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**MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES**  
**CORPS MAIN EFFORT: MND-BAGHDAD DECISIVE OPERATION: SECURE BAGHDAD**

**MNC-1 Mission**  
 MNC-1 conducts combat, stability, and support 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 establish GoI security self-reliance. NLT December 2007, we will establish stability and create irreversible momentum with the Iraqi population, the GoI and ISF toward the ultimate goal of self-reliance.

**Commander's Intent**  
 Purpose: The purpose of our operations is to stabilize the security situation with priority to the population of Baghdad, then to the nine strategic cities and the rest of Iraq, and transition security responsibility to the GoI. Simultaneously, strengthen GoI legitimacy through the development of Iraq's emerging security institutions and rule of law, enabling them to be self-reliant, effective, and representative of the Iraqi people; and create the conditions that allow Iraq to be peaceful, stable, representative, and secure, where Iraqis have the institutions and resources they need to govern themselves justly and provide security for their people by defeating terrorists and extremists while denying its territory as a safe haven

**TIMELINE EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	STATUS
12-Apr-07	1101AA POSS	POSS
15-Apr-07	42SBCT LAD IN KUWAIT	LAD
18-Apr-07	1ST CAB POSS	POSS
18-Apr-07	4ID HQs POSS	POSS
1-May-07	2 USMC BN FOC IN ANBAR	FOC
3-May-07	101st AEC POSS	POSS
7-May-07	310 CAB LAD IN KUWAIT	LAD
10-May-07	13ACR POSS	POSS
15-May-07	2300 LAD IN KUWAIT	LAD
23-May-07	1ST SUST BDE POSS	POSS
18-Jul-07	1101AA POSS	POSS
22-Jul-07	1340 (TS) TO 182ABN TOA	TOA
1-Aug-07	604th TO 528FSB	TOA

**MNC-1 Operational Environment**  
 Effective on 1 about 9 Apr 07

**Key Tasks:**  
 Stabilize the security situation, with priority to Baghdad, then the nine strategic cities and the rest of Iraq  
 Defeat terrorists (AQ) and irreconcilable extremists (Shia and Sunni)  
 Transition security responsibility to the ISF and GoI  
 Protect the Force  
 Support and sustain the stability of the GoI and its transition to self-reliance

**CULTURAL EVENTS**

DATE	CULTURAL EVENT	STATUS
3-Apr-07	SHIA OBSV BIRTH OF PROPHET	CULTURAL
8-Apr-07	DEATH OF 20 CALIPH (UMAR)	CULTURAL
28-Apr-07	BIRTH OF 11TH IMAM	CULTURAL
18-Jul-07	DEATH OF 18TH IMAM (ALI AL-NAQI)	CULTURAL
3-Aug-07	DEATH OF 7TH IMAM (MUSA AL-KAZIM)	CULTURAL
13-Sep-07	RAMADAN BEGINS	CULTURAL
15-Oct-07	RAMADAN ENDS	CULTURAL

**Endstate:** In the near term, the population is secure and conditions are set for the full restoration of civil authority through stability in Iraq, with priority to Baghdad; sectarian violence is reduced and militia's influence is diminished. The GoI is viewed as legitimate in the eyes of the Iraqi people, able to provide security, essential services, justice based on the rule of law, and economic opportunity for all Iraqis. Iraqi Security Forces are in the lead with CF in operational oversight, and operating from a reduced footprint. AQ, AQI and irreconcilable extremists are defeated.

In the longer term, Iraq is self-reliant and politically stable with the institutions and resources they need to govern themselves justly, secure from internal and external threats, inaccessible as a safe haven for terrorists, and integrated into the international community with an engine for regional economic growth.

**C3 Planning Priorities**

<b>FUOPS (C-35)</b>	<b>PLANS (C-37)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 42 SBCT RSOI (OP Black Rainer)</li> <li>2 MOH PPS Training (OP Black Crescent)</li> <li>3 247 on South 3POEs (OP Black Leprechaun)</li> <li>4 31A BDE to Baghdad</li> <li>5 Recon of Golden Mosque (OP Black Shamrock)</li> <li>6 Vanguard System Integration</li> <li>7 Employment of OPRES (OP Black Praetorian)</li> <li>8 Riverine Ops (OP Black Tiger)</li> <li>9 Anbar Ops Command (OP Black Pillar)</li> <li>10 MOAD Movement (OP Black Minneth)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 15-12 Analysis</li> <li>2 Campaign Strategy</li> <li>3 Campaign Planning</li> <li>4 Force Structure Analysis</li> <li>5 MEU Employment</li> <li>6 MEU Force Employment</li> <li>7 Apertures LDC Employment</li> <li>8 Campaign Planning</li> <li>9 Force Structure Analysis</li> <li>10 Long Term ISF Control and Control</li> </ul>

**Force Flow**

Note: BCT FOC = LAD + 30 days

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