MNC-I Daily Operational Summary
15 Oct 07
**Western Media**

- **Attacks across Iraq-Turkey border**
  - CNN, AFP, Reuters, VOA

- **Crude oil trades near $84 after rising on Turkey-Iraq tensions**
  - Bloomberg, AP, Reuters, AFP, Guardian (UK)

- **Iraq: Soldier’s trial for aiding enemy**
  - AP, AFP, Reuters

- **Sanchez: Media’s reporting of Iraq War endangered Soldiers’ lives**
  - FOX News, Guardian (UK), Bloomberg, LA Times, ABC, AFP, CBS, BBC, MSNBC, USA Today, VOA

- **Shi’ite leader visits Iraq Sunni province**
  - AP, AFP
Iraqi and Pan-Arab Media

US Marines want out of Iraq, into Afghanistan
Covered by Middle East Online

Two Christian priests kidnapped in Mosul
Covered by Voices of Iraq

10 bags containing decayed corpses found in Diyala
Covered by Voices of Iraq

Turkey ready to face criticism over Iraq Kurds
Covered by Middle East Online

Iraq bomb in toy cart hits children in playground
Covered by Asharq al Awsat
Good News Story of the Day

Iraqi boy’s road to recovery ends with successful surgery

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was born with an which required emergency surgery. The surgery left until he was discovered by U.S. Soldiers during a village assessment in May.

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### Analysis

#### 6 Oct - 12 Oct 07 Weekly Trends Highlights:

- Total attacks rose slightly with increases against Coalition and ISF, but a decrease against Civilians. Last week's attacks remained well below average. 17% below the 12-week average, 27% below the OPT average, and 37% below the 2007 average.

- Although total attacks increased, the effectiveness rate remained the same as last week at 25%.

- MND-N and MND-Baghdad, the regions where 75% of attacks occur, had decreases in attacks while the other MNDs had increases. (MND-NE had no attacks.)

- IED attacks dropped for the 3rd week and are at their lowest since January 2006. IED attacks are down 61% since the start of OPT while the weekly IED decreased rate (55%) was the highest since March 2007.

- Total casualties increased to 718 last week. This total remains well below average. The average for 2007 is 970 per week; the average since OPT began is 874 per week; and the 12-week average is 911 per week.

- HPAs increased by 36 (10 VBIED, 5 SVBIED) over the previous week for a total of 25 attacks. There were no Coalition casualties from HPAs.

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*High profile attacks (HPA) = VBIED, SVBIED, and SVEST
**OPT = Operation Phantom Thunder (Begun 16 June 2007)