

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

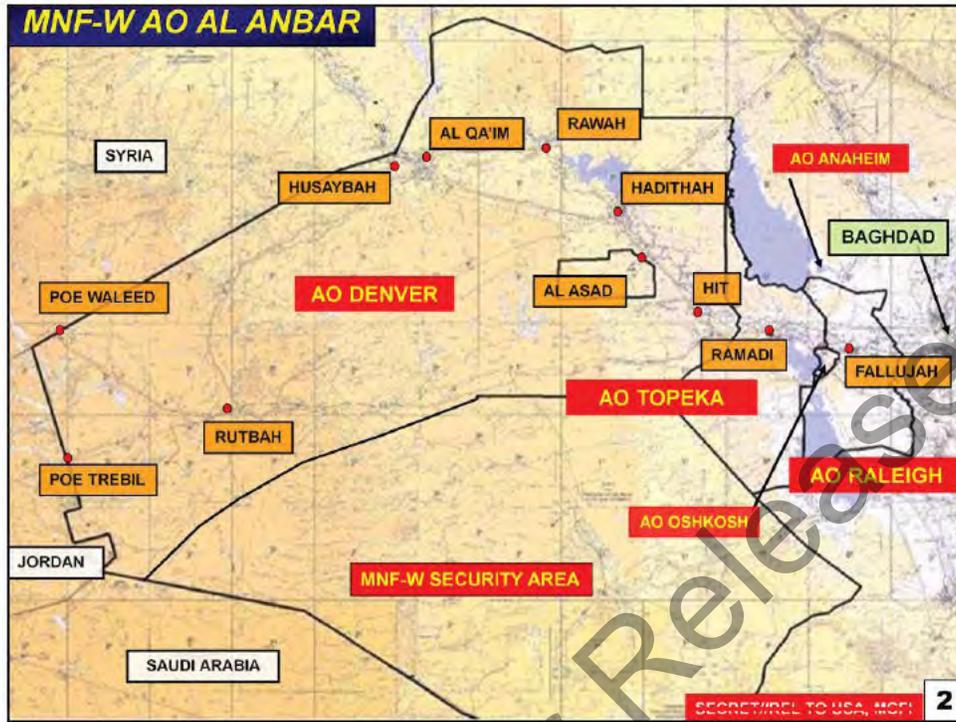
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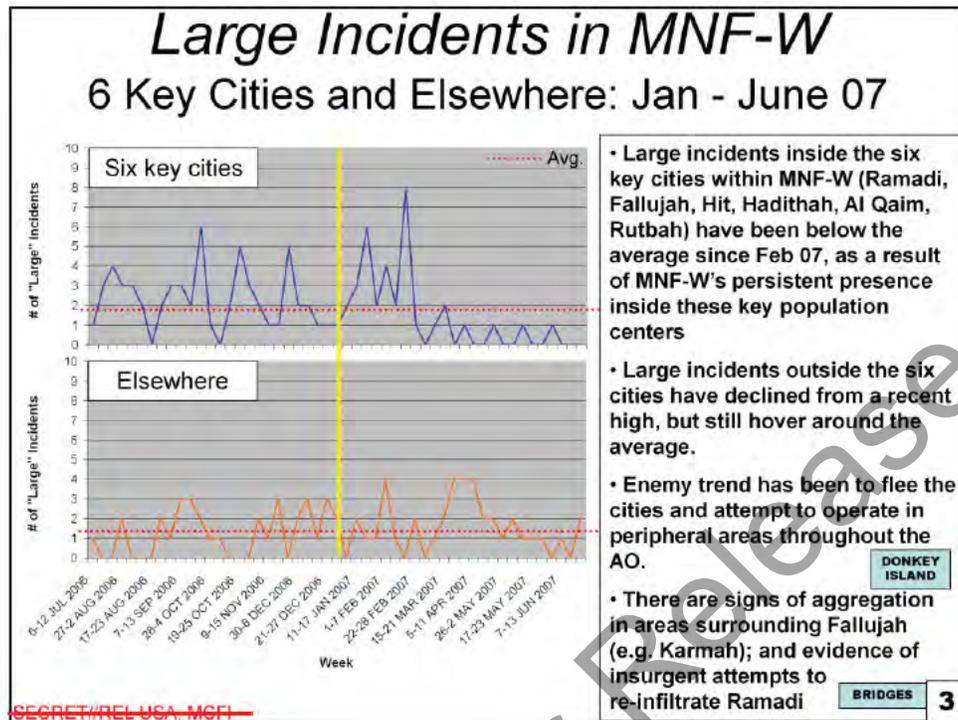
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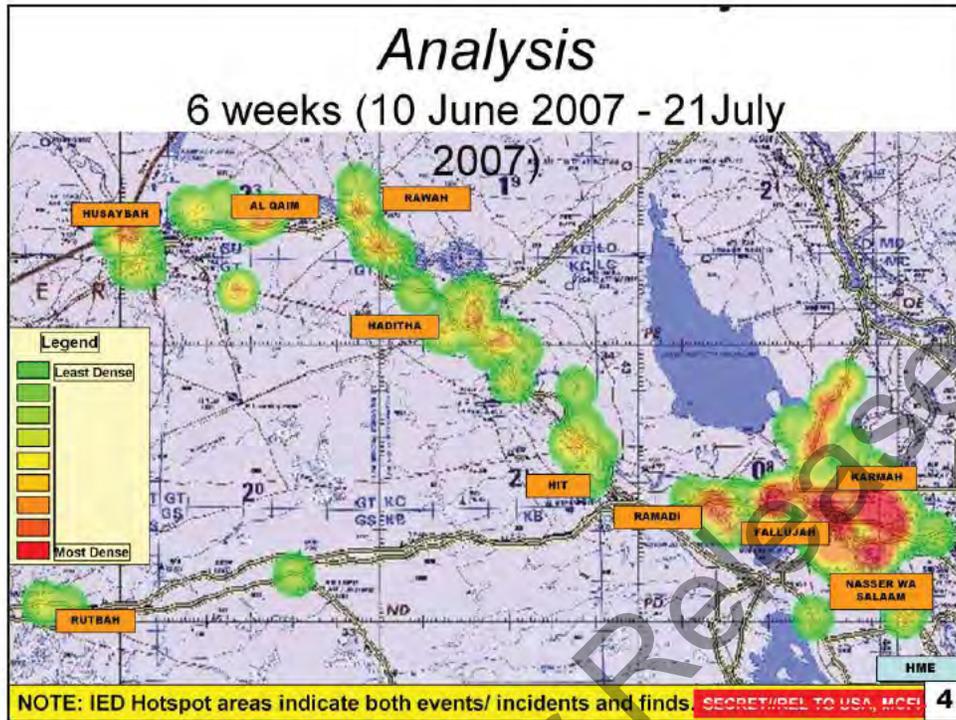
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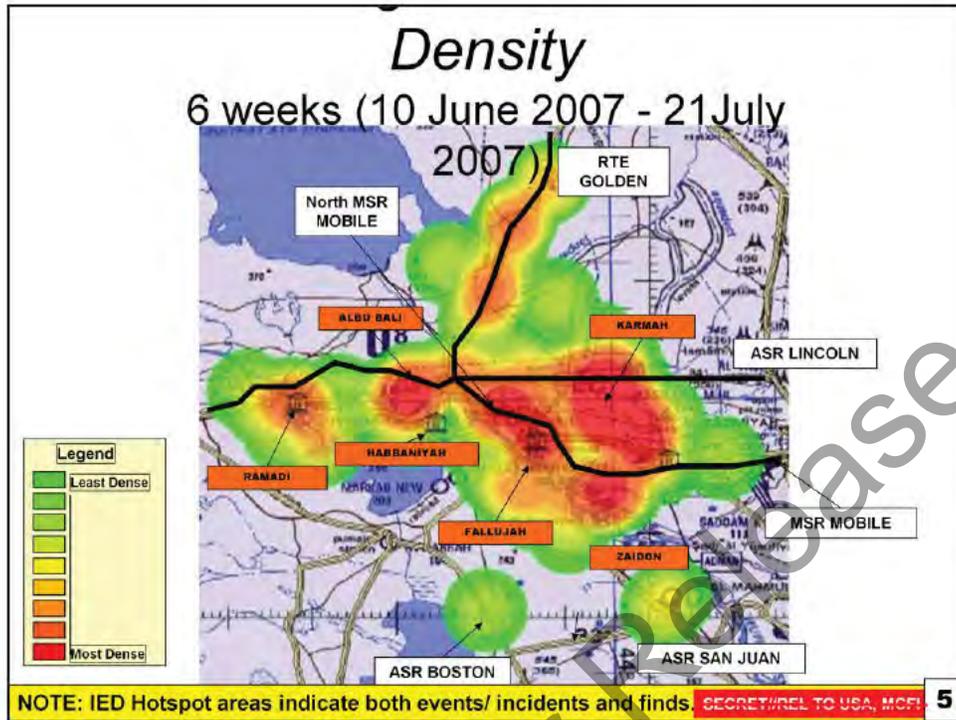




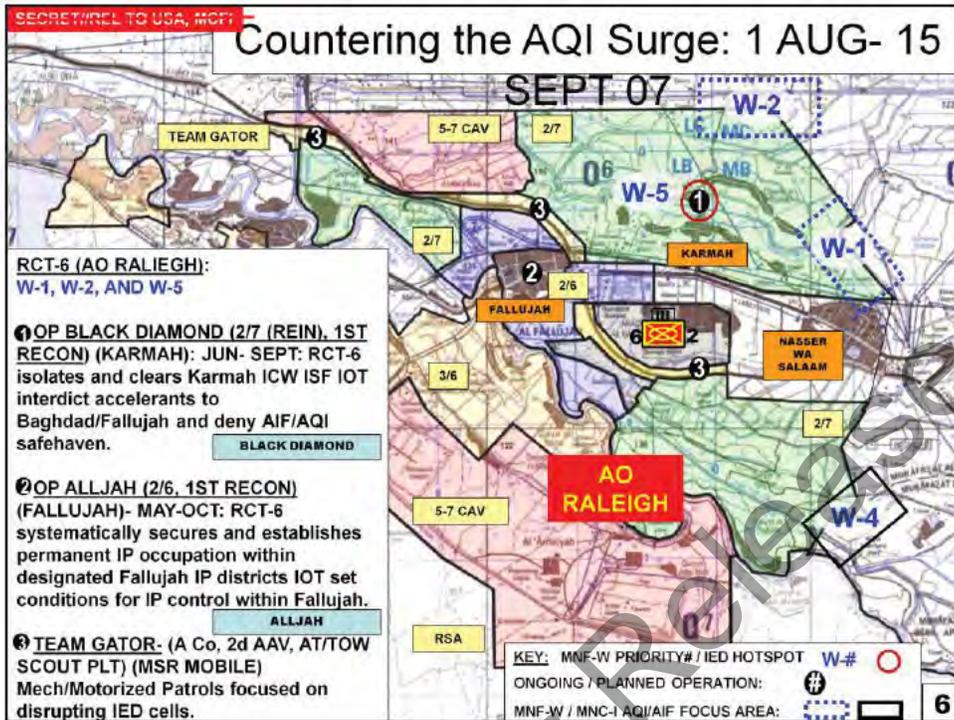
(S//REL USA, MCF I) Here we have broken out the data by large incidents in the six key cities in MNF-W (Ramadi, Fallujah, Hit, Hadithah, Al Qaim, and Rutbah), and large incidents everywhere else. As the top chart shows, the number of large incidents in the six key cities has been below average since February. This is a direct result of MNF-W's efforts to keep persistent presence of CF/ISF forces in these key cities, and to force insurgents out into the "hinterlands." The bottom chart shows that the number of large incidents outside the vicinity of the six key cities has recently declined from a high point in late March/early April, but still hovers around the average value. These results, combined with the previous slide, indicate that insurgents have been fleeing the cities as a result of CF/IA/IP presence.



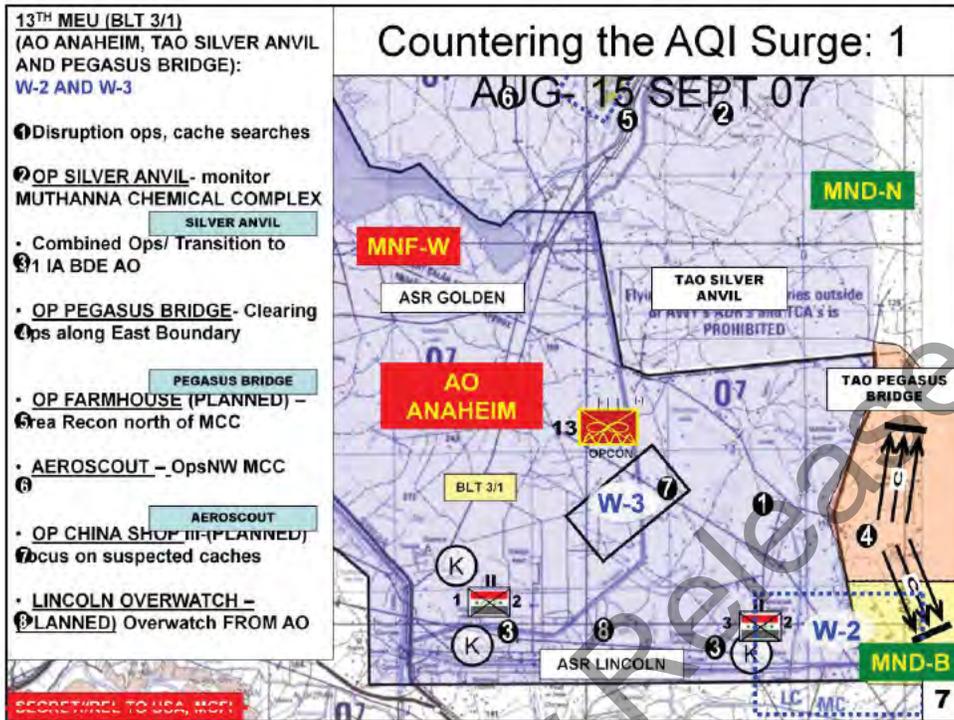
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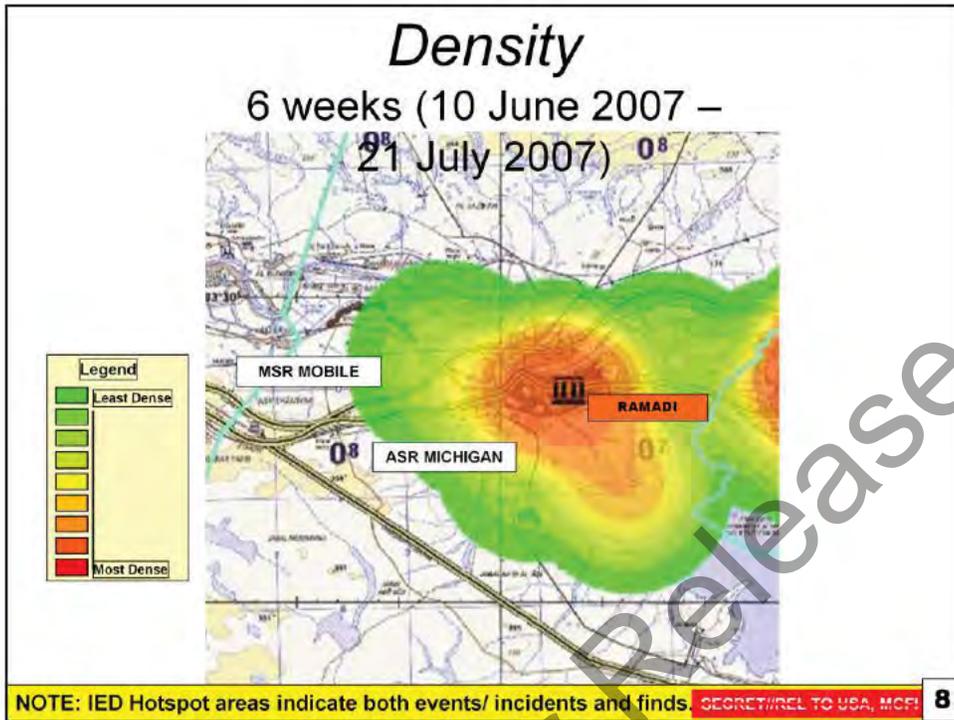


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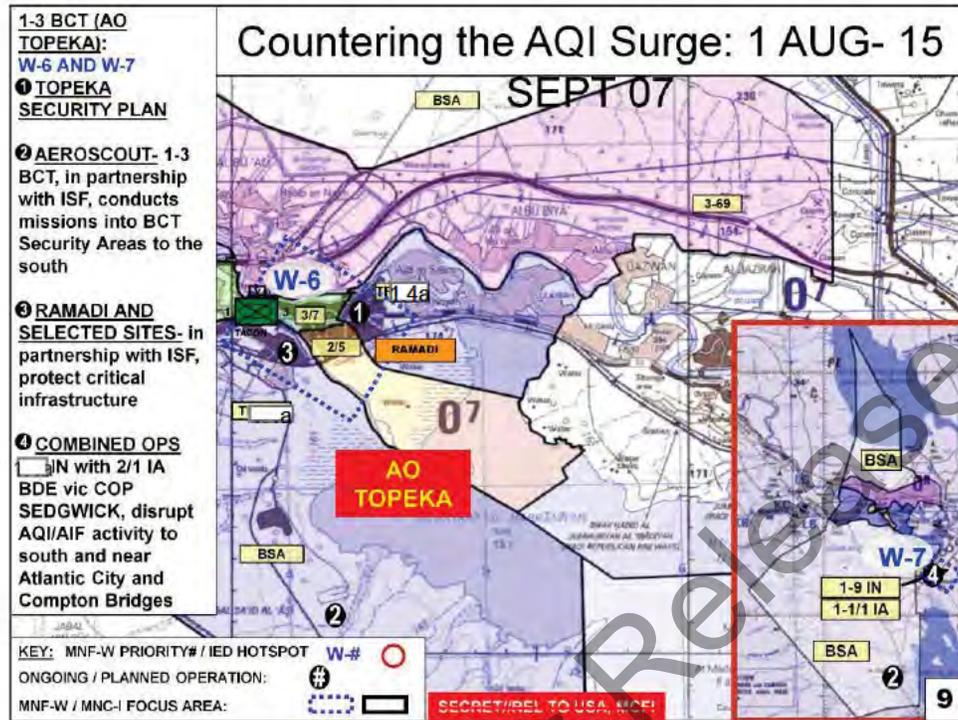


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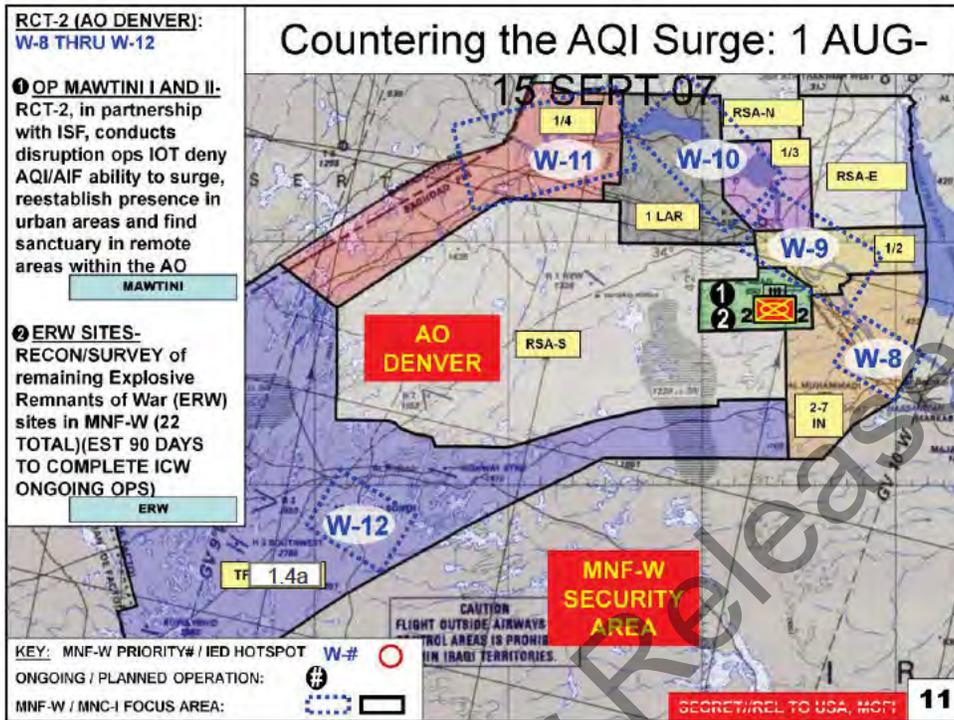




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SUMMARY

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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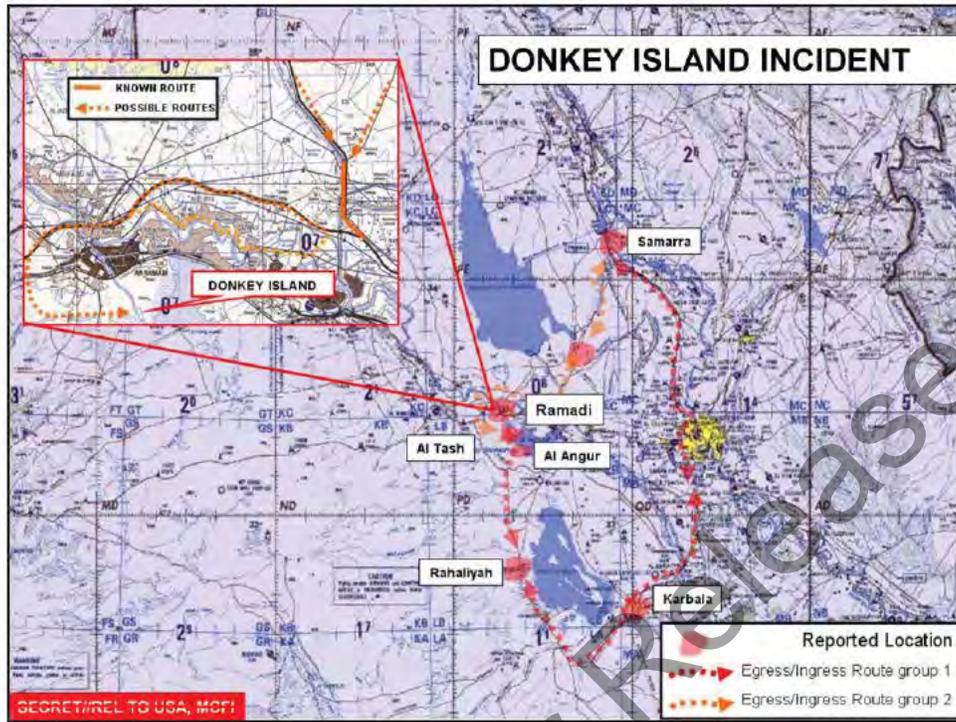
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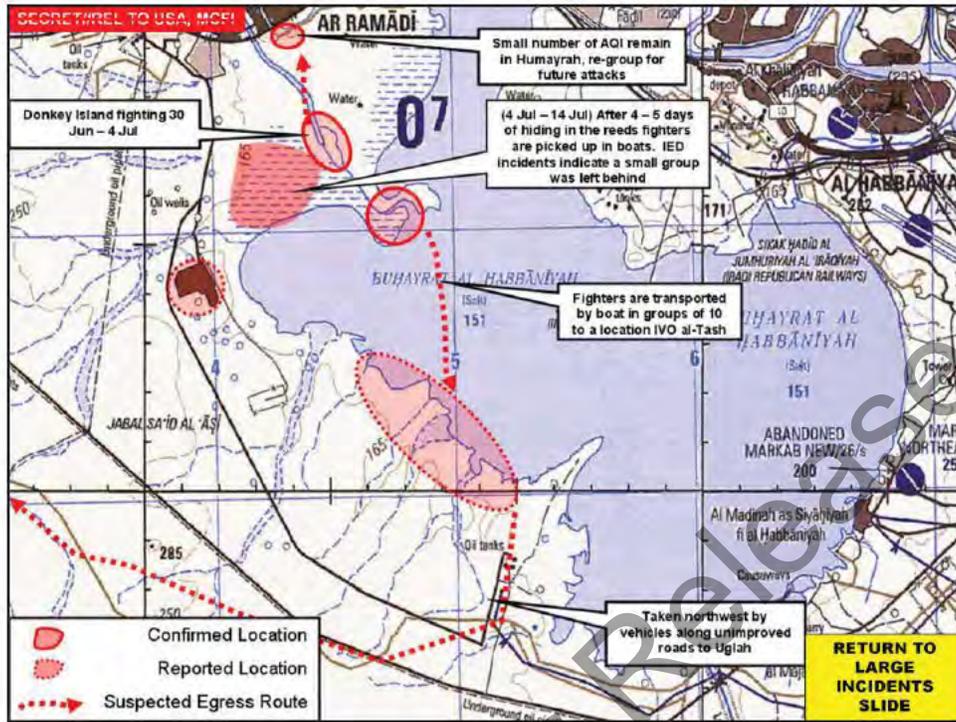


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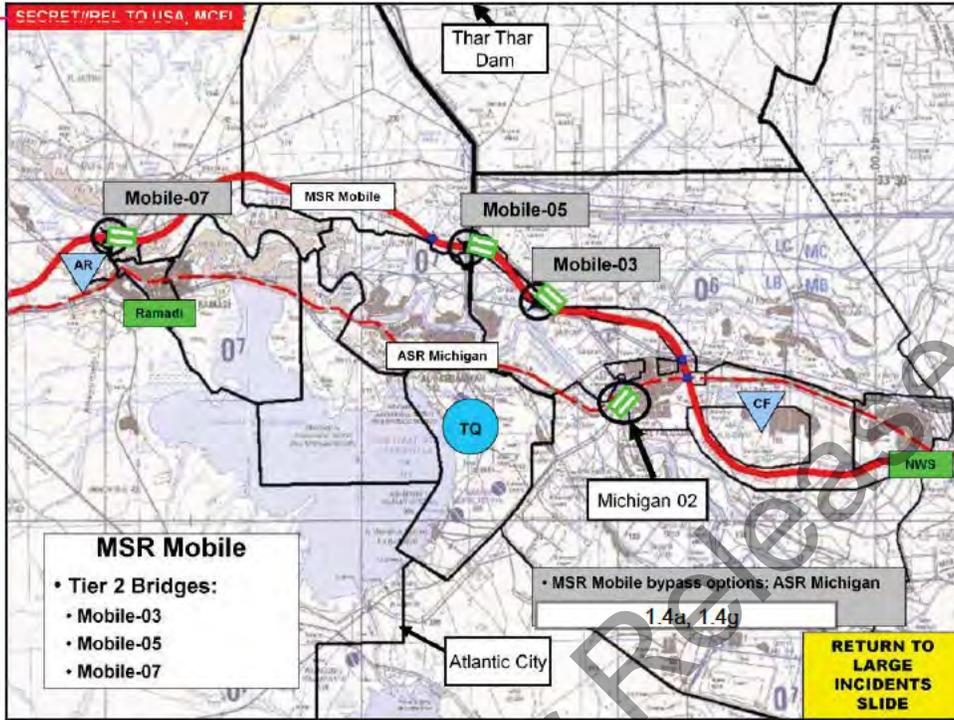


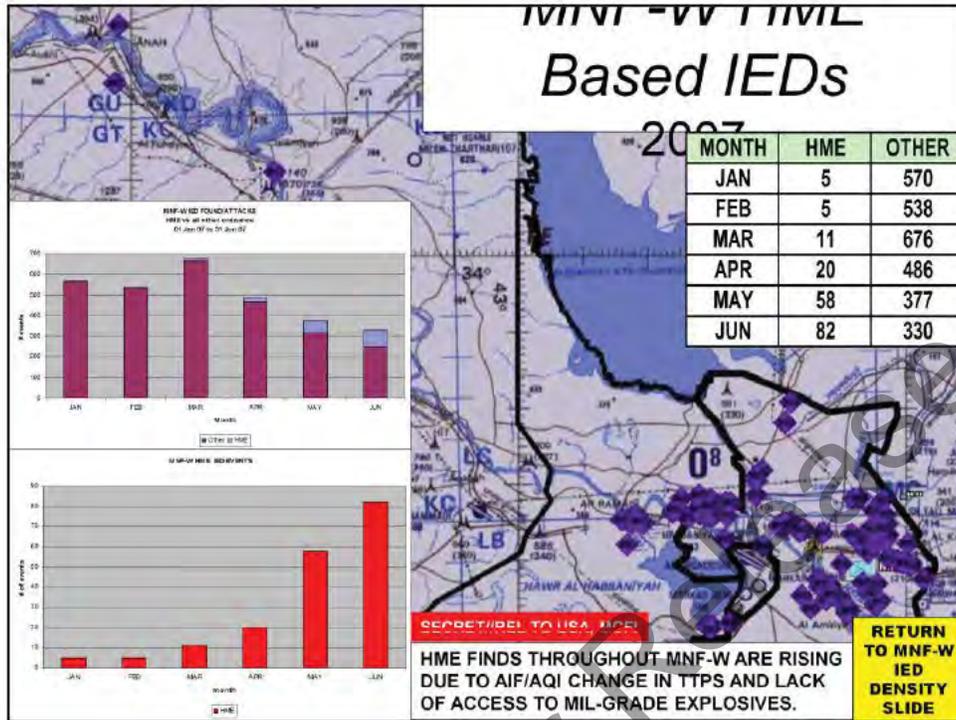


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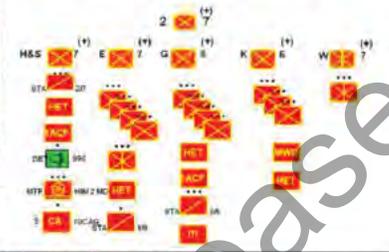
MNF-W CRITICAL BRIDGES			
Ravrah Hwy Bridge	Haditha Dam	Hit Bridge	Ramadi Bridges
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OPERATION BLACK DIAMOND (KARMAH)		16 Jun – 1 Sep 07	
	KEY INFORMATION		
	Primary Force: RCT-6 (2/7) ISF Personnel: N/A CF Personnel: 617 # of vehicles: 101 # of Aircraft: 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		
MISSION: O/O 2/7 isolates and clears Karmah in order to interdict accelerants to Baghdad/Fallujah and deny AIF/AQI safehaven.		TASK ORGANIZATION	
<p>operations outside the urban areas in order to disrupt the flow of AIF/AQI personnel and equipment into the MNF-IV decisive area (Ramadi/Fallujah) and the MNC-I decisive area (Baghdad). Adjacent: 3-850th 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. 2/5 executes Operation Aljiah in Fallujah. Supporting: 2d MAW(FWD) provides FW and RW CAS.</p>	<p>Method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue enduring COIN tasks per RCT-6 OIF 06-08 OPORD. 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. <p>Endstate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIF interdicted and unable to accelerate violence in Baghdad. ISF capable of conducting independent COIN operations. Establish conditions supporting Provincial Iraqi Control. 		
<p>Political Objectives in Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents understand that allowing terrorist safe haven prevents Iraq self-determination. Criminal activities hinder security. A secure environment promotes safety for children, economic prosperity, and the return of business to the area. 		<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">RETURN TO AO RALEIGH SLIDE</div> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">SECRET//REL TO USA, MCF</div>	

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OPERATION ALLJAH		29 May – Oct 07
1.4a, 1.4g	DISTRICT 1 Al Jabali DISTRICT 2 Al Ghathani DISTRICT 3 Al Hay Al Sijari DISTRICT 4 Hey Khalid Hussain Al Ghay Hey Mical Hey A. Tassan DISTRICT 5 Al Anfalas Hey Al Anfalas/ Wawabbari Al Ghosri Al Jumbura Al Thani Al Anfalas Mohammed Al Jumeil Al Gabeir Al Sa'ud Al Sa'ud Al Darim Waleed Al Jumeil Hey Al Jumeil Al Jumeil Al Thabiri Al Hakkani Thabiri Al Hakkani Al Hakkani DISTRICT 6 Al Ghathani Al Ula Jabir Al Huma Al Gassei DISTRICT 7 Maki Dabat Hey Sa'ad Hassan DISTRICT 8 Al Muallim Al Muallim Al Muallim/ Mariz Al Shara DISTRICT 9 Hey Al Dabat Mariz Al Shara Hey Al Dabat Al Thani DISTRICT 10 Hey Al Zuhair Hey Al Shara DISTRICT 11 Hey Al Adiri Tarek Al Marot Al San Hey Al Shara	KEY INFORMATION Primary Force: RCT-6 (2/6) CF Personnel: MOD Personnel: 1.4a, 1.4g MOI Personnel: # of vehicles: # of A/C: FWRW GAS 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 (JREIN) - CLB-6 - Co-2/1 IA - Fallujah IP - Altaba EOD, MWD, CER, 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.
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 Cahoon. Adjacent: S-7 Cav units insurgent activities in Amman-Pentown prevents use of area as a safe haven and LOC 2/7 clearing along Euphrates River denies caches and reduces enemy's ability to use Euphrates River as a seam. Supporting: 2d MAW(FWD) provides FWRW GAS and ISR; CLB-6 empacts barriers to restrict vehicular movement in and out of City Districts.	Purpose: Set conditions for IP control within Fallujah Method: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 volunteers Help when needed Endstate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S-11 District HQs w/ IP L/Cs 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 discontinued ECP transition to IP/USMC USMC positioned at FGC and external FOBS with squads supporting district headquarters – CMO efforts continue 	RETURN TO AO RALEIGH SLIDE

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Operation SILVER ANVIL		SECRET//REL TO USA, MCFI	
		<p>Concept of Operations: MNF-W secures Muthanna Chemical Complex and emplacement sites. This operation will be conducted in three phases.</p> <p>13th MEU(-)</p> <p>1.4a, 1.4c, 1.4g</p> <p>Phase I Develop Intel of who is at site, what is at site, and determine if there is opportune time to commence operations.</p> <p>Phase II On 19 Jun 07, 13th MEU Conducts operation to secure Muthanna Chemical Complex, kill or capture AQI using site, and</p> <p>1.4a, 1.4c, 1.4g</p> <p>Conducts operations to kill/capture AQI based on detection of AQI presence at Muthanna Chemical Complex.</p> <p>Phase III Sequel under development.</p>	
Reset Forces 17 - 19 JUN	19 JUN H Hr 0600	Clear Objs A and B	1.4a, 1.4c, 1.4g H+6 - H+24 Hrs
<p>Non-Kinetic Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. 		<p>Risk/Consequence Management</p> <p>Counter-IED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increased TH 4 route clearance operations along routes/LOCs. -Counter-IED/TIC: Priority for GMLRS, FW & RW, and UAV support (early warning) <p>ECBRN Specialists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -HAZMAT ID: detects liquids and solids -HAPSITE: GCMS technology, detects vapors. <p>MEDEVAC/TIC Support: MNF-W TACSOP, embedded in assault package</p>	
		<p>Timeline</p> <p>H-Hour: 190600D Jun 07</p> <p>Began Phase I: 170000D Jun 07</p> <p>Began Phase II: 190000D Jun 07 retrograde from initial operation has commenced.</p> <p>Began Phase III: TBD</p> <p>1.4a, 1.4c, 1.4g</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue operations and period patrols of Muthanna Chemical Complex -Transition/Turnover of BS to MND-N 	
		<p>RETURN TO AO ANAHEIM SLIDE</p>	

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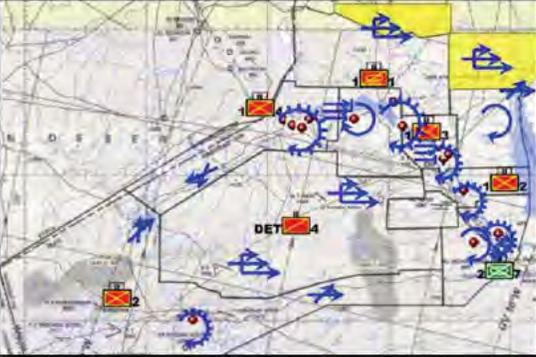
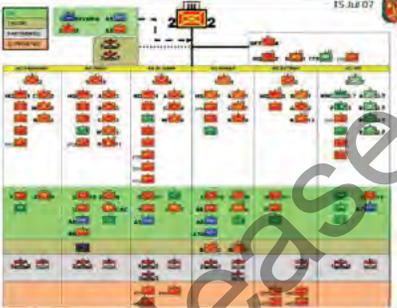
OPERATION PEGASUS BRIDGE		30 Jul – 10 Aug 07
		KEY INFORMATION Primary Force: 13th MEU (BLT 3/1) CF Personnel: MOD Personnel: 4a, 1.4g MOI Personnel: # of vehicles: # of A/C: FWRW CAS will be requested Pre-Planned Fires: N/A Nearest City: Fallujah Planned Start Date: 30 Jul 07 Planned End Date: 10 Aug 07
		Task Organization 
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 cleaning Karahi ICW ISF IOT interdict accelerants to Baghdad/Fallujah and deny AIF/AQI safe haven. 2-5 Cav (MND-B) conducted an AASLT vic Ibrahīm 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, FWRW CAS, and ISR ISG 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 raillines and ASR Lincoln Conduct detailed population control operations, vis 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.	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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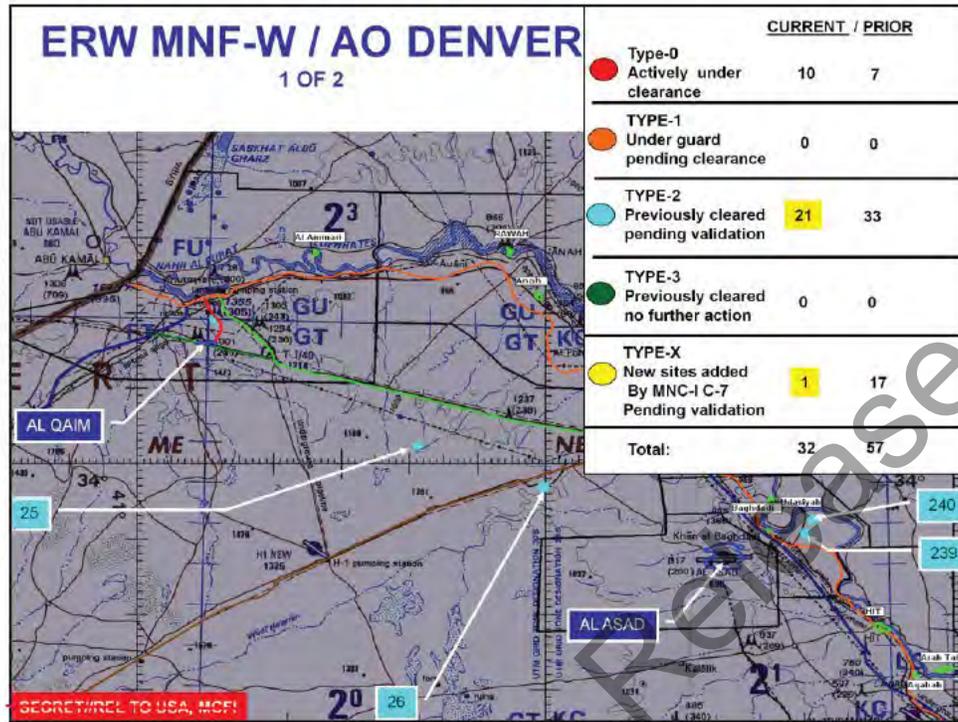
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OPERATION MAWTINI (MY HOMELAND)		15 JULY – 15 AUG 07	SECRET//REL TO USA, MOF
	KEY INFORMATION		
	<p>Primary Force: RCT-2 MOD Personnel: 1,400 CF Personnel: 1,400 # of vehicles: TBD # of Aircraft: RW/FW CAS requested Pre-Planned Fires: N/A Nearest City: 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</p>		
<p>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.</p> <p>Operation Harris Ba'ail and ops conducted since that time have provided RCT-2 a better picture of the movement patterns of the enemy.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Key Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disrupt the Enemy - Secure Key Terrain - Protect the Population - Achieve Intermediate LOO Objectives - Conduct Focused CIED operations <p>Endstate: IA battalions and 27 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.</p>		
		<p>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.</p>	
		<p>RETURN TO AO DENVER SLIDE</p>	

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- Site 239 19 km from Al ASAD
- Site 240 22 km from Al ASAD
- Site 26 82 km from Al ASAD 132 km from AL QAIM
- Site 25 118 km from Al ASAD 75 km from AL QAIM
- Site 27 160 km from Al ASAD 6 km from AL QAIM

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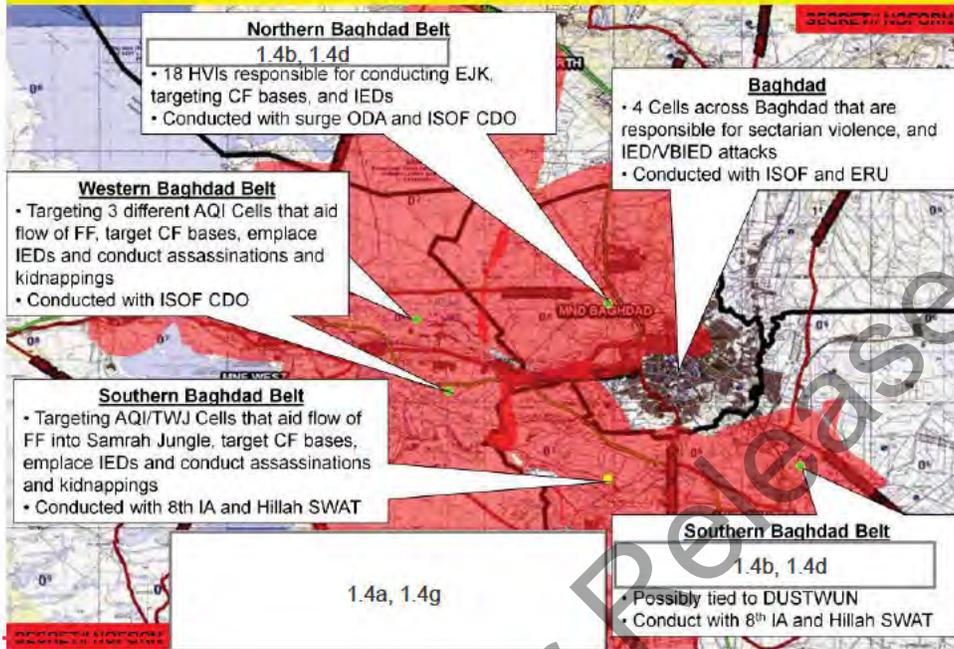
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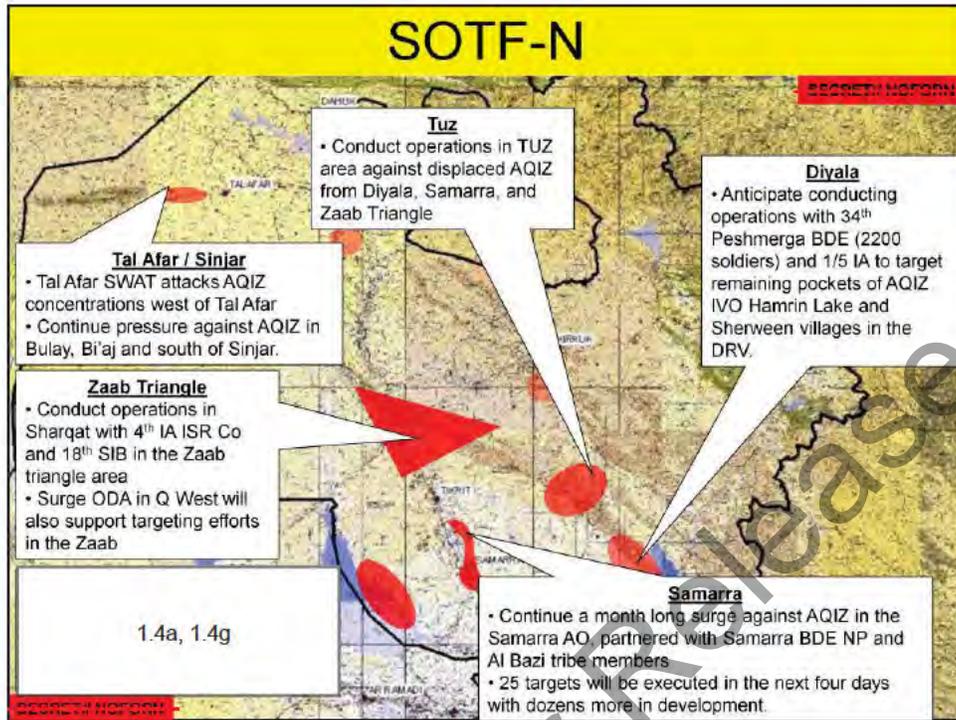
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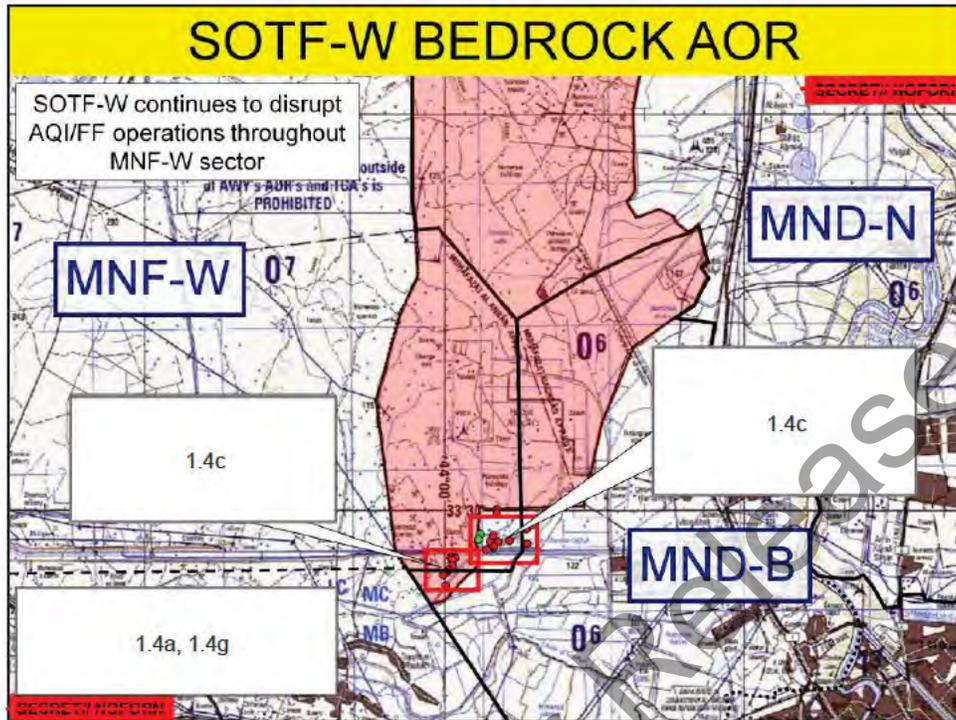
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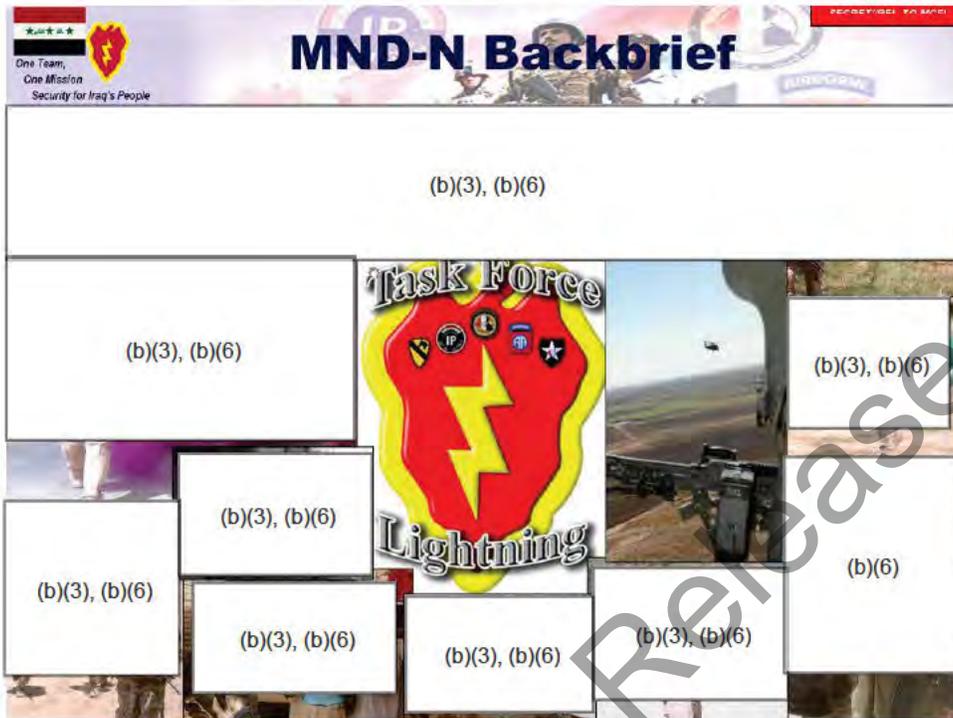
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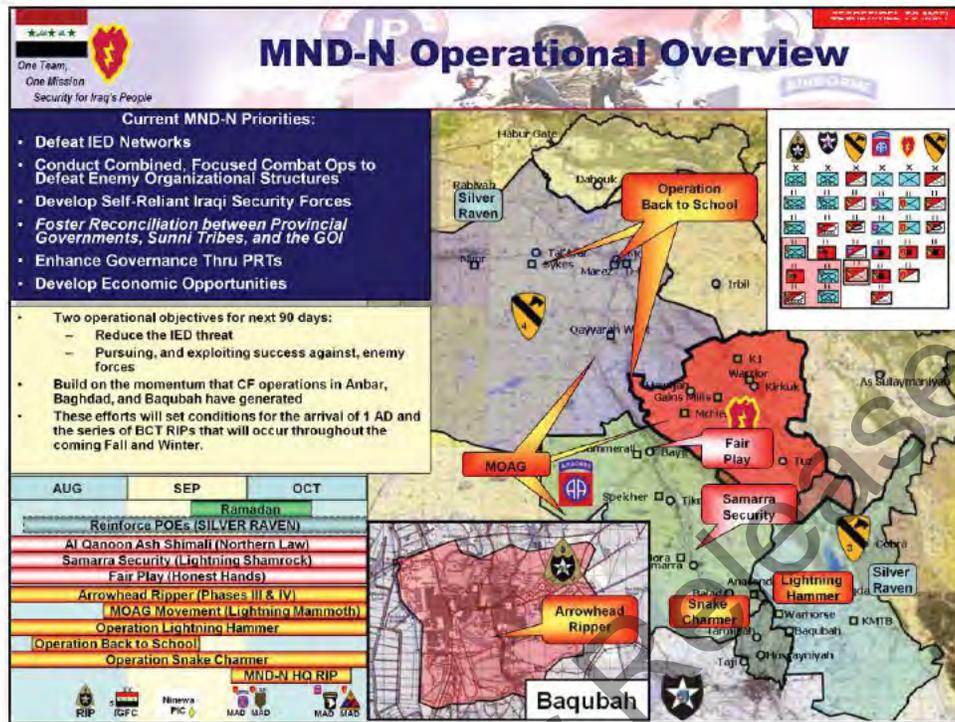


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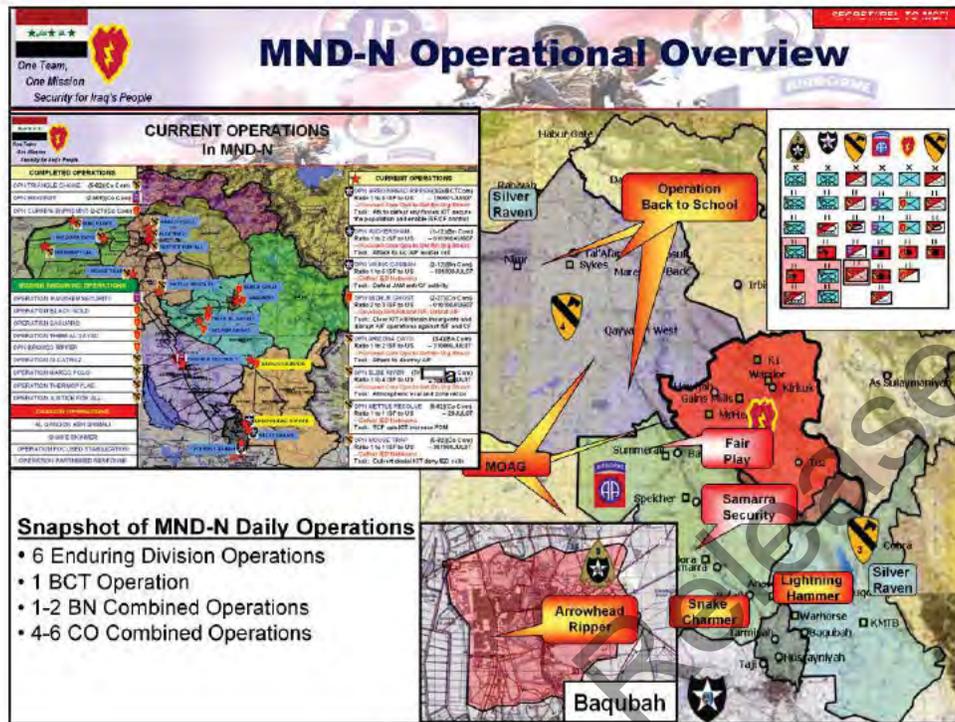


There are 4 Phantom Strike Backbrief Requirements

1. Identify Planned Operations in support of Phantom Strike (Unit and Location of Operation)
2. MND Plan for prioritizing Internal Enablers to effect a surge in emphasis against AQI and IED Networks from 15 AUG – 15 SEP
3. Anticipated Requirements for Corps level Enablers
4. Any Additional Corps Support Required



- Working down the left hand side of the slide, the MND-N Operational Priorities, Operational Objectives, and enduring MND-N missions
- Our objective for the next 90 days is to reduce the IED threat and to pursue, and exploit success against, enemy forces – These objectives directly support Operation Phantom Strike
- Enduring Missions, Emerging Missions, and RIP will challenge the MND ability to fully resource operations with internal assets



Enduring Operations

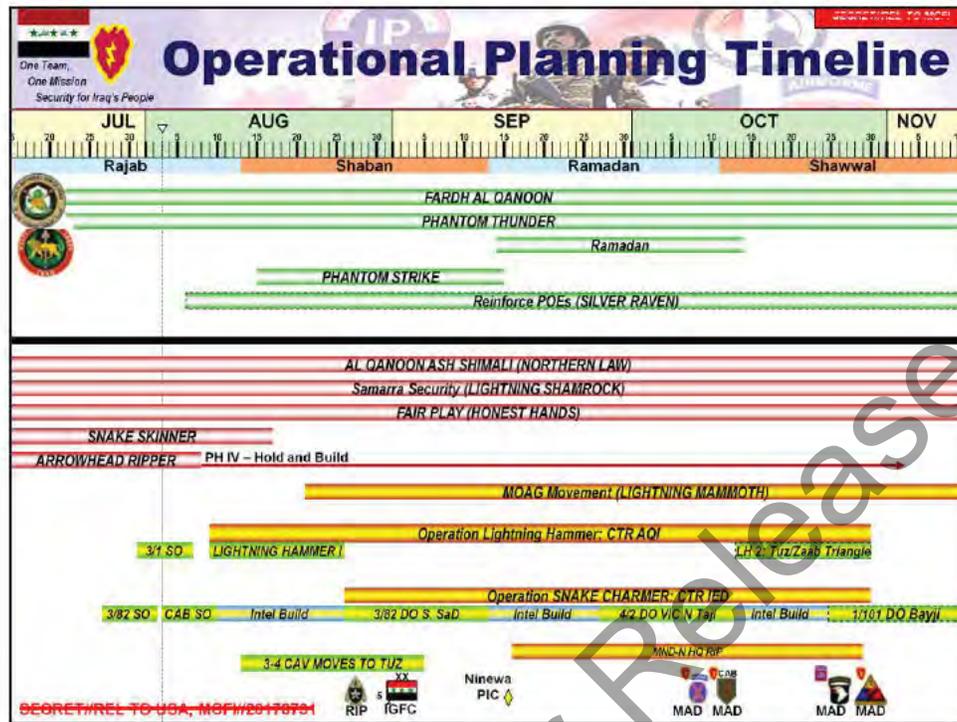
- Al Qanoon Ash Shimali (Northern Law)
- Snake Skinner
- Operation Focused Stabilization
- Operation Partnered Response
- Fair Play (Honest Hands)
- Samarra Security (Lightning Shamrock)

BCT Operations

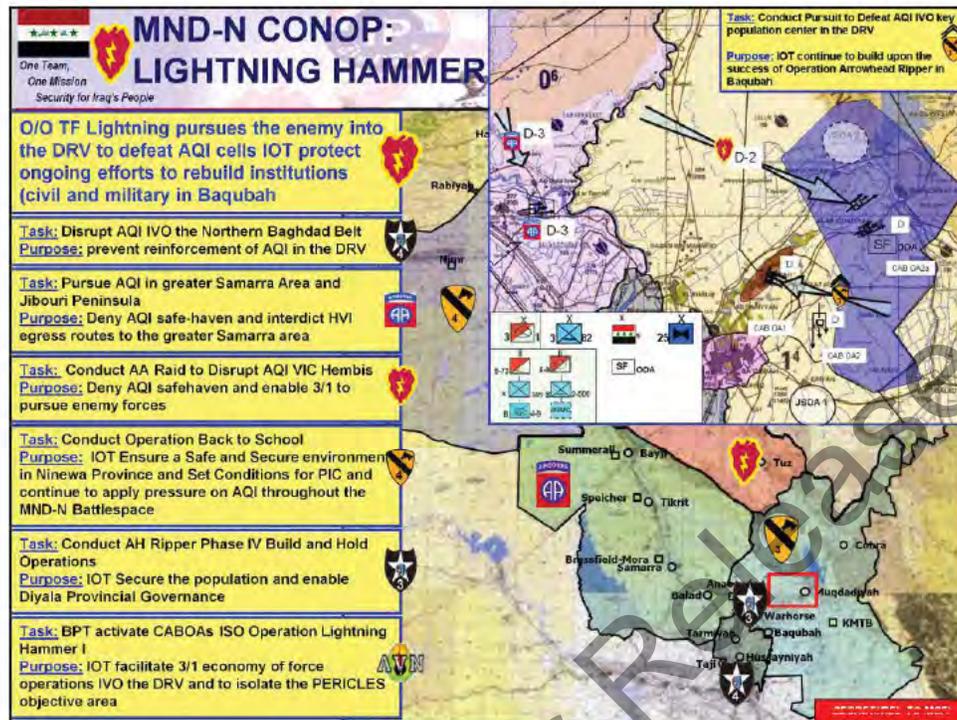
Arrowhead Ripper Phase IV

Emerging Operations

- MOAG Movement (Lightning Mammoth)
- Operation Lightning Hammer
- Operation Snake Charmer
- TF Lightning RIP/TOA with TF Iron



- Operation's Lightning Hammer and Snake Charmer are two MND-N Named Operations that achieve your intent for Operation Phantom Strike
- Shaping Operations for Lightning Hammer and Snake Charmer
 - 1-3 AUG Operation Wickersham (1-12 IN SW of Baqubah ISO Lightning Hammer)
 - 4-6 AUG Operation Hoplite (5-73 in the DRV ISO Lightning Hammer)
 - 4-8 AUG Operation Mechanics (3/2 in Baqubah ISO Arrowhead Ripper)
 - **5-8 AUG Highwayman (25 CAB SO along MSR Tampa ISO Snake Charmer)**
 - 5-8 AUG Operation William Wallace (5-73 in the DRV ISO Lightning Hammer)
 - **10 AUG – 10 SEP Operation Back to School (4/1 SO ISO Lightning Hammer)**
 - D-3 (11 AUG) 3/82 ABN AA S of Samarra
 - **D-2 (12 AUG) 3/25 ID AA IVO Hembis and Sinsel**
 - 14-25 AUG INTEL Build ISO Snake Charmer
 - **11 AUG – O/A 7 SEP Movement of 3-4 CAV from Sykes to Tuz**



Purpose: In order for TF Lightning to continue to build upon the success of Operation Arrowhead Ripper in Baqubah, TF Lightning will conduct the first in a series of Lightning Hammer operations in the Diyala River Valley (DRV). The first iteration of Lightning Hammer will focus on the defeat of the enemy vicinity key population centers in the DRV. **Decisive to this operation is continuing the success in Baqubah while simultaneously defeating the enemy in the key population centers of the DRV.** Shaping operations will include disrupting enemy forces VIC Hembis, Sinsil, Muqadiyah, Kanan and Balad Ruz.

Key Tasks:

- Defeat the enemy in the DRV, specifically Abu Kharma, Mukisha, and Qubah (Decisive)
- Destroy enemy C2 and logistical nodes
- Interdict AQI lines of communication into and out of the DRV
- Disrupt enemy activity North of the Diyala River VIC Hembes and Sinsil
- Disrupt enemy activity South of the DRV VIC Kanan and Balad Ruz
- Disrupt the enemy in CABOAs 1, 2 and 2 A
- Leverage IO and non-kinetic enablers IOT increase momentum generated during Operation Arrowhead Ripper and achieve our operational goals

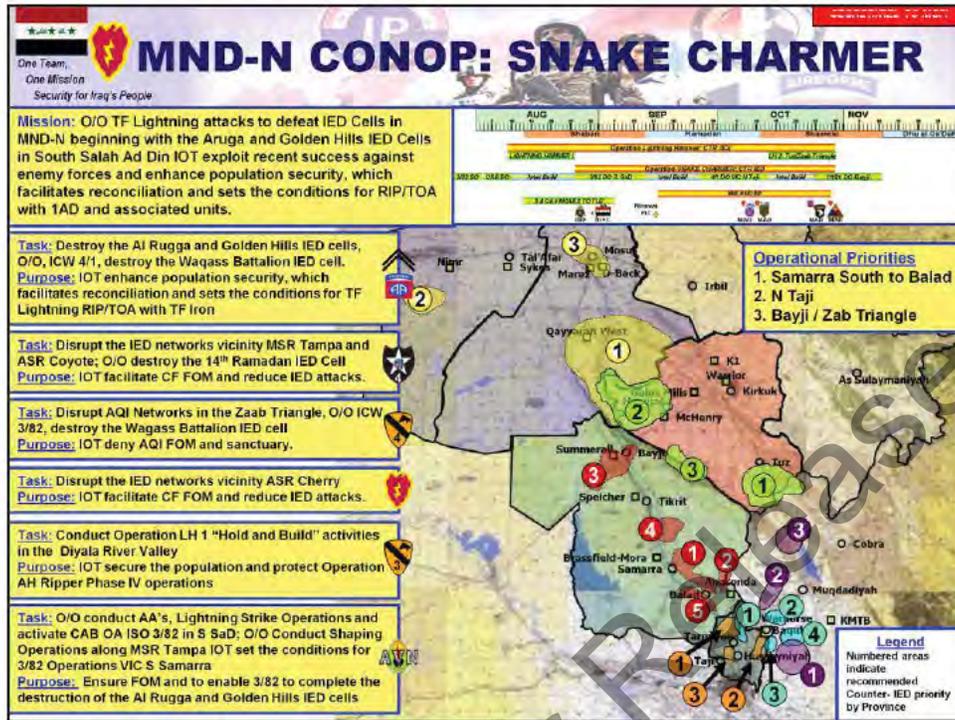
End State:

Friendly: Conditions are set for IA and IP to retain gains during Operation Lightning Hammer with minimal CF oversight. CF are postured to conduct follow-on Lightning Hammer operations IOT continue the pursuit of the enemy in Diyala.

Enemy: The enemy is defeated in the Diyala River Valley and can not effectively disrupt recent TF Lightning successes in Baqubah. The enemy's external influence on Baqubah and throughout Diyala is disrupted.

Terrain: The local population's perception of the IA and IP is positive. The government of Diyala continues to establish itself as the governing body of the Province. The DOC is fully functional and operating.

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Purpose: Operation SNAKE CHARMER is an offensive operation designed to defeat AQI and IED networks and facilitate reconciliation in AO lightning by creating effects at the Operational level. Additionally, SNAKE CHARMER is a shaping operation for Operation PHANTOM STRIKE which enables MNC-I to disrupt AQI's ops in advance of Ramadan and the September assessment.

We will achieve Operational level effects by isolating specific IED cells and attacking them in depth, with simultaneous operations to eliminate sanctuary, dominate lines of communication, capture or kill HVI's, and target the network's supporting infrastructure to include robust programs to mitigate the environmental factors that enable network control. I will assume risk, where necessary, in order to weight the ME.

Key Tasks:

- Disrupt AQI FOM within the population through programs to Foster reconciliation, encourage use of Tip Lines and IO to publicize the small/micro rewards program
- Sequentially, Defeat IED networks in Southern SaD, Tuz, and the Bayji/Zaab Triangle region
- Dominate key portions of MSRs/ASRs IOT ensure CF FOM
- Maintain the initiative with an accelerated and unpredictable OPTEMPO; conduct high potential operations even when forces to hold and build are not available
- Incorporate ISF into operations at every echelon

Endstate:

Friendly: 25th ID forces have freedom of movement in sector and are postured to receive 1st AD and it's associated units.

Enemy: The Al Rugga and Golden Hills IED cells defeated in Southern SaD. AQI influence with the local populace is diminished enabling progress towards reconciliation.

Terrain: The local populace enjoys an increased sense of security. IA and IPS are dominant security forces, operating under Provincial/Local C2, who support and uphold the rule of law; setting the environmental conditions required for the initial stages of reconciliation and PIC.

Corps Enablers Required

- **Aviation**
 - Extend GS AWTs TO MND-N until 01 SEP 07
- **ISR**

1.4a, 1.4g
- **Engineer**
 - Priority of Support from Corps Route Clearance Assets
 - Priority of Support for MNC-I Route Clearance Equipment fielding thru September
- **Corps Support other than Enablers**
 - None

Aviation

- 2 X AWTs currently GS to MND-N due to return to MNC-I control on 15 AUG.
- Require extension to 1 SEP IOT support Decisive Operations for Operation Lightning Hammer and Operation Snake Charmer

ISR

Projected ISR On-Hand

Engineer Assets:

- Require 2 X Additional RCTs in Diyala IOT support Operation Lightning Hammer.
- Require 875th TAI coverage on Southern Tampa IVO TAI Massachusetts in support of Snake Charmer from 25 AUG to O/A 4 NOV
- Request priority of Support for MNC-I RTE Clearance Team Equipment Fielding thru September

One Team,
One Mission
Security for Iraq's People

MND-N ISR Requirements

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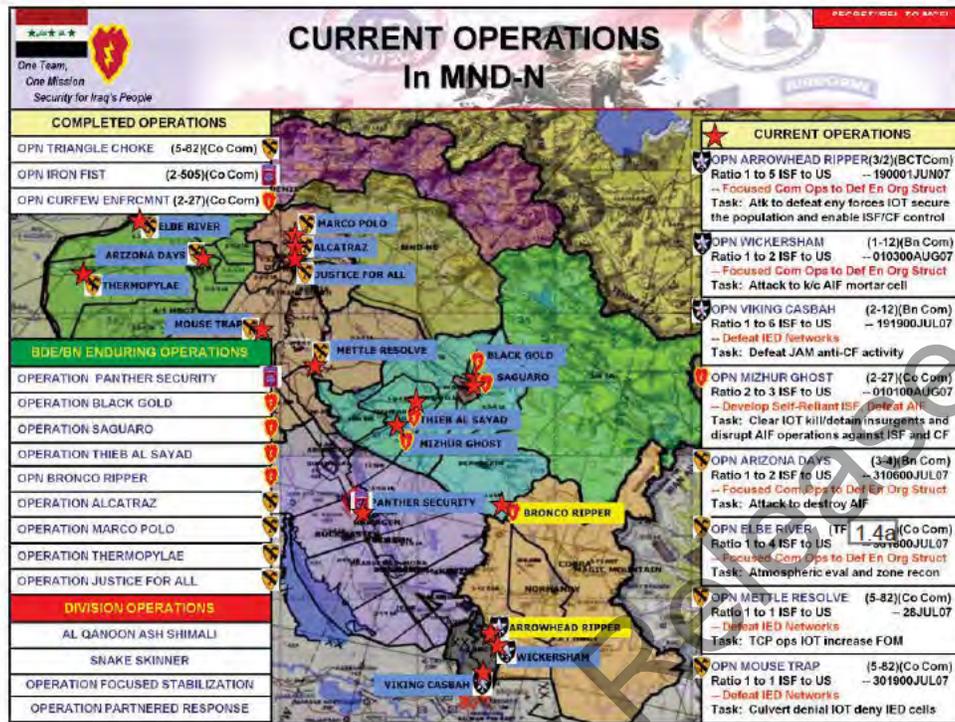
From early August until mid-October MND-N will simultaneously conduct over six Division-level operations ISO OPNs PHANTOM THUNDER and PHANTOM STRIKE. To achieve maximum operational and tactical effects MND-N must integrate EAD ISR to fill intelligence gaps and ensure situational awareness within a battle space the size of Pennsylvania.

ISR Requests (Per 24 Hour Period)

- 1. Add to the list of targets in the area, Add the priority target and address the advantage.
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Projected ISR On-Hand

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Operation Snake Skinner, day 61 – Arrowhead Ripper, day 43

During the last 12 hours, there were 2 x company level and above operations completed and 1 x OCF-I mission executed. Completed operations are Bandit Quest in AO Greywolf and Fox Run in AO Panther.

There are currently 7 x non-enduring, on-going company level and above operations which are Arrowhead Ripper in AO Arrowhead, Viking Casbah in AO Raider, Arizona Days, Elbe River, Mettle Resolve, Triangle Choke and Mouse Trap in AO Long Knife.

During the next 12 hours, there are 4 x company level and above operations scheduled to begin and no OCF-I missions planned. New operations are Wickersham in AO Raider, Simms Iron Fist in AO Panther, Curfew Enforcement and Mizhur Ghost in AO Bronco.

I'll be followed by the Arrowhead LNO.

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Operation **LIGHTNING HAMMER**

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O/O, TF Lightning pursues the enemy into the DRV to defeat AQI cells IOT protect ongoing efforts to rebuild institutions (civil and military) in Baqubah

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Commanders Intent

Purpose: In order for TF Lightning to continue to build upon the success of Operation Arrowhead Ripper in Baqubah, TF Lightning will conduct the first in a series of Lightning Hammer operations in the Diyala River Valley (DRV). The first iteration of Lightning Hammer will focus on the defeat of the enemy vicinity key population centers in the DRV. Decisive to this operation is continuing the success in Baqubah while simultaneously defeating the enemy in the key population centers of the DRV. Shaping operations will include disrupting enemy forces VIC Hembis, Sinsil, Muqdadiyah, Kanan and Balad Ruz.

Key tasks:

- Defeat the enemy in the DRV, specifically Abu Kharma, Mukisha, and Qubah (Decisive)
- Destroy enemy C2 and logistical nodes
- Interdict AQL lines of communication into and out of the DRV
- Disrupt enemy activity North of the Diyala River VIC Hembes and Sinsil
- Disrupt enemy activity South of the DRV VIC Kanan and Balad Ruz
- Disrupt the enemy in CABOAs 1, 2 and 2 A
- Leverage IO and non-kinetic enablers IOT increase momentum generated during Operation Arrowhead Ripper and achieve our operational goals

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End State:

Friendly: Conditions are set for IA and IP to retain gains during Operation Lightning Hammer with minimal CF oversight. CF are postured to conduct follow-on Lightning Hammer operations IOT continue the pursuit of the enemy in Diyala.

Enemy: The enemy is defeated in the Diyala River Valley and can not effectively disrupt recent TF Lightning successes in Baqubah. The enemy's external influence on Baqubah and throughout Diyala is disrupted.

Terrain: The local population's perception of the IA and IP is positive. The government of Diyala continues to establish itself as the governing body of the Province. The DOC is fully functional and operating.

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Mission Statement

O/O TF Lightning attacks to defeat IED Cells in MND-N beginning with the Al Rugga and Golden Hills IED Cells in South Salah Ad Din IOT exploit recent success against AQI and enhance population security, which facilitates reconciliation and sets the conditions for RIP/TOA with 1AD and associated units.

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Commander's Intent

FORGETTING TO BE FORGOTTEN

Purpose: Operation SNAKE CHARMER is an offensive operation designed to defeat AQI and IED networks and facilitate reconciliation in AO lightning by creating effects at the Operational level. Additionally, SNAKE CHARMER is a shaping operation for Operation PHANTOM STRIKE which enables MNC-I to disrupt AQI's ops in advance of Ramadan and the September assessment.

We will achieve Operational level effects by isolating specific IED cells and attacking them in depth, with simultaneous operations to eliminate sanctuary, dominate lines of communication, capture or kill HVI's, and target the network's supporting infrastructure to include robust programs to mitigate the environmental factors that enable network control. I will assume risk, where necessary, in order to weight the ME.

Key Tasks:

- Disrupt AQI FOM within the population through programs to Foster reconciliation, encourage use of Tip Lines and IO to publicize the small/micro rewards program
- Sequentially, Defeat IED networks in Southern SaD, Tuz, and the Bayji/Zaab Triangle region
- Dominate key portions of MSR/ASRs IOT ensure CF FOM
- Maintain the initiative with an accelerated and unpredictable OPTEMPO; conduct high potential operations even when forces to hold and build are not available
- Incorporate ISF into operations at every echelon

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Commander's Intent

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Endstate:

Friendly: 25th ID forces have freedom of movement in sector and are postured to receive 1st AD and it's associated units.

Enemy: The Al Rugga and Golden Hills IED cells defeated in Southern SaD. AQI influence with the local populace is diminished enabling progress towards reconciliation.

Terrain: The local populace enjoys an increased sense of security. IA and IPS are dominant security forces, operating under Provincial/Local C2, who support and uphold the rule of law; setting the environmental conditions required for the initial stages of reconciliation and PIC.

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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.

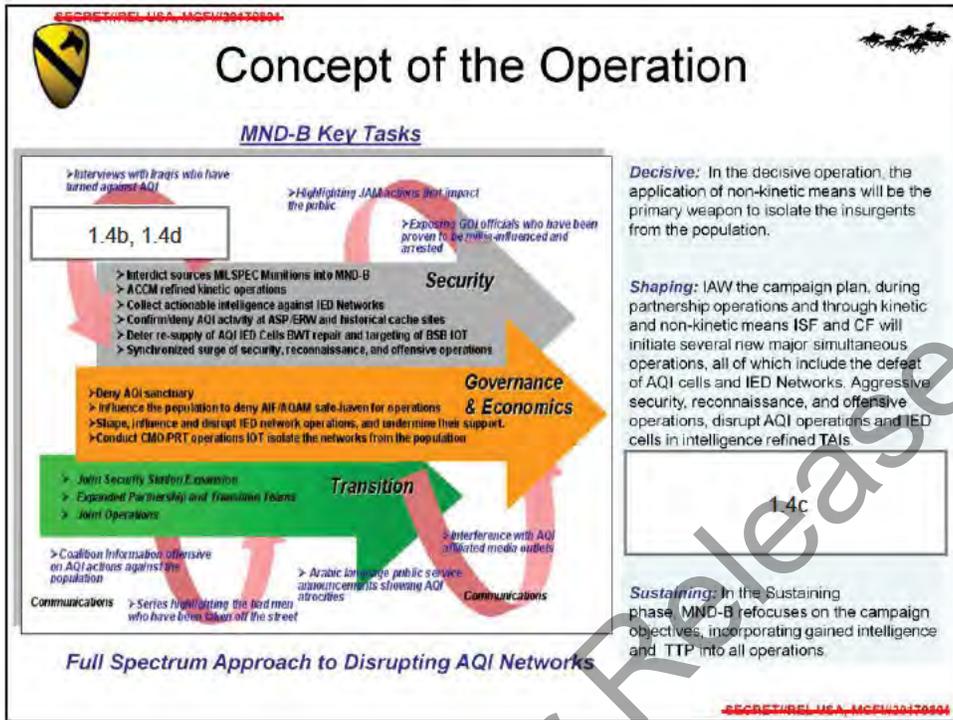
MND-B Objectives

- 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

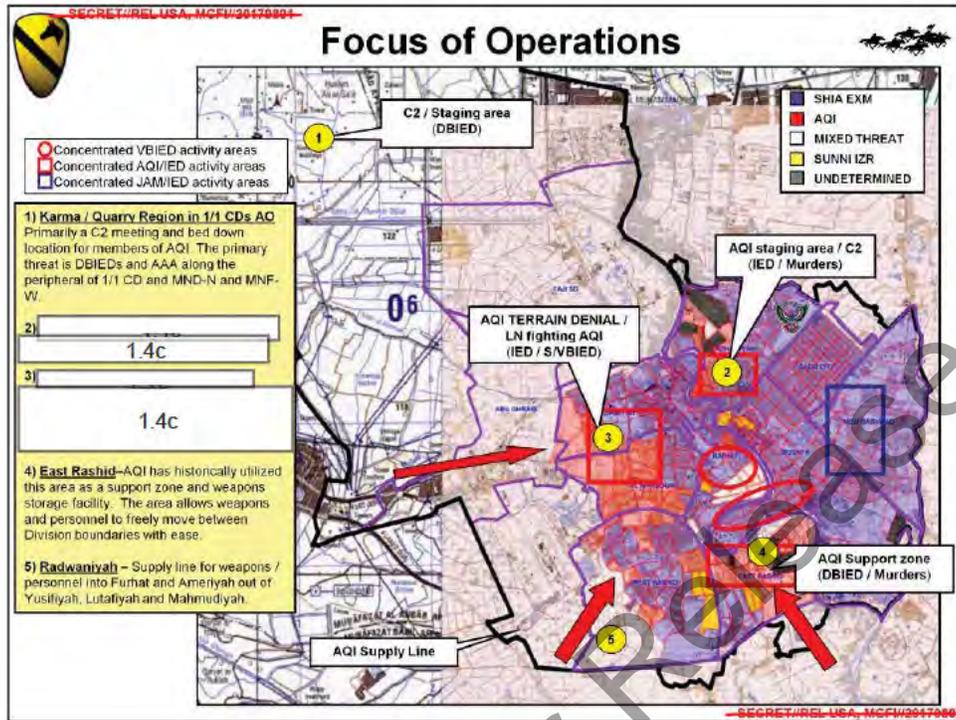
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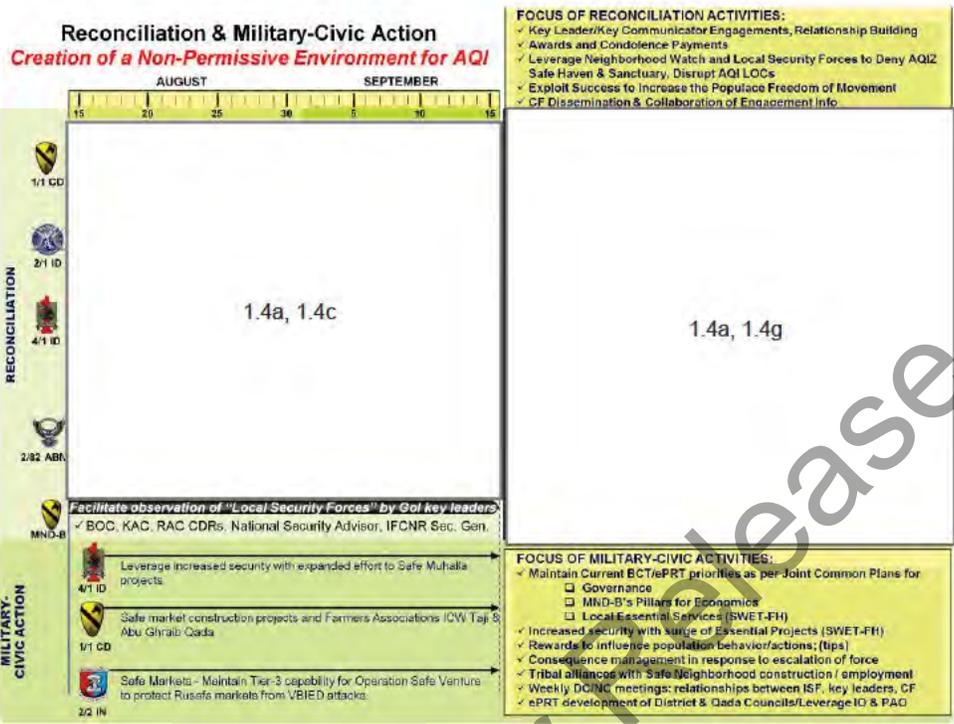
Arab Jabour / S. East Rashid (IVO "5 Acres") – Elements of AQI, more specifically [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d [redacted] primarily, have historically utilized this area as a support zone and weapons storage facility. Reporting also indicates foreign fighter facilitation (FFF) moved through the farms area into MND-B. The 11 JUN cache finds corroborated the historical reporting. Recently, reliable reporting indicates AQI elements of the [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d [redacted] network have resumed use of the "5 Acres" area within the southeast portion of 4/1 IDs AO, possibly re-supplying the cache for future attacks. The Arab Jabour area allows weapons and personnel to freely move between Division boundaries with ease. The DBIED threat to the west IVO MSR Tampa and north along the MND-B AO boundary allows AQI elements FOM as well as an early warning system.

Radwaniyah – The outlying area along the southwest portion of West Rashid is historically used as a ratline for weapons / personnel into Furhat and Ameriyah out of Yusifiyah, Lutafiyah and Mahmudiyah. AQI's primary focus in this area is to combat the JAM expansion out of the hayy Jihad and maintain FOM into Ameriyah.

Southern Ghazaliyah – This area has historically been known to house Sunni elements targeting ISF / MNF along ASR Michigan and combat JAM elements from Shula. Recently reporting indicates elements of AQI have moved to southern Ghazaliyah IOT evade targeting by ISF / MNF and Sunni elements of [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d [redacted]. However, with the onset of the [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d [redacted] soon to be legitimized, AQI will likely need to move again to evade further targeting efforts.

Karma / Quarry Region in 1/1 CDs AO – This area is underdeveloped due to a lack of sources and MNF operations (1/1 CD) in the northwest portion of 1/1 CDs AO. However, multiple TF [redacted] 1.4a [redacted] raids and exploitations have shown this area is 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. Lines of FFF also run into the Ironhorse AO, primarily from the north and out of the Karma region. However, the current reconciliation engagements by 1/1 CD has greatly hindered AQI's ability to retain FOM and support zones outside of Baghdad. This has also caused a lack of confidence and distrust amongst the leadership and therefore a split in ideologies.

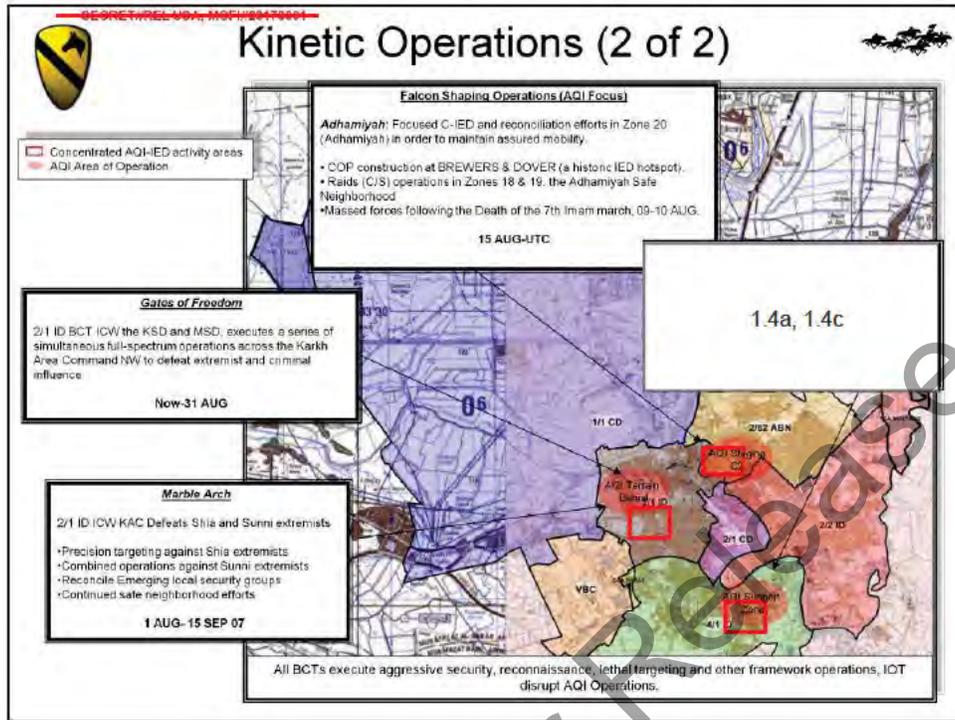
Hayy Adhamiyah – Hayy Adhamiyah is not considered an AQI "safe haven" by any means, however, reporting indicates that AQI personalities in the [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d [redacted] feel comfortable using Adhamiyah as a base of operations. There are several Sunni groups operating within Hayy Adhamiyah, all are fully aware that AQI is operating within the AO, and most are doing nothing to counteract it. A [redacted] I has both significant influence and freedom of movement within the Hayy. The [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d [redacted] uses Hayy Adhamiyah as a staging area in preparation for attacks that are to be conducted in the usafa Sector of Baghdad. In addition, the [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d [redacted] and the area surrounding are reported to be key meeting locations for AQI Senior Leaders in Baghdad. Adhamiyah is the key Sunni dominated area remaining in Eastern Baghdad, as a result, AQI has no where else to go.

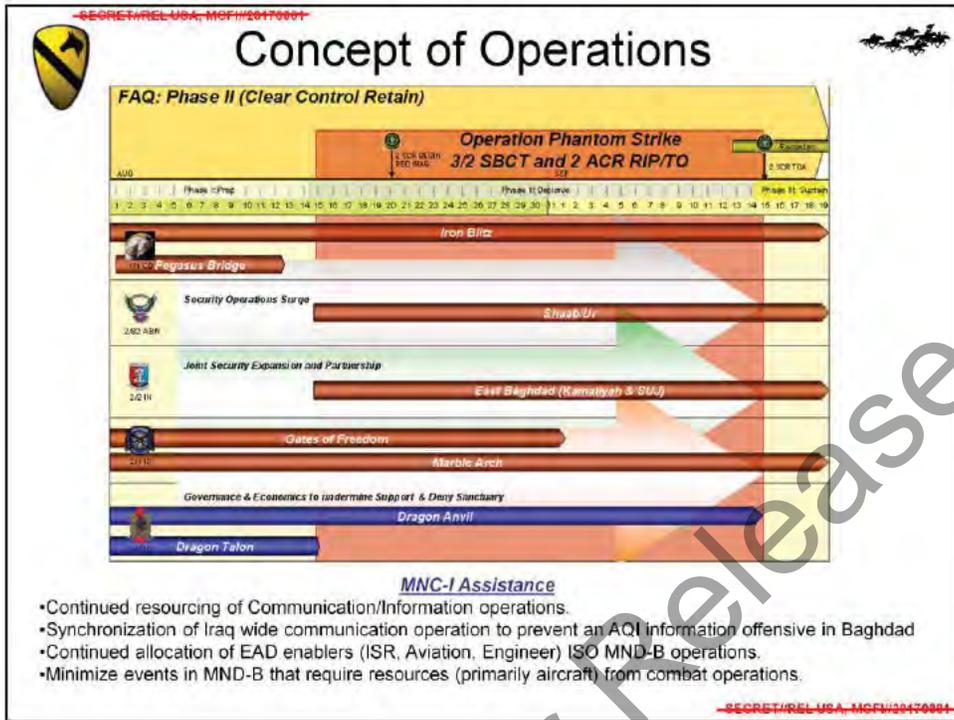


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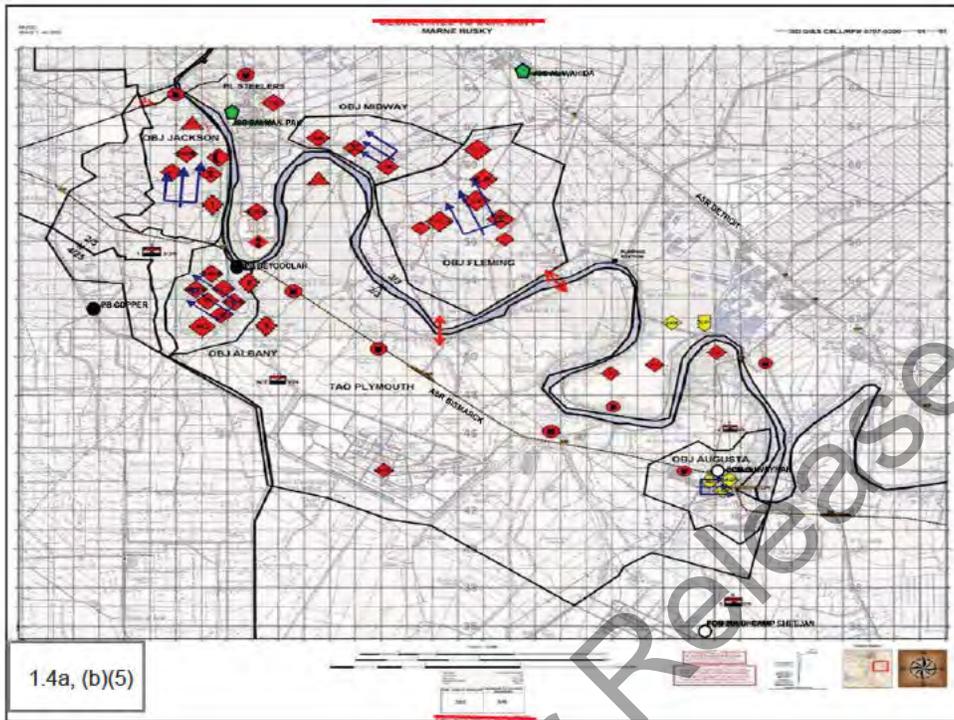
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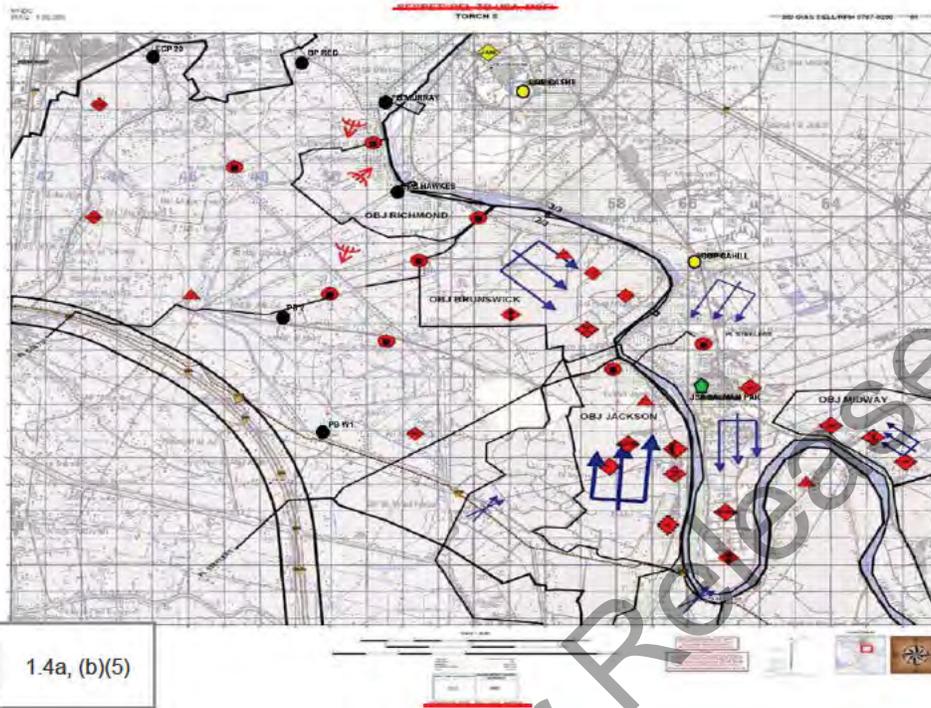


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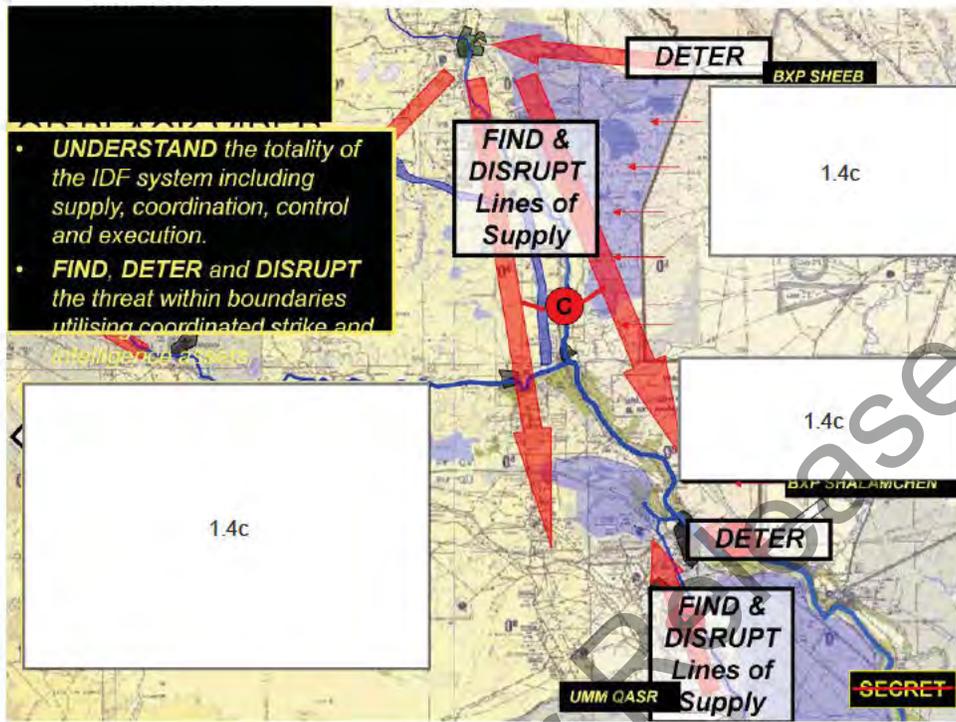
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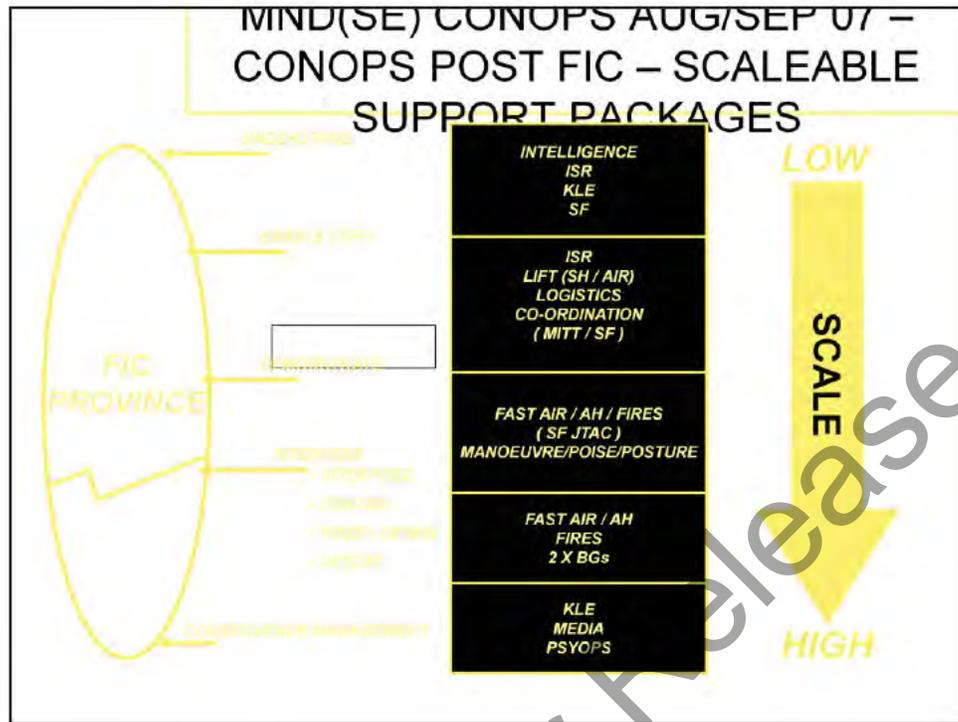
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- **FIND, DETER** and **DISRUPT** the threat within boundaries utilising coordinated strike and intelligence assets.



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