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INSURGENT CONCENTRATIONS

Stand up of ISF in partnership with ISF has allowed us to wrest control of population centers from insurgency, driving them into outlying areas. Insurgency without access to population quickly becomes marginalized. Although still dangerous, and we are seeing AQI moving into the smaller hamlets and into the Jazeera areas due to pressure from security forces. Areas well north of the Euphrates, the lake Thar Thar area, and the boundary seam in the eastern portion of our battle space are historic insurgent bed down areas when pressured.
13th MEU Effect on Anaheim Traffic Patterns

Before

Prior to 13th MEU, control of AO Anaheim traffic was focused along ASR Golden and in the open desert region to the E. leading N. of Karmah.

After

Traffic around Muthanna increased significantly while traffic within the AO decreased dramatically. The desert traffic also shifted noticeably to the E. likely IOT avoid BLT 3/1 patrols and check points at the Lincoln / Chicago Intersection.
Infiltration Routes to Ramadi from MND-N

- Fighters in Donkey Island attack tied to Samarra based groups.
- Multiple reports cite infiltration routes shifting east of the lakes.
- Unable to come up east side of Lake Milh due to bridges at QAM.
- Likely assembled near Rahaliyah and transported to Angur.
- Then by boat/truck mix, to Donkey Island area.
SUNNI RESPONSE

In September, the tribes finally stood up, starting in Ramadi due to the killing of Tribal members, collateral Damage and the marginalization of the Sunni community nationally.

Tribal engagement has been critical in indigenous security forces generation. Rise of IP/SIF/IA, tribal elements and attacks against AQI by nationalist groups has significantly impacted their operational effectiveness. AQI is under pressure from a variety of elements they have been historically aligned with. The stand up of Sunni security elements has also allowed CF to pursue AQI into areas historically unreachable.
Operation PHANTOM THUNDER

AERO SCOUT
Mission: Conducts aero-scout operations IOT disrupt insurgent activities ISO of RGT-2’s anticentric disruption of 3/S freedom of movement within AO DENVER and to gather information to conduct follow on operations
Date: 15 Jul

COIN OPERATIONS ISO AO TOPEKA
Mission: TTP, AQI partnered ISF wage objective NAGABOSE and clears the operation security area, IOT prevent ISF from using stronghold security area as an assembly area for attack into city of Ramadi

BLACK DIAMOND
Mission: 2/7 isolates and clears Kassam in order to interdict movement to Baghdad/Fallujah and drop off FAQI safe haven
Dates: 17 May

SILVER ANVIL
Mission: Secures Muithaa Chemical Complex and extinguishes unintended ground fire in order to detect and deter AO access
Dates: 25 Jun

ALLAH (JOLAN)
Mission: 2/4a systematically neutralizes and establishes permanent TF Project HQ within Jolan
Precise IOT set conditions for IP control within Ramadi
Dates: 25 May to 17 Oct

AO TOPEKA

AO DENVER

AO ANAHEM

CHINA SHOP II
Mission: BLT 3/1 conducts deliberate clearing in the MEU security area IOT deny AQA/B sanctuary and weapons materiel
Dates: 5 Jul
**OPERATION ALLJAH**

**MISSION:** Between May and October 2007, TF 1.4c systematically secures and establishes permanent IP occupation within designated Fallujah IP districts IOT set conditions for IP control within Fallujah.

**CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

**Phase 1: Prepare the Objective Area**
- Identify requirements:
- Have new district HQ Commander and staff identified and ready for action.
- Identify known targets and prepare “persona-non-grata list”

**Phase 2: 72 – 96 Hour Operation to Cordon and Secure Each District**
- Cordon and secure the new district;
- Seize security station(s) and secure the district (USMC/IA/IP);
- Gate the community — vehicle access to two locations;
- Engage local leaders / sheiks;
- Distribute visas / begin IP recruit screenings

**Phase 3: Hold and Help – Make the Resilience Stakeholders**
- IP patrolling with CF/JA security and now support
- Recruit and equip
- Engage tribal and community leadership with mayor and police chief

**29 May – Oct 07**
Updated 3 July

-The 1st Division of the Iraqi Army is older and more mature than the 7th.

-A 4 Brigade Div commanded by MG Tariq, a SHIA from Baghdad with a Kurdish wife, commands the Division from his headquarters in Habbaniyah.

-Div currently has only 2 Bdes working the AO...2d and 3d. 1st is in Ramadi; 4th under tactical control of MND-B...in support of the Baghdad Security Plan.

-In February of this year, the Division was chopped and now operates under the control of the Iraqi Ground Forces Command – in effect is an adjacent command to MNF-W coalition forces operating in (in this case) AO Raleigh.

-We also have 14 Transition Teams embedded in his formation. And the additional four Transition Teams stayed with their IA units in MND-B and MND-N (recently 2/2/1 moved to Diyala)
The Iraqi Army within Al Anbar Province consists of two Divisions, the 7th and 1st. (7th is a 3 Bde Div; 1st is a 4 Bde Div)

The 7th is capably led by MG Murthi, a sheikh in his own right from Al Qaim, from his headquarters in Ramadi. This is the youngest of the two divisions, forming in Spring of 2006.

Approx 8900 assigned soldiers of this Division serve throughout the Central and Western Euphrates River Valley from Al Qaim to Ramadi. This number includes the 1096 Jundi assigned to 7th Division that graduated 3 July 2007.

7th Division does conduct operations within the MNF-W area but does so while still under the tactical control of coalition units.

Achieved TRA 2 status in June 2007.

MNF-W supports this Division with 14 Military Transition teams located at the Division, Brigade, and Battalion Headquarters as well as with the Motor Transport Regiment that is split into two locations in order to support the Division until they consolidate at Al Asad.
The Iraqi Police carries approximately **16,000** police on its payrolls.

- **10 Police Districts** and the Iraqi Highway Patrol (IHP) (focused on the area shown).
- MOI also supports **8 Provincial Security Forces (PSFs)**.
  - **MNF-W** seeks to help craft these units to organizations similar to a “Neighborhood Watch” to “National Guard” and/or a “County Sheriff” organization in the United States and employed in the Counterinsurgency fight in areas outside or adjacent to the cities.
  - PSFs forces receive limited training (80 hours); goal is IP Trng
  - Jun 2007, Habbaniyah Police Training Center opened;
  - First class 546; graduates 10 Aug
  - Expectation of producing add 750 police officers every 10 weeks

-MNF-W supports the Iraqi Police with **34 Coalition Police Transition Teams (PTT)** collocated with Iraqi Police Stations, District Headquarters, and the Prov Hqs

**IP STRENGTH**: 16000 / 21,000 **Paid / TO** (12K IP proper)

**IHP STRENGTH**: 900 (Looking to expand to 2.5K)

**PSF Org**: 3 Bn – Ramadi; 2 Bn – Fallujah; 2 Bn HH; 1 Bn IHP will roll into IHP (2300 Ramadi – 260 Fallujah)

**IPs in Trng**: 546

**PTTs**: 53 (19 USMC & 34 USA) **IPLOs**: 146
- The Department of Border Enforcement (DBE), again a part of the Ministry of Interior, protects the sovereignty of the Iraqi frontier. Although consisting of two Brigades and 32 border forts, the most critical to MNF-W are the 2nd brigade and the 18 border forts along the Jordanian and Syrian borders.

-BG Sabeer commands the approximately 1400 members of the 2nd Brigade from the headquarters in Waleed on the Syrian and Jordanian Borders. MNF-W supports the 2nd Brigade with 4 Border Transition Teams (BTTs).

- We have no BTTs along the Saudi Arabian Border...Iraqi manned only.

- The 3 Border Teams at the Iraqi Border Points of Entry (POE) of Trebil, Waleed, and Husaybah are considered POETTs and have either a DHS customs team or Contract Border Advisor (CBA) Team to provide expertise in this vital area. The third POE at Husaybah is under construction and scheduled to reopen this fall. MNF-W has received 15 Contract Border Advisors from MNC-I to augment the BTTs and POETTs similar to the DHS team.

- Total forces ~1400
Predominantly Shia forces
Small number of Sunnis
Monthly port/starboard leave rotation
Questions
MNF-W Assistance Required/Risk

1. What assistance is needed from the Corps?
   A. Increase authorized police from 21,000 to 25,000 to man new police stations established to retain areas that have been cleared.
   B. Guidance on transfer of U. S. military equipment and supplies invested in JSS to Gol..
   C. Return route clearance
   D. Avoid tasking 1st and 7th IA for enduring missions that degrade ability to assume battles space from Coalition forces in Al Anbar Province
      1) Fair Play
      2) Black Mammoth
      3) Rein Baghdad
      4) Abu Ghraib- 1st IA Div MP Co
   E. Need GOI engagement on Judicial Complex plan, this still appears to be a solely CF effort.
   F. Relief from providing aviation support to Camp Bucca

2. What risk is the MND Commander assuming if the Corps is not able to provide support?
   A. Without GOI support for Judicial Complexes, it is unlikely that local judges would be willing to use the facilities.
MEU Organization

Command Element
(b)(3), (b)(6)
29 Officers
169 Enlisted

Total = 2265

Ground Combat Element
57 Officers
1058 Enlisted

Aviation Combat Element
73 Officers
421 Enlisted

Combat Logistics Element
17 Officers
284 Enlisted

MSDC F Co
6 Officers
5 Enlisted
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Command Element

- **COMMAND and CONTROL**
  - Rapid/Deliberate planning
  - Enable JTF and MPF operations
  - JTF level communications
  - Marine Air Control Group

- **INTELLIGENCE**
  - HUMINT
    - Reconnaissance
    - Interrogator-translators
    - Counterintelligence team
  - SIGINT: Radio Battalion detachment
  - Imagery and topographic detachments

- **FIREPOWER**
  - Electronic attack
  - Integrate/synchronize operational fires

- **MANEUVER**
  - Marine Special Operations Company (TACON)

(b)(3), (b)(6)
Ground Combat Element

Battalion Landing Team

Task Organizations
- Heloborne company
- Mechanized company
- Motorized company
- TF Sledgehammer
- Recon and Surveillance Plt.

1155 Marines & Sailors
- 3 Rifle Companies
- 4 M198 155mm Howitzers
- 14 Amphib Assault Vehicles
- 5 Light Armored Vehicles
- Anti-Armor Teams
- Combat Engineers
Aviation Combat Element

- **Assault Support**
  - Reinforced company in single lift
  - Long range capability
    - In-flight refueling
    - Tactical ground systems

- **Offensive Air Support**
  - FW and RW CAS
  - Precision guided munitions
    - JDAMs

- **Anti-Air Warfare**

- **Aerial Reconnaissance**
  - LPOD

- **Electronic Warfare**
  - Limited attack and support
Combat Logistics Element

- Landing Support
- General Engineering Support
- Intermediate Supply Support
- Motor Transport
- Intermediate Level Maintenance
- Health Services (Medical / Dental)
- Evacuation Control Center / NEO
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Military Police
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- General Services (Postal, Disbo, Ammo)

278 Marines & Sailors
26 MTVRs
22 HMMWVs
2 Wreckers
4 Dirt movers
7 Forklifts
4 Bulk Fuel trucks / 2 Water trucks
2 ROWPUs