Current Situation

• Initial reaction to Saddam Hussein verdict
  – Several demonstrations conducted throughout country following announcement of guilty verdict, death penalty; demonstrations predominantly peaceful
    – Demonstrations reported in Baghdad, Najaf, Baqubah, Kirkuk, Hawija, Bayji, Mosul.
      – Majority demonstrations in MND-N reportedly pro-Saddam, many included anti-IG themes.
      – Demonstrations in Shia areas celebratory in nature, considered verdict just.
    – Limited acts of violence, aggression associated with demonstrations; demonstrations in Tikrit, Kirkuk, Hawija included armed individuals.
      – Demonstrators in Ad Dawar reportedly burned courthouse.
      – Sporadic SAF events reported in Tikrit, none effective.
  – Verdict, Iraqi reaction dominated local news cycle; coverage included demonstrations, PM Maliki's address to the Iraqi people.
    – PM's speech included invitation to former Ba'athists to join reconciliation effort.
  – Curfews, heightened security measures in Baghdad, other cities remain in effect.

• Initial response of Sunni Rejectionists restrained, limited by increased ISF, CF security posture; however, high-profile retaliatory attacks in MND-N, Baghdad remain likely. Rejectionists likely to use appeal period to solicit support of Sunni population, conduct attacks in effort to exploit international media attention for IO gains.

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Current Situation

- Suicide attacks across Iraq
  - 5 x suicide bombers detonated in 4 separate attacks nationwide
    - Baghdad: 2 x SVESTs in single attack, 1 x SVBIED targeting ISF, recruits
      - Mansour: SVEST detonated against LNIs waiting at IP recruiting center; second SVEST attacked individual's fleeing scene of first attack; extensive casualties reported
      - Rusafa: SVBIED targeted IP patrol
    - Ramadi: SVEST detonated against IP investigating suspicious vehicle
      - Bomber reportedly detonated in vehicle as dismounted IPs approached; vehicle possibly augmented with explosives
    - Samarra: SVBIED attack against CF patrol west of city
      - 1st SVBIED reported in Samarra since 7 August; 1st targeting CF since 11 April
  - Elevated suicide attacks continuing in November
    - 15 total suicide attacks so far in November; October, September highest suicide attacks of year with 52, 51, respectively
    - Monthly average between January, August 35/month
    - November suicide attacks primarily targeting ISF; consistent with trend of previous months
  - "Islamic State of Iraq" claimed SVEST attacks in Mansour and SVBIED in Rusafa
    - Web posting claims SVESTs targeted at Shi'a awaiting recruitment into IPS
  - AQI continues to utilize suicide attacks to specifically target ISF, related targets; part of larger intimidation campaign to inhibit further development of local security force. Double SVEST tactic uncommon; cell likely experimenting with TTPs to increase lethality, generate larger IO impact.

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**Weekly Significant Events**

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**Weekly Assessment**

- **Security**: Foreign nationals continue to enter Iraq, with a focus on enhancing border security and counterintelligence operations.
- **Counterintelligence**: Efforts are ongoing to disrupt smuggling operations, particularly at major transit points.
- **Counterterrorism**: The Ministry of Interior is working to improve border security and prevent the movement of illegal goods.
- **External Intelligence**: Intelligence reports indicate an increase in terrorist activities near the border areas.
- **Threat Assessment**: The threat level remains high, with a focus on intelligence sharing and increased patrols.

**Future Operations**

- **Security**: Increased focus on border security and counterintelligence operations.
- **Counterintelligence**: Enhanced efforts to disrupt smuggling activities.
- **Counterterrorism**: Working to improve border security and prevent the movement of illegal goods.
- **External Intelligence**: Continued monitoring of terrorist activities near the border areas.
- **Threat Assessment**: High threat level, with a focus on intelligence sharing and increased patrols.

**Total Activity**

- **Week**: 2023-01-15 to 2023-01-22
- **Total Activity** (weekly): 694
- **Total Activity** (month to date): 914
- **Total Activity** (cumulative): 304

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*Note: The above data is as of the latest update*.
Current Situation

- **VBIEDs in Baghdad**
  - 4 near-simultaneous VBIEDs detonated in New Baghdad
    - Attack reportedly targeting civilians
    - Significant civilian casualties resulted
    - Neighborhood predominantly Shi'a
  - First coordinated attack involving 3 or more VBIEDs in Baghdad since July
    - 27 Jul, 4 x VBIEDs used in complex attack on civilians in Karada
    - Resulted in extensive damage, casualties
    - VBIED attacks in Baghdad continuing upward trend; November projected to be highest month this year
    - Overall casualties from VBIEDs this month projected to be elevated following a three month decline
  - Unit reporting indicates attack conducted by Abu Noor VBIED network
    - Known AQI affiliated group; implicated in numerous VBIED attacks in Baghdad, including 27 Jul attack
    - AQI continuing efforts to undermine security, inflame sectarian violence in Baghdad. Increasing attack trend may indicate improved capability to manufacture and employ VBIEDs by Baghdad cells.

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Current Situation

- Baghdad Security
  - Reports of sectarian violence continue, despite curfew
    - Report of approximately 50 Sunnis kidnapped, then executed
    - Sunnis reportedly attacked near mosque in Ghazaliyah
    - Atmospheric reporting indicates ad hoc militia factions forming in Sadr City
    - Threats against high-profile Sunni IG personalities: Dulaymi, Hashimi
  - JAM reinforcing; reportedly planning attacks
    - Militias preparing to escalate attacks following cessation of curfew
    - Volunteers reportedly brought in from southern provinces
    - Transported by MoT assets, escorted by MoI Commandos
    - Attacks planned against Sunni targets in Adhamiyah, Sulaykh; CF, ISF in Ghazaliyah, Rusafa
  - Continued reports of IP elements supporting violence
    - IPs moving weapons in official vehicles
    - CF noted IP CPs flying JAM flags
  - JAM elements preparing for operations in Baghdad, specifically against Sunni politicians, enclaves and sites; potentially targeting CF as well. Expect escalation of attacks as vehicle ban lifts, as well as increased numbers of IDPs.

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ENEMY SITUATION

WIR-REMIED averaged 25 attacks per day over the last week. An increase in activity from the previous week was expected in enemy attacks. In all areas, a high number of attacks were reported in areas where US forces have eliminated their bases.

WEAK ACTIVITY

CURRENT ASSESSMENT EVENTS

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OPERATION BULB #1 - 23194 and REV 999

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Current Situation

- High profile attacks in Baghdad
  - Coordinated VBIED, mortar attack on civilians in Sadr City
    - 6 x VBIEDs, multiple IDF rounds detonated against civilians in Sadr City, Adhamiyah, Rusafa within 90 minute period
      - Additional VBIED found by JAM members
      - Extensive casualties reported; open source reporting claimed attack deadliest since 2003
    - Reporting indicates attacks conducted in retaliation for JAM kidnapping of Sunnis
  - 2nd closely coordinated VBIED attack since 19 Nov; continues trend of elevated VBIED activity in Baghdad
    - 19 Nov, 4 near-simultaneous VBIEDs detonated against civilians in New Baghdad
      - Reportedly predominantly Shia area
      - Unit reporting implicated Abu Nuur VBIED network in attack
    - November VBIEDs to-date currently equal highest VBIED attack level this year in Baghdad
  - Steady reporting of JAM reprisal attacks, OMS condemnation
    - Multiple reports of IDF attacks impacting in Adhamiyah, Sunni areas of Khadamiyah
      - Abu Hanifa Mosque reportedly targeted in large mortar barrage
    - ISF reporting indicated JAM gathering for large scale reprisal attacks, kidnappings
    - Reportedly planning attacks in Adhamiyah, Ghazaliyah, Shula, FOB Rustamiyah
    - Baghdad Sadr spokesman blames “occupation”, “takfiris”, and “Saddamists”
    - Mol official announced indefinite curfew in Baghdad

- AOI continues efforts to inflame sectarian violence, undermine security in Baghdad. Expect combined OMS/JAM response through IO, intensified violence. JAM likely to utilize IP/IG credentials, “rogue” elements to circumvent curfew and facilitate immediate response, including executions and IDF; will simultaneously prepare for accelerated kidnapping/death squad operations in traditionally contentious areas following easing of curfew.
Ethno-Sectarian Conflict Update

• National ethno-sectarian incidents: 9; down 16 from the previous day
  – 1 targeted Turkmen and 8 unattributed
  – Total casualties: 34 killed; 45 wounded; down 431 from previous day

• National ethno-sectarian executions: 8 incidents; 18 killed; down 35 from previous day
  – 5 occurred in Baghdad; 6 killed

• Baghdad incidents: 5; down 17 from previous day
  – Total casualties: 6 killed; down 503 from previous day
  – All were unattributed

• Significant incidents:
  – Open sources report several Sunni Mosques attacked in Baghdad
  – Complex attack at Tal 'Afar Agricultural Center; 24 killed, 45 wounded

Assessment: Attack at Agricultural Center reflects continued intent to destabilize Tal 'Afar. Expect escalation of ethno-sectarian violence in Baghdad despite curfew, vehicle ban.
Ethno-Sectarian Conflict Update

- National ethno-sectarian incidents: 38; up 23 from the previous day
  - 1 targeted Sunni, 1 Shia, 1 Kurd, and 35 unattributed
  - Total casualties: 63 killed; 54 wounded; up 68 from previous day

- National ethno-sectarian executions: 35 incidents; 53 killed; up 22 from previous day
  - 29 occurred in Baghdad; 33 killed

- Baghdad Incidents: 30; up 20 from previous day
  - Total casualties: 37 killed, 13 wounded; up 34 from previous day
  - 1 targeted Shia and 29 were unattributed

- Significant incidents:
  - SVREST attack against Provincial Governor, Kirkuk
  - VBIED attack, Al Yarmouk Hospital, Mansour; 4 killed; 13 wounded

Assessment: Increased ethno-sectarian executions reflect surge following curfew ending. Expect JAM retaliation to continue at current or higher levels with increased high profile attacks in Baghdad.
Ethno-Sectarian Conflict Update

- National ethno-sectarian incidents: 15; up 7 from the previous day
  - 4 targeted Sunni and 11 unattributed
  - Total casualties: 41 killed; 8 wounded; up 27 from previous day

- National ethno-sectarian executions: 11 incidents; 31 killed; up 24 from previous day
  - 8 occurred in Baghdad; 14 killed

- Baghdad incidents: 10; up 3 from previous day
  - Total casualties: 14 killed; 2 wounded; up 9 from previous day
  - 2 targeted Sunni and 8 were unattributed

- Significant incidents:
  - Unknown number of Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research employees kidnapped
  - Al Zahara Mosque (Shi'a) destroyed, Sa'ab al Bour
  - 14 Male Bodies found in Baqubah

Assessment: Focus of violence on northern Baghdad periphery in Tal`. Expect significant increase in Baghdad sectarian violence in the next 24-48 hours.
JAM Update: 28 November

- Recent reporting:
  - 27 Nov, Sadrist CoR leader al-Rubay'i reasserted threat to "suspend membership" in CoR, IG
    - Stated suspension will occur if security and services do not improve and if Maliki does not cancel meeting with POTUS

  - 27 Nov, JAM elements continue planning attacks, conducting lower profile activities in Baghdad
    - Plan to attack several Adhamiyah, Doura checkpoints
    - 6th Brigade NP reportedly distributing Mol uniforms to JAM members, civilians for retaliation attacks
    - MoHE research personnel reportedly kidnapped
      - Previous reporting 24 Nov indicated JAM was planning to attack the MoHE again

  - 26 Nov, IA troops extracted from Amarah
    - IP securing the streets of Amarah again
    - JAM has made no attempt to hinder IP activity

Assessment: Sadrists continue to threaten withdrawal despite IG insistence PM-POTUS meeting will occur; OMS leadership will attempt to use meeting to tarnish IG image, highlighting failure to improve basic services. JAM likely focused on retaliatory kidnappings, executions; planning for higher profile attacks. Amarah JAM appear to be abiding by terms of Maysan Emergency Security Committee.

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| Ethno-sectarian identities are the overriding force driving decision-making | ↔ | - PM Maliki scheduled to lead national reconciliation conference next week  
- Muqtada al-Sadr reportedly directed JAM to attack CF and sympathizers in Shia areas; called on Sheikh Harith al-Dani to help end violence during Friday sermon; reportedly directed attacks against ISF, IG if PM meets with POTUS |
| Unrestrained, self-sustained sectarian strife across multiple provinces | ↑ | - National Sectarian incidents: 183; same as last week  
- National Sectarian casualties: 945; up 57%  
- National executions: 311 KIA, up 35%  
- Baghdad Sectarian incidents: 137; down 13%  
- Baghdad Sectarian casualties: 764; up 41%  
- Baghdad executions: 234 KIA; up 21% |
| Ethno-sectarian mobilization | ↑ | - Attack on Ministry of Health compound and multiple ADI VBIED attacks in Sadr City, 181 KIA/ 247 WIA  
- JAM conducted immediate local retaliatory killings employing mortars, using MOL/MCH vehicles with assistance of local IP and IA |
| Population movements | ↑ | - Displaced families: ICIM: 40,057 (Up 66%); MoD/M: 65,003 (No change)  
- UN reports Karbala province unable to take new IDPs, classes of camps |

**Assessment:** Overall situation remains serious. National level attempts to stabilize Iraq through reconciliation and building better foreign relations contrasts high level of sectarian violence in Baghdad. Recent mass casualty attacks by Sunni extremists and JAM reprisals aided by IP will further harden ethno-sectarian identities, undermine IP credibility, and reinforce Sunni dependence upon local groups for protection.
Sir,

Yesterday, a 10 second video of [redacted] was posted to a website associated with JAM. New statements by Muqtada al Sadr are usually posted to this website in addition to photos and video of JAM operations against Coalition Forces. In the statement accompanying the video, the Ahel al Bait, a Shi'a group, has claimed responsibility for holding [redacted] hostage and posting the video.

The video is the first proof of life of [redacted] since his kidnapping on 23 Oct. JPRC and its interagency partners is in the process of determining the authenticity of the video and its date.