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## MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ - OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

**CORPS MAIN EFFORT: MND-BAGHDAD**      **DECISIVE OPERATION: SECURE BAGHDAD**

**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 December 2008 and to the ultimate goal of self-reliance in the longer term.**

**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, as 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.

TIMELINE EVENTS		
DATE	EVENT	
22-May-07	1ST SUST BDE POSS	POSS
14-Jun-07	2/3 ID FOC	FOC
18-Jul-07	1/101AA POSS	POSS
22-Jul-07	1/140 (TS) TO 1824BN TOA	TOA
1-Aug-07	1/404 TO 2824PSB	TOA
15-Sep-07	3/25BCT TO 2CR 38CT TOA	TOA
1-Oct-07	2/10 TO 2/101AA TOA	TOA
15-Oct-07	3/25D TO 1/101TN TOA	TOA
25-Oct-07	1/824BN TO 1/101AA TOA	TOA
4-Nov-07	2/101TN TO 430 TOA	TOA
24-Nov-07	4/524BN TO 2/101AA TOA	TOA

  

CULTURAL EVENTS		
DATE	EVENT	
18-Jul-07	DEATH OF 13TH IMAM (ALI AL-NAQI)	CULTURAL
3-Aug-07	DEATH OF 7TH IMAM (MUSA AL-KAZIM)	CULTURAL
11-Sep-07	RAMADAN BEGINS	CULTURAL
18-Oct-07	RAMADAN ENDS	CULTURAL

  

PIC Dates		
DATE	EVENT	PIC
20-May-07	Irbil PIC	PIC
20-May-07	Sulaymaniyah PIC	PIC
20-May-07	Dezak PIC	PIC
15-Jul-07	Babi PIC	PIC
15-Jul-07	Ninewa PIC	PIC
15-Jul-07	Salah AD Din PIC	PIC
15-Jul-07	Basrah PIC	PIC
15-Jul-07	Karbala PIC	PIC
15-Aug-07	Qadisiyah PIC	PIC
15-Aug-07	West PIC	PIC
15-Aug-07	Diyala PIC	PIC
15-Sep-07	Kirkuk PIC	PIC
15-Sep-07	Baghdad PIC	PIC
15-Sept-08	Al-Jawad PIC	PIC

**20 U.S. BGT Set Disposition of Forces at Completion of Plus-Up - 15 June 2007**

**FUOPS (C35)**

- Rotation of GEO Units to FOB Delta (OP Black Switch)
- Karbala OPS Center (OP Black Rooster)
- MOH FPS (OP Black Crescent)
- 3/2 SBCT to Baghdad (OP Black Arrow)
- 3-208 Return to MND-C (OP Greenhouse)
- 2/3 HBCT RSOI (OP Black Vidalia)
- Golden Dome Manoe (OP Black Shearock)
- Mosul Dam CONOPS (OP Black Rapids)
- 13<sup>th</sup> MEU (OP Black Gators)
- Reverse Operations (OP Black Tiger)

**PLANS (C37)**

- OPORD 07-01 Development
- Operations in Quarries East of Lk. Thar Thar
- Theater Reorganization Planning
- Border Strategy
- Infrastructure Security
- Armed Forces Withdrawal
- 3-208 and 3-209 West Support Zones
- BCT Reorganization

**Timeline (May to November):**

Approved for