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 provinces closest to Baghdad, and then move to the rest of the country. We will continue to stabilize the population by targeting and eliminating AQI and extremists and seize insurgent and non-state actors’ key properties and stores. We will continue to develop ISF capacity, assist efforts to build and improve GOI capacity, protect the Force, and provide support to the people and stabilize Iraq in the face of terrorist threats.

Key Tasks:
- Protect the population
- Facilitate reconciliation
- Defeat AQI and extremists
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- 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 long term, Iraq is self-reliant and politically stable with the institutions and resources it needs to govern itself, 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.

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MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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2. FPS Training Program
3. Infrastructure Repair and Security
4. Op Silver Raven Enhance POE Capabilities
5. BIAP Inspection / Malign Actor Removal
6. PTT Requirement at Divanoy
7. MND-N Samarra Mosque Security Force
8. National ID Card System
9. 14th ID DE Enablers
10. 25th ID ToA

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

- 11/ 11 Sep 07/ Ramadan begins
- 27/28 Sep 07/ Death of Khadija, first wife of Muhammad
- 29/30 Sep 07/ Battle of Badr
- 3/3 Oct 07/ Death of the 1st Imam
- 11 Oct 07/ Abbas, Death of Sadiq al-Sadiq
- 11 Oct 07/ Death of 1st Imam (Kadhimiya)
- 17 Oct 07/ Death of 5th Imam

**PIC Dates**

- 1/16 Oct 07/ Karbala PIC
- 15/16 Oct 07/ Sabah PIC
- 1/2 Dec 07/ Usufi PIC
- 15 Dec 07/ Merveh PIC
- 15 Jan 08/ Qudsday PIC
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- 15 Apr 08/ Olyapa PIC
- 15 Apr 08/ Al Anbar PIC
- 15 Jun 08/ Baghdad PIC
- 15 Jun 08/ Sabah Alb Dwi PIC
- 18 Jul 08/ Kitahk MET Article 60 Referendum PIC

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