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Commander's Intent

- **Purpose**. The purpose of Phantom Strike is to disrupt AQI and JAM SG planning, preparation, and execution of operations in order to prevent AQI and JAM SG from negatively impacting CF and GOI progress and continuing CF and ISF momentum in dismantling AQI and JAM SG networks.

- **Key Tasks**
  - *Significantly increase the OPTEMPO of offensive operations against AQI and JAM SG 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 and JAM SG operations for maximum impact in disrupting their networks.*

- **Endstate.** AQI and JAM SG planning and preparation disrupted, AQI and JAM SG unable to execute a surge in operations, and CF and ISF momentum against AQI and JAM SG networks sustained or accelerated.

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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 and JAM SG operations from 15 Aug to 15 Sep 07. CF Operations will include short term raids against AQI and JAM SG sanctuaries / staging areas, targeted operations to dismantle AQI DBIED networks, and operations to kill or capture AQI and JAM SG HVIs. During this time period operations with a high potential to temporarily disrupt AQI or JAM SG 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 and JAM SG operations.

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.
- Enforce Iraq/Syria POE security measures with Continuous CF oversight to reduce flow of external support to AQI.
- 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 AQI targets outside the operational reach of conventional forces with ODA/AWT/ISR strike packages as required by assessed priorities.