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Kazim al Isawi: New Role Over SG

- Kazim Isawi considered for increased authority over JAM SG
- Isawi currently heads Shari'a supervision committee in Najaf
 - JAM's senior committee responsible for internal discipline
- Worked to remove disobedient SG leaders, including (b)(6)

Assessment: Shaybani will likely retain some authority, influential role over SG, but frustrated with JAM SG disloyalty. Isawi, loyal to Sadr, likely less capable than Shaybani of meeting Sadr's dogmatic guidance on SG obedience. Sadr prefers reining in SG; personnel changes a provisional measure for a systemic problem.

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Strategic Theme 1: Despite Sadr's preference to restore C2 over SG, efforts will be futile. Sadr continues, somewhat reluctantly, to peel away SG.

Kazim Isawi may be given new role over JAM SG



Reference (b)(6), 26DEC07

Formerly headed senior military supervision committee in Najaf

(b)(6), 20NOV07

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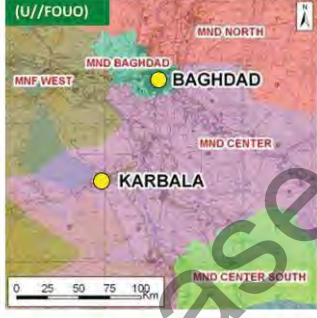
(b)(6), 20NOV07



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Sadrist Engagement with Karbala Officials

- 29 December, Sadr dispatched high-level delegation to Karbala
 - Negotiated with Karbala governor, governorate council representatives
 - Launched a “Rule of Law” Initiative
- Governorate leaders hope to conclude a more detailed agreement with Sadrists very soon
- At closing joint press conference, Karbala’s Governor and Sadrist Senior Delegate:
 - Described discussions as positive
 - Emphasized security and stability
 - Recalled the destructiveness of recent violence



~~(C//REL)~~ **Assessment:** OMS continuing outreach to improve image, posturing and increasing influence in anticipation of provincial elections. Increased coordination with provincial governments and Rule of Law Initiative further reinforce the freeze and isolate criminal elements.

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Asharq al-Awsat Newspaper, 30DEC07
Al Mutamar Newspaper, 31DEC07

<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL//REL TO USA, MCFH//20100104// For display only to IRG</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Syria/Israel. Possible Overtures Toward Peace</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (U) 25 Dec, Israeli PM Olmert received US Sen. Specter, Rep Kennedy<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Indicated Israel receptive to US mediation efforts with Syria– Stated interest in restarting peace talks; awaiting “signal” from Damascus• (U) 30 Dec, Specter met with Syrian Pres. Asad, conveyed message from Olmert<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Syrian state-run media called on US to begin direct dialogue and “bridge the gap” with Syria– Stated US most capable of pushing peace process forward• (U) 31 Dec, Specter told reporters Israel understands peace with Syria must include return of Golan Heights	<p>(U)</p>  <p>US Senator Specter and Congressman Kennedy in Syria</p>
<p>(C//REL) Assessment: Despite Syria's recent negative reaction to US criticism of Syria's interference in Lebanon, Damascus will work with the US government if cooperation serves its interests. Syria's need for US mediation over the Golan could lead to better cooperation on Iraqi security.</p>	
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(U) 25 Dec, Israeli PM Olmert received US Sen. Specter, Rep Kennedy; Olmert indicated Israel receptive to US mediation efforts with Syria
(LA Times, 31 DEC 07, Specter and Kennedy Travel to Damascus....)
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(AP News, 31 DEC 07, Syrian State Media Calls for US to Launch....)
(U) 31 Dec, Specter told reporters Israel understands peace with Syria must include return of Golan Heights
(LA Times, 31 DEC 07, Specter and Kennedy Travel to Damascus....)

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Iran Initiates Southern Border Meeting with Iraq

- (U) Iran and Iraq agree to future meeting to discuss:
 - Algiers Treaty:
 - 1975 agreement, ceded territory to Iran
 - Iran agrees to address original document
 - Shatt al-Arab River Technical Committee:
 - Committee formed of Iraqi and Iranian officials to dredge river in southwestern Iran
 - Issue previously discussed in August



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Supporting Traffic

Bullet 1:

20071229 RUETERS; Iraq to Discuss Border Agreement with Iran

20071230 Islamic Republic News Agency; Iran, Iraq Form Committee to Dredge Arvand

IAP20070905 950131 Tehran IRNA (Open Source Center): "Iran has Tiny Slice in Iraq's Lucrative Market- Bussinessman"
opensource.dni.ic.gov

Bullet 2:

20070901 950096 Tehran Iranian Students News Agency (Open Source Center): "Iran-Iraq First Economic Seminar and Exhibition"
opensource.dni.ic.gov

(b)(3) 50 USC 3024(i), (b)(6)

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Follow-On OMS/ISCI Dialogue

- Early January, OMS/ISCI Officials met in Nasiriyah
- Reportedly Muqtada al-Sadr, among other Iraqi leaders, called for dialogue
- (U) ISCI issued a press statement
 - Called for Shi'a unity
 - Acknowledged contribution of Sunni Awakening to a decline in violence
 - Called for continuation of fight against AQI
- (U) January OMS/ISCI meeting followed:
 - Early October 2007 agreement between ISCI/OMS
 - Establishment of local ISCI/OMS joint committee structure
 - December provincial agreements in Basrah, Karbala



(U)

Sadr and Hakim during Oct 07 Meeting

Assessment: OMS/ISCI agreement and dialogue contribute to external pressure on Sadrist Trend to refrain from violence. Sadrist participation in negotiating structures, balanced inducements, and improved Iraqi security environment all significantly raise cost to Sadr of lifting the freeze and make lifting of the freeze less likely.

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Sources:

- Early January, OMS/ISCI Officials met in Nasiriyah

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- Muqtada al-Sadr called for dialogue

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- (U) ISCI issued a statement

Associated Press, 04JAN08

- January OMS/ISCI meeting follows

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8 Nov 07

Asharq al-Awasat Newspaper, 30 Dec 07

Rijalat al-Sadr

- Covert group designed to monitor, control JAM Special Groups
 - [Redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d
 - Has defined organizational structure and facilities
- Currently operates in East Baghdad
 - 20 facilities in East Baghdad, reach into West Baghdad unknown
- Rijalat al-Sadr actively enforcing compliance
 - Group used by Shaybani during visit to Ahmad Hatu's group to remind them they were part of MAS movement

Assessment: Members selected for loyalty to Sadr, Shaybani and are capable of intimidating most elements disloyal to Sadr. If group is successful in East Baghdad, may expand to West Baghdad.



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Structure and Personnel of Men of Muqtada al-Sadr Group Defined Late November 2007

1.4c 04JAN08

JAM Affiliates Tahsin and Jalilmal-Nuri Purportedly Join Forces with Shi'a Insurgent Akram al-Kabi After Meeting in Al Amarah, Mid-December 2007

1.4c 17DEC07

Shaykh Ahmad al-Shaybani Rperesntative Request Meeting with Iraq-Based Associates of Jaysh al-Mahdi Figure Abu Dura to Emphasize Importance of Group's Allegiance to Muqtada al-Sadr; Ahmad Hatu Learns of Men of Muqtada al-Sadr Organization, Early December 2007.

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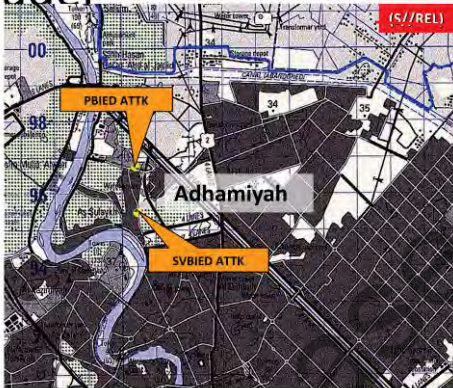
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7 Jan Coordinated Attack on Adhamiyah

CLC Leader

- **Suicide bomber targeted COL Riyadh at Sunni Endowment Office, 1020L**
 - Detonated after shaking COL Riyadh's hand
- **SVBIED detonated against convoy transporting victims, 1037L**
 - Pursued convoy, detonating on 4th vehicle; other 3 vehicles continued to hospital
- **COL Riyadh and 11 others killed, 26 injured**
- **COL Riyadh was member of Sunni Endowment and led the Adhamiyah CLC**

(S//REL)



Assessment: AQI, likely Rusafa network, specifically targeted COL Riyadh due to his position leading CLC in Adhamiyah. Second attack intended to ensure death of primary target rather than targeting first responders; demonstrates level of threat AQI perceives CLC leaders represent to extremist objectives.

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Sources:


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- Reuters, 080107, U.S. Blames al Qaeda as bombs kill 14 in Iraq
- Associated Press, 080107, Baghdad Suicide Bombings Kill Key al Qaeda Opponent in Latest Extremist Backlash

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Southern Cities Vulnerable; ISF Taking Initiative

- **5 Jan: Soldiers of Heaven arrested for planning attacks targeting Karbala events**
- **Karbala Vulnerable:**
 - 9 Jan: Islamic New Year
 - 9 Jan – 18 Jan: Pilgrimage to Karbala
 - 19 Jan: 'Ashura
 - 24 Feb – 27 Feb: Pilgrimage to Karbala
 - 27 Feb: Arba'een
- **Karbala governor sending 12,000 IPS, 2,000 IA soldiers to provide security for the commemorations**



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Al Abbas Mosque, Karbala

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Ashura Commemorations, Karbala

(C//REL) Assessment: Shi'a religious observances are attractive targets for terrorists. Arrest is ISF success in deterring violence, shows Gol values Shi'a safety, and demonstrates Karbala is taking initiative after October PIC.

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Arrests. Source: Unknown author. 5 January. "Najaf: 11 Members of 'Soldiers of Heaven' Have Been Arrested, They are Accused of 'Planning Attacks, and Targeting Religious Authorities and Government Headquarter.'" in *al-Sharq al-Awset*.

Karbala targeted in 2007. Sources: Cave, Damien. 29 January 2007. "250 are Killed in Major Iraq Battle." in *The New York Times*; Glanz, James and Mark Mazzetti. 31 January 2007. [redacted] U.S. and Iraqis Say." In *The New York Times*.


Other references: [redacted] Sharqiyah TV.

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Association of Muslim Scholars (AMS)

- **Issues statements to discredit Awakening**
 - Not an actual solution to security problems
 - Scheme of Coalition
- **Seeks to maintain an insurgency with Iraqi face, discourages Foreign Terrorists**
- **Plays down his absence in Iraq, claiming:**
 - He is wanted for prosecution by Gol
 - His return would not be good for Iraqi populace
- **Praises Iraqi soldier for alleged killing of three US soldiers**

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Harith al Dhari

***Assessment:** AMS searching for relevance in Iraq. Recent statements are blatant attempts to portray situations in Iraq as favorable to AMS goals of remaining viable answer for Sunnis and continued resistance of CF. Al Dhari's explanation of absence from Iraq likely sign he feels pressure for not being in the country.*

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Sources:

(U) Statements intended to discredit Awakening: Daily Select Propaganda Report, 05JAN08; GMP20080104614002, 042130ZJAN08, "Iraq's AMS al Dhari on Sunni-Shiite Dispute, IS Occupation, Saudi Role"

(U) Ensures Iraqis able to maintain Insurgency, discourages FT: Daily Select Propaganda Report, 05JAN08; GMP20080104614002, 042130ZJAN08, "Iraq's AMS al Dhari on Sunni-Shiite Dispute, IS Occupation, Saudi Role"

(U) Al Dhari plays down his absence in Iraq: Daily Select Propaganda Report, 05JAN08; GMP20080104614002, 042130ZJAN08, "Iraq's AMS al Dhari on Sunni-Shiite Dispute, IS Occupation, Saudi Role"

(U) Praised Iraqi Soldier for alleged killing of three US soldiers: GMP20080106676001, 05JAN08, "Iraq's AMS Says Killing Three US Troops by Iraqi Soldier Heroic Deed"; Daily Propaganda Report, 06JAN08

Strategic Theme: The Association of Muslim Scholars is still a vital part of Iraqi society. Their statements are designed to turn Iraqis against Coalition Forces and the Gol, incite resistance to current programs such as CLCs, and Awakenings, and to draw more support.

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“Arabs Hand in Hand with Iraqis” Campaign

- (U) Three-month plan sponsored by Arab League
 - Wide-scale media campaign calling for solidarity with displaced Iraqis
 - Seeks to raise a minimum \$123 million
 - Aims to raise money from Arab governments, businessmen, and citizens; reveal conditions of displaced Iraqis in Jordan and Syria
- (U) Joint press conference in Cairo announcing plan
 - Hisham Youssef, Arab League’s SG Chief of Cabinet
 - (b)(6) Iraqi musician who called for campaign
 - Representative of the UNHCR
- (U) Volume of displaced Iraqis wider than abilities of UNHCR or any single country- UNHCR Cairo

~~(C//REL)~~ *Assessment: Campaign part of Arab League’s ongoing pledge to aid Iraqi refugees; in line with Arab FM’s SEP resolution. Demonstrates regional nations’ recent efforts to assume a greater role in achieving stability in Iraq.*

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Sources:

- Kuwait KUNA, 080108, Arab League Launches ‘Arabs Hand in Hand w/ Iraqis’ Solidarity Campaign
- UNHCR, 071218, Iraqi Musician (b)(6) Launches Fund-Raising Campaign

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IAEA Chief El Baradei To Visit Iran

- **Meeting to take place 11 – 12 January**
 - Tehran officially invited El Baradei
 - El Baradei meeting with senior Iranian officials
- **Goals of meeting:**
 - Develop means to enhance and accelerate implementation of nuclear safeguards
 - Push Iran into speeding up steps to resolve remaining questions in IAEA inquiry
 - Enable IAEA to secure confidence over past and present record of Iran's nuclear activities



IAEA Chief El Baradei

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Sources:

Islamic Republic News Agency 7 January, 2008, "Aqazadeh Confirms ElBaradei's Iran Visit"

Dow Jones Newswire, 7 January 2008, "IAEA Chief ElBaradei To Visit Iran This Week"

Reuters, 7 January, 2008, "IAEA's ElBaradei to visit Iran this week"

Tehran Mehr News Agency, 8 January, 2007, "UN Nuclear Chief ElBaradei To Visit Iran"

Tehran Iranian Students News Agency, 8 January, 2007, "ElBaradei Helps The Resolve of Remaining Issues"

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False Statements Within Sunni Insurgency

- (U) Al-Rashidin Army (ARA) and Al-Fatihin Army (AFA) issue joint statement denying connection to secular Ba'ath Party
 - Allege Ba'athist use lying and propaganda to cover failures
 - Assert these false statements only help “crusader intelligence and distortion campaign”
 - Blame statement for confusion within resistance ranks
- (U) ARA and AFA affiliations
 - ARA is a member of Jihad and Change Front (JACF)
 - AFA recently withdrew from Jihad and Reformation Front (JARF), will possibly join JACF

~~(C//REL)~~ *Assessment: Ba'ath Party claims affiliation with Sunni resistance groups to obscure its own waning relevance. Denial of association by several groups shows current low status of Ba'ath Party. Continued turmoil, fluidity within Sunni resistance can be leveraged by Gol and Coalition to cause further splintering.*

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Sources:

(U) DSPR08107 January 07, 2008
(U) DSPR08103 January 03, 2008
(U) GMP20080107459003 071539Z JAN 08


Strategic Theme: In spite of their best efforts (propaganda, SCJL) the Ba'ath party has been unable to rally the Sunni insurgency to it's ideas. Indeed by making false claims and spreading disinformation has likely hurt and divided the Sunni resistance even more then some CF efforts. AFA leaving JARF shows the fluid state that the Insurgency finds itself in. It is highly likely there will be more moves and denouncements in the months to come as groups and confederation compete for influence and power. These changes leave the coalition with exploitable options

Rapid Switching of groups
False propaganda statements-counter claims
Turmoil within the insurgency
Looking for influence
Exploitable

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Sadr Changing Stance on ING

- Sadr now willing to negotiate with Shahmani
 - Sadr aide Yaqubi driving force behind unification initiative
- MAS has not moved to denounce ING
 - ING stated allegiance to Muhammad Sadiq al-Sadr
 - MAS may have appointed OMS officials to monitor ING from within
- ING gathering support
 - Reaction to ING expansion from some Shi'a clerics positive
 - Close links reported with Badr



ING Pamphlet Cover

Assessment: Sadr's denouncement of ING would drive a wedge between the two organizations and end possibilities of reconciliation. Sadr's willingness to negotiate may indicate perceived threat ING poses to Sadr's movement. OMS securing loyalty of ING would strengthen Sadrist Trend politically.

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ATMOSPHERICS IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MUQTADA AL SADR AND IRAQI NATIONAL GATHERING AND THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE NAHADA (U)

(b)(3) 50 USC 3024(i)

1.4b, 1.4d

in final attempt to resolve differences, late December 2007

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Evidence of close relationship between Adnan al-Shahmani and Badr

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Adnan al-Shahmani describes progress made by the Iraqi National Gathering

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Heightened Threat Conditions, Ashura to Arba'een 2008

- **Millions of Shia' expected to travel to Karbala and Najaf, 10 - 29 Jan**
 - Al Kadim Shrine in Khadamiya, alternate pilgrimage location
- **6 threats reports, including:**
 - AQI HP Attack planned (map)
 - Targeting CF, Shia shrines
 - Female SVESTS in Baquba
 - "Soldiers of Heaven" Attack
- **Past commemorations:**
 - 2007: Soldiers of Heaven attack
 - 2006: Golden Dome Bombing
 - 2005: HP attacks by AQI
 - 2004: Muqtada al Sadr Uprising
 - Sunnis in Falluja



**AQI Attack Threat on Ashura Pilgrim Route—
Mortars, Rockets, IEDs IVO Baghdad, Iraq
10-29 January 2008**

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Assessment: Currently one credible threat against pilgrims; IEDs, SVEST and mortar attacks while in transit throughout Baghdad. All Shia' shrines are vulnerable. Special Groups likely to target Coalition Forces with EFPs and IDF.

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12 November correlation to annual 2 Dhul-Qadah (Anniversary of Sadr's death)

Source: www.geocities.com/BourbonStreet/Quarter/1803/mmsalsadr.html

Published from Kuwaiti Al-Watan Newspaper, March 1999.

Converted using about.com islamic-gegorian calculator.

• No threats currently reported

- Large gatherings of Shi'a expected during festivities

Source: CIOC Information Paper 5 November 07, Commemoration of the Death of Sadiq al Sadr

- Attacks possible targeting Sadrists during comemoration ceremony

Source: CIOC Information Paper 5 November 07, Commemoration of the Death of Sadiq al Sadr

- Possible threats include VBIEDs, intra-Shi'a violence

Source: S.C.O.R.P.I.O.N. 26-29 October 2007

Previous commemoration incidents

- 2006: Five VBIEDs detonate resulting in 181 civilians killed / 247 wounded

Source: [redacted] 1.4c TRENDS TEAM

- 2005: 800,000 JAM members peacefully marched on the streets of Najaf with no reports of violence

Source: [redacted] 1.4c approved downgrade of classification to ~~S//REL~~

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Sadrist Campaign: Provincial Peace Initiatives

- Early Jan: OMS reps meet with Dhi Qar officials:
 - Governor Alwan
 - Commanders of Iraqi National Guard, IPS
 - Tribal shaykhs
- Sadrists announce “peace initiative:”
 - Ban weapons in public
 - Establish formal communications with Dhi Qar officials
 - Participate in reconstruction, development
- Dec/Jan: Similar meetings in Basrah, Karbala
- OMS advocates plans in other provinces



(U) Dhi Qar Province

~~(C//REL)~~ *Assessment: OMS beginning campaign of localized, province-specific initiatives across southern Iraq. Sadr intent on participation in Iraqi reconstruction. Provincial officials still feel Sadr is legitimate. Initiatives raise prospects of more constructive political participation in south and across Iraq.*

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OMS meeting with Dhi Qar officials (OSC, GMP20080103634001, P 060547Z JAN 08, U, Source: al-Amarah News Network)

Details of peace initiative (OSC, GMP20080103634001, P 060547Z JAN 08, U, Source: al-Amarah News Network)

Meetings in Karbala, Basrah (OSC, GMP20080106676002, P 060729Z JAN 08, U, Source: al-Amarah News; OSC, EUP20071213950003, P 130835Z DEC 07, U, Source: al-Sharqiyah Television)

OMS advocates more meetings (OSC, GMP20080103634001, P 060547Z JAN 08, U, Source: al-Amarah News Network; OSC, GMP20080106676002, P 060729Z JAN 08, U, Source: al-Amarah News Network)

Other sources used in script (OSC, GMP20080108690002, P 081545Z JAN 08, U, Source: *al-Muwatin*; OSC, GMP20071220642002, P 202017Z DEC 07, U, Source: al-Sharqiyah Television)

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IAI Using Western Media

- (U) Islamic Army of Iraq (IAI) spokesman, Mujahid Sheikh Dr. Ali al-Nu'aym, interviewed by American journalist
 - Asserts Americans misunderstand resistance goals
 - Appeals directly to the American People
- (U) Recent Agence France-Presse (AFP) interview
 - Alleges IAI fighting AQI since 2006- claims AQI attacks IAI
 - Asserts that the IAI will not work with the Awakening groups to combat AQI



IAI Logo

~~(C//REL)~~ *Assessment: IAI's approach to western media outlets is new tactic intended to appeal directly to the American public to pressure U.S. politicians to withdraw from Iraq. IAI will likely persist in its goal to reduce or eliminate Coalition Forces and other foreign influence in Iraq.*

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Sources:

(U) DSPR080111 January 11, 2008

(U) DSPR080109 January 09, 2008

Strategic Theme: It appears that the IAI is using western media to get the message out they are the defenders of the Iraqi people, they want to distance themselves from AQI, and that they would like to set up a government free of any (CF, 1.4b, 1.4d) Using media is not new however going direct to western sources has increased in the last several months.

Using PR

Possibly garner sympathy (appeal to those who oppose the war)

Why not work with the awakening

It is important to note that the IAI is a member of the Political Council for the Iraqi Resistance (PCIR), which has announced a 14-point political program and stated their intention to enter this arena The IAI's inclusion in the PCIR also allows the group to further distance itself from AQI; a group that they assert has no political program and is not interested in adapting in order to fit the evolving environment.



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UN and Iran Set Deadline to Clear-Up Nuclear Issues

- (U) IAEA Chief, El Baradei, concluded talks with Tehran, 13 Jan 08:
 - Met with several high-level officials
 - SL Khamenei, President Ahmadi-Nejad
 - Set four-week deadline for addressing outstanding questions
 - Agreed to address all questions with a defined timetable; a first for Tehran
 - Agreed to unlimited inspections of all nuclear facilities
- (U) Key Issues:
 - Uranium enrichment
 - Discovery of weapons-grade enriched uranium
 - Possibility of military applications of nuclear technology



(U) El Baradei and Khamenei



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20071229 RUETERS; Iraq to Discuss Border Agreement with Iran

20071230 Islamic Republic News Agency; Iran, Iraq Form Committee to Dredge Arvand

20080101 Tehran Iranian Students News Agency; Iran Expects No Change in Algiers Agreement




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ING: Establishing Base, Posturing for Elections

- Mid January: ISCI may be providing support to ING to weaken Sadrists
 - Possible ISCI funding
 - Possible assistance in opening provincial offices
 - Shahmani maintaining close ties with ISCI
- ING establishing base
 - ING engaging influential high level Shia to join ING
 - ING currently seeking to set up offices in Basrah and several other provinces



Iraqi National Gathering

~~(S//REL)~~ **Assessment:** ING continues to strengthen with ISCI support and engages high-level OMS/JAM leadership, drawing them in from Sadr. ING postures for elections as it gains more experienced leaders and popularity. ING may secure seats in provincial elections thereby weakening OMS.

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ISCI support to ING:

(b)(3) 50 USC 3024(i)

ISCI supporting ING in order to weaken Sadr Movement; ISCI provides direct funding to ING

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Used “close links have reportedly emerged between Shahmani and the Badr Org”

Shahmani engaging JAM leaders:

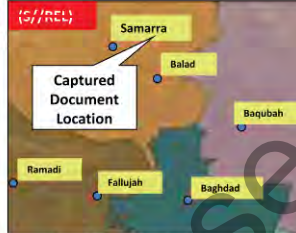
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Used “Leader of ING is reportedly seeking to establish contact with Ahmad al-Fartusi, former Basrah JAM Commander and is continuing to seek Office space in Basrah

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Recovered AQI Document on Fall of Anbar

- **“The Case of Trained Fighters and Martyrs Between 2006-2007”**
 - Written by likely mid to senior-level AQI Amir
- **Highlights problems with Foreign Terrorists (FT)**
 - FTs unfamiliar with Iraqi environment
 - Demoralized FTs returning home or switching jobs
- **Details reasons for AQI’s losses in al-Anbar**
 - Coalition improvement and loss of Iraqi Sunni support
 - Poor AQI personnel, financial and operations management
- **Recommends solutions**
 - Rededication to Shari’ah principles
 - Improved professionalism and skillsets for key personnel, leaders



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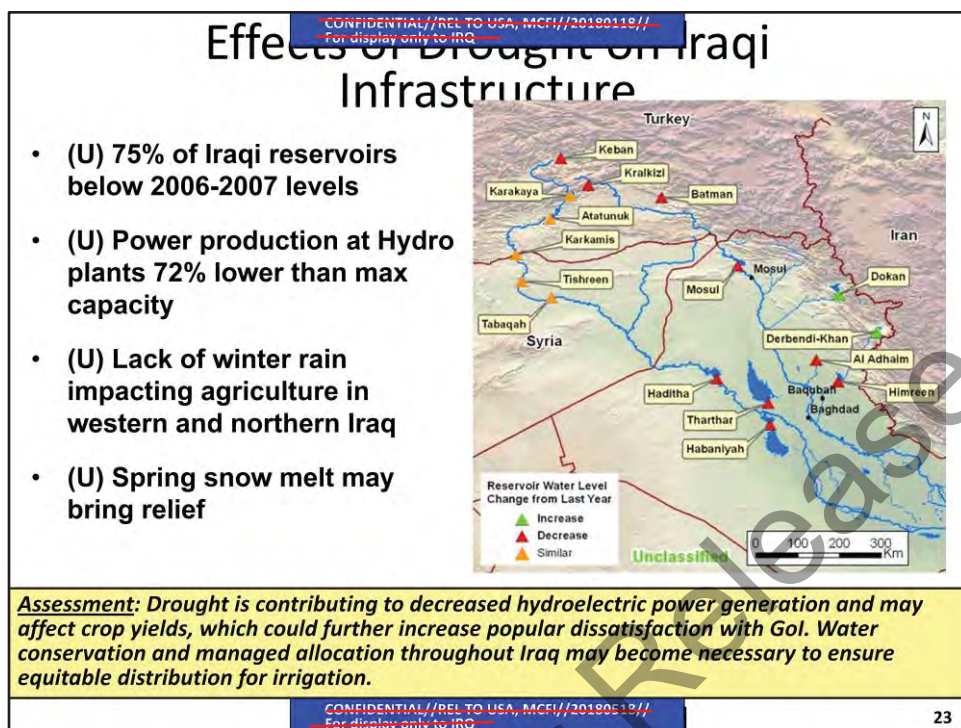
Assessment: Unidentified Amir’s assessment highlights AQI’s poor network C2 and importance of AQI’s loss of Sunni support. Due to continued lack of Sunni support and poor personnel, financial and operational management it is unlikely AQI has instituted any of the documents recommendations.

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Strategic Impact: This document explains in AQI’s own words the losses the group suffered in Anbar province and organizational weaknesses the group is operating under as a result of Coalition/Iraqi successes and AQI’s own mismanagement of its resources. As a result, although historical (circa Nov info), the document presents significant IO opportunities for MNF-I to exploit, showcasing AQI’s exploitation of both foreign and Iraqi supporters and providing a non-Coalition, non-Gol assessment of AQI’s failings.



- (U) 75% of Iraqi reservoirs below 2006-2007 levels (U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Euphrates/Tigris River Watershed Assessment, 1/11/08)
- (U) Power production at Hydro power plants 72% lower than maximum capacity (ITAO, IRMO Electric Daily Units Performance Report, 1/15/08 & 1/15/07)
- (U) Lack of winter rain impacting agriculture in western and northern Iraq (Iraq Updates, "Minister says drought threatening crops this year", 12 Jan 08; AFP, "Drought adds to woes of Iraqi farmers", 8 Jan 08; Iraq Updates, "Drought threatens parts of Iraq Agriculture minister acknowledges parts Nineveh province in grip of drought due to lack of winter rains", 8 Jan 08)
- (U) Spring snow melt may bring relief (U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Euphrates/Tigris River Watershed Assessment, 1/11/08)


Strategic Theme #1: Lowered level of living conditions may increase dissatisfaction with Gol.

Strategic Theme #2: Water conservation and fair distribution of water throughout Iraq may become necessary to alleviate the side effects of water shortages.

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JAM Brigade in Financial Troubles

- South Karkh Brigade Commander investigating discrepancies, possible embezzlement
 - Family members of “martyr” JAM members not receiving payments
 - Committee formed to handle payments
 - Members can not provide proof of expenditures
 - Possible change in procedures forthcoming



Baghdad JAM Brigade Boundaries

Assessment: Freeze forbids criminal activities which have been a main source of JAM income. Because exceptions are not authorized at national level, Najaf JAM leaders could reduce funding to JAM groups, such as in Karkh, which do not appear to be adhering to order. Non-compliant groups could increase criminal activity to compensate for lost income.

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Sources:


26-08, 112003Z Jan 08, JAM S. Karkh Bde Experiencing Financial Problems

500159, 081902Z Jan 08, Shi'a insurgent Razzaq Abu Ali Takes Responsibility for Matter Previously Handled by Hajji Mahdi; Relieved of Other Responsibilities Pertaining to Funds Distribution

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OMS Seeking GOI Concessions

- (U) On 18 January, Salah al-Ubaydi, OMS spokesman announced:
 - Freeze may not be extended, unless Gol constrains ISF activities in southern provinces
 - If Sadr does not extend freeze, JAM still expected to obey the law
 - Renounced JAM membership of criminal elements
- (U) On 14 January, Ubaydi linked freeze extension to prisoner issue and results of an OMS investigation of the security situation in southern provinces
- (U) On 04 January, Ubaydi reiterated freeze and:
 - Condemned ISF arrests of Sadr Trend elements
 - Warned Gol against signing a “pact with US Forces”



(U)
Salah Ubaydi

~~(C//REL)~~ *Assessment: Sadr would further alienate himself by ending the freeze. Despite rhetoric, Sadr will likely extend freeze without significant Gol concessions. Public statements and additional engagements with Sadrist could continue to shape Sadr's environment and raise the political cost to Sadr of ending the freeze.*

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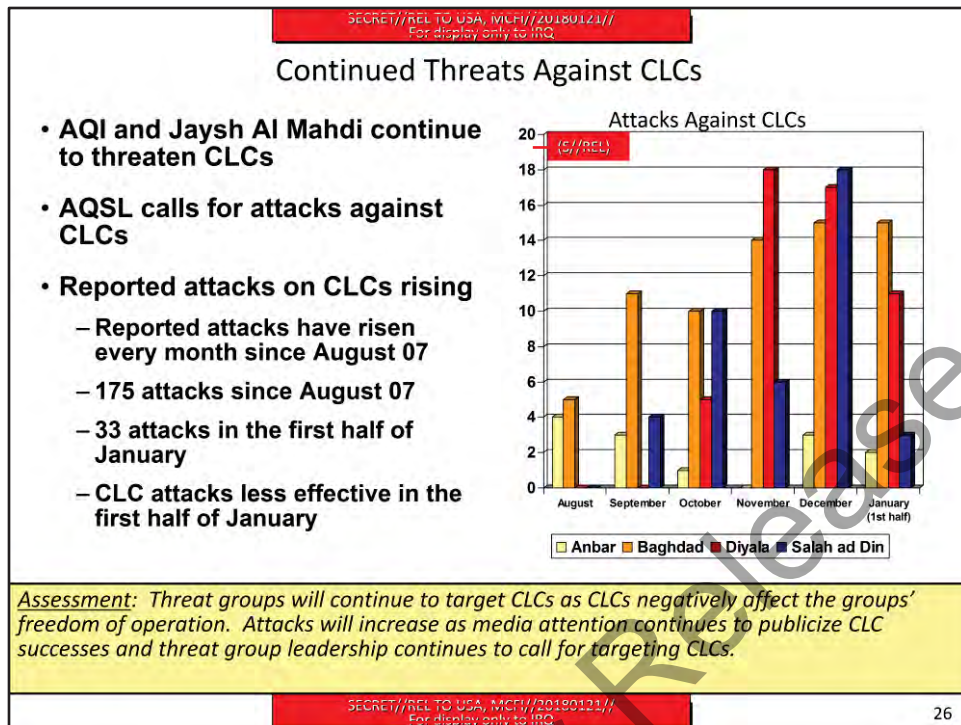
(U) 17 January, Ubaydi announces:
AFP, 18JAN08

(U) 14 January, Unidentified Senior Sadrist linked freeze extension to prisoner issue
Addustour Newspaper, 15JAN08

1.4c Al Sadr Trend Figure says Al-Mahdi Army Committed to
Suspension Decision

1.4c Political Developments and Comments

1.4c Iraq: Al-Sadr Trend says no Decision Yet to Extend Freezing
Al-Mahdi Army



Sources:


- 151808Z Jan 08, 1.4c
- 13 Jan 08, 1.4c
- 13 Jan 08 1.4c

• Theme: CLCs continue to be an effective force multiplier against AQI as they fill security gaps in their area of operations. Their effectiveness in curtailing AQI's freedom of movement and operations will persist in drawing attacks from AQI and on a smaller scale, JAM.

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Abu Azzam Interview

- (U) 18 January interview of Islamic Army of Iraq (IAI) senior leader, Abu Azzam
 - Focused on [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d in Iraq and support for Al Qa'ida
- (U) Other themes:
 - Argued if CF left immediately, Iraq and region would fall to [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d
 - Stated the Awakening Movement is a “great achievement”
- (U) Comments will likely distance Abu Azzam from IAI
 - Contrasts with recent IAI statements; possible internal fractures


Abu Azzam

~~(C//REL)~~ *Assessment: A Sunni resistance leader's concession that the ISF is a permanent institution may provide precedent for Sunni resistance members to try working within parameters of political process to achieve their objectives. There is no evidence to support Abu Azzam's claim [redacted] 1.4b is providing support to AQI.*

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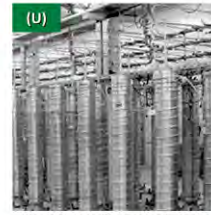
- Daily Select Propaganda Report, 20 January 2008: “A founder and former leader of the Islamic Army in Iraq (IAI) is interviewed by al Arabiyah television”
- Daily Select Propaganda Report, 11 January 2008: “An Islamic Army in Iraq (IAI) spokesman is interviewed by an American anti-war journalist”
- Daily Select Propaganda Report, 09 January 2008: “The Islamic Army in Iraq (IAI) denies all connections to the awakening; declares their intention to fight the US “to the end”

Strategic theme 1: Sunni nationalist insurgent leader affording legitimacy to the ISF, while also stating a CF withdrawal is not in the best interest of Iraq. Such statements pave the way for Sunni resistance members to try to work within the political process to achieve their objectives.

Strategic theme 2: This statement contrasts with recent IAI statements which could possibly signify internal fractures within the organization b/w those who might be willing to try to work within parameters of political process and those who are more militant. This could present opportunities for CF and Gol to further fractionalize the group.

UN Sanctions Against Iran Again on Table

- (U) Six key powers met in Berlin over Iran's nuclear program, 22 Jan
 - Discussed third set of UN resolutions
 - Agreed on content for draft resolution
 - Set to deliver to UNSC by end of the month
- (U) Recent nuclear-related activity
 - IAEA Chief El Baradei's Tehran visit
 - US NIE on Iranian nuclear program
 - Russian delivery of nuclear fuel
- (U) Key issues:
 - Uranium enrichment
 - Possibility of weaponization



The 164-centrifuge cascade at the Natanz pilot facility



Representatives from Germany, China, Russia, US, Britain and France meet in Berlin

1.4b, 1.4d

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BBC News Internet:

"Iran Sanctions on the Table in Berlin", 22 Jan 08

"Iran nuclear answers 'in a month'", 13 Jan 08"

"Russia ignores West's Iran Fears", 17 Dec 07

"Diplomatic Efforts in Iran Nuclear Issue Must be Intensified – Chinese FM", OSC

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"Fifth Batch of Russian N-Fuel For Basheh NPS Brought to Iran" OSC,

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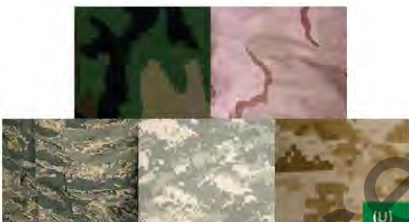
"6 Powers Agree on Draft Iran Sanctions", 22 Jan 08, Associated Press

"Germany Urges Broadening Iran Sanctions", 17 Jan 08, Deutsche-Welle

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Abu Ghadiyah Seeks to Purchase 100 American Military Uniforms

- **Syria-based facilitator** (b)(6) **seeks American military uniforms**
 - **Working with Kuwait-based facilitators** (b)(6)
 - **Attempt to purchase 100 American uniforms in Kuwait appears to have failed**
- (b)(6) **fall-back plan**
 - **Purchase fabric for uniforms**
- **Potential use for uniforms**
 - **Operations in Iraq by AQI**
 - **Operations in Lebanon by AQ**



U.S. Military Uniform Patterns

Assessment: (b)(6) *interest in American military uniforms exhibits his creativity as a facilitator providing materials for operational attack planning purposes. It remains unclear which type of pattern (b)(6) is seeking or for whom he is acquiring the uniforms.*

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1.4c (SECRET//REL TO USA, MCFI// ~~FOR DISPLAY ONLY TO IRAQ~~) In mid-January 2008, senior Syria-based facilitator for al-Qa'ida in Iraq (b)(6) informed previously detained Kuwait-based facilitator (b)(6) that he needed him to give money to an unidentified associate to purchase 100 American military uniforms. (b)(6) sent the associate to (b)(6) location to specifically acquire the uniforms and to have the uniforms transported to Syria.


1.4c (SECRET//REL TO USA, MCFI// ~~FOR DISPLAY ONLY TO IRAQ~~) In mid-January 2008, senior Syria-Based facilitator for al-Qa'ida in Iraq (b)(6) attempted to acquire fabric, probably to make American military uniforms, from Kuwait-based facilitator (b)(6). Late (b)(6) traveled to Syria and planned to meet with (b)(6).

Knowing the fabric pattern of the material would help ascertain if the American military uniforms, once made, would be used in Iraq or in Lebanon for possible future attacks. Lebanon military currently uses the woodland pattern. ACUs, DCUs, and Marine desert camouflage are currently used in Iraq and can be found in Kuwait.

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Ninewa Provincial Director of Police (PDoP) Assassinated

- **BG Salih Assassinated**
 - Assumed PDoP position, early December 2007.
 - Methodology indicates AQI likely responsible
 - Bomber disguised as Iraqi Security Force member detonated on BG Salih's PSD
 - BG Salih surveying 23 January Mosul explosion site
 - BG Salih died of his wounds while enroute to Mosul General Hospital
- **MG Riyadh, Ninewa Operations Commander** instituted curfew, 24 January
- **Terrorists reportedly intend to detonate 4 VBIEDs in Mosul** after lifting of the curfew, 25 Jan



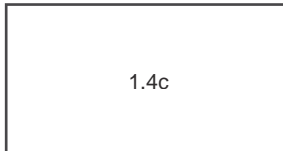
(U) BG Salih

Assessment: Impact of BG Salih's death uncertain, as he was commander for only a month. The current security situation will test MG Riyadh in his new command as Ninawa OPS Commander. A concerted ISF/CF effort will be needed to maintain security and avert further violence in the province.

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Sources: MNF-N Storyboard



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Sahwah al-Iraq Political Progression

- **SAI Preparing for Elections**
 - 50+ Offices throughout Anbar
 - Springboard for National elections
- **Offices Reflect Strategic Planning**
 - Recruitment and Education
 - Security and stability
 - Training with CF/IP
 - Promote legitimacy
- **Potential Opposition to SAI**
 - AQI
 - Tribal
 - Political



(U)
Crest of Sahwah al-Iraq

Assessment: SAI leaders capitalize on stable security situation to create a political party. Local offices promote grassroots image and support by addressing domestic concerns. As SAI grows in prominence opposing groups will likely come forward to discredit or diminish their influence.

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Sources:

SAI Preparing for Elections

(b)(3) 50 USC 3024(i)

Offices Reflect Strategic Planning

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Potential Opposition to SAI

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Additional Sources:

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(b)(3) 50 USC 3024(i)

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Non-Compliant Special Groups Call for Action

- **Three members issue orders to kill Sahwah**
 - Sahwah interfering with JAM activity
 - (b)(6) considered Sahwah spies, wanted them targeted and expelled
 - (b)(6) ordered (b)(6) to commence attacks
 - (b)(6) gave mid-December order to attack Sahwah; involved in January killings of Sahwah members
- **Sahwah effectiveness catalyst for attacks as non-compliant Special Groups feel pressure**

(b)(6)

Assessment: Sahwah activity along with pressure from Sadr to come into freeze compliance and targeting by Coalition Forces, greatly limit freedom of operations. Continued pressure from Sahwah forces supported by CF will further hamper non-compliant Special Group activity in Baghdad.

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Shia Insurgents (b)(6) Order Attacks Against Increasingly Effective Sahwa Forces; Sahwa Members Killed at Behest of Muhammad Shakir, Early Jan 2008 500467-08, 171516Z Jan 08

Baghdad Special Groups Commander (b)(6) Modifies Order to Kill Sahwa Leaders, Mid-December 2007, 6753-07, 261540Z Dec 07

2nd Anniversary of the Golden Dome Bombing

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- Observed 23 Muharram - 1 February
- Gatherings provide targets for HP attacks
 - 12 Feb 2007 several peaceful demonstrations Iraq wide
- Mid January threat to clock tower
 - Unidentified terrorists most likely AQI or other Sunni extremists
- Attacks on Shi'a Shrine or Shi'a could spark retaliatory attacks
 - Gol and religious quick response should contain escalation of violence



Assessment: Currently no reports of threats specific to this year's anniversary. Sunni extremists and AQI may attempt HP attacks against gatherings of Shi'a or Shi'a shrines. An attack could unite Shi'a countrywide in retaliatory attacks on Sunni mosques or Sunni individuals.

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Sources:

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: Iraq: Samarra Bombing Set Off Year of Violence, 12 Feb 2007;

DefenseLink: Explosions Destroy Minarets at Golden Mosque; U.S. Officials Condemn Attacks, 12 Jun 2007;

Washington Post: Bombing Shatters Mosque in Iraq, 23 Feb 2006;

BBC News: Calm Urged Amid Iraq Shrine Bombs, 13 Jun 2007;

MNCI CACE: Anniversary of the Al-Askari "Golden" Mosque Bombing, 22 Jan 2008;

BAGHSTAT Threat Report: Mid January 2008 Plans by a Terrorist Group to Conduct an Attack in Samarra, Iraq, 17 Jan 2008;

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Insurgents Pledge Increased Attacks in Support of Gaza

- (U) Two announcements by Iraqi Sunni insurgent groups declare support to Gaza, pledge increased activity in Iraq
 - 1st Announcement:
 - Gaza and Arab Jabour shelled simultaneously
 - Assured Palestinians they would not be forgotten, despite “suffering” of Iraq
 - 2nd Announcement:
 - Battle, enemy and land is one
 - Eyes remain on the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem while fighting in Iraq
- (U) Looking for reciprocal support from global Muslim community
 - Increased domestic clout

Signatories	(U)
First Announcement	
JARF	
• Islamic Army in Iraq	
• Al-Mujahidin Army	
• Ansar al-Sunnah Legal Council	
• HAMAS-Iraq	
• Islamic Front for Iraqi Resistance	
Second Announcement	
• 1920 Revolutionary Brigades	
• Al-Rashidin Army	
• Jaysh al-Muslimin	
• Islamic Movement of Iraq's Mujahidin	
• Jund al-Rahman Brigades	
• Sareyat al-Da'wa wa'al-Ribat	
• Al-Tamkin Brigades	
• Muhammad al-Fatih Brigades	
• Al-Tabi'in Army	
• Al-Furqan Army	
• Al-Fathin Army (5 th Brigade)	
• Brigades of the Martyrs in Iraq	
• Army of Ansar al-Mujahidin	


(C//REL) Assessment: Sunni insurgency recognizes need for and benefits of international political support and are using campaigns to solicit this support. Overall incidents have declined since the campaigns were announced, suggesting announcements made for propaganda purposes.

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Sources

- 1) Daily Select Propaganda Report DSPR - 23 JAN 08 - JARF and the HAMAS-Iraq/JAMI Front announce an 'Iraqi resistance campaign for supporting Gaza'
- 2) Daily Select Propaganda Report DSPR - 26 JAN 08 - Thirteen Iraqi insurgent groups announce the start of a joint operation in support for their brothers in Gaza and al of Palestine



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ING Financial Concerns



- Financial shortfalls are of great concern to ING leaders
- Leadership desire to keep organization free from outside influence
 - Refused funding from outside Iraq
- Senior members believe support base growing in non-Kurdish provinces
 - Seeking Sunni and Christian support
 - Claimed endorsement from 4-party group (ISCI, Da'wa, PUK, KDP)
 - Believed to have attracted some JAM members

(b)(6)

Assessment: Financial shortfalls may slow ING political growth, diminishing its ability to weaken Sadr's support base. While the depth of ING's funding support is unknown, financial shortfalls may create additional engagement opportunities, providing the capability to influence the ING.

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Source:

Financial shortfalls:

1.4c Late-January 2008

Prevent outside influence:

1.4c 21 Jan 08

Growing support for ING:

1.4c 23 Jan 08

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Iran Increasing its Influence in the Middle East

- (U) Iraq:
 - 1975 Algiers Accord Meeting, 18-19 Feb 08
 - Cleaning, Dredging and Setting Boundaries of Shatt al-Arab
 - President Ahmadinejad Visit
 - Expected no later than 19 Mar 08
- (U) Region:
 - Egypt
 - Close to Restoring Diplomatic Ties
 - Bahrain
 - Assistant Foreign Minister Visit, 29 Jan 08
 - Regional Nuclear Fears
 - 8th Russian Shipment Completed, 28 Jan 08
 - Continued Stalling of IAEA Safeguards Despite Improved Rhetoric



President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad



1.4b, 1.4d

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Bullet 1:

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AFP 28 Jan 08 – Ahmadinezhad to Visit Iraq within Two Months

AFP 28 Jan 08 – Iran Raises Concerns with US About Iraq Talks

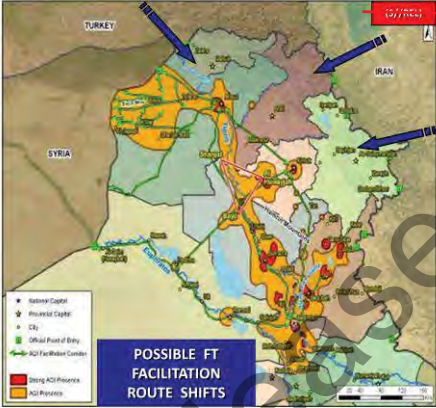
Bullet 2:

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Potential Shift in Foreign Terrorist Facilitation Routes

- **AQ senior leadership receptive to** 1.4b **terrorists establishing route into Iraq**
 - Facilitation of communications & personnel
 - Effort disrupted by Turkey arrests
- **1.4b/Iraq/1.4b based AQ facilitators approve new route from 1.4b**
 - New route for FT facilitation into Iraq
 - Possibly hundreds of terrorists available through 1.4b AQ network



Assessment: AQ is exploring ways to improve AQI facilitation efforts as a result of setbacks in 1.4b facilitation. Efforts remain in the beginning stages, but could improve foreign terrorist flow into Iraq. 1.4b authorities would likely monitor foreign terrorist flow through Iran to Iraq; it is unknown if 1.4b would perceive this flow as a threat.

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Sources:

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