

# MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Corps Main Effort: MND-BAGHDAD      Decisive Operation: SECURE BAGHDAD

**MNC-I Mission**

MNC-I conducts combat and stability operations in coordination with the Iraqi Security Forces to secure the population, defeat terrorists and irreconcilable extremists, neutralize insurgent and militia groups, and transition responsibilities to the ISF in order to reduce violence, gain the support of the people, stabilize Iraq, and enable GOI security self-reliance. NLT December 2007, we will establish improved stability and create irreversible momentum, leading to wide-ranging political accommodation and sustainable security by Spring 2008 and to the ultimate goal of self-reliance in the longer term.

**Purpose:** The purpose of our operations is to bring stability to Iraq and then to sustain it in order to create time and space for the Iraqis to make progress toward political accommodation, continued political and economic development, and ultimately self-reliance. We accomplish this first by securing the population of Iraq, with priority to Baghdad, followed by the nine strategic cities and the rest of the country. Additionally, we must continue to support the development of a capable GOI and ISF so that both are viewed as legitimate and credible in the eyes of Iraqis. In order to sustain stability over time, we help build governmental capacity, strengthen GOI legitimacy, reduce sectarian behavior in Iraqi security institutions, and deliberately transition security responsibilities to the ISF as they demonstrate appropriate readiness to assume them. All of this leads to Iraqi self-reliance, creating the conditions for a peaceful, stable Iraq, led by a representative government subscribing to the rule of law, able to provide security for its people, and denying its territory as a terrorist safe haven.

**Timeline Events**

DATE	EVENT	TOA
15-Sep-07	3 ZSBLT TO 2CR SBCT TOA	TOA
9-Oct-07	3 ZSBD TO 1 WMTA TOA	TOA
26-Oct-07	3 ZSABN TO 1 WMTA TOA	TOA
26-Oct-07	2 ANIM TO 2 SBFSS	TOA
3-Nov-07	2 WMTN TO 3 WMTA TOA	TOA
13-Nov-07	2 TIB TO 2 WMTA TOA	TOA
18-Nov-07	14 ZSABN TO 4 3ID TOA	TOA

**Key Tasks:**

- Protect the population
- Facilitate reconciliation
- Defeat AQI and extremists
- Continue to develop ISF capacity
- Assist efforts to build and improve GOI capacity
- Protect the Force

**Cultural Events**

DATE	EVENT	TOA
9-Aug-07	Death of 7th Imam	CUL TUSA
22-Aug-07	Occultation of the 12th Imam	TOA
23-Aug-07	10th National Festival against US (1999)	TOA
29-Aug-07	Birth of the 12th Imam	TOA
13-Sep-07	Ramadan begins	CUL TUSA
22-Sep-07	Death of Khadija, first wife of Muhammad	TOA
29-Sep-07	Death of Saib	TOA
1-Oct-07	Death of the 1st Imam	TOA
3-Oct-07	Lahat al-Gade revelation to Muhammad	TOA
12-Oct-07	Ramadan ends	CUL TUSA
13-15 Oct-07	Eid al-Fitr Feast at end of Ramadan	TOA

**Endstate:** In the near term, an improved level of stability is achieved; the population is secure and conditions are set for the restoration of civil authority in Iraq, with priority to Baghdad; sectarian violence is reduced and militia influence is diminished. GOI legitimacy is enhanced as the Iraqi government demonstrates increased ability to provide security, essential services, justice based on the rule of law, and economic opportunity for all Iraqis. Iraqi Security Forces, while continuing to build capacity, are in the lead - for the most part - with CF in tactical or operational overwatch. AQI and other extremists are neutralized and under persistent CF and ISF pressure. Their freedom of action is limited, and their operations are unable to disrupt progress toward political accommodation where cessanties exist. In the longer term, Iraq is self-reliant and politically stable with the institutions and resources it needs to govern justly, secure from internal and external threats, inaccessable as a safe haven for terrorists, and integrated into the international community as an engine for regional economic growth.

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Disposition of Forces at Completion of Plus-Up - 15 June 2007

**C3 Planning Priorities**

EUOPS (C35)	PLANS & POLICY (C37)
1. FPS Training and Replacement Program	1. Operation Phantom Thunder
2. Infrastructure Repair and Security	2. Operations Phantom Strike
3. MND-N Samarra Mosque Rehabilitation	3. Operations Phantom Hammer
4. Enhance POE Capabilities	4. MNC-I Riverine JUCNS
5. 5/2 Rpt TOA	5. Border Strategy, Security
6. Georgian BDE Integration	6. RFF, 780 Military CTO
7. Phantom Strike Enablers	7. IA Future FAO Rotations
8. National ID Card System	8. Integration of SBIs into IA
9. TRC Company	9. Logistical Support of BOE
10. Dynamic Enhance, Basrah Ops Centers	10. Border Strategy, Security
	11. Pasaberga RSC MND-N ops

**Force Flow**

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