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## OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS ISO PHANTOM PHOENIX

1. **Purpose:** To provide summaries on PHANTOM PHOENIX.

2. **RAIDER HARVEST – 4/2 ID (SBCT)** In Ba'qubah, leaders from the major Sons of Iraq (Sol) groups informed CF leaders yesterday that they will postpone the Sol strike for at least 7 days. Sensitive reporting indicates that there are two directions the Sol groups in Ba'qubah are turning towards: a majority consensus of working within the political process peacefully, and a second group (primarily Jayish Mujahadin, which may have moved some forces into New Ba'qubah) intent on returning to insurgent activities. The primary concern for all groups (including West Ba'qubah's 1920's BDE, HAMAS, and Salah As Dihn) continues to be the removal of Police Chief (b)(6) from his position. Recent reporting indicates in the next 24-72 hours there will be infighting between Sol groups in retribution for various suspected activities conducted. Sol will conduct limited operations only to protect their living areas, most will leave all posts unoccupied, and leave Sol houses unattended. If the strike continues for a prolonged period of time, low level Sol members will revert back to insurgent activities. In the southern DRV in 2-1 CAV's AO, day three of Bandog Rodeo resulted in two SAF attacks, one PSAF attack, and one cache F/C near Arab Jabar. SIGACTs show there may be more AQI within the town on the east side of the river from Arab Jabar.

3. **RIFLE HARVEST II – 3ACR** Attacks yesterday continued to be spread throughout Mosul with no real focal point. Since it appears that cell leaders have moved out of the city, we will continue to see simple, dispersed attacks, mainly hastily emplaced IEDs. Since the leadership reduction, the attacks have become inconsistent with coordinated attacks occurring every other day. This is due to less experienced leaders planning and conducting attacks. Sensitive reporting indicates that insurgents continue to acquire suicide belts for attacks. There has been significant reporting of female suicide bombers coming into the area in order to conduct attacks against CFs and ISF. Reflections also indicate that insurgents are still trying to get their "brothers" out of prison. Reflections also indicate that the cell towers were burned because the company would not pay the insurgents protection money therefore they believed that they were working for CFs. Atmospheric reports indicate the Province council held a routine meeting and discussed several issues regarding the security situation. There has been progress in the political agenda within the province. Various political figures held a meeting to discuss the upcoming elections and the required personnel to proceed with a better legitimized election for better future in the province. Furthermore, other discussions were held to review the new decision regarding the new Iraqi flag without the three stars. Many government offices are seen with the old flag (Three Stars Flag). This gives the impression that the local government is not compliant with the Mol decision. Al-Qaeda is bringing fighters from outside Mosul to assist with the battle against the CF/ISF; this battle was named Al-Thair (Revenge) as was stated by Al-Qaeda. Mujahidin are currently trying to recruit personnel from the Al-Zanjali area to fight the American Forces using the explosion as a propaganda tool against the Americans. People are talking about the ongoing security operation and saying that the Iraqi Army will be conducting search operations for illegal weapons and names of wanted individuals. People are very happy to hear positive and encouraging statements expressed by General Riyadh Jalal commander of the new law imposing operation and his effort to secure Mosul. 1.4c

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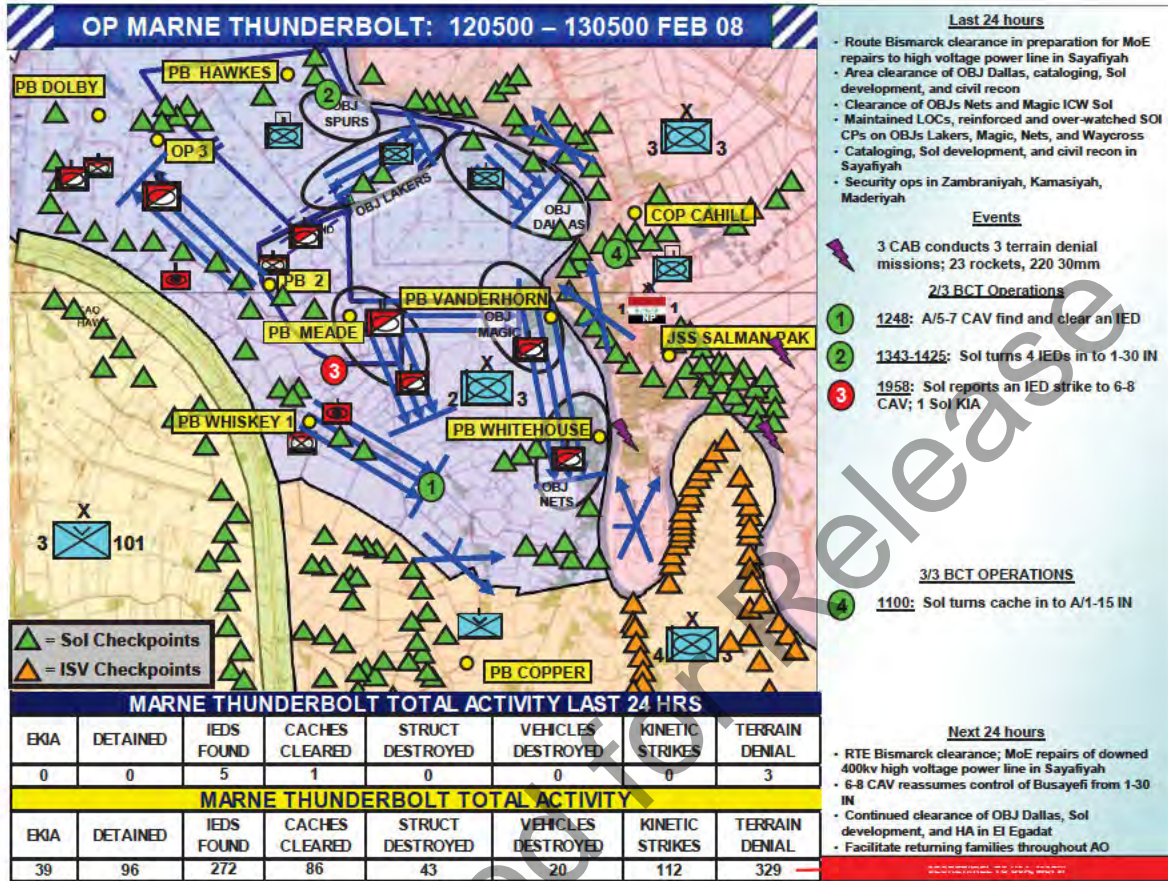
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**4. BASTOGNE HARVEST – 1/101 ABN (AASLT** Activity in AO Bastogne has significantly decreased over the past 24 hours after two days of increased activity. Yesterday, [1.4a, 1.4g] spotted two IED emplacements while conducting surveillance over TAI Pennsylvania and AWT support was called in to engage the emplacements. Three individuals were detained by D/1-327 during this incident. This is the second instance in which CF aerial surveillance have observed emplacements during OPN PA Harvest. It is expected that IED activity near Mezra will decrease over the next 24-48 hours as emplacements will be less likely to risk the chances of capture. Also in AO Bulldog, ISF (IP and CLC) elements were the focus of SAF attacks. An ESU unit and a CLC CP were targeted with the result of one LN WIA [b)(6)]  
[b 6] a CLC leader, who later died of wounds in Balad. IED attacks in AO Spartan are utilized in an urban environment or at night where triggermen make use of environmental conditions to facilitate their egress in and out of an area. IED activity has increased along ASR Golden as Marines continue to conduct operations in the Western Jazerra Desert along Lake Thar Thar. The enemy will attempt to protect their safe havens. Operations in TAO Mortalis have caused AQI elements to move eastward, closer to ASR Golden and MSR Tampa. A cache discovery north of Samarra was likely in support of operations conducted by cells attempting to infiltrate or stage in population centers. The weapons cache discovered in AO Bandit will serve to reduce the threat of IDF attacks in and around Balad. The TOW missiles discovered in the cache provide further indications of attempts by insurgent weapon facilitators to acquire anti-armor munitions, as previously seen with the discovery of 14.5mm API-T rounds, to conduct catastrophic attacks against CF vehicles. IED activity in AO Bandit and AO Balls remain focused to the south of Balad as the insurgent networks in southern Salah ah Din attempt to disrupt CF patrols along their LOCs that extend east to west from the Golden Hills region to the Jazeera Desert.

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## 5. MARNE THUNDERBOLT:



6. POC for this summary is (b)(3), (b)(6) MNC-I OPS, DSN (b)(6)

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