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Regional Update

- (U) Ahmadinejad to meet with King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia on Saturday
 - First visit by Ahmadinejad; latest in a series of diplomatic initiatives between Iran, Saudi Arabia in recent months
 - Sectarian conflict in Lebanon, Iraq will reportedly be focus of summit meeting
 - Iranian, Saudi officials have attempted to mediate an agreement between Lebanese political factions
- (U) Ugandan President stated troops not to disarm militias in Somalia
 - Ugandan troops to comprise 20% of planned AU stability force; President asserted mission is to train Somali army not to “impose peace”
 - First contingent of African Union troops arrived in Somalia Thursday



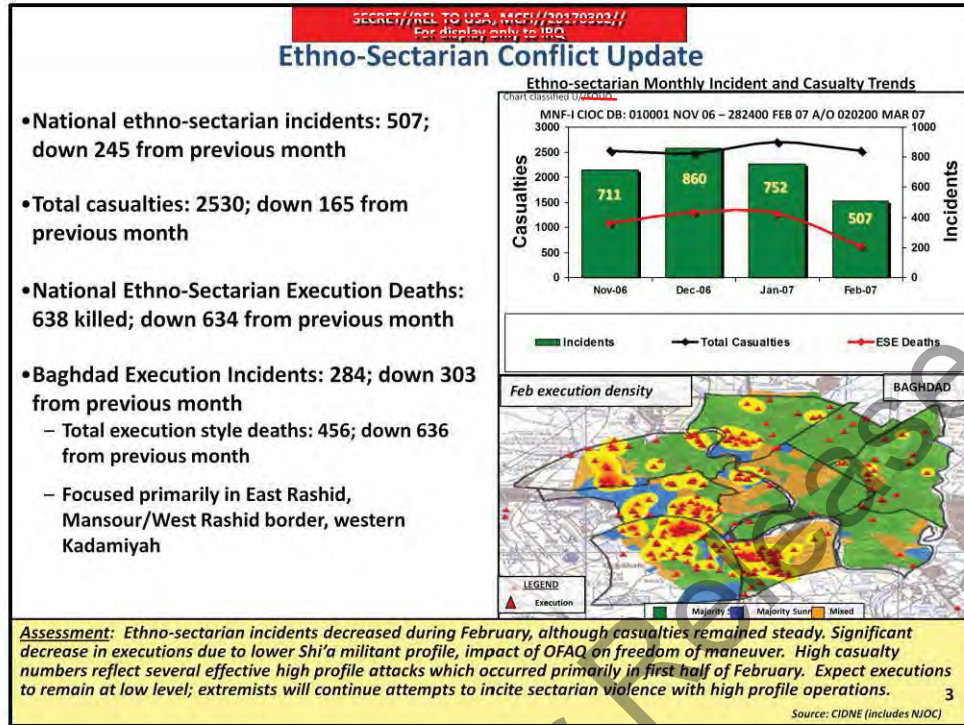
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JAM Recent Reporting

- OMS officials blame acting Provincial Director of Police, Col Ali, for Sadrist problems in Samawah
 - Ali has taken a tough stance against JAM since assuming the position
 - Sadrists claim Ali is inciting Samawah tribes against them

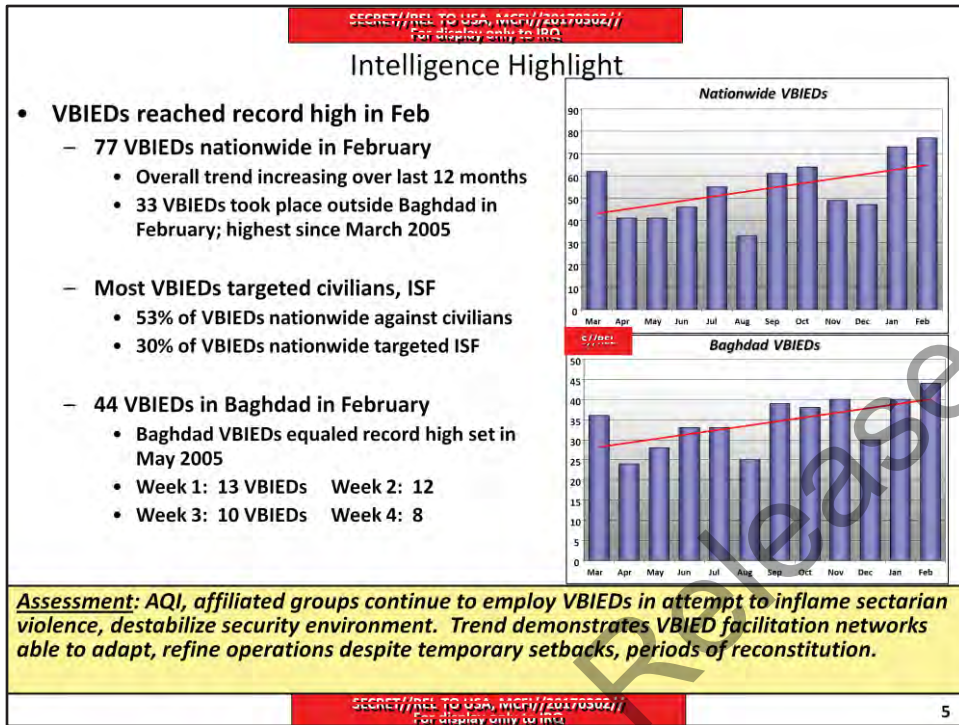
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Outlook: IO Themes and Effects

Terrorists and Foreign Fighters (T&FF)

- ISI/AQI volume up 101 to 455
 - Responded to Al-Zawra TV chief Al-Jaburi's statement against ISI; reminded mujahideen to target CF because they are "unbelievers" not because they are occupiers; advocated assassination of Al-Jaburi
 - Praised "disbanding" of Coalition upon announcement of UK troop draw-down
- AS propaganda volume up 61 to 64
- IAI propaganda volume down 2 to 51
 - Released multi-pronged strategy to avenge alleged rape of Sunni women: 1) form special units to concentrate attacks on MoI; 2) request fatwas from Muslim scholars, request support from wealthy Sunnis abroad; 3) urge Al-Janabi tribe to ally with IAI
- Miscellaneous propaganda volume up 8 to 39
 - Mujahideen Army released 11-min video depicting execution of "air ambush"; resulted in downing a Blackhawk; possibly same one claimed shot down 21 Feb in Taji area

Sunni Resistance

- Propaganda volume down 48 to 32
 - Ba'ath Party issued third appeal to stay execution of Taha Yassin Ramadan

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STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT

- The nature of the conflict in Iraq has shifted from a Sunni-led resistance against a coalition "occupation force" to a struggle for the division of political and economic influence among sectarian groups. Baghdad and the surrounding belts are the focus for most sectarian violence, but it is also evident in Diyala, Kirkuk, and along the lines of communication into the capital.
- Sunni extremists continue efforts to expel CF, make Iraq ungovernable, and perpetuate sectarian violence. Despite renewed AQI efforts to further its goal of creating the "Islamic State of Iraq" declared in October, the idea has not received widespread support among Iraqis. AQI leadership is increasingly convergent with al-Qaida senior leadership on goals and strategy. Capable cellular networks provide AQI with resilience despite CF operations disrupting leadership. Cooperation between AQI and other Sunni Resistance groups is growing, particularly in northern Iraq. However, tribal opposition to AQI is growing in Al Anbar, and there also are signs it is emerging in Diyala. AQI continues to pursue a viable chemical weapons capability.
- Shi'a extremist and militia influence on national and provincial political agendas is exerted through infiltration and intimidation, challenging Iraqi government authority. Shi'a extremists and militia use death squads to conduct sectarian cleansing in Baghdad and the surrounding cities in the Sunni belt. This cleansing campaign has driven some Sunnis to join militia and extremist groups for defense. JAM - Badr competition and internal friction within JAM will lead to periodic localized intra-Shi'a conflict.
- The Sunni Resistance wants to expel CF, prevent Shi'a economic and territorial gains, and reverse Sunni political marginalization. The Resistance is responsible for the majority of attacks against CF, ISF and the GOI, which they view as 1.4b, 1.4d. There are elements of Sunni leadership representing a cross-section of the community that collaborate, cooperate, and provide general guidance to supporting a fight-talk-bargain-subvert resistance strategy. The lack of unity limits Sunni effectiveness, with cooperation between groups primarily evident at the tactical level, although antipathy toward AQI is forcing cohesion among some groups.

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- The Iraqi government remains challenged by sectarian agendas and corruption within key ministries, militia infiltration of some security forces, inability to provide sufficient levels of basic services due to a lack of state capacity, and lack of progress in reconciliation.
- Sectarian violence and sectarian distrust are the greatest strategic threats to achieving CF and GOI objectives in Iraq.

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Regional Update

- (U) Russian FM told Syrian media MNF presence is fueling internal Iraqi strife
 - Lavrov: “the continuing foreign military presence in Iraq has been and will remain one of the factors escalating military and political tensions”
 - Further stated CF should not leave Iraq immediately
 - Stated termination of MNF mission should follow “a well-judged timeframe”
 - Asserted MNF responsible for ensuring security in accordance with UNSC Resolution
- (U) Moroccan authorities convicted eight Islamic militants for terror plot amid security concerns
 - Moroccan officials claimed 80 Islamist cells, 3,000 militants arrested since 2003
 - Security forces reportedly concerned of possible al-Qa’ida attack



~~(C//REL)~~ **Assessment:** Russian statement suggests constructive participation in upcoming Iraq security conference, possible support for greater UN involvement.

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JAM Recent Reporting

- Sheikh Rahim al-Daraji, Sadr City mayor, endorsed Joint Security Station in Sadr City
 - Daraji stated locals would not cooperate with operations by ‘dirty squad’
 - Likely reference to Iraqi special forces unit which Daraji contends has carried out arrests in the area
- Basrah Governor al-Wa’ili was pleased over the 27 Feb arrest of JAM commander Mithaq al-Battat

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MAS reportedly delivered speeches through satellite feed in Sadr City late-Feb
Ordering JAM elements to ‘wage open war against CF’ with increased
frequency and intensity
JAM will allegedly attack CF convoys/FOBs by increasing EFPs, artillery-
based IEDs, and mortar/rocket attacks
MAS reportedly ordered all mid-level leaders to keep low-level members in
close control

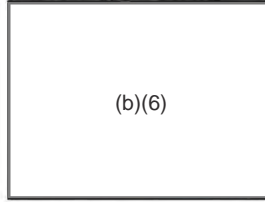
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Intelligence Highlight

- **ISF kidnapped, murdered in Diyala**
 - **Bodies recovered in Baquabah**
 - IPs reportedly en-route home when abducted
 - 18 x IP (Shi'a)
 - All men murdered execution style
 - Iraq Mol confirmed victims were employees
 - **AQI released claim of responsibility through ISI**
 - Stated kidnapping was in response to alleged Mol rape of Sunni woman
 - Gave Gol 24 hours to respond to demands which included:
 - Turn over of Mol officers accused in rape case
 - Release of all Sunni female detainees
 - Claimed execution was videotaped and will be released in near future
 - **Executions likely AQI attempt to reassert itself as protector of Sunnis**
 - Incident to be employed toward IO campaign to regain favor of Sunni population
 - Rape association used to justify attacks, legitimize AQI/ISI and affiliates as honorable Sunni resistance against Gol persecution

AQI image of victims



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OSC Iraqi Interior Ministry finds 14 Bodies of Staff Kidnapped by Armed Group

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1. Status change of Key Infrastructure (Oil, Electricity, Bridges, LOCs).
2. Assassination / attack / kidnap / release or attempt on leadership (Iraqi / Coalition / US).
3. Status change of regional / local security and stability (Platoon size AIF attack).
4. Possible confirmed friendly fire incident or action impeding CF/Contractor mission.
5. Events that may elicit political, media, or international reaction.
6. Action or Incident resulting in significant military / civilian casualties.
02 0935C MAR 07 - IED ATTACK ON CF IVO BAGHDAD (2 CF KIA, 1 CF WIA, 1 LN TERP KIA)
02 1235C MAR 07 - MURDER OF LN IVO BAGHDAD (3 LN KILLED)
02 2012C MAR 07 - IED ATTACK ON LN IVO MAHMUDIYAH (4 LN KILLED, 11 LN INJ)
7. Change in Capacity to execute operations.

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8. CF or ISF alleged involvement in LOAC violations, ROE violations, misconduct, or detainee abuse or death.
02 1800C MAR 07 - IP MISCONDUCT 38KM NE OF MUQDADIYAH (1 IP WIA)
02 1920C MAR 07 - DETENTION OF 9TH SIB IVO TIKRIT (4 AIF/SIB DETAINED)
9. Confirmed kill or capture of Individuals of Interest.
10. Cross border incidents.
11. Events that affect International Zone (IZ) security.
12. Damage / Downing of aircraft.
02 0150C MAR 07 - AEROSTAT LOST 44KM N OF DIWANIYAH
02 2223C MAR 07 - SAF ATTACK ON CF HELO IVO MOSUL (OH-58 DAMAGED)
13. Use or attempted use or discovery of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).
14. Significant events illustrating ISF effectiveness.
15. Activities indicating potential or actual sectarian violence.
01 2030C MAR 07 - KIDNAP/MURDER OF IP IVO BAQUBA (15 IP KIA)
16. Events that may indicate the Iraqi populace are tending towards large scale civil conflict.
17. Significant Action by AIF.

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Regional Update

- (U) New Palestinian government to be formed within one week
 - Abbas, Haniyah planning to meet today to decide ministry positions, intend to finalize gov't within a week
 - Factions have yet to reach agreement on nominees for interior minister, deputy prime minister
- (U) Iranian foreign ministry spokesman stated Iran "studying proposals" for talks about Iraq's security
- (U) Iranian ambassador to Beirut stated Iran, Saudi Arabia will not propose specific solution for Lebanon
 - Stated Ahmadinejad's trip to Saudi Arabia intended to build regional "framework of cooperation"
 - Asserted solution to Lebanon's crisis should be proposed by Lebanese leaders



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JAM Recent Reporting

- Senior OMS official Abd al-Mahdi al-Mutayyiri denied cooperation with CF in Sadr City
 - Mutayyiri was responding to a previous statement by Sadr City mayor Rahim al-Daraji that they had held meetings with CF
 - Stated al-Daraji is not authorized to speak on behalf of the Sadr trend
 - Separately al-Mutayyiri said MAS is 'on the Iraqi scene' keeping a low profile and is leading the Sadr trend



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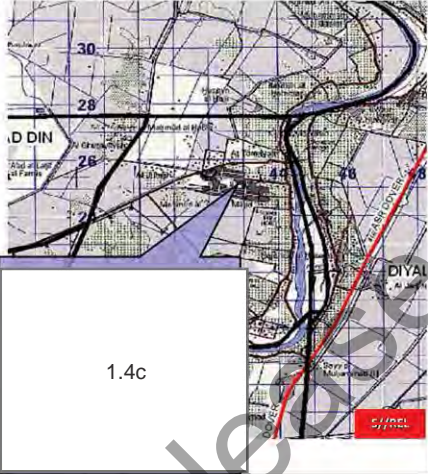
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Threat Update

- Large scale attack threat in Tarmiyah
 - 19 February – Large scale attack on Tarmiyah JSS station (30 casualties)
 - MNF-I personnel subsequently relocated to Tarmiyah Youth Center
 - Threat reporting indicated complex attack by AQI to occur late Feb; delayed to 1 March
 - 2 March – Reporting indicated AQI emplaced AA weapons IVO Tarmiyah Youth Center
 - 3 March – Sniper attack results in 1 x CF WIA
 - 3 March - CIOC issued a situational awareness report



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03 2247C MAR 07 - BLUE ON BLUE INCIDENT IVO RAMADI (1 CF WIA)
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03 1200C MAR 07 - IED ATTACK ON LN IVO HADITHA (7 LN KILLED, 1 LN INJ)
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03 0955C MAR 07 - ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OF CF BY IA IVO AMARAH
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Regional Update

- (U) Lebanese opposition leader predicting end of political crisis
 - Pro-Syria opposition leader and speaker of parliament, Nabih Berri, stated deal to end political crisis could emerge “within 48 hours”
 - Agreement framework expands current cabinet from 24 to 30 ministers; Pro-Syria parties seeking 11 seats
 - 11 seats would provide Pro-Syria opposition veto power
 - Lebanese Information Minister claimed Saudi-Iranian summit meeting helped reopen “doors of dialogue”
- (U) Kuwait government resigns to avoid no-confidence vote against minister of health
 - Minister is member of ruling family
 - No-confidence motion intended to address suspected financial improprieties



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JAM Recent Reporting

- The manager of the Sadr City governing council reportedly complained of CF presence in Sadr City
 - ‘We refuse this idea completely. We didn’t have a deal like this.’
 - Separately, rejected establishment of JSS with CF involvement, but welcomed ISF presence
- MAS statement reportedly delivered to tribal sheiks, local nationals in Al-Kut Grand Mosque by Sadr representative
 - Statement urged Sunnis and Shi’a to unite to establish security and stability in the country
 - ‘Spilling blood of Iraqis by Iraqis should always be prohibited’



Assessment: Al-Ka'ibi's statements intended to portray cooperation with the GoI while distancing Sadrists from CF. MAS statement read at al-Kut mosque reflects Sadr's desire to boost his nationalist image.

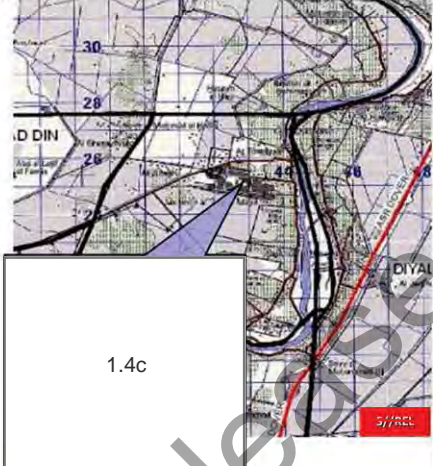
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Threat Update

- Large scale chlorine-augmented attack threat
 - Attack reported to include three tanker-trucks containing chlorine employed as VBIEDs
 - Will likely take place in Taji/Tarmiyah area
 - Possibly against the temporary JSS facility located at the Tarmiyah Youth Center
 - Attack will likely occur within 24 hours of 0700 5 MAR 07
 - CIOC has issued multiple Situational Awareness reports on this threat



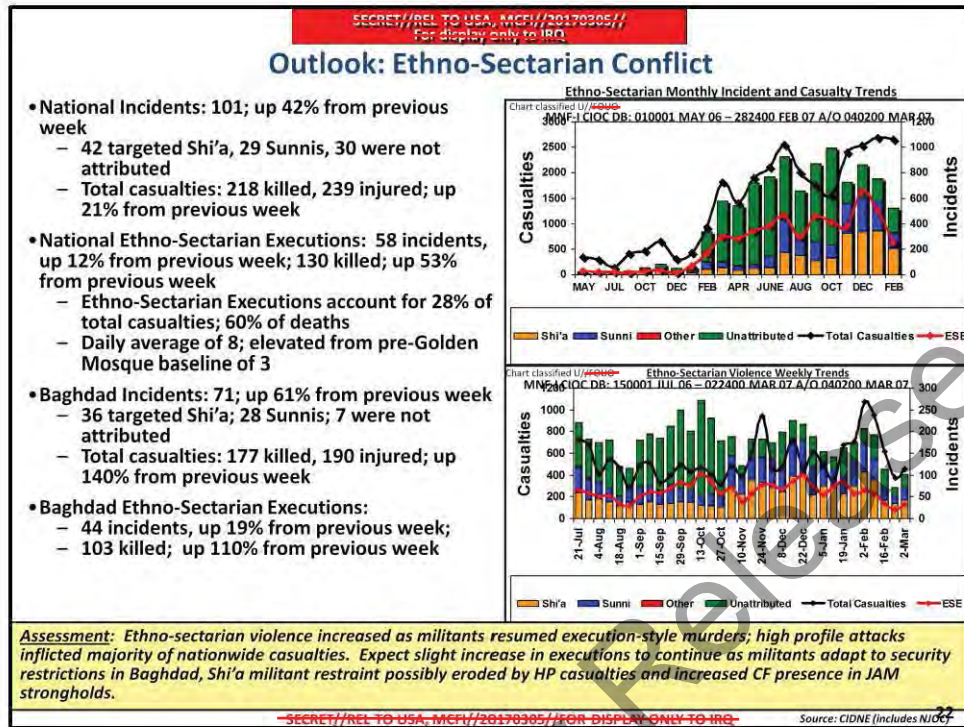
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Assessment: We assess this threat to be high due to multiple source reporting and demonstrated AQI capability IVO Taji.

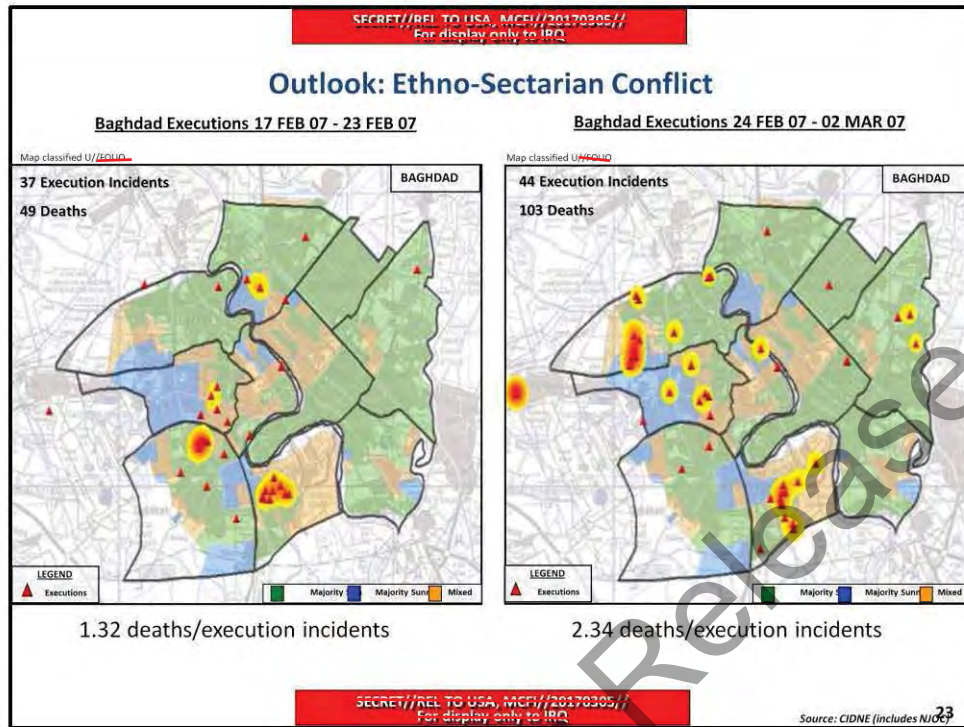
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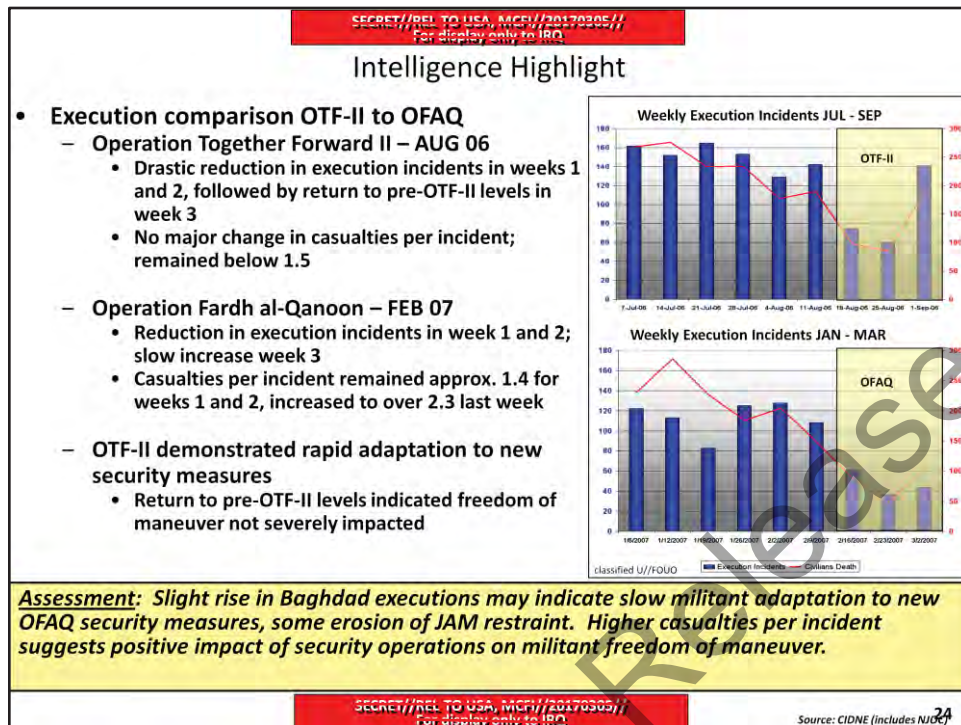
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Regional Update

- (U) SAF engagements reported between Hamas, Fatah security elements in Gaza
 - Hamas, Fatah security forces clashed over control of security training compound
 - Worst internal violence reported since 8 February Mecca agreement
- (U) “Al-Qa’ida in Islamic Maghreb” claimed responsibility for 4 March attacks near Algiers
 - Police checkpoint targeted with RPGs, SAF, 5 KIA; bus transporting gas workers struck two land mines, 4 KIA
 - Group formerly known as GSPC issued audio recording to al-Jazeera claiming attacks
- (U) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) met in Riyadh to discuss way ahead for civil atomic program
 - Summit planned for December to study feasibility of jointly developing nuclear energy



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JAM Recent Reporting

- Senior Sadrists reportedly believe CF intend to raid Sadr's home and OMS office in Najaf
 - Computers were allegedly removed and several senior Sadrists are reported to be staying in Karbala instead of returning to Najaf
- Senior Sadr aide Walid al-Zamili accused of overstepping his responsibilities, issuing orders in the name of MAS without consent or guidance
 - Rumors are spreading in Sadrist circles that Zamili is exploiting MAS's stay in Iran to issue orders without consulting senior colleagues



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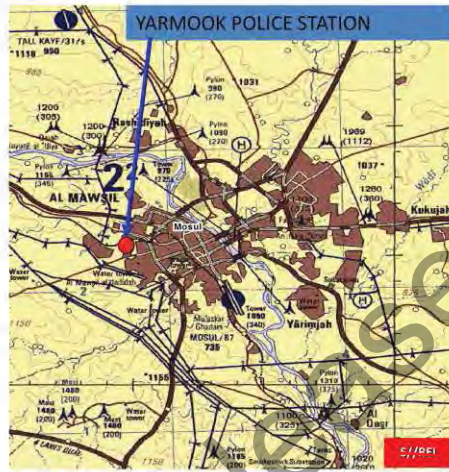
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Threat Update

- Complex VBIED attack against IP station in West Mosul
 - AQI planning complex VBIED attack against IP station in West Mosul for 6 March
 - Will possibly target Yarmook or Sumar IP stations
 - Attackers reportedly intend to overtake station
 - Initial VBIED effort to enable follow-on RPG, SAF attack
 - CF units in Mosul aware of threat



Assessment: We assess threat of VBIED attack against Mosul IP stations to be high; however attack timing may change.

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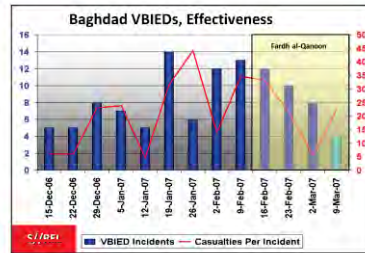
Intelligence Highlight

- **VBIED targeted civilians in Baghdad**
 - VBIED detonated in Rusafa book market
 - Device reportedly installed in Toyota Supra
 - CF reporting indicates 26 x CIV KIA, 60 x CIV WIA
 - Baghdad VBIED incidents, effectiveness lower since start of OP FAQ
 - Attack effectiveness, number of incidents lower since week of 9 February
 - Incidents this week on track to finish slightly lower than last week
 - Attack effectiveness up so far this week due to yesterday's high casualty count
 - Methodology indicates AQI affiliated Rusafa VBIED Network
 - Largest attack in Baghdad since al-Mustansirya University attack on 25 February
 - No claim of responsibility
 - Targeting of Shi'a concentrations in Rusafa neighborhoods decreased over last four weeks, likely due to coalition presence in area

Assessment: Attack likely intended to demonstrate AQI's ability to maintain offensive posture despite Baghdad security operations. Expect continued attempts to execute high profile attacks in near term, including efforts targeting Arba'een religious observances in Baghdad and Karbala.

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Civil War Indicators		
Indicator	Trend	Reporting: 24 Feb - 2 Mar 2007
Ethno-sectarian identities are the overriding force driving decision-making	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Ministers approved National Hydrocarbon Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All major parliamentary blocs represented during approval process – Contains firm commitment to revenue-sharing among regions and provinces on the basis of population
Unrestrained, self-sustained sectarian strife across multiple provinces	↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Sectarian incidents: 101; up 42% previous week • National Sectarian casualties: 457; up 21% • National executions: 130 KIA; up 53% • Baghdad Sectarian incidents: 71; up 61% • Baghdad Sectarian casualties: 367; up 140% • Baghdad executions: 103 KIA; up 110%
Ethno-sectarian mobilization	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQI-linked Sunni group abducted, executed 18 Shi'a IP in Diyala <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Claimed retaliation for the alleged rape by Mol officers – ISI quickly released still images, graphic video of IP execution; potential for increased Shi'a mobilization against Sunnis in Diyala
Population movements	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internally displaced families in Iraq: IOM: 62,473 (no new data); MoDM: 92,000 (no new data); IMC 108,663 (no new data)
<p>Assessment: Hydrocarbon Law likely to be enacted following CoR recess; may serve to ease Sunni concerns of lost revenue, build confidence in Gol. Rape allegations cited by AQI to project image of Sunni protector; graphic video of event intended to provoke sectarian response.</p>		
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1. A New York Times, 26 February 06, *Iraqis Reach Accord on Oil Law*
2. CIOC Ethno-Sectarian Weekly Outlook 4 Mar 07
3. A. OSC RESTON VA, 1.4c *Al-Sharqiyah: 'Islamic State of Iraq' Claims Killing 18 Kidnapped Iraqi Policemen*
- B. Washington Post, 26 February 2007, *Bomber Targets Baghdad College; at Least 39 Students, 9 Guards Die.*
4. IMC/MODM/IOM/ IDP Update received 22 Feb 07

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Regional Update

- (U) Hamas to receive continued Iranian funding
 - Khaled Meshaal met with Iranian officials in Tehran
 - Iranian foreign minister stated Iran had been providing financial, political support to Hamas despite embargo
 - Assured Meshaal financial aid to Hamas would continue
 - Iran reportedly provided \$120 million to Hamas during 2006
 - Ahmadinejad urged Meshaal to continue opposition of Israel:
 - “The [Palestinian] government should use its brave and pious forces to continue the resistance against the Zionist regime”

- (U) Iranian police chief claimed Western intelligence services may have abducted former Iranian deputy DM
 - Former deputy DM, Ali Reza Asgari, went missing while on a personal trip in Turkey, 7 February



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JAM Recent Reporting

- Senior Sadrists continue insisting that Sadr City mayor, Rahim al-Daraji, does not have the authority to negotiate on behalf of the Sadr Trend
 - Responding to reports Daraji is in talks with Gol and CF to discuss Fardh al-Qanoon operations affecting Sadr City
- Sadrists reportedly not presenting united message regarding their candidates for the impending Iraqi cabinet reshuffle
 - Groups have allegedly drafted competing lists of candidates for ministerial positions



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Threat Update

- **Multiple attacks against Arba'een pilgrims**
 - **Attacks included SVEST, VBIED, SAF**
 - **Two SVESTs detonated in Hillah**
 - 93 x CIV KIA, 164 x CIV WIA
 - **Complex attack targeted pilgrims leaving Baghdad**
 - VBIED detonated on ASR Jackson,
 - 15 x CIV KIA, 20 x CIV WIA
 - **SAF attack on bus near Baqubah**
 - Bus reportedly transporting pilgrims to Karbala
 - 2 x CIV KIA, 12 x CIV WIA
 - **No attack claims; targeting, methodology indicate AQI, Su**
 - **Attacks similar to surge which marked Ashura observances**
 - Likely intended to capitalize on heightened Shi'a sensitivity during Arba'een, provoke sectarian response
- **Threat to Shi'a Pilgrims is assessed as very high during Arba'een observances**
 - Shi'a pilgrims beginning travel to Najaf, Karbala for 9-11 Mar observances



Assessment: AQI will continue to attack large gatherings of Shi'a pilgrims to incite sectarian violence, capture media attention, undermine security efforts of GOI. The threat to Arba'een pilgrims remains very high and will likely extend for several days after they begin returning from Karbala on 11 March.

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Regional Update

- (U) IAEA accepted ElBaradei's recommendation to suspend 22 Iranian aid projects
 - 22 of 55 projects recommended for suspension based on framework of December UNSC sanctions resolution
 - Projects related to medical, agricultural or humanitarian purposes exempted
 - Iranian envoy to IAEA condemned decision and blamed UNSC for "illegally" undermining the IAEA
 - Stated "none of these projects are in fact related to the enrichment program, which will continue as planned"
- (U) Pro- and Anti-Syria Lebanese leaders planning to meet to discuss solution to political crisis
 - Anti-Syrian majority leader, Saad al-Hariri, to meet Pro-Syria Parliament Speaker, Nabih Berri, within 24hrs
 - Reportedly plan to discuss "new formula" to end crisis



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JAM Recent Reporting

- MAS issued statement condemning recent Hillah suicide attack, encouraging Iraqis to display unity, fraternity during Arba'een
 - Sadr also restated need for CF withdrawal
- Sadrists complain about alleged ISF/CF operations in Karbala during Arba'een
 - Claim ISF/CF entered city while crowded with pilgrims and raided homes, arresting JAM/OMS members
 - Senior Sadrist officials planned to protest the incursions to senior GoI leaders
 - OMS leadership urged restraint following attacks against pilgrims on 6 March



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Intelligence Highlight

- **Attacks on JSS, PJCC**
 - **Complex attacks on Adhamiyah JSS**
 - 1505 - Grenade attack resulted in no damage
 - 1550 - Complex attack consisting of SAF, RPG, grenades
 - Resulted in damage to JSS roof, no casualties
 - **Complex attacks on smaller outposts have proven effective**
 - 19 Feb - Tarmiyah JSS targeted by complex attack
 - 20 January - Karbala PJCC penetrated by complex attack, several CF soldiers kidnapped
 - **Attacks likely perpetrated by both Sunni, Shi'a militants; likely to increase**
 - Insurgents likely collect intelligence on JSS operations to enable future attacks
 - Yesterday's incidents likely probing to evaluate responses, aid in future planning
 - Stations target of opportunity as the local face of combined security operations
 - Higher probability of larger attacks outside Baghdad due to greater insurgent freedom of maneuver, increased CF isolation from reinforcement

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Outlook: Extremist & Insurgent Propaganda

Terrorists and Foreign Fighters (T&FF)

- ISI/AQI volume down 169 to 286
 - Claimed execution of another 14 IPs in addition to previous 18 IPs; goal of 2000 ISF
 - Announced plan to escalate operations and SVBIEDs in Baghdad in response to FAQ
 - Claimed responsibility for shooting down 10 US helicopters since 11 January
 - Denied MoI reports of al-Baghdadi's arrest; assured followers ISI leadership is safe
- AS propaganda volume up 4 to 68
- IAI propaganda volume up 65 to 116
 - Released statement asserting anti-ISI messages on al-Buraq Islamic Network website are "lies," meant to create strife among jihadists
- Miscellaneous propaganda volume down 9 to 30
 - Mujahideen Army claimed to shoot down UH-60 in al-Niba'i using "heavy automatic weapons and a new anti-aircraft weapon not used by any [other] jihadist groups"

Sunni Resistance

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Assessment: Propaganda volume down, driven by decrease in ISI/AQI claims. Attacks against CF aircraft continued as pervasive theme this week. AQI is the only group still referencing alleged rape incident, attempting to leverage it for IO. Expect AQI to continue emphasis of rape theme as proxy for shamed Sunni honor.

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Regional Update

- (U) Iranian official stated Bushehr disagreement could escalate if Russia fails to deliver fuel
 - Official: dispute will become more than just “technical” if Russia fails to deliver fuel by end of March
 - Russia halted Bushehr light water reactor construction in February due to \$50 million of missed payments
 - Bushehr construction contract worth \$1 billion
- (U) Olmert, Abbas to meet Sunday
 - Abbas will likely present new cabinet plan
 - Olmert has insisted adherence to international requirements of Palestinian government
 - Israeli officials stated Olmert will ask for accountability of \$100 million in tax money transferred to Palestinians
- (U) Rival Lebanese political leaders issued positive statement following meeting yesterday
 - Despite positive statement, no tangible progress



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JAM Recent Reporting

- Senior Sadr bloc member complained about alleged abuses by ISF during house searches in Hillah and presumably other locations
 - Bloc member considered a moderate Sadrist
- Sadrists plan to meet with delegations attending the Neighbors' Conference in Baghdad 10 March
 - Will attempt to engage delegates except those from UK and US



Assessment: Continued complaints among Sadrists over alleged raids reflects heightened sensitivity to any perceived targeting by ISF or CF given Arba'een holiday and cooperative stance during Fardh al-Qanoon. Sadrists likely looking to increase political stature and support from nations outside the Coalition.

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Intelligence Highlight

- **Reports of new AQI TTPs**
 - **Hard Buried IED (HBIED) observed in MND-B**
 - Reports of AQI elements IVO Bassam (WNW of Baghdad) cutting through asphalt, concrete; burying large amounts of explosive; replacing slab
 - Devices must use command wire
 - More prevalent in rural areas due to time, effort needed to emplace
 - New TTP for Baghdad area; previously observed in MNF-W, MND-N
 - **Techniques to lure security forces into VBIED kill radius in MND-N**
 - VBIED w/ occupants attacked ISF in effort to draw forces closer, occupants fled
 - ISF engaged empty vehicle with SAF before approaching, causing detonation
 - ISF bodies recently used to lure forces closer to VBIEDs
 - **New techniques demonstrate refinement to maximize effectiveness**
 - AQI has demonstrated versatility in response to dynamic operating conditions
 - Baghdad security operations likely drove some AQI elements to new areas, causing new TTPs to be developed

Assessment: AQI continues to demonstrate an ability to modify techniques in response to a dynamic operating environment. Expect additional TTP refinement as AQI elements shift operations to rural areas outside Baghdad in reaction to Fardh al-Qanoon.

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Threat Update

- Large-scale chlorine-augmented attack threat to Arba'een Pilgrims
 - Attack reported to include three tanker-trucks containing chlorine to be released in the center of Karbala on 10 March
 - Trucks reportedly located in Anbar, will move to Karbala via Yusufiyah
 - CIOC has issued multiple Situational Awareness reports on these threats



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Outlook: Sunni opposition to AQI

- **Opposition to AQI emerging, localized, limited**
 - Ramadi tribal opposition success inspiring some emulation; other independent efforts developing
 - Jihadist groups--Ansar al-Sunna, Mujahideen Army, Islamic Army in Iraq--adopting anti-AQI stance
 - 1920s Rev Brigade fighting AQI influence in Zaidon
 - Popular, clerical opposition timid, mostly rhetorical
- **Sunni anti-AQI motives vary, include:**
 - Tribal or political organizational desire to regain power/control
 - Ambition to assert or reassert control of local economic resources
 - Disagreement with extremely violent, indiscriminate modus operandi
 - Long-term strategic goals no longer coincide with AQI; tactical or operational ties with AQI no longer in best interests



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Regional Update

- (U) Iranian News Agency reported statement by Iran's lead delegate to Neighbors' Conference:
 - Deputy FM, Abbas Araqchi, reportedly stated Iraq is facing a vicious circle in which foreign occupation causes insecurity and insecurity is used as a justification for continuation of occupation
- (U) Sporadic inter-factional clashes continue in Gaza and West Bank
 - Fatah, Hamas security elements exchanged SAF at checkpoint in West Bank
 - Element loyal to Hamas reportedly entered pro-Fatah university in Gaza, shot Fatah student council member
 - Interior minister for cabinet reportedly still undecided; would gain official control of security services



- (U) Russia, China voiced reservations over proposed UN sanctions for Iran, claimed collective punishment

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JAM Recent Reporting

- According to an Iraqi press report, MAS reportedly made a public appearance in Karbala on 9 March
 - MAS allegedly surrounded by heavy security
 - Followers reportedly chanted slogans for Sadr's long life and denounced 'the occupation'
 - Senior Sadrist, Baha al-A'raji, claimed he met with Sadr on Monday in Najaf
- GoI official claimed in early March that Sadrists rumored to withdraw from parliament
 - Sadrists reportedly dissatisfied with losing ministerial positions



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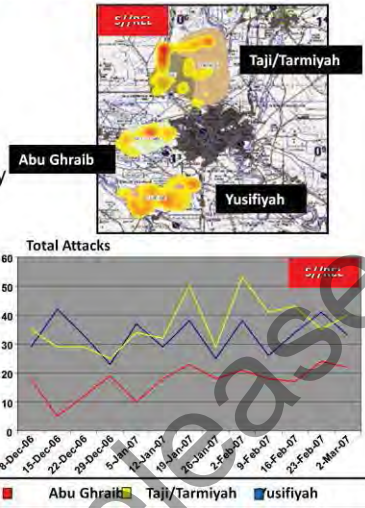
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Outlook: Attack Trends in Western Sunni Belts

- Slight increase in Taji/Tarmiyah; concentrated anti-CF attacks along RTE Islander
 - IED and SAF most frequent types of attack
 - Command Wire IEDs emplaced under the street as observed TTP
- Slight increase in Abu Ghraib; attack trends unaffected by security operations
 - AQI and 1920s Rev Bde continue fighting for dominance in regions west of Baghdad
 - Attempts to increase attack lethality: IED followed by SAF
- Slight increase in Yusufiah; insurgent safe haven to prepare for local and Baghdad attacks
 - Large weapons cache discovered on 1 March containing variety of munitions
 - Insurgents target CF/ISF clearing ops to maintain FOM to conduct operations



Assessment: Attack trends in the western Sunni belts indicate a slight increase in total attacks; no sudden rise indicative of insurgents shifting targeting due to increased security operations in Baghdad.

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Regional Update

- (U) Syria and Iran discuss military ties
 - President al-Assad met Iranian DM Najjar yesterday in Damascus; reportedly discussed military cooperation
 - Open sources report Hezbollah has sought to rearm by smuggling weapons from Syria via the Bekaa valley
- (U) Al-Zawahiri accuses Hamas of surrendering
 - Audio statement on al-Zazeera purported to be deputy al-Qa'ida leader
 - Al-Zawahiri declared Hamas has “fallen into the swamp of surrender” by accepting Mecca agreement
 - Stated “Hamas has sold out so it can keep a hold of a third of [the Palestinian] government”
- (U) Larijani states Iran will “soon” begin next phase of uranium enrichment
 - Chief nuclear negotiator indicated Iran preparing to introduce UF6 into new centrifuges at Natanz



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JAM Recent Reporting

- According to Iraqi press, MAS wants to return to Iraq soon to preserve and honor father's legacy as a spiritual leader
 - MAS has allegedly decided to return no matter what the circumstances
 - Sadr movement has strong legacy of remaining in Iraq despite turmoil

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- Members allegedly receiving classes in urban combat, marksmanship, and IEDs

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Intelligence Highlight

- **HP attacks on civilians in Baghdad**
 - **Suicide VEST detonated on bus in Rusafa**
 - Open sources report bus full of Shi'a pilgrims returning from Arba'een
 - 7 x CIV KIA, 5 x CIV WIA
 - **VBIED detonated in Karrada**
 - Open sources report VBIED detonated near truck carrying Arba'een pilgrims
 - 13 x CIV KIA, 6 x CIV WIA
 - **Despite recent attacks, HP attacks in Baghdad continue decreasing trend**
 - HP attacks peaked at 36 during week of 2 February
 - 23 HP incidents last week continues steady six-week decreasing trend
 - **No attack claims; targeting, methodology indicate AQI, Sunni extremists**
 - Incidents widely covered by international media outlets, contributing to IO campaign

HP Attacks in Baghdad

Date	HP Attacks
22-Dec-06	15
29-Dec-06	19
5-Jan-07	14
12-Jan-07	20
19-Jan-07	30
26-Jan-07	18
2-Feb-07	36
9-Feb-07	34
16-Feb-07	31
23-Feb-07	26
2-Mar-07	27
8-Mar-07	23

Assessment: Attacks likely intended to incite localized sectarian response by exploiting Shi'a religious sensitivities surrounding Arba'een. While AQI will not claim responsibility for sectarian attacks, expect propaganda highlighting Baghdad violence as part of IO campaign to discredit ISF/CF security operations.

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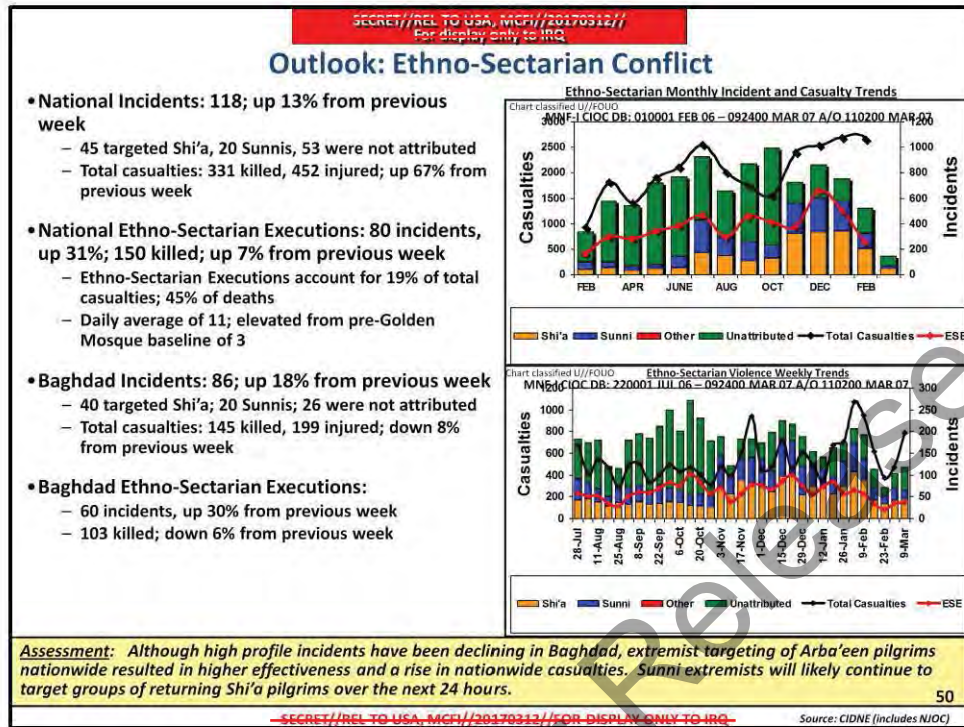
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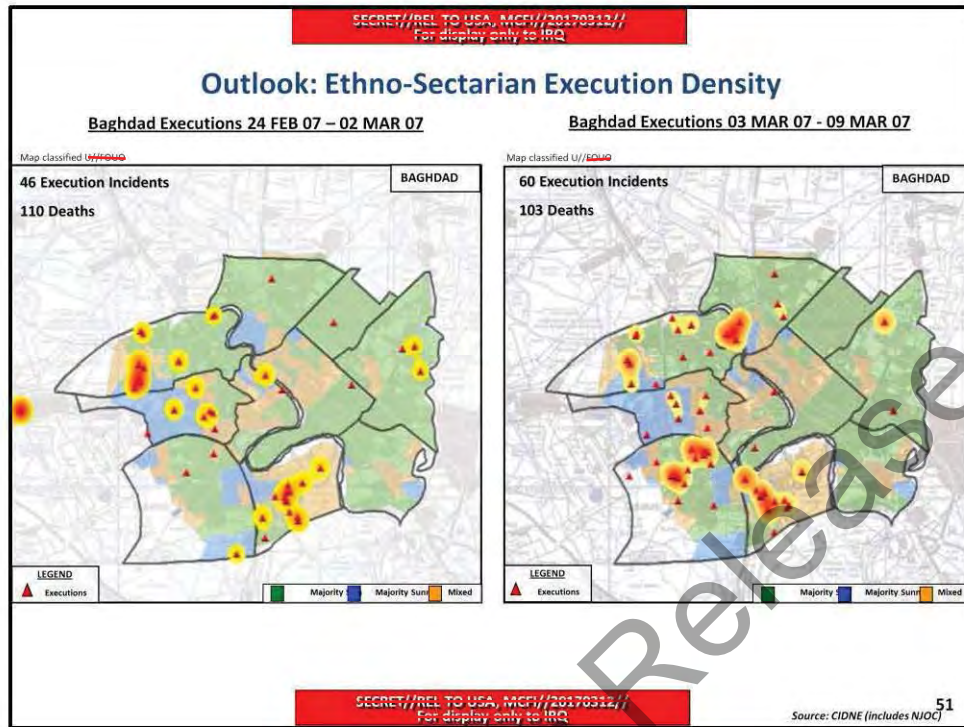
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Regional Update

- (U) Saudi peace proposal gains traction
 - Proposal calls for full Arab recognition of Israel, permanent peace in return for withdraw to 1967 border
 - Also calls for independent Palestine with capital in E. Jerusalem and “just solution” to refugee issue
 - Saudi plan expected to receive endorsement from Arab League at Riyadh summit on 28 March
- (U) Syria urges broader dialogue
 - Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister called for “serious dialogue” with West on regional issues
 - Remark followed meeting with UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Western diplomats in Damascus
 - Meeting reportedly focused on plight of Iraqi refugees
- (U) Suicide vest attack wounds four in Casablanca
 - Suicide operative detonated SVEST in internet cafe
 - Cafe in vicinity of 13 coordinated SVEST attacks in 2003



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JAM Recent Reporting

- JAM leaders reportedly warned populace of consequences of American-Iraqi military 'base' [JSS] in Sadr City
 - Leaders alleged 'base' a provocation for JAM and Sadr City residents
 - Claimed absence of JAM elements will make residents more susceptible to terrorist activity
 - Sadr City Mayor Rahim al-Daraji claimed 'media alarmism' was reason for public fears
- OMS member allegedly considered Fardh al-Qanoon a failure
 - Claimed Fardh al-Qanoon targets only Shi'a and Sadrists



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Intelligence Highlight

- **Ramadi suicide attack**
 - Suicide VBIED targeted joint IA, IP TCP
 - SVBIED approached at high rate of speed, engaged with SAF, detonated
 - 3 x ISF WIA, 8 x CIV WIA (two were children)
 - Record number of suicide attacks in Ramadi last month
 - Ten suicide attacks in February; more than average of four
 - March on track to be above average; 2 attacks so far
 - Attack methodology, targeting consistent with AQI, JTI
 - AQI-affiliated groups targeting Anbar ISF in attempt to maintain freedom of maneuver, discredit ISF, destabilize provincial government
 - Lack of regard for civilian casualties, suicide attack indicates foreign fighter
 - Multiple reports indicate Ramadi-based tribes actively fighting AQI presence
 - Unit reporting indicates improving LN attitude toward CF in western Anbar, AQI freedom to operate impacted by local tribes, ISF, CF operations

Month	SVBIED attacks	SVEST attacks	Total
Oct-06	6	0	6
Nov-06	3	0	3
Dec-06	2	1	3
Jan-07	4	0	4
Feb-07	10	0	10
Mar-07	2	0	2

Assessment: AQI suicide campaign targeting ISF over last six weeks likely intends to counter successful IP recruitment through public intimidation. Expect continued disregard for civilian collateral casualties to deepen rift between extremist elements, local populace.

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Civil War Indicators		
Indicator	Trend	Reporting: 3 - 9 Mar 2007
Ethno-sectarian identities are the overriding force driving decision-making	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maliki indicates resolve to shape GOI without regard to identity; outlines reshuffle of cabinet to counter Cabinet sectarian agendas; stated top officials would face prosecution for ties to insurgents, sectarian militias and death squads
Unrestrained, self-sustained sectarian strife across multiple provinces	↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Sectarian incidents: 118; up 13% • National Sectarian casualties: 783; up 67% • National executions: 150 KIA; up 7% • Baghdad Sectarian incidents: 86; up 18% • Baghdad Sectarian casualties: 344; down 8% • Baghdad executions: 103 KIA; down 6%
Ethno-sectarian mobilization	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple high profile attacks against Arba'een pilgrims designed to mobilize Shi'a response; no apparent retaliation • Sadrist leaders continue to claim Shi'a more susceptible to Sunni extremist activity without JAM presence
Population movements	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internally displaced families in Iraq: IOM: 62,473; MoDM: 92,000; IMC 108,663 all have no new data • Iraqi leaders reported return of 1,000 displaced families to Baghdad
Assessment: JAM maintaining lower profile despite ongoing AQI efforts to incite sectarian violence. Limited return of displaced families to Baghdad, likely to remain isolated events rather than widespread movement in near term.		
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Regional Update

- **(U) Syria denied Lebanese allegation of link to Fatah al-Islam**

- Fatah al-Islam suspected in two bus bombings last month near Beirut; group denies involvement
- Several suspects in Lebanon allegedly confessed to act and membership in the splinter Palestinian group
- Syria counters it has targeted members, asserts group is AQ-affiliated, not government sponsored



- **(U) EU urged Syrian involvement to stabilize region**

- Minister Solana met with President Assad, ending two-year pause in EU-Damascus high-level contacts

- **(U) Organization of the Islamic Conference rejected UN report on Darfur**

- OIC followed Sudan's attempt to block report by calling for new "objective and impartial" report

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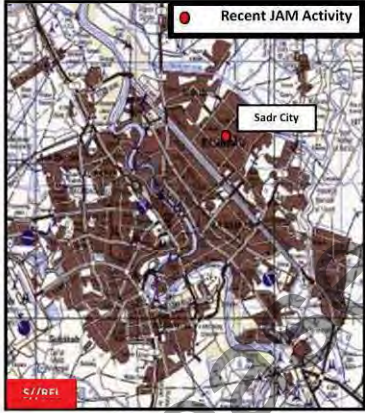
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JAM Recent Reporting

- JAM representatives reportedly met with IRGC to discuss responses to Fardh Al-Qanoon
 - Other Shi'a militia representatives in attendance
 - 1.4b, 1.4d, 1.4c
- Sadr City resident attributes recent violence to decreased JAM presence in regional press
 - Claims an increase of gang and terrorist violence in Sadr city
 - Claims CF operations and Fardh Al-Qanoon responsible for reduced JAM presence



Recent JAM Activity

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Intelligence Highlight

- **IED attack in Tuz targeted civilians**
 - IED detonated in market square
 - Damaged vendor shops
 - 1 x CIV KIA, 12 x CIV WIA were of mixed ethnicities
 - March IED attacks up in Tuz
 - Four IED's this month, three targeted civilians
 - Last 12 months averaged 1.6 IEDs per month
 - Two IEDs this month targeted civilian homes
 - Unit analysis indicates possible criminal activity
 - No indication of previous demands for money
 - Local vendor was likely target of attack
 - No apparent regard for collateral damage or casualties
 - Not believed to be same group that carried out extortion attempts in Kirkuk in January



Assessment: Recent IED attacks on civilians demonstrate targeting of specific homes and businesses likely part of ongoing criminal campaign, although there have been no indications of monetary demands.

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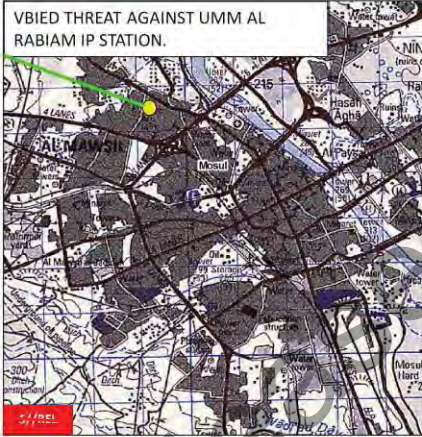
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Threat Update

- Attacks against IP stations in Mosul
 - AQI threat to Al Rabiam police station for coordinated attack from east & west from 0530 to 0600 on 15 March
 - Mosul IP attacked several times in last month
 - 21 Feb - VBIED on Four West IP station
 - 27 Feb - SVBIED targeted IP vehicles from Umm Al Rabiam IP station
 - 8 Mar - VBIED targeting IP results in 2 x IP KIA 8 X CIV WIA
 - 14 March – CIOC issued a situational awareness report on VBIED attack against Umm Al Rabiam police station.
 - This threat is considered **VERY HIGH**



Assessment: AQI has clearly demonstrated intent, capability to attack security forces in Mosul. Multiple HP attacks have been conducted in last 30 days, particularly IVO MSR Tampa. This threat is considered **VERY HIGH**.

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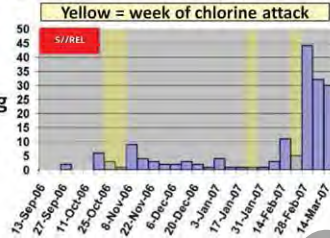
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Outlook: Increased Chemical Agent/TIC Threat Reporting

- **Increased chemical threats reporting**
 - Precedes major holidays, important government functions
 - Successful development of insurgent chemical agent capability beyond chlorine not supported by reporting
- **Recent chemical attack threat reporting against CF and Iraqis in Mar 07**
 - Insurgents modifying rockets and mortars for “chemical” attacks
 - Three TNT, mustard gas, and/or chlorine-filled trucks/tankers destined for Karbala
- **Media impact**
 - Heightened awareness increases reporting
 - Provides feedback for TTP refinement, migration
- **Based on available reporting, chlorine presents the most immediate threat to CF/ISF**

Classified Reports Involving Chlorine



Toxic Industrial Chemical (TICs)

Chlorine	Ammonia	Benzene
Toluene	Hydrogen fluoride	
Acids:		
Sulfuric	Phosphoric	
Nitric	Hydrochloric	
Unclassified		

Assessment: The current increase in CW-related threat reporting was the expected result of media impact. Despite this increase, we currently do not assess an increased overall CW threat beyond chlorine attacks.

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Regional Update

- (U) P5 plus Germany reach consensus on Iran sanctions
 - Draft delivered to all Security Council members, vote expected sometime next week
 - As drafted, sanctions would:
 - Ban all Iranian arms exports, discourage heavy weapons sales to Iran
 - Freeze assets of 28 officials and institutions, including several IRGC leaders and Bank Sepah
 - Allow for suspension, contingent upon Iran ceasing uranium enrichment
 - Parties offered differing interpretations, emphasis
 - Russian Ambassador noted current contracts are unaffected, arms sales to Iran not prohibited
 - Chinese Ambassador emphasized consensus, despite reservations
 - Iran asserted sanctions would have no impact on nuclear program, Security Council “has no legitimacy”



~~(C//REL)~~ **Assessment:** The draft text is a significant step toward targeting the financial component of Tehran's nuclear program. Differing emphases reflect necessity to address each state's domestic political audience, but do not diminish the importance of consensus.

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JAM Recent Reporting

- Sadr City Mayor Rahim al-Darraji target of assassination attempt
 - Initial reports indicate Darraji received superficial injuries from glass and shrapnel
 - Darraji's driver and the Director of the Sadr City Operations Center, Muhammad al-Furayji, were killed in the attack
 - Previously scheduled demonstration in Sadr City today could be larger than expected enflamed by the response to the assassination attempt
- Senior JAM leader Aws al-Khafaji reportedly returned to Nasiriyah from Syria in early Mar
 - Khafaji is one of the top JAM commanders in southern Iraq



Assessment: Extremist JAM elements likely attempted Darraji's assassination due to his negotiation efforts with CF. Other moderate Sadrists, especially in Sadr City, may be less willing to work openly with ISF, CF as a result of the attack.

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Intelligence Highlight

- **Sectarian attacks in Iskandariyah**
 - **VBIED targeted civilians in Iskandariyah**
 - Device detonated near bus carrying workers en route to Iskandariyah Bus Factory
 - 5 x CIV KIA, 22 x CIV WIA
 - **Two IDF attacks on civilians**
 - Resulted in only 1 x CIV WIA
 - **HP attacks in Iskandariyah rare; IDF sets record high**
 - Last HP attack was 26 November 2006
 - Last 12 months averaged less than one per month
 - **IDF attacks reach record levels**
 - Before January, IDF attacks in only two of previous 10 months
 - Attacks increased to nine in January, 12 so far in March
 - Casualties from IDF attacks also reached record levels
 - **Attacks in Iskandariyah likely intended to inflame sectarian violence**
 - Both Iskandariyah, factory workers predominantly Shi'a
 - Incidents could be attempt to target larger groups of Shi'a civilians in relatively unsecured areas

IDF Attacks and Casualties in Iskandariyah

Month	IDF Incidents	Total Casualties
1-Mar-06	0	0
1-Apr-06	0	0
1-May-06	0	0
1-Jun-06	0	0
1-Jul-06	0	0
1-Aug-06	0	0
1-Sep-06	0	0
1-Oct-06	0	0
1-Nov-06	0	0
1-Dec-06	0	0
1-Jan-07	9	2
1-Feb-07	10	4
1-Mar-07	12	14

Assessment: Iskandariyah attacks likely intended to stoke sectarian violence by targeting Shi'a civilians in predominantly Shi'a area. Expect mainstream Shi'a militia elements to maintain current level of restraint, though localized response by fringe militant groups possible.

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Outlook: Extremist & Insurgent Propaganda

Terrorists and Foreign Fighters (T&FF)

- ISI/AQI volume up 130 to 416
 - Issued statement complaining of “fierce” information war against ISI; refuted people forced to join ISI “by the sword”; stated only treaties made with ISI are valid
 - Criticized Arab League’s participation in Neighbor’s Conference as “hypocrisy”
 - Opposed call by Maliki for former IA officers to join Gol forces; reiterated invitation to join ISI by memorizing 3 parts of Koran and clarifying stand on Ba’ath Party
 - Denied Gol statement that 40 prisoners from Badush recaptured
- AS propaganda volume up 63 to 131
 - Released video detailing preparation of Syrian driver for SVBIED attack in Mosul
 - Claimed multiple attacks on oil pipelines
- IAI propaganda volume up 78 to 184
- Miscellaneous propaganda volume down 18 to 12

Sunni Resistance

- Propaganda volume up 87 to 122
 - Islamic Front for Iraqi Resistance criticized Neighbor’s Conference as sectarian
 - Al-Rashidin Army released analysis of Maliki’s meeting with former IA officers
 - Jihadist Armed Forces claimed multiple attacks on oil pipelines and infrastructure

Assessment: The increase 411 to 946 resulted in the second highest weekly volume on record. Major theme this week was criticism of Neighbor’s Conference and former Iraqi Army officer reconciliation. Attack claims on oil infrastructure common IO topic across Extremist and Insurgent groups.

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Regional Update

• **(U) Fatah al-Islam links Palestine, Iraq to form new AQ Affiliate**

- Led by Palestinian Shakir al-Abssi
 - Currently wanted in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan on terrorism charges
 - Served 3 years in Syrian prison for plotting terrorist attacks
 - Jordan sentenced Abssi to death along with Zargawi in 2002 for assassination of American diplomat



-Based in Lebanese Palestinian refugee camp

- government lacks authority to enter camp
- 80-150 militia members, 50 non-Palestinian Arabs with experience in Iraq

-Ideologically linked to AQ; group denies allegation

- Capitalizing on view that martyrdom in Iraq, Palestine no longer only outlet

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JAM Recent Reporting

- 16 Mar unarmed protestors demanded removal of CF 'base' from Sadr City
 - Demonstrators likely protesting Joint Security Station
 - Unit reporting indicates 1,600 participated
 - Armed, uniformed ISF reportedly joined anti-CF chants
- JAM members reportedly forewarned of raids to occur in Mahmudiyah
 - Raids were to be conducted by ISF/CF
 - JAM members urged to vacate the area



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Intelligence Highlight

- **Suicide bomber in Balad Ruz**
 - Targeted Balad Ruz police chief Col Faris Radi
 - Group was near Balad Ruz hospital when device detonated
 - 8 x IP WIA, 6 x CIV WIA; damage to 3 x IP vehicles, 2 x CIV vehicles, 1 x ambulance
 - Second suicide vest attack in Balad Ruz this month
 - 7 March SVEST targeted civilians in coffee shop
 - Four high profile attacks in last 12 months, three since January
 - Last three all SVEST
 - Sunni extremists IVO Balad Ruz attempting to reassert dominance
 - AQI affiliated Sunni extremists targeted by CF operations in January and February likely returning to area
 - Incidents could reflect retribution against Shi'a perceived to assist CF during Turki Bowl II
 - AQI affiliated groups reportedly conducting murder, intimidation operations in area

Assessment: Murder and intimidation operations in Balad Ruz likely an effort to reassert Sunni extremist local dominance through retribution attacks against ISF and others perceived as complicit with CF.

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Outlook: Islamic Army of Iraq Pragmatic Evolution

- **Leadership perceptions of threats to Sunni interests shifted in 2006**
 - Principle IAI-perceived threats shifted from CF to AQI, 1.4b, 1.4d
 - IAI challenging AQI in association with Ansar al Sunna, Mujahidin Army
 - Vying for position with other insurgent groups for post-CF withdrawal
- **Pragmatically balances nationalist and Islamist goals**
 - Ideologically jihadist but less extreme than AQI, AS
 - Does not subscribe to broader AQI agenda of transnational jihad
 - Some seek MNF-I tactical alliance; others ideologically opposed
 - Tolerant of Sunni engagement in political process
- **Founded mid-2003 by former Ba'athists, military elements, some foreign fighters**
 - Historically focused on defending Iraqi Sunni interests, removing foreign influences and eventual establishment of government run according to *Shari'a* law

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Regional Update

- (U) Palestinian legislature ratified unity government
 - Composed of Hamas, Fatah, independents
 - Abbas, Haniya gave contradictory statements, reflect party positions
 - Unity rejected by Israel, based on Hamas' refusal to accept Quartet's terms for peace negotiations
 - Quartet will take varying approaches to engagement of new cabinet
- (U) AQI militants sentenced in Jordan
 - Charged with plotting attacks on Jordanian trucking in Iraq
 - Four condemned to death, one in custody
 - Ten others received 15 years to life imprisonment
 - Other suspects still at large in Iraq



(C//REL) Assessment: *The lack of consensus on fundamental goals suggests the unity government will not make significant progress in improving Palestinian governance.*

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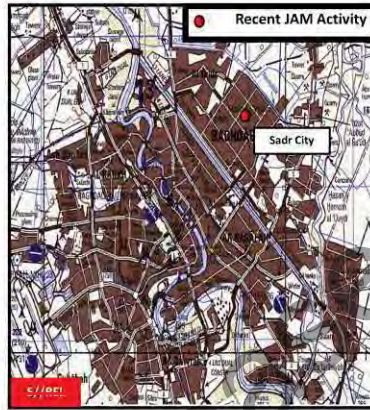
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JAM Recent Reporting

- Sadr City Mayor Rahim al-Darraji reportedly planned to withdraw from negotiations prior to the 15 Mar assassination attempt
 - Planned withdrawal allegedly the result of a conflict between the Mayor and City Council
 - Darraji claimed he was likely targeted because of his role in negotiations with CF concerning Sadr City Joint Security Station
- Extremist JAM leader Jalil al-Nuri reportedly suspected in the assassination attempt
 - Senior Sadrist Walid al-Zamili reportedly learned of a rumor implicating Nuri
 - OMS debating whether to denounce the attack



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Intelligence Highlight

- **Multiple chlorine attacks on 16 March**
 - Chlorine augmented SVBIED in Fallujah
 - Unit analysis indicates targeted Sheik Khamis, anti-AQI Abu Issa tribal leader
 - 250 x CIV WIA, 6 x CF WIA
 - Chlorine augmented VBIED in Amiriyah, S of Fallujah
 - Dump truck detonated at IP checkpoint while search was performed
 - Device likely detonated early due to IP actions at CP
 - 2 x IP KIA, 100 x CIV WIA (all displayed symptoms of chlorine inhalation)
 - Chlorine augmented SVBIED NE of Ramadi
 - Bongo truck with 3-4 chlorine tanks detonated at CF TCP on MSR Mobile
 - 1 x CF WIA, 1 x CIV WIA
 - No attack claims; targeting, methodology indicate AQI
 - Chlorine likely originating from water treatment facilities
 - Non-functional Tariq water treatment facility reportedly contains large amount of chlorine, possibly being utilized as VBIED factory, safe house, meeting site
 - Attacks on ISF, CF TCPs likely secondary targets
 - AQI murder, intimidation campaign further galvanizing anti-AQI tribal leadership against the extremist group, causing AQI to attempt more spectacular attacks

Assessment: *AQI employment of multiple chlorine augmented VBIEDs demonstrates continued experimentation, refinement of this attack capability. The use of chlorine augmented SVBIED on civilian target likely intended to intimidate tribal leadership unwilling to support AQI's radical methods, targeting.*

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Outlook: Al Zawra Satellite Station

- Al Zawra established Nov 2005 by Jabouri as self promotion for December 2005 elections
 - Al Zawra replaced arts and culture programming with anti-CF programming after loss of COR immunity in Oct '06
 - Anti-CF programming now popular with under-30 age group in Fallujah
- Al Juburi claims to be voice of non-extremist insurgency
 - On 16 February, Jabouri urged Abu Umar al Baghdadi to stop attacks upon civilians and IP
 - In an interview 29 January, Jabouri denied sectarian agenda; speaks for all anti-CF fighters



Mish'an al-Jabouri

1.4b, 1.4d, 1.4c

- US and Iraqi authorities sought to stop broadcasts
 - Egypt stopped broadcasting Al Zawra from NileSat end of February
 - Broadcasting resumed 13 March on Badr 3 satellite

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Regional Update

- (U) Iran accuses West of kidnapping officers, threatens retaliation

- Iran alleges western plot
 - Three IRGC officers disappeared in past three months
 - Attack on IRGC last month in Iran
- IRGC weekly paper warned of “ability to capture a nice bunch of blue-eyed blond haired officers”
 - Threatened action in Europe
 - Media speculation of targeting in Iraq



- (U) Mortar attacks in Somalia coincide with UN visit

- IDF in four areas of capitol, targeted seaport and former intelligence HQ; 18 casualties
- UN delegation in Baidoa for talks with government on possible peacekeeping mission

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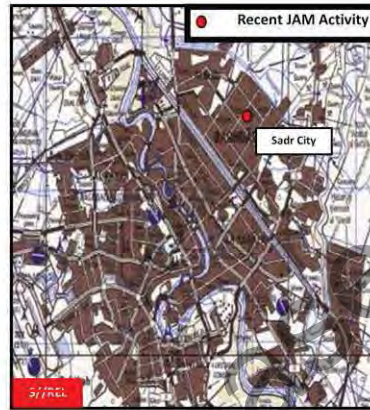
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JAM Recent Reporting

- Senior Sadr aide Walid al-Zamili reportedly indicated he supports negotiations with CF over the Sadr City Joint Security Station
 - Zamili also stated Sadr City Mayor Rahim al-Darraj was possibly a good candidate for coordinating and continuing with CF negotiations
- Sadrists release multiple statements urging JAM supporters not to cooperate with CF
 - Believe CF is trying to “defame Sadr City’s reputation” by claiming ongoing negotiations between Sadrists and CF
 - Reject the presence of CF in any province because “their presence affects the security situation”



Assessment: *Zamili and most other Sadrists are likely willing to let negotiations continue so long as talks are not discussed in the media. However, Sadrists are likely to continue negative IO campaign against CF in order to appease militant JAM elements. Such anti-CF statements may be interpreted by some JAM members as a call to resume limited attacks against CF.*

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Intelligence Highlight

- **VBIED uses children to decrease suspicion**
 - Device detonated in Market in Sha'ab, Adhamiyah
 - Targeted Shala market; next to school
 - UIM ran from the vehicle leaving two children in rear seat, followed by detonation
 - 5 x CIV killed, 7 x CIV injured
 - VBIED, SVBIED incidents increasing
 - Device effectiveness decreased
 - No attack claims; targeting, methodology indicate AQI affiliated extremist
 - Children in VBIED may be attempt to circumvent Baghdad security measures
 - Attack major IO opportunity to highlight probable AQI use, killing of children
 - VBIED targeting of markets along fault lines widely accepted AQI TTP

Date	Incidents	Average Casualties Per Attack
5-Jan	4	10
12-Jan	2	10
19-Jan	16	45
26-Jan	6	45
2-Feb	13	10
9-Feb	13	35
16-Feb	12	35
23-Feb	8	20
2-Mar	10	10
9-Mar	11	10
16-Mar	13	10

Assessment: Children inside VBIEDs unprecedented, likely AQI attempt to change VBIED characteristics to aid in movement through security checkpoints. Overall VBIED effectiveness down since beginning of Fardh al-Qanoon as VBIED facilitators unable to successfully target large civilian gatherings in Baghdad.

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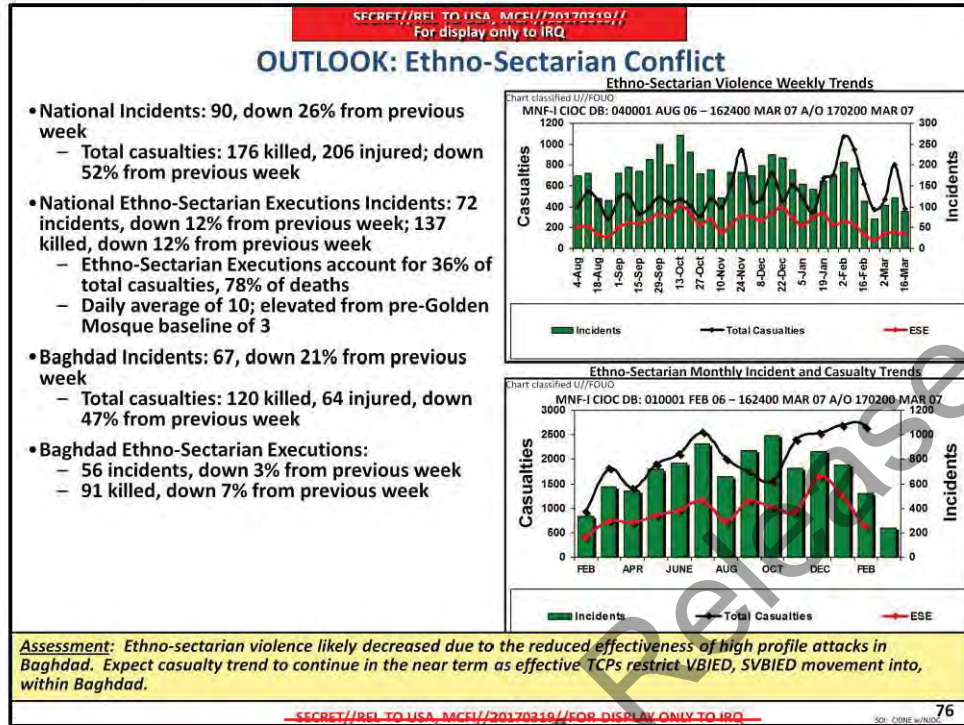
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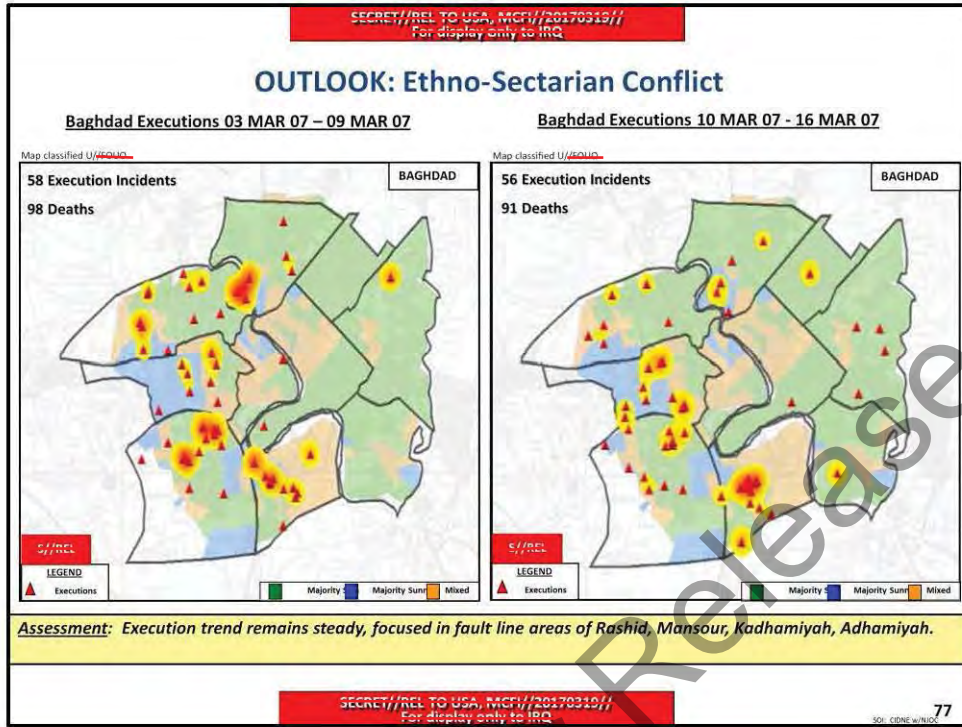
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Regional Update

- **Iran, Armenia open gas pipeline**
 - Initial capacity 14 billion cubic feet per year; upon completion up to 88 billion
 - Closer Armenian ties with Iran response to sanctions by Turkey, Azerbaijan
 - Armenia previously reliant on Russian gas, will pay for Iranian gas with electricity
 - Project signed 1992, construction began 2004

- **(U) Syria hopes for improved relations with Saudis**
 - Relations soured by Hariri's assassination
 - Further eroded by disagreement over cause of Israeli-Hezbollah war last year
 - Invitation to Arab summit viewed as positive
 - No high-level Syrian visit since early last year



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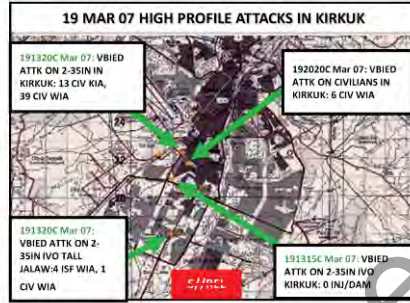
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Intelligence Highlight

- **Multiple VBIED attacks in Kirkuk**
 - **VBIED attack IVO Human Rights Bldg**
 - Device installed in VW Brazilian taxi
 - 100lbs of HME; bolts for improvised shrapnel
 - 4 ISF x WIA, 13 x CIV Killed, 40 x CIV INJ
 - **VBIED attack IVO IA officer's residence**
 - Device installed in VW Brazilian taxi
 - 200lbs of HME; no casualties
 - **VBIED attack targeting ERU**
 - 4 x ERU WIA, 1 x CIV INJ
 - **VBIED attack on IA family member**
 - 100lbs of HME; 6 x CIV INJ
- **Over the past 12 months, 15 multiple-VBIED days occurred in Kirkuk**
 - 03 FEB 06 – 1 x SVBIED/ 6 x VBIEDs detonated within 3 hour period
 - 15 OCT 06 – 6 x VBIEDs
- **Unit analysis indicates AAS involvement**
 - Employment of bulk HME, VW Brazilian taxis established AAS TTPs



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Outlook: Civil War Indicators		
Indicator	Trend	Reporting: 10 - 16 Mar 2007
Ethno-sectarian identities are the overriding force driving decision-making	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maliki visit to Anbar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promised to rebuild infrastructure, improve electricity services, compensate residents for property damages, increase security - Met with Sunni tribal sheiks, encouraged Sunni unity for GOI participation - Visit demonstrates GOI support to those outside the capital regardless of sect
Unrestrained, self-sustained sectarian strife across multiple provinces	↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Sectarian incidents: 90; down 26% • National Sectarian casualties: 382; down 52% • National executions: 137 killed; down 12% • Baghdad Sectarian incidents: 48; down 44% • Baghdad Sectarian casualties: 184; down 47% • Baghdad executions: 91 killed; down 7%
Ethno-sectarian mobilization	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunni militants sustain current levels of sectarian violence in Diyala, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remains highest rate of sectarian incidents outside Baghdad - 20 homes burned, ISI flag flying IVO Muqadadiya - 4 execution incidents IVO Baqubah, 19 killed
Population movements	↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internally displaced families in Iraq: IOM: 62,473; MoDM: 92,000; IMC: 108,663; all have no new data • Iraqi leaders reported return of 1k-2k displaced families to Baghdad
<p>Assessment: Baghdad sectarian strife will likely remain below pre-Fardh al-Qanoon levels, as HP attacks are less effective, executions remain steady. Expect rate of localized sectarian incidents to remain unchanged in mixed areas outside the capital.</p>		
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Regional Update

- (U) Gulf Arabs boost aid to Sunni militants in Lebanon
 - Latest funding response to perceived Shi'a activism, counter to 1.4b, 1.4d
 - Increase initially began after Hariri assassination
 - Recipients include Fatah al-Islam, Usbat al-Ansar
- (U) Russian ultimatum to Iran on Enrichment
 - Russia threatened to withhold fuel for Bushehr unless Iran agrees to suspend uranium enrichment
 - Drawdown of Russian specialists, linked to non-payment



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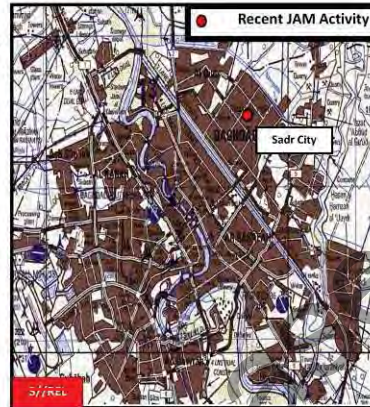
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JAM Recent Reporting

- Sadr City Mayor Rahim al-Darraji told associate the Sadr City JSS was established early as part of an agreement to release Sadrist prisoners
 - Associate doubted accuracy of claim
- Three senior advisors disseminate Sadr's directives: Walid al-Zamili, Riyad al-Nuri, Mustafa al-Yaqubi
 - Radical JAM members often seek alternative guidance



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Intelligence Highlight

- **Attacks targeted civilians in east Baghdad**
 - **1120C Passat taxi detonated in Rusafa**
 - Exploded in al-Sheikh Omar Area
 - Device constructed of mortar rounds, did not fully detonate
 - 4 x CIV killed, 14 x INJ
 - **Other attacks in Rusafa**
 - 0725C – Bomb exploded on minibus; no injuries
 - 1210C – VBIED detonated; 4 x CIV INJ
 - **HP attacks remain elevated; higher percentage found and cleared**
 - 20 HP attacks in Bagdad this month, on pace to equal January, February's 36
 - 18% found and cleared, up from 9% in February, 10% in January
 - **Targeting, methodology indicate AQI affiliated Sunni extremist groups**
 - Attack not likely work of Rusafa VBIED network; failed to operate properly
 - Lower casualty numbers indicate success of ISF, CF attempts to secure Rusafa markets

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Assessment: *Sunni extremists continue attempts to target Shi'a civilian population in Rusafa, though ISF, CF security operations have limited their success. Expect extremists to maintain focus on east Baghdad civilian targets in near term, endeavoring to recreate the success of past Rusafa market bombings.*

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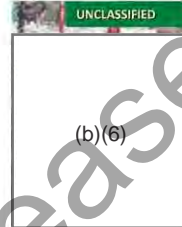
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Outlook: JAM in Fardh al-Qanoon

- JAM maintaining a low profile across Baghdad
 - Levels of typical JAM activity lower than before Fardh al-Qanoon
 - Many mid- and high-level leaders remain outside Baghdad
- Sadrist resistance to CF presence in Sadr City growing
 - Sadr publicly denies association with Daraji's negotiations on the JSS
 - Widespread press coverage and Daraji assassination attempt threaten negotiations; Sadrists will likely press for concessions on CF presence in Sadr City JSS
- Tensions within JAM
 - Extensive press coverage of talks compromises Sadrist anti-CF posture
 - Divisions between moderate and militant Sadrist factions growing as highlighted by Daraji assassination attempt
 - Zamili among those privately encouraging continued talks between Daraji and CF



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Regional Update

- **(U) Heavy fighting in Mogadishu**
 - **16 killed, 81 injured; 5 soldiers' corpses desecrated**
 - Ethiopian troops, African Union peacekeepers viewed as foreign invaders
 - Clashes began when Ethiopian tanks responded to insurgent fire, entered insurgent stronghold
- **(U) Iran threatens "illegal actions" to pursue nuclear program**
 - Responded to proposed sanctions; "illegal" not explained, likely violations of Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty
 - Warned of response if attacked



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JAM Recent Reporting

- Senior Sadrist parliamentarian Baha al-Araji alleged CF raided his office in Kadhimiyah in statement to press
 - Claimed raid was meant to drag the Sadr Trend into confrontation but reiterated Sadrist support for Gol and Fardh al-Qanoon
- Senior JAM commander Ahmad al-Shaybani reportedly released
 - Shaybani detained in 2004 following Coalition operations in Najaf



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Intelligence Highlight

- **Child suicide bomber in Haditha**
 - IP patrol hit while in pursuit of suspicious vehicle
 - Patrol noticed suspicious vehicle, was in pursuit
 - Passed boy with backpack on bicycle
 - Detonated as IP patrol passed
 - School ID recovered
 - First SVEST attack on record in Haditha
 - Only four HP attacks in last 12 months
 - Total attacks down from October peak of almost 120 to less than 30 in February
 - Less than 10 total attacks so far in March
 - Children used to aid, carry out attacks
 - Boy likely foreign to area as name, school not recognized by local nationals
 - 18 March VBIED in Baghdad used children to aid movement, access
 - Known use of children for reconnaissance



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Assessment: *Yesterday's attack likely intended to demoralize Haditha Police, as part of a larger effort to negatively influence the effectiveness of the Anbar ISF by discouraging recruitment, retention. The utilization of a child in this incident is not likely the start of a larger trend of young suicide bombers in Anbar.*

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Outlook: Extremist & Insurgent Propaganda

Terrorists and Foreign Fighters (T&F)

- ISI/AQI volume down 159 to 257
 - Released statement calling all IG claims of arresting Jihadist Leaders “Lies”
 - Claimed downing an Apache in Hadithah City on 16 March, Blackhawk near Ba’qubah on 19 March
- AS propaganda volume down 106 to 25
 - Released statement rejecting alleged deal offered by US
 - Claimed downing of helo in Al-Baghdadi district on 19 March
 - Claimed capture of IZ Officer who answered PM Maliki’s invitation
- IAI propaganda volume down 45 to 139
- Miscellaneous propaganda volume up 154 to 166
 - Conqueror’s Army released statement denouncing and ridiculing ‘Iraq Peace Plan’
 - Nusrah Army released statement warning groups not to attempt to control the path of jihad; threatened to punish individuals carrying out criminal actions as jihadist

Sunni Resistance

- Propaganda volume down 79 to 43
 - Amuriyah FC threatened death to Iraqi officers accepting PM Maliki’s invitation
 - 1920 Rev Brigades denied agreement to negotiate with GOI or Coalition

Assessment: Propaganda volume down due to decreased attack claims. Downing of aircraft a major theme this week. AQI/ISI claims reactive, responding to Fardh al-Qanoon success. Statement by AS rejecting CF negotiation likely for public consumption while negotiations continue. Expect further claims denying, denouncing reconciliation efforts.

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Regional Update

- (U) **Fighting continues in Somalia**

- **Troops clashed with Islamist insurgents**
 - Heaviest fighting since 2006
 - Hundreds of residents displaced Thursday; 40,000 since January 2007
- **Separate clash between pro-gov't regional militias, locals in Puntland**
 - 10 pro-gov't militia KIA
 - Local militia seized control of Cadaado
- **Gov't alleged Aden Hashi Ayro named AQ leader in Mogadishu**
 - Ayro trained in Afghanistan, leader of Islamist Shabab



- (U) **UN Hariri probe likely to be extended another year for further investigation**

- **Inquiry widened to include attacks on commission, PM Gemayel murder, recent bus bombing**

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JAM Recent Reporting

- 22 March, JAM members conducted attacks against Fadhila headquarters in Basrah
 - Attack was reportedly the result of a dispute over a building recently vacated by CF
 - Senior officials from OMS, Fadhila played down the dispute in the media
- JAM attacks Shahid Al-Mihrab Foundation in Al-Kut in late March
 - Foundation associated with SCIRI
 - Attack reprisal for alleged killing of three JAM members by Badr Organization



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Intelligence Highlight

- **Adaptation of extremist tactics in Ramadi**
 - **Improvised mortar tubes (IMT)**
 - Utilizing IMT's to attack ISF, CF targets from side streets in Iskan district
 - Two extremists hold IMT while a third drops mortar into IMT
 - Teams typically mobile to minimize interdiction by QRF or counter fire
 - **Modified vehicles to move weapons components**
 - Hidden compartments welded between rear seat, trunk area
 - Cab be utilized to hide, transport small arms, ammo, bomb making components
 - Some modifications utilized to hide sniper compartments, allowing sniper teams to fire from enclosed trunk area
 - **Improvisations not new extremist tactic, demonstrates impact of operations**
 - Vehicle modifications indication of decreased freedom of movement, likely due to increased checkpoints, IP effectiveness
 - IMTs inaccurate, no true aiming mechanism

Assessment: *Innovations will likely continue as Anbar ISF increases efficiency, professionalism further impacting extremist freedom of movement, operation. Extremist operations in Ramadi will attempt to maintain attack levels on ISF to demonstrate viability to populace despite ongoing ISF, CF operations.*

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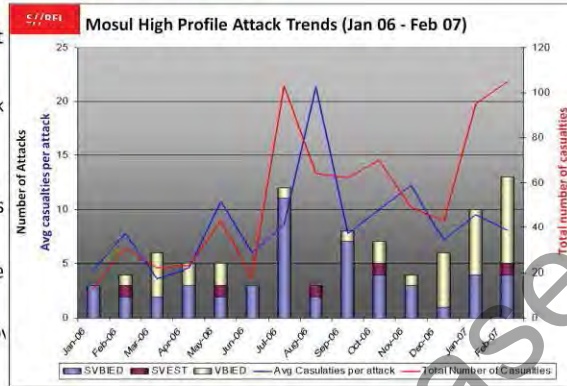
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Outlook: AQI in Mosul

- AQI operations increasingly frequent and bold
 - HP attacks rising since NOV
 - 6 MAR, AQI-led Badush prison break
 - 27 FEB, 2x SVBIED against Mosul IP station
- AQI exploiting transition of security responsibility to Iraqi Security Forces (ISF)
 - Coalition Forces (CF) redeployed away from Mosul, west Ninewa during past year
 - Overall attack levels steadily rising on same time period



- Sunni Arab fears of political and economic marginalization in Mosul drive passive and active support for AQI operations
- Mosul remains foreign fighter (FF) facilitation hub along Tigris River Valley

Assessment: AQI perceives ISF in Mosul as vulnerable and will increasingly focus operational resources on the city to expand freedom of movement, keep FF routes open, and to divert attention from CF successes in Baghdad.

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Regional Update

**Argo plane shot down in Mogadishu, despite
negotiations and relative calm**

**Argo plane hit by rocket during takeoff, crashed north
of Mogadishu capital**

- Belarusian Ilyushin-76 transporting equipment to support
African Union peacekeeping mission

**Relative calm in capital as Ethiopians negotiate with
Somali elders, only sporadic gunfire reported**

**Shari'ah Council of Islamic Courts vowed guerrilla war; military
operations in Mogadishu commanded by Aden Hashi Ayro**

Iran vote on Iran sanctions scheduled for today

Iran President Ahmadinejad canceled address to Security Council

- Iran alleged delay of visas for entourage
- Foreign Minister will give address in place of President



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JAM Recent Reporting

Members are returning to the Bayya, al-Shaykh, and Shu'la districts of Baghdad reportedly 55 bodies found over past two days, most reported signs of torture, execution. Reporting blamed JAM return for increase in executions in Baghdad.

Spokesman praised the people of Basrah for the British military withdrawal.



Conclusion: JAM likely responsible for reported increase in executions in Baghdad; may indicate JAM resurgence in Baghdad. JAM will likely continue IO campaign to claim responsibility for the British drawdown in Basrah.

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Intelligence Highlight

Assassination attempt on First Deputy PM Salam Al-Zawbai

Coordinated SVEST, VBIED attacked DPM's residence in IZ

- Member of DPM's PSD detonated SVEST in Mosque at DPM's residence
- VBIED placed in PSD vehicle detonated outside DPM's residence
- Attack resulted in 18 total casualties
 - DPM treated for chest/face wounds – currently in stable condition
 - 5 x LN killed, 13 x LN injured
- 20 March threat reporting indicated AQI planned to assassinate DPM Al-Zawbai
 - Reporting indicated AQI to target DPM Al-Zawbai at Parliament Bldg
 - Attack to consist of VBIED smuggled into IZ using forged MOI identifications

Attack claims, targeting, methodology indicate AQI

- AQI claimed attack through propaganda wing; ISI
- AQI view Sunni Gol members as potential targets
- Use of coordinated SVEST, VBIED consistent with known AQI TTPs

Possible implications of infiltration of DPM's PSD

- Sunni politicians may question reliability of current PSDs
 - May lead to reduced public appearances

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Regional Update

UN Security Council unanimously approved sanctions against Iran for continued enrichment. Sanctions would be suspended if Iran verifiably ceases enrichment.

Minor concessions to objecting members, sanctions fundamentally unchanged.

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Iran alleges British detainees confess to violating territorial waters.

Rhetoric increasing, "blatant aggression"

Reportedly transported to Tehran for interrogation.

Domestic groups calling for prisoner exchange for Iranians detained in Iraq.

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JAM Recent Reporting

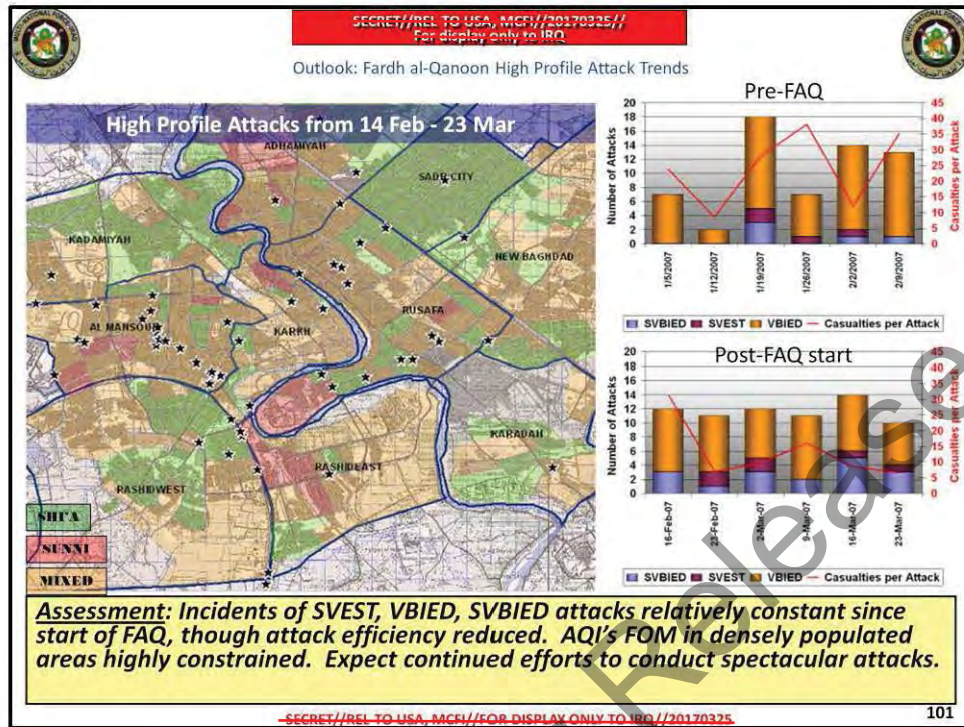
- JAM commanders traveling to Najaf OMS to discuss resuming attacks against CF; perceive Fardh al-Qanoon is failing
 - Senior JAM leader Muhammad Tabatabai set up the meeting; Sadr allegedly aware, not attending
- Sadrists hope Qays al-Khazali will be released soon; wait and see approach
- JAM 'Regiment' possibly returning to Ghazaliyah to combat crime



Assessment: JAM leaders are likely making contingency plans in the event attacks against Shi'a continue in Baghdad. 'Rogue' leaders such as Tabatabai likely planning to resume attacks if Khazali not released. Some JAM members likely returned to Baghdad, may resume limited violence with or without Sadr's approval.

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Regional Update

**Iran threatens to charge British sailors, marines
Rhetoric increasing, "issue is being considered legally"**

PM Blair insists no TTW violation

**Oil price spiked to 3-month high in response to
increasing tensions**

**Iran partially suspends IAEA cooperation
Suspension of IAEA notification of changes to,
Decisions concerning nuclear program
Response to UN Security Council sanctions**

**Ethiopia-Hawiye clan ceasefire reached
Ethiopia pledged to release captured government troops, implement ceasefire**



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JAM Recent Reporting

- Intra-JAM debate over attacks on CF
 - ‘Special groups’ under command of Abu Dura allegedly planned attack on CF in next few days without Sadr’s knowledge
 - JAM members loyal to Sadr threatened to attack JAM ‘special groups’ if they resume attacks on CF
- Sadr City JAM element claimed Sadr’s return to Najaf
 - No corroboration



Assessment: Most JAM elements will likely keep low-profile and refrain from attacking ISF, CF. Conflicting JAM groups’ intentions indicate current divisions within JAM leadership concerning attacks on CF. Lack of evidence to support claim of Sadr’s return suggests IO campaign to boost the morale of JAM elements in Sadr City.

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Intelligence Highlight

- **Baghdad HP attacks continue downward trend**
 - Fewer HP incidents since FAQ
 - Security operations impacting facilitation networks, freedom of movement
 - Lower casualties per incident
 - Fewer successful detonations at primary target areas
 - Small increase during Arba'een
 - Steady last 2 weeks
 - Found & cleared ties previous record high from December 06
 - 11 Found & cleared so far
 - More HP attacks on ISF, CF
 - More VBIEDs detonating at TCPs
 - ISF, CF better at VBIED, SVBIED interdiction

Baghdad HP Attacks, Efficiency

Date	Incidents	Casualties per Attack
3-Nov	12	10
10-Nov	7	10
17-Nov	11	10
24-Nov	10	10
1-Dec	8	10
8-Dec	5	10
15-Dec	5	10
22-Dec	7	10
29-Dec	7	10
5-Jan	4	10
12-Jan	11	10
19-Jan	5	10
26-Jan	10	10
2-Feb	7	10
9-Feb	11	10
16-Feb	11	10
23-Feb	8	10
2-Mar	4	10
9-Mar	4	10
16-Mar	4	10
23-Mar	4	10

Assessment: Number of HP incidents, average efficiency continued overall six week decline likely due to Fardh al-Qanoon, increasing security. Expect to maintain lower attack levels due to CF, ISF efficiency during ongoing operations.

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Ethno-Sectarian Conflict

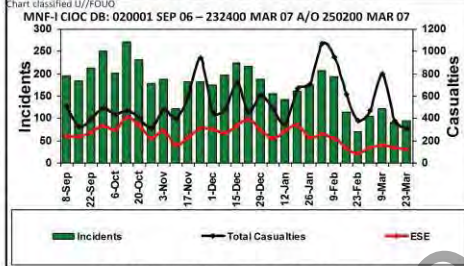
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- National Incidents: 94; up 3% from previous week
 - Total casualties: 166 killed, 147 injured; down 18% from previous week
- National Ethno-Sectarian Executions Incidents: 75, up 3% from previous week; 123 killed; down 10% from previous week
 - Ethno-Sectarian Executions account for 39% of total casualties; 74% of deaths
 - Daily average of 11; elevated from pre-Golden Mosque baseline of 3
- Baghdad Incidents: 67; down 1% from previous week
 - Total casualties: 109 killed, 37 injured; down 20% from previous week

March 2007 Outlook

- If current trends continue in March:
 - Projected Incidents: down 15%
 - Projected Executions: down 5%
 - Projected Casualties: down 20%

Ethno-Sectarian Violence Weekly Trends



Ethno-Sectarian Monthly Incident and Casualty Trends

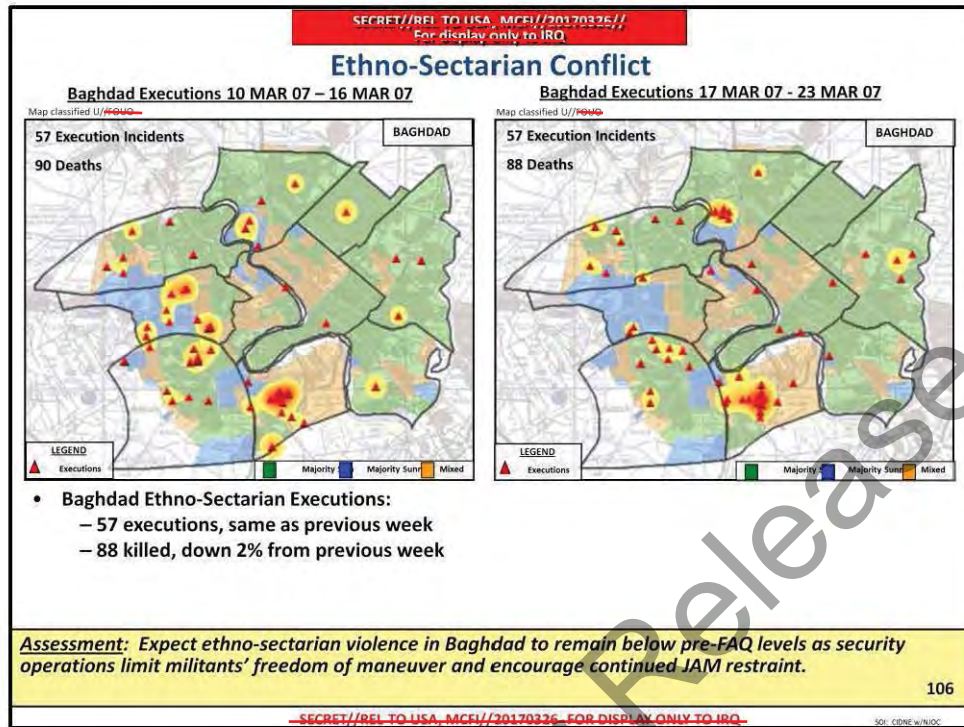


Assessment: Ethno-sectarian violence remained at reduced levels across Iraq during the past week as high profile attack efficiency declined, likely due to increased security operations. Expect sectarian violence to remain at lower levels during the next week as ISF, CF operations continue throughout Iraq.

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Regional Update

(E) Egyptians vote on constitutional referendum

- Referendum refers to Egypt's new basic law
- Low turnout: 29.2% (9% below 50% threshold)
- Rejected by 74% of voters
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(F) Smugglers kill guards off coast of Yemen

- 31 killed, 60 missing, 400 rescued, 1000 sent back to shore
- 1000 sent back to shore
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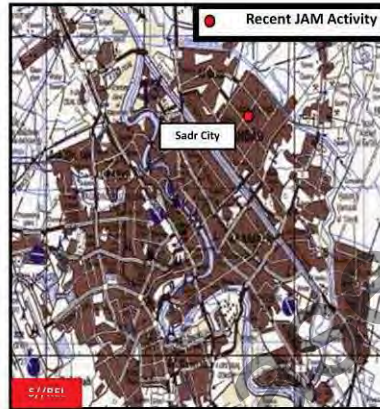
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JAM Recent Reporting

- Mass JAM leadership resignations alleged
 - Due to order from Najaf
 - Currently no brigade commander; ‘all’ had resigned
 - Khalil only supervisor left in Sadr City
- Layth Khazali successor appointed to lead secret cells
 - ‘Abu Zaki’ appointment reported 25 March



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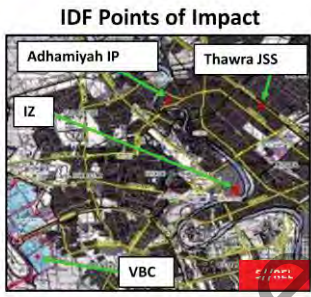
Intelligence Highlight

- **IDF attacks on CF in Baghdad**
 - 1115: Mortar on Adhamiyah IP station
 - 1405: 3 x 107mm rockets on IZ
 - 1 x CF WIA, 1 x CIV (US) INJ, 2 x CIV (TCN) INJ, 1 X LN INJ
 - 1609: 3 x 107mm rockets on IZ
 - One round struck US Embassy, minor damage
 - Fired from Qadisiya, IVO Route Irish
 - 2005: 2 x IDF (unknown type) on VBC
 - Rounds launched from Jihad, visually acquired
 - Rounds struck IVO Slayer, possibly landing in lake
 - 2027: 3 x mortar rounds on Thawra JSS
- **Baghdad IDF attacks down thus far in March**
 - 93 attacks so far this month, down over 35% from February's 151
 - Reached lowest level since October 2006
- **Threat reporting indicates JAM associated "special groups" in IZ attack**
 - Attacks likely retaliation for detention of several JAM leaders
 - Indicated possible increase in attacks on CF, ISF targets in greater Baghdad

Assessment: IDF attacks on IZ likely indicate JAM "special groups" activity in retaliation for the recent CF detention of several JAM leaders. Expect increased IDF on CF installations in eastern Baghdad in near term due to perceived success, media coverage of yesterday's IZ attacks.

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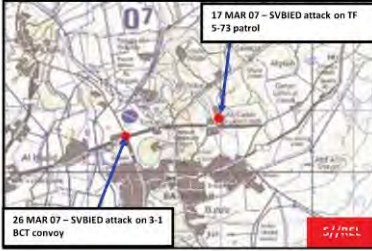
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- **SVBIED attack IVO Ba'qubah**
 - SVBIED attacked convoy with 3-1 BCT Cdr
 - PSD used Bradley IFV to intercept SVBIED
 - Device installed in blue Bongo truck
 - 2 x CF WIA
 - Recent HP attacks targeting CF IVO Ba'qubah
 - 17 MAR SVBIED attacked CF patrol
 - Detonated at entrance to patrol base
 - Device installed in white Bongo truck
 - 1 x CF KIA, 17 x CF WIA, 1 x civilian injured
- **Recent Threat reporting suggested AQI HP attacks IVO Ba'qubah**
 - As of 17 MAR, AQI planned series of attacks IVO Ba'qubah
 - Potential targets included Governor facility, Ba'qubah IP buildings
 - Planned to employ VBIED/SVBIED/SAF in complex attacks
- **Threat reporting, SVBIED employment implicate AQI**

Assessment: AQI seeking to employ high profile attacks on key leadership in southern Diyala province, aiming to disrupt cooperation between local populace and CF. Expect AQI to continue attempting high profile attacks against Gol, CF leadership VIC Ba'qubah.

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Threat Update

- Recent reporting indicates planned attack on IZ ECPs
 - 2 x VBIEDs prepared for attacks
 - Packed with gas cylinders, explosives and rockets
 - Target is likely ECP 1 and ECP 11
 - Attack possible between 26 MAR – 1 APR
 - CIOC issued a situational awareness report 27 Mar



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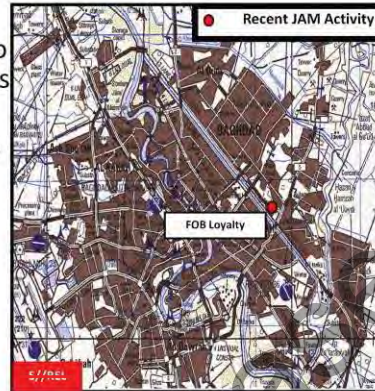
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JAM Recent Reporting

- Response to detention of Abu Dura's brother, Halim
 - Abu Dura reportedly directed associates to attack FOB Loyalty, possibly with chemicals
- Response to Qays al-Khazali's detention
 - Supporters threatening retaliation, if Qays not released
 - Senior Sadrists negotiating for release



Assessment: Chemical attacks against FOB Loyalty unlikely; IDF reprisal attacks against CF by Dura's associates expected to continue. Khazali's associates likely to continue negotiations, unless release perceived to be improbable, in which case they would increase attacks against CF.

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Intelligence Highlight

- **Multiple large VBIEDs in Tal Afar**
 - **1633: Dump truck VBIED targeted mixed market**
 - Unit analysis indicates 7000-10,000 lb of HME; crater 50 ft wide x 30 ft deep
 - Multiple buildings collapsed
 - 83 x CIV killed, 140 x CIV INJ
 - **1750: Dump truck VBIED detonated SW of Tal Afar**
 - IP identified dump truck as VBIED, engaged causing detonation
 - 3 x CIV killed, 3 x CIV INJ
 - **Recent attacks first HP attacks in Tal Afar since January**
 - 26 MAR: SVEST targeted civilians yesterday
 - **Targeting, methodology indicate AQI**
 - AQI emboldened over success of recent coordinated attacks in Ninewa
 - Tal Afar located on major AQI foreign fighter facilitation route
 - Second VBIED likely intended to target first responders, QRF

Assessment: *Coordinated large VBIED attacks intended to target civilian population, first responders endeavoring to intimidate local populace, force acquiescence for AQI along crucial foreign fighter facilitation routes. Success of ISF in intercepting second device indicates continued effort of locally manned security forces to counter AQI elements operating in vicinity.*

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Renewed AQI-1920 RB Conflict

- Firefight between AQI and 1920 RB in Abu Ghraib kills nephew of AMS/MUC leader Harith al-Dari
- Previous reporting indicated 1920s RB mediating AQI, Zoba'i Tribe negotiations
- Attack happened as Thahir al-Dari, General Sheikh of Zoba'i Tribe, (father of deceased) was meeting with CF

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Assessment: AQI continues intimidation attacks to gain dominance over rival groups, Sunni tribes. Death of Harith al-Dari's nephew likely to further divide AQI and Zoba'i Tribe, presenting opportunity for CF engagement with Sunni.

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Regional Update

100 Arab Summit conclusions today in Riyadh

- King Abdullah's opening statement
 - Reiterated "Tehran's foreign intervention" of Iraq
 - Expressed Saudi CF's support to resolve the crisis in Iraq
 - Assured Iraqis that Saudi will be in Iraq to support the government
 - Called for an "impartial" investigation
- Draft text on Iraq
 - Call for national reconciliation
 - Express willingness to discuss constitutional article
 - Express willingness to discuss



(C//REL) Assessment: Arab Summit is a test of Saudi diplomatic leadership.

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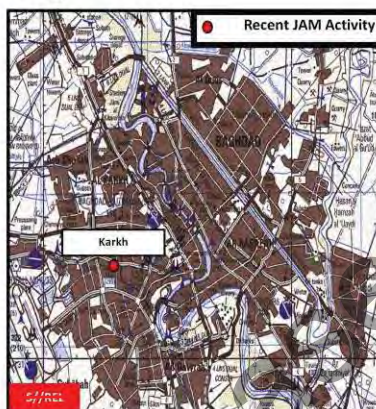
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JAM Recent Reporting

- Planned Karkh command structure reorganization
 - Leaders traveling to Najaf
 - Plan to divide into 3 brigade AOs
 - Najaf committee tasked to regain control over Karkh JAM elements
- Sadrist CoR leader stated Fardh al-Qanoon will fail despite early success
 - Baha al-Araji said foreign control main flaw
 - Stated terrorists are simply moving to other parts of Iraq
 - Admitted some public support, implied high expectations would be hard to meet



Assessment: Reorganization of west Baghdad brigades likely attempt to reestablish control over JAM; may be linked to recent JAM leadership resignations. Change of leadership unlikely to affect current restrained OPTEMPO in near-term during reorganization. Negative nature of Araji's comments regarding Fardh al-Qanoon likely Sadrist attempt to establish unified anti-CF stance for public consumption.

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Intelligence Highlight

Complex attack in Fallujah

- GMOC/JCC engaged with IDF, SVBIEDs, SVESTs, SAF
 - 7 x rounds IDF
 - 2 x SVBIEDs; one contained chlorine
 - 2 x SVEST bombers attempted to enter during attack, detonated by SAF
 - 14 x CF WIA, 57 x IP WIA, 1 x CIV INJ (all casualties affected by chlorine)
- Fallujah attacks lower in last two months
 - Attack levels dropped almost 50% from January (139) to February (73)
 - Lowest since May 2006
 - Slight increase so far this month (86)
- Significant attack likely due to waning support for AQI, JTJ
 - Attack intended to reassert AQI, JTJ viability in Anbar
 - Likely involved lengthy planning, observation, facilitation period
 - Increasing support for TAA, SAA in Anbar forcing AQI to increase complexity, size of attacks to intimidate ISF, general population
 - Anbar foreign fighter facilitation routes becoming more important as traditional ERV, TRV routes under ISF, CF pressure

Assessment: Significant complex attacks near Fallujah likely part of redoubled AQI efforts to maintain viability despite increasing opposition from local tribal, religious leaders as well as ISF, CF. AQI, JTJ freedom of movement in Anbar necessary to maintain foreign fighter facilitation routes, training areas along ERV, in Thar Thar region.

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IO: Insurgent & Extremist Propaganda

Terrorists and Foreign Fighters (T&FF)

- ISI/AQI volume up 173 to 430
 - Denied loss of Mujahidin, arrest of ISI Ministers, use of poisonous gas
 - AQ Defended ISI, condemned apostates, Shia, Bathist, Nationalist, JAM, Badr
 - Claimed attack on GOI Deputy PM, Australian PM, UN Secretary General
 - Claimed to have destroyed two Shiite holy graves in Kubah and Al-Shuhani
- AS propaganda volume up 15 to 40
 - AS emir refuted role of individuals in recent Mujahidin Group meeting
- IAI propaganda volume down 107 to 32
 - Released purported tally of losses sustained by Coalition and Iraqi forces in Feb
- Miscellaneous propaganda volume down 105 to 61
 - Mujahidin Army denied cooperation with Baath party, denounced as infidels and liars

Sunni Resistance

- Propaganda volume down 34 to 9
 - Amuriyah Forces Command called all Iraqis to rally behind it; Claimed follows no party sect political tribal or religious group, or affiliation with any political front
 - 1920 Revolution BDE announced division into two Corps, sets AOR for Corps

Assessment: Insurgent propaganda increasingly reactionary to CF IO, causing increased tension between jihadist and resistance groups. AS publicly distancing from talks of an AS, MA, IAI merger. 1920 Rev BDE announcement likely indicates a larger rift in the organization. AQI use of chlorine vulnerable to counter-IO.

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JAM Recent Reporting

- JAM-SCIRI tensions in al-Diwaniyah
 - Sadrists reportedly released statement condemning SCIRI, Iraqi National Accord (INA), Fadilah, and unspecified Shi'a tribes
 - Threats likely response to suspected cooperation with CF in JAM targeting
 - One day after threat, attacks reported in local media
 - SCIRI leader's home attacked multiple times
 - IED explosion at door of INA office
 - OMS, al-Diwaniyah Police Chief denied reported fighting between JAM, SCIRI



Assessment: JAM likely conducted attacks, based on Sadrists' threats against Shi'a organizations and tribes. Increased JAM presence in the south, suspected Shi'a support for anti-JAM operations likely provoked attacks. Recent successful raids against numerous senior JAM leaders reinforcing Sadrists' siege mentality, suspicion of other Shi'a groups.

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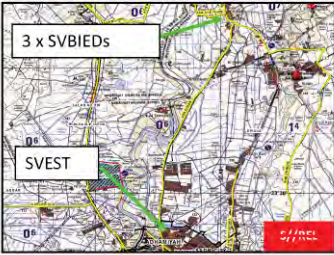
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Intelligence Highlight

- **HP attacks target Shi'a civilians**
 - **3 x SVBIEDs in Khalis**
 - Third SVBIED was ambulance
 - 27 x CIV killed, 37 x CIV INJ; 8 x ISF WIA
 - **SVEST in Adhamiyah**
 - Detonated in Al Shaab Market
 - 60 x CIV Killed, 26 x CIV INJ
 - **Use of ambulance demonstrates attempt to gain access to previous attack locations, targeting first responders**
 - **Targeting, methodology indicate AQI affiliated Sunni extremists**
 - Attacks continue string of complex, coordinated suicide attacks throughout Iraq in recent days
 - Attacks likely intended to exacerbate sectarian tension in Southern Diyala, Baghdad



Assessment: Attacks likely intended to counter CF, GoI successes in media regarding Fardh al-Qanoon, Anbar tribal resistance by demonstrating continued relevance on national scale. Secondary aim to draw Shi'a militants into violent response as was seen in Tal Afar in order to reignite widespread sectarian violence.

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