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MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

CORPS MAIN EFFORT: MND-BAGHDAD

DECISIVE OPERATION: SECURE BAGHDAD

MNC-I MISSION (COMMANDER)

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 2009 and to the ultimate goal of self-reliance in the longer term.

Commander's Intent

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.

Key Tasks:

Protect the population

Facilitate reconciliation

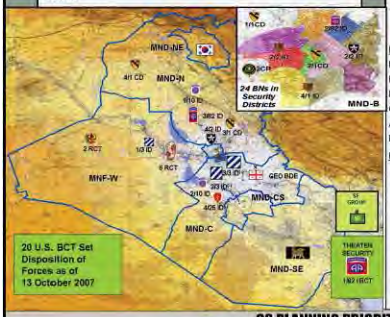
Defeat AQI and extremists

Continue to develop ISF capacity

Assist efforts to build and improve GOI capacity

Protect the Force

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 ceasefires 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, inaccessible as a safe haven for terrorists, and integrated into the international community as an engine for regional economic growth.



TIMELINE EVENTS

	DATE	EVENT	
1	27-Oct-07	3/82ABN TO 1/101AA TOA	TOA
2	26-Oct-07	5/6HBI TO 5/25BFSB TOA	TOA
3	3-Nov-07	2/10MTN TO 3/101AA TOA	TOA
4	18-Nov-07	2/1ID TO 2/101AA TOA	TOA
5	2-Dec-07	4/25ABN TO 4/1ID TOA	TOA
6	12-Dec-07	4/1 CAV TO 3 ACR TOA	TOA
7	29-Dec-07	2/2 ID to 4/10 MTN TOA	TOA
8	6-Jan-08	2/1 CAV to 3/4 ID	TOA
9	15-Jan-08	1/1 CAV to 2/25 ID TOA	TOA
10	15-Mar-08	2/82 ABN to 3/4 ID TOA	TOA
11	15-Apr-08	4/1 ID to 1/4 ID TOA	TOA
12	15-Jun-08	4/2 ID to 2 CR TOA	TOA

CULTURAL EVENTS

	DATE	EVENT	
1	6-Nov-07	Death of 6th IMAM	CULTURAL
2	13-Nov-07	Anniv of Sadiq Al Sadr Death	CULTURAL
3	9-Dec-07	Death of 9th IMAM Khadamiyah	CULTURAL
4	17-Dec-07	Death of 5th IMAM	CULTURAL
5	10-22 DEC 07	Hajj	CULTURAL
6	22-24 DEC	Eid al-Adha Sunni	CULTURAL
7	19-Jan-08	Ashura	CULTURAL
8	3-Feb-08	Death of 8th IMAM	CULTURAL
9	11-Feb-08	Anniversary of Golden Mosque Bombing	CULTURAL
10	28-Feb-08	Arba'een	CULTURAL
11	7-Mar-08	Death of Prophet Muhammad	CULTURAL
12	7-Mar-08	Death of 2nd IMAM	CULTURAL

PIC Dates

	DATE	EVENT	
1	29-Oct-07	Karbala PIC	PIC
2	15-Dec-07	Basrah PIC	PIC
3	15-Dec-07	Babil PIC	PIC
4	15-Jan-08	Qadisiyah PIC	PIC
5	15-Feb-08	Wasit PIC	PIC
6	15-Feb-08	Ninevah PIC	PIC
7	15-Apr-08	Al Anbar PIC	PIC
8	15-May-08	Diyala PIC	PIC
9	15-Jun-08	Baghdad PIC	PIC
10	15-Jun-08	Salah Ad Din PIC	PIC
11	TBD	Kirkuk NET Article 140 Referendum	PIC

C3 PLANNING PRIORITIES

FUOPS (C35)

1. IP Expansion Program
2. FPS Training and Replacement (MoT, MoH)
3. Infrastructure Repair and Security
4. Op Silver Raven Enhance POE Capabilities
5. BIAP Security / Malign Actor Removal
6. IGFC / BOC Boundaries
7. MND-N Samarra Mosque Reconstruction
8. Hajj and 1st Imam Commemoration
9. Provincial PIC / Provincial Forum Events
10. Southern Governors Meeting

PLANS & POLICY (C37)

1. OPORD 08-01 Development
2. MNF-I Force Re-posture OPT
3. Maritime CONOPS
4. JASG
5. 11 IA HQ Force Gen and Deployment
6. Build POE Capability-Border Strategy
7. RFF 718 Replacement HQ for MND-N
8. RFF 796 Mod 1 Aviation TF Extension
9. RFF 154 Horizontal En Co for MNC-B
10. Equip/Logistical Support to BDE & BN