



MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CORPS MAIN EFFORT: MND-BAGHDAD

DECISIVE OPERATION: SECURE BAGHDAD

MNC-I Mission (OPORD 07-01)

MNC-I conducts combat and stability operations in coordination with the Iraqi Security Forces to secure the population, defeat terrorists and irreconcilable extremists, neutralize insurgent and militia groups, and transition responsibilities to the ISF in order to reduce violence, gain the support of the people, stabilize Iraq, and enable GoI security self-reliance. NLT December 2007, we will establish improved stability and create irreversible momentum, leading to wide-ranging political accommodation and sustainable security by Spring 2009 and to the ultimate goal of self-reliance in the longer term.

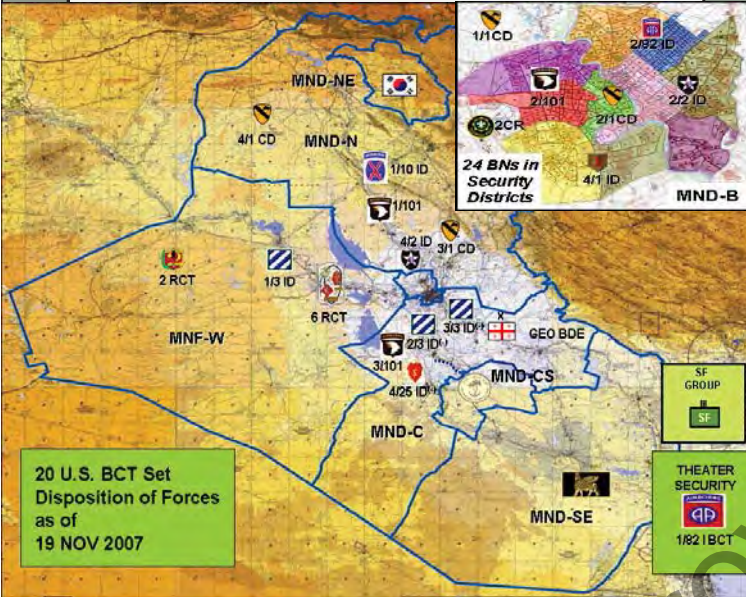
Commander's Intent

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

Key Tasks:

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

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



20 U.S. BCT Set Disposition of Forces as of 19 NOV 2007

TIMELINE EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT		
27-Nov-07	3/1 CD TO 4/2 ID TOA	TOA	
1-Dec-07	4/25ABN TO 4/3ID TOA	TOA	
3-Dec-07	1/1 4/10 12 CAB HO	TOA	
11-Dec-07	4/1 CAV TO 3 ACR TOA	TOA	
18-Dec-07	12 CAB HO TO 1 ACR TOA	TOA	
29-Dec-07	2/2 ID TO 4/10 MTN TOA	TOA	
6-Jan-08	2/1 CAV TO 3/4 ID	TOA	
15-Jan-08	1/1 CAV TO 2/25 ID TOA	TOA	
15-Mar-08	2/82 ABN TO 3/4 ID TOA (proposed)	TOA	
15-Apr-08	4/1 ID TO 1/4 ID TOA	TOA	
15-Jun-08	4/2 ID TO 2 CR TOA (proposed)	TOA	

CULTURAL EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT		
9-Dec-07	Death of 9th IMAM Khadamiyah	CULTURAL	
17-Dec-07	Death of 5th IMAM	CULTURAL	
18-22 DEC 07	Haji	CULTURAL	
22-24 DEC	Eid al-Adha Sunni	CULTURAL	
19-Jan-08	Ashura	CULTURAL	
3-Feb-08	Death of 4th IMAM	CULTURAL	
11-Feb-08	Anniversary of Golden Mosque Bombing	CULTURAL	
28-Feb-08	Arba'een	CULTURAL	
7-Mar-08	Death of Prophet Muhammad	CULTURAL	
7-Mar-08	Death of 2nd IMAM	CULTURAL	

PIC Dates			
DATE	EVENT		
15-Dec-07	Basrah PIC	PIC	
15-Mar-08	Qadisiyah PIC	PIC	
15-Apr-08	Wasit PIC	PIC	
15-Apr-08	Ninewa PIC	PIC	
15-Apr-08	Al Anbar PIC	PIC	
15-Jun-08	Babil PIC	PIC	
15-Aug-08	Salah Ah Din PIC	PIC	
15-Sep-08	Diyala PIC	PIC	
15-Oct-08	Baghdad PIC	PIC	
TBD	Kirkuk NET Article 140 Referendum	PIC	

FUOPS (C35)

C3 PLANNING PRIORITIES

PLANS & POLICY

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. PSC Way Ahead | 6. BIAP Security/Malign Actor Removal | 1. OPORD 08-01 Development | 6. RFF 796 Mod 1 Aviation TF Extension |
| 2. IP Expansion Program | 7. IGFC / BOC Boundaries | 2. Bn Laydown/Risk Assessments Jul 08 | 7. RFF 154 Horizontal En Co for MND-B |
| 3. CBI FPS Training/Replacement (MoT, MoH) | 8. MND-N Samarra Mosque Reconstruction | 3. Operational Reserve (OPRES) | 8. RFF 152 Facilities En Detachments |
| 4. Infrastructure Repair and Security | 9. Haji, Ashura, Arba'een Commemoration | 4. JASG-C | 9. Build POE Cap-Border Strategy, Security |
| 5. Op Silver Raven Enhance POE Capabilities | 10. TF 1.4a A Company Force Generation | 5. 11 IA HQ Force Gen and Deployment | 10. RFF 806, Information Operations |

