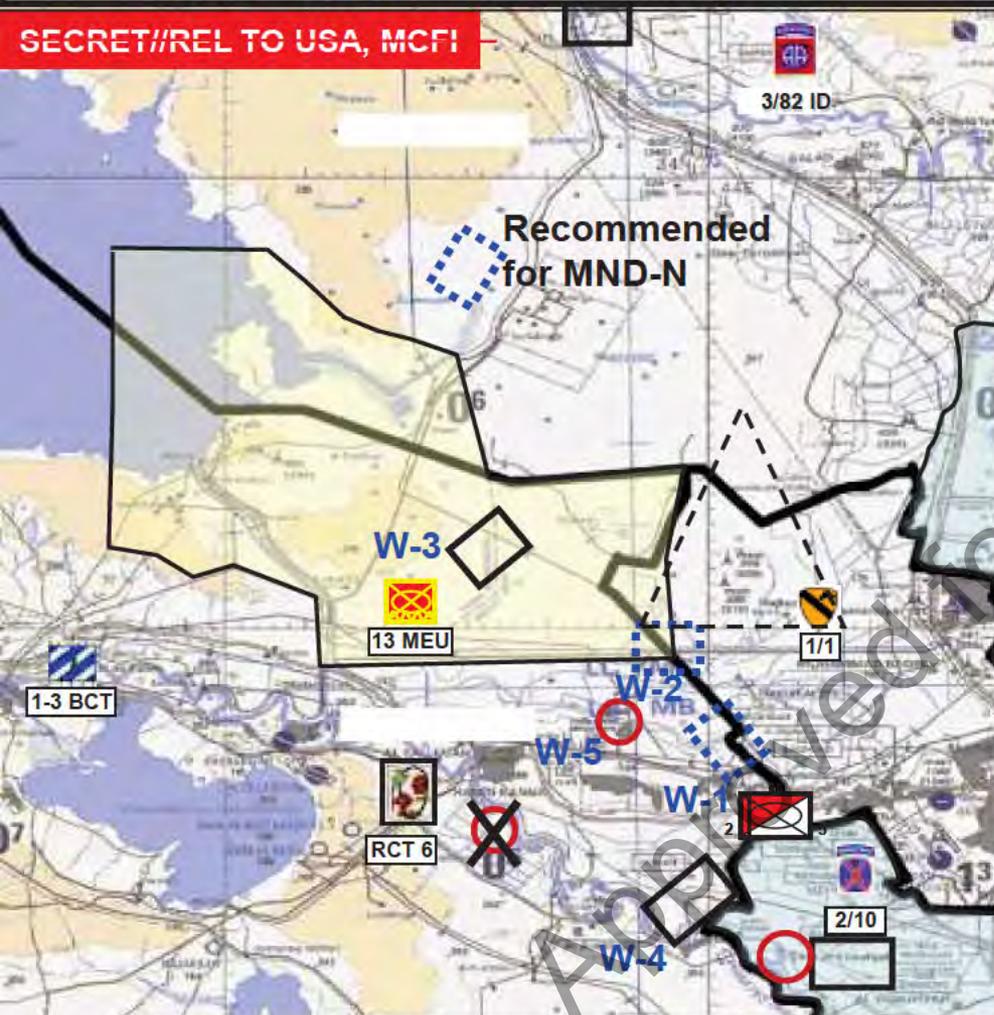
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ONGOING / PLANNED OPERATION: 

MNF-W IDENTIFIED FOCUS AREA: 

W-#

### CURRENT/ PLANNED OPS

OP BLACK DIAMOND (KARMAH)

OP ALLJAH (FALLUJAH)

AAV/ GATOR Patrols (MSR Mobile)

OP ZAIDON III (BN)

OP FARDH AL AMIN

OP CHINA SHOP III (BLT)

COA LANCER

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### RCT 6 (AO RAJEH):

W-1, W-2, AND W-5  
OPERATION BLACK

DIAMOND (KARMAH)-  
IMPACTING IED  
CELLS AND AQI/AIF,  
INCREASING IP  
CAPACITY/CONTROL

GATOR PATROLS-  
PRESENCE AND  
ACTIVE PATROLS  
ALONG MSR MOBILE

W-4

OP ZAIDON III (PLANNED)-  
OPS IN ZAIDON TO  
DISRUPT AQI/ AIF  
CELLS

### 13<sup>TH</sup> MEU (AO ANAHEIM):

W-2 AND W-3  
CURRENT OPS-  
DISRUPTING AQI/AIF  
ACTIVITY AND  
UNCOVERING WPNS  
AND HME CACHES

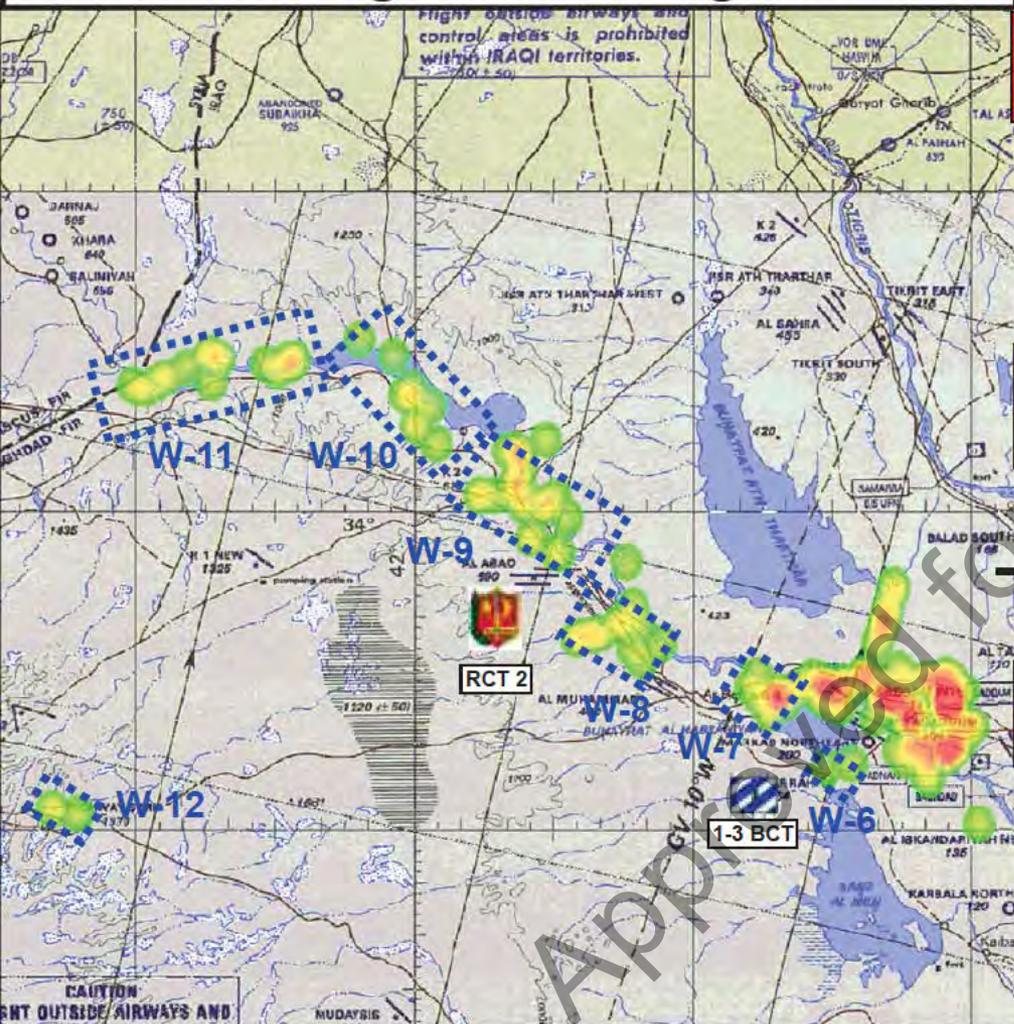
OP CHINA SHOP III-  
FOCUS ON  
SUSPECTED CACHE  
AREAS

OTHER: SINCE JAN 07,  
2-5 CAV (1/1, MND-B)  
CONDUCTING OPS IN  
NASSER WA  
SALAAM (CAO  
LANCER)

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**CURRENT/ PLANNED OPS**

**AEROSCOUT SOUTHERN BSA**

**CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**OP MAWTINI I (RCT)**

**1-3 BCT (AO TOPEKA): W-6 AND W-7**

**AEROSCOUT- 1-3 BCT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ISF, CONDUCTS MSNS INTO BCT SOUTHERN SECURITY AREAS**

**RAMADI AND SELECTED SITES- IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ISF, PROTECT ID CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**RCT-2 (AO DENVER): W-8 THROUGH W-11**

**OP MAWTINI I- RCT-2, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ISF, CONDUCTS DISRUPTION OPS IOT DENY AQI/AIF ABILITY TO SURGE AND REESTABLISH PRESENCE IN URBAN AREAS**

**ERW SITES- RECON/SURVEY OF REMAINING MNF-W ERW SITES (22 TOTAL)(EST 90 DAYS TO COMPLETE ICW ONGOING OPS)**

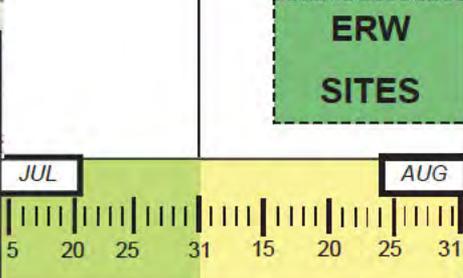
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**Iron Curtain II:** 1/1 CD in partnership with ISF neutralizes AQI/IZR in AO IRONHORSE to Deny AQI/IZR sanctuary in AO STALLION and prevent them from influencing OPN FARHD AL QANOON from AO IRONHORSE.

- Generate the ability to execute BCT directed offensive operations and time sensitive missions.
- Project and sustain combat power in the western flank of AO IRONHORSE.
- Operation Aluminum Falcon AASLT/ISR operations to disrupt AQI operations in AO IRONHORSE.

**Enduring BCT Sustained Operation**  
**MNC-I Requirements:** Increase 1.4c FMV, MTI. Improved intelligence sharing. DIRLAUTH with JSOTF-AP for future Planning

3/82 ID

B-8

B6

Quarry Region

**Bedrock Lite:** MNF-W search and attack operations to kill/capture AQI, reduce caches and confirm intelligence.

B3

B-4

TBD by MNC-I (AUG)  
**MNC-I Requirements:** MNF-W units for Strike ops

Rusafa Area Command

**FAQ Clear New Baghdad:** 2/2 ID (ME) Clear and Control the Kamaliyah & Shawra Um Jadir (SU) Hayys of New Baghdad IOT set conditions to control. 2/82 BCT (SE), disrupts JAM, EJK cells, and JAM Special Groups in Adhamiyah and Sadr City Security Districts (Not in Urban Area) IOT prevent influence on 2/2 BCT operations. O/O, 2/82 ABN expands operations in Sadr City clears areas S. of PL Gold IOT set conditions to control.

B-2

15 AUG-UTC  
 2 x BCTS, MND-B Strike Force  
**MNC-I Requirements:** Increased 1.4c FMV, MTI.

Karkh Area Command

**Gates of Freedom:** 2/1 ID BCT ICW the KSD and MSD, executes a series of simultaneous full-spectrum operations across the Karkh area command NW to defeat extremist and criminal influence

B-9

B7

Now-31 AUG  
**BCT Sustained Operation**  
**MNC-I Requirements:** ISR at Current Levels

Karkh Area Command

**Marble Arch:** Defeat Shia and Sunni extremists

- Precision targeting against Shia extremists
- Combined operations against Sunni extremists
- Reconcile Emerging local security groups
- Continued safe neighborhood efforts

B2

B-3

1-31 AUG 07  
**BCT Sustained Operation**  
**MNC-I Requirements:** ISR at Current Levels

New Baghdad/Rusafa

**FAQ Shaping Operations (JAM SG Focus)**

- Neutralize EFP Network (Raids, C-IED)
- Focused C-IED and reconciliation efforts
- Deliberate clearing operations

B-6

Now-15 AUG  
**BCT Level Operation**  
**MNC-I Requirements:** ISR at Current Levels

Adhamiyah

**FAQ Shaping Operations (AQI Focus)**

- Focused C-IED and reconciliation efforts in Zone 20 (Adhamiyah) in order to maintain assured mobility.
- COP construction at BREWERS & DOVER (a historic IED hotspot).
- Raids (C/S) operations in Zones 18 & 19, the Adhamiyah Safe Neighborhood
- Massed forces following the Death of the 7th Imam march, 09-10 AUG.

B5

15 AUG-5 SEP  
**BCT Level Operation**  
**MNC-I Requirements:** ISR at Current Levels

B-7

East Rashid

**Dragon Anvil:** 4th IBCT defeats AQIZ cells in Arab Jabour IOT reduce AQIZ influence in Rashid SD and transition to ISF control in Doura.

- Leverage ISR assets to stop AQIZ infil routes
- Conduct raids to kill/capture IED cell leaders, financiers and caches
- Conduct C-IED operations along IED hotspots
- Aggressively engage the population to gain information and resist AQIZ influence
- Leverage Neighborhood Watch (NW) and Iraqi Provisional Forces (IPV) to target AQIZ
- Conduct combined operations placing the ISF in the lead and establishing its presence in Muhallas
- Establish COP Crazyhorse

B4

01-30 AUG 07  
 1 x BNs CF, 2 x NP BN  
**MNC-I Requirements:** 1 x SBN

B-5

East RASHID

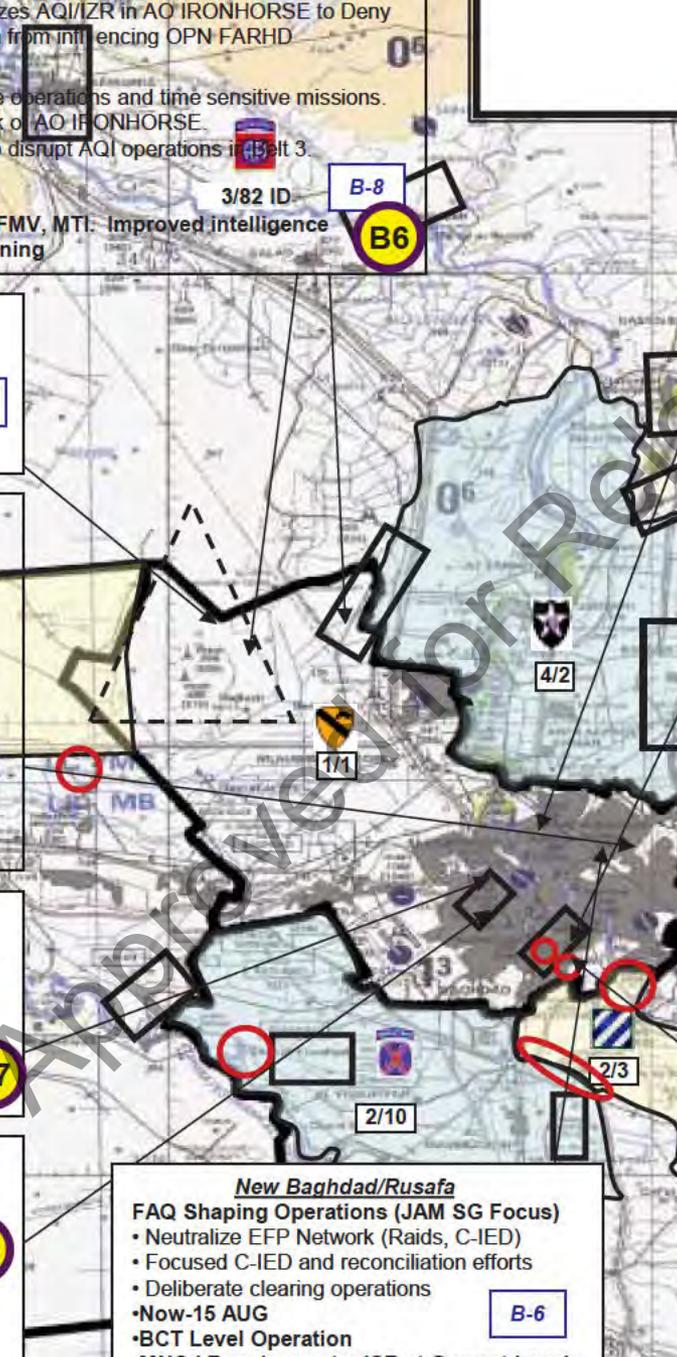
**Dragon Hammer:** 4th IBCT Destroys AQIZ cells and networks in Doura, IOT set the conditions for ISF control

- Leverage Sheiks to establish Neighborhood Watch and gather intelligence.
- IO against AQIZ efforts emphasizing AQIZ atrocities against the people.
- Conduct C-IED operations
- Establish barrier plan to prevent freedom of movement of AQIZ fighters and logistics.
- Population control effort's to separate AQIZ from the populace.
- Control access through check points (IA manned), etc.
- Enforce ISF presence in the muhallas
- Conduct an aggressive IP recruiting effort

B1

1JUL-15 AUG 07  
 3 x BNs CF, 2 x NP BN  
**MNC-I Requirements:** ISR at Current Levels

B-1





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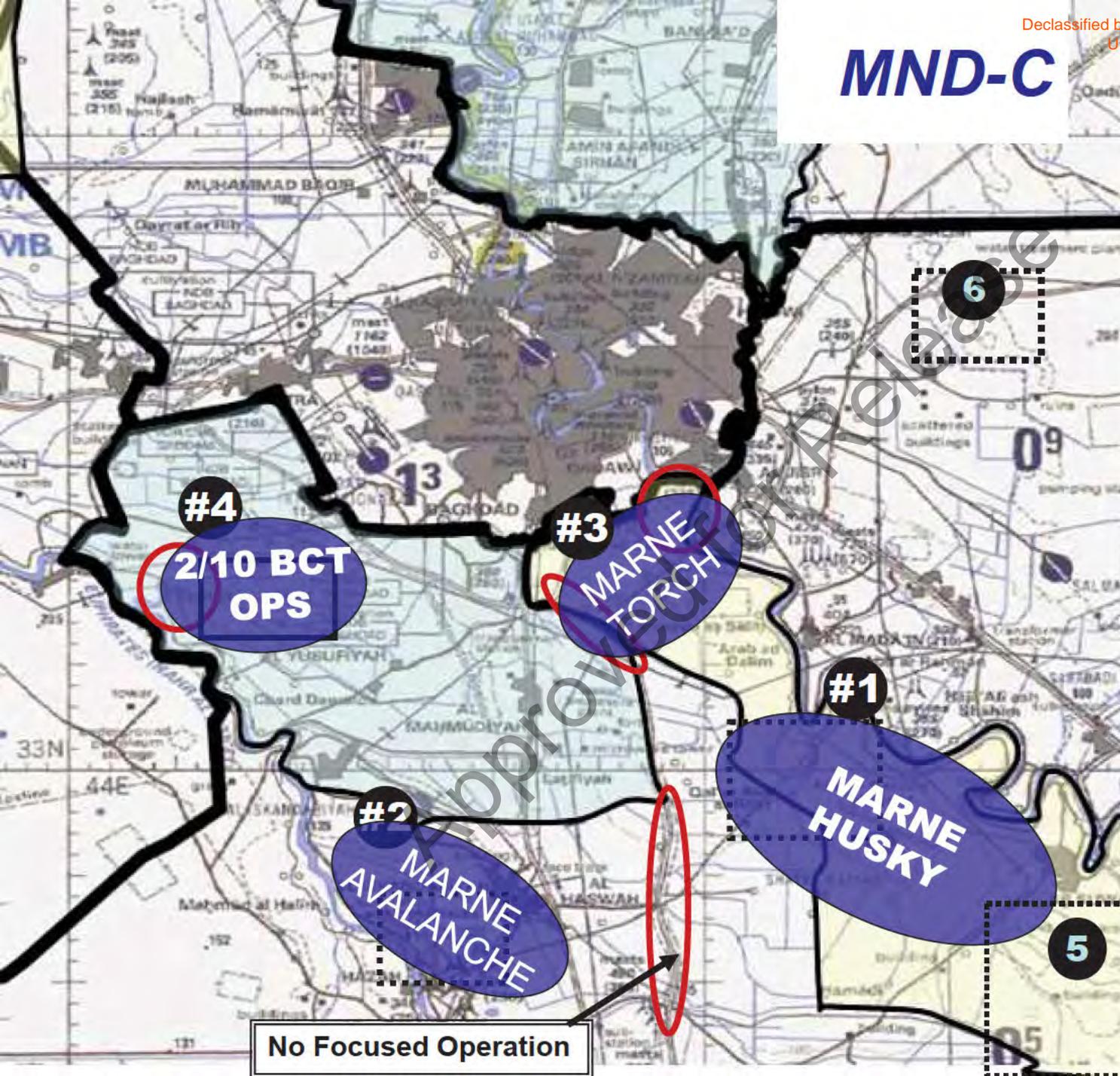
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**1**  
Iskandariyah- Ongoing.  
Operation Avalanche. BCT  
COIN Operation.

**2**  
Samrah Jungle- 3CAB (ME)  
plus Company Size Air  
Assault ICW ISF. MARNE  
HUSKEY Phase I

**3**  
Arab Jabour- ongoing  
Operation Marne Torch as  
well as 9 TCPs along MSR  
Tampa w/ 4/6 IA

**4**  
Yusufiyah- Numerous  
ongoing BDE operations  
(COMMANDO STRIKE)

After C-AQI Surge  
Operations  
**5**  
Suwayrah- MARNE HUSKY  
Phase II ICW 2 ISF BNs  
(October timeframe)

**6**  
Narawan- Upon return of 1-10  
FA from Bucca

No Focused Operation

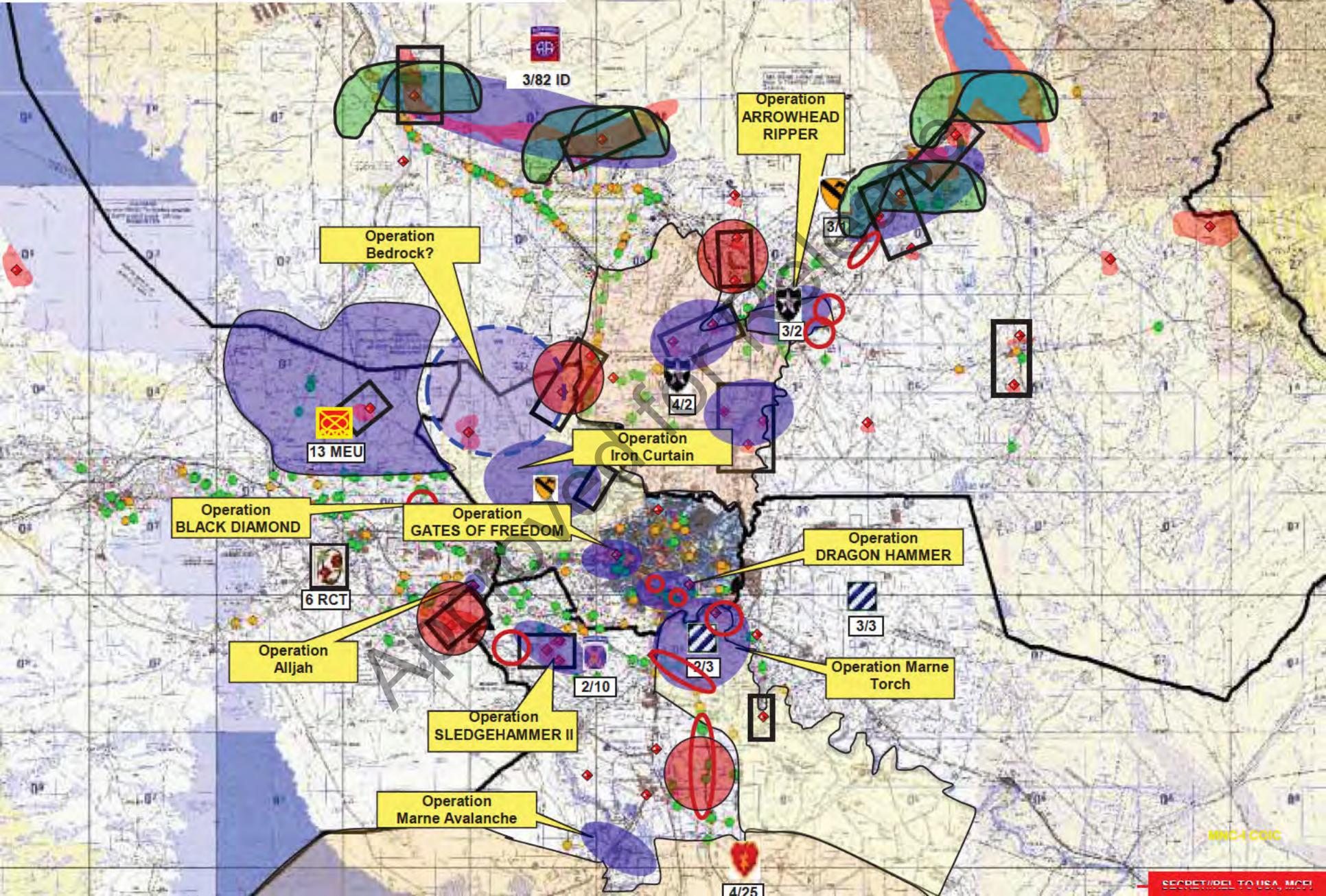


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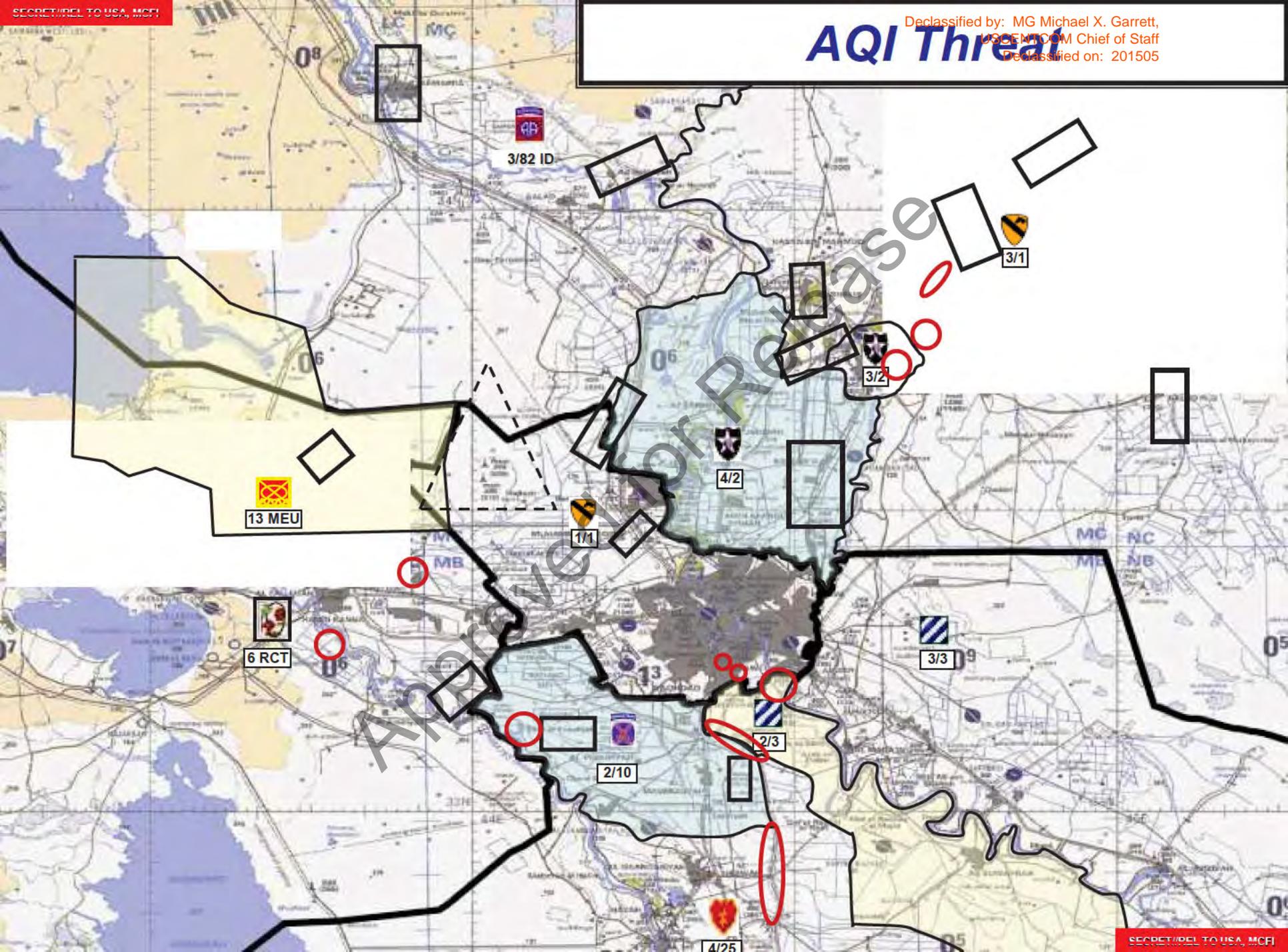
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## CORPS Apache Support

- ✧ 24 **Total AH-64s, Corps CAB**
- 2 **DS to OCF-I (Annex P\*)**
- ✧ 22
- 4 **DS 1/3 BCT (Ramadi, flying from Balad)**
- ✧ 18
- 4 **DS MND-SE (Basra)**
- ✧ 14
- 4 **DS to ODA (Diwaniyah, flying from Kalsu)**
- ✧ 10
- 4 **DS to 25 ID (flying from Balad)**
- ✧ 6
- 6 **Phase (3), Unscheduled Maint (3)**
- ✧ 0

\*6 Acft "Big 3" being covered by MND-B/C





# MNC-I Operational Timeline

## OIF 07-09 TOAs

