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CJTF 1.4a
OPERATIONS EXSUM
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~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ Coalition forces have lost 4 Soldiers since last reported. We presently have 1 Soldier listed as captured and 1 Marines listed as missing.

OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ The following is an update of Operation Resolute Sword, offensive operations throughout Iraq against Sadr's Militia, and Operation Vigilant Resolve, offensive operations to return security to Fallujah:

Multi-National Brigade (North)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ During the last 24 hours, 84 patrols were conducted, 28 of which were executed with our Iraqi security force partners. (MNB-N CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ Coalition forces conducted one Cordon and Search in order to kill or capture three targets wanted for anti-coalition activities. One male was detained. We are working to sort out his identity. (MNB-N SWO Input)

1st Infantry Division

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The IED remains the weapon of choice for ACF in AO 1.4a It provides the greatest likelihood of inflicting casualties, with minimal risk. The 1ID saw a multiple-IED attack, with the first IED targeting the patrol and the second targeting soldiers as they dismounted to clear the surrounding area. Events over the last 48 hours such as complex attacks, coordinated IED and ambush emplacement, and evolving IED tactics, indicate an increasing level of sophistication. Of particular concern are ACF efforts to counter our standard TTPs. Weather and lunar illumination will continue to favor ACF activity, but beginning Friday night, moonrise will occur after EENT, reducing ACF capability to conduct attacks in the early evening hours. (1ID CDR'S SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ TF 1.4a onducted a total of 7 deliberate raids, 332 coalition combat patrols, and 44 joint combat patrols. (1ID CDR'S SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ TF 1.4a continues to conduct precise intelligence based raids to kill or capture ACF. The 1ID is simultaneously engaging spheres of influence and attacking to destroy the enemy in his sanctuary. MSR security operations remain a TF 1.4a priority. Security operation are focused along MSR Tampa and ASRs used by CJTF 1.4a combat logistics patrols. In view of recent attacks on MSR Tampa north of Bayji, TF 1.4a is continuing to focus more combat power in that area in order to kill or capture the ACF conducting these attacks. (1ID CDR'S SITREP)

1st Armored Division

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ TF 1.4a conducted two offensive operation, one in Karbala and the other in Ad Diwaniyah. Twenty (20) suspected enemy were captured, 12 enemy were killed, and 2 AK-47s, (2)

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82mm mortar tubes and tripod, (20) 82mm mortar rounds, (6) 60mm mortar rounds, (5) 105 rounds, and 14 RPG rounds were confiscated. A total of 107 patrols were conducted, 6 of those patrols were joint. (1AD CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ TF 1.4a AR conducted an offensive operation to kill or capture Muqtada's Militia IOT restore stability to Karbala. TF 1.4a AR executed three targets: the Governor's Building, the old Ba'ath Party HQ and a hotel strongpoint. The Governor's Building was on fire with numerous secondary explosions when TF 1.4a AR attempted to enter the building. On order from the 1.4b Brigade Commander, TF 1.4a AR destroyed the building with 120mm HEAT and 25mm HE rounds. TF 1.4a AR had numerous engagements of small arms and RPG fire, including two RPG rounds hitting vehicles resulting in minimal damage. One IED exploded on a tank resulting in no damage or injuries. (1AD CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ The 3rd SQDN/2 ACR conducted a cordon and search of the Sadr Bureau Headquarters building in Ad Diwaniyah IOT reduce Moqtada militia's influence. Assorted documents were confiscated. 3rd SQDN searched a near by Girl's School and confiscated: (2) 82mm mortar tubes and tripod, (20) 82mm mortar rounds, (6) 60mm mortar rounds, (5) 105 rounds, (14) RPG rounds. The northeastern blocking position of the outer cordon came under small arms fire from a civilian vehicle. Soldiers returned fire destroying the vehicle and killing its two occupants. One US Soldier WIA. While the unit was collapsing the outer cordon, three individuals attacked a 3rd SQDN patrol with RPGs and small arms fire. Soldiers returned fire. (1AD CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ TF 1.4a continue to keep pressure on the enemy in Najaf, Ad Diwaniyah and JOA Iron. (1AD CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ In 3BCT AO, Maqtada's Militia is not in control of any government buildings, bridges or IP stations. Al Kut is secure. (1AD CDR's SITREP)

1st Cavalry Division

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ In the past 24 hours, TF 1.4a focused security missions along MSRs within the AOR. TF 1.4a captured 9 suspected enemy and confiscated 6 AK-47s, 5 RPG, and 2 handheld radios. Confirmed enemy BDA was 3 EKIA and 0 EWIA. (1CD CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ The 1-21 FA encountered an IED explosion last night in an M998 with add on armor. Four wounded soldiers were MEDEVAC to FOB Ferrin-Huggins Aid Station. Two of the soldiers later died of their wounds. The remaining two were evacuated to the 31 CSH with serious injuries. (1CD CDR's SIGACTs)

1st Marine Expeditionary Force

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ Over the last 4 days, there has been little to no ACF activity in Fallujah. The positioning of forces in and around Fallujah remains the same with no repositioning of MEF forces in the last 24 hours. Elements of the 1st Battalion of the Fallujah Brigade (1st Fallujah Battalion) remain positioned in the inner cordon in the south of Fallujah extending to the east. The 1st Fallujah Battalion continues to man Iraqi police and ICDC checkpoints within Fallujah and have begun security patrols in the city. Multiple intelligence sources have reported foreign fighters in the Jolan District within Fallujah, but no foreign fighters or extremists were turned over by the 1st Fallujah Battalion today. There is no confirmation on the numbers of foreigners still in the city or how many have blended into the surrounding

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community. Outside Fallujah, I MEF military operations throughout the AOR continue to degrade ACF strength and influence. ACF elements will continue to disrupt movement on LOCs with IEDs and indirect fire attacks, attacking critical infrastructure and Coalition Forces. (I MEF CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ There were no Marines wounded or killed but four Army personnel were WIA. A total of 61 IZ were detained for ACF activities. Recovery efforts for our two missing Marines from TF 1.4a continued for a third day. The body of one of the two Marines was recovered 30 meters from the initial launch site. All available Marines from TF 1.4a a Small Craft detachment, and Army and Navy EOD divers continue to search for the remaining Marine. (I MEF CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ RCT 1.4a will continue manning positions on the northern side of Fallujah. Four checkpoints are jointly manned with ICDC in that area. The 1st MARDIV forces continue to man the CMOC. Civil Affairs has begun planning and carrying out initial operations in support of Fallujah. RCT 1.4a forces continue aggressive patrolling in Karmah and Qaryat Ar Rafush in order to deny enemy sanctuary. Planning continues for reinforced security patrols along MSR Michigan going thru Fallujah on or about 10 May. The 1 BCT forces begin reconnaissance operations in the vicinity of Al Amiriyah, and operations continue to clear the shoulder of the road along MSR Mobile to prevent enemy IED emplacement. In AO Denver, cordon and search operations are being conducted in Husaybah to search for weapons caches and disrupt ACF influence. RCT 1.4a ill establish a 96-hour patrol base along the Husaybah and Karabilah border areas in order to prevent ACF influence in that area. The I MEF continues to monitor and guide the 1st Fallujah Battalion as they carry out Phase II operations. (I MEF CDR's SITREP)

Multi-National Division (Central South)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ MND-CS is very pleased with the outcome of last night's operations in Karbala and the local reaction. In conjunction with the Offensive Operation in Karbala last night, the local inhabitants were targeted with an extensive IO campaign. These efforts will continue until law and order is restored in Karbala. By engaging local leaders and utilizing an effective IO campaign and selective target engagements, MND-CS believes positive results will be seen. (MND-CS CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ In order to counter the anti-coalition efforts in Al Kut, MND-CS has directed an increased IO and CIMIC efforts in that area. MND-CS has also directed additional Division CIMIC assets be sent to Al Kut to augment the 1.4b and US efforts. (MND-CS CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ The situation in the 1st BCT Area of Operation after the Cordon & Search operation remains relatively calm. Nevertheless, possible threats are expected to come from enemy actions in retaliation for last night's activity. We keep our highest force protection foreseeing probable dangers. (MND-CS CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ The 1-37 AR commenced offensive operations (Iron Saber) IVO Karbala. The operations were focused on three objectives: the governors building; the old Ba'ath Party HQ, and a hotel strongpoint. The 1-37ar established joint TCPs wit 1.4b soldiers to cordon the objective area. Additional support was provided by an ODA team, fixed wing CAS, and 2 AH-64s. The 1-37AR had numerous contacts with small groups of approximately 1-4 ACFs and successfully cleared all objectives. The operations resulted in 1 US KIA, 10 EKIA, 3 EWIA, 18 enemy detained. (MND-CS CDR's SIGACTs)

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Multi-National Division (Southeast)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ Al Amarah has been calm today with only a few overnight incidents. Elsewhere normal framework patrols continue as well as a series of search operations around Basrah. (MND-SE TACSAT)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ In addition to operations Resolute Sword and Vigilant Resolve, all major subordinate commands in CJTF 1.4a are conducting offensive actions in support of ongoing operations to identify, locate, and detain or kill Saddam Fedayeen, former regime loyalists, Ba'athists, and their supporters.

Multi-National Brigade (North)
Ninewa, Dahuk, Irbil

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ The SBCT (CP Rock) reported 2 rounds impacted on FOB Freedom. Four US WIA, 2 ambulatory. There was damage to a vehicle windshield and generator. (MNB-N CDR's SITREP)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ A drive-by style shooting killed an interpreter IVO Mosul. The interpreter worked for the 293 MP and was on his way home when he was attacked. The attackers were described as driving a black Opel with 3 ACF occupants. IPS responded and will investigate. (MNB-N CDR's SITREP)

1st Infantry Division
Diyala, At Tamim, Salah Ad Din Governorates, As Sulaymaniyah Governorates

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ Combat patrols identified 6 caches consisting of 2 Russian AT3 anti-tank missiles, (92) 100 mm mortar rounds, (283) 80 mm mortar rounds, 29 mines (type unknown), 54 RPG rockets, (5) 120 mm arty rounds (possible cluster bombs), 50 DSHK rounds, (3) 122 mm artillery rounds, (5) 3 m rockets, (80) 60mm mortars, (400) 115mm tank rounds, and (5) 105mm artillery. (1ID CDR'S SIGACT)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ A 310 MI combat patrol was involved in a vehicle accident with an IZ minivan IVO the entry road to FOB Dagger. ICDC evacuated the 6 IZ injured and INP transported the IZ minivan to the Tikrit police station. (1ID CDR'S SIGACT)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The ACF attacked FOB Danger with a rocket which impacted 300m north of FOB Danger. Radar acquisition identified a POO 6km northeast of FOB Danger. An AWT sent to investigate the POO and found (12) 57mm rockets. A 1-4 CAV combat patrol seized the rockets and transported them to FOB Wilson for destruction. (1ID CDR'S SIGACT)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ An ACF attacked FOB Warhorse with (4) 82mm mortars. Three impacted within the FOB perimeter. A TF 1.4a combat patrol went to investigate was attacked with an IED and SAF IVO Baqubah. Two soldiers were WIA and evacuated to LSAA. The combat patrol pursued 2 IZ males into a house and found 1 AK-47 sight, 2 working AK-47's, 3 AK-47's non-functional, 3 AK-47 receivers, (1) 9mm, 2 promasks, 1 promask canister, (2) 63 magazines, 1 bag of AK-47 parts, 7 ammo cases, 2 pistol holsters, (3) 9mm magazines, 13 wood stocks, 2 pistol grips, 1 bolt, 7 video tapes,

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16 AK-47 magazines, (6) 50. cal casing, 1 Kevlar helmet, 1 B.B gun, 1 beret, 9 x 7.62 rounds, (2) 120mm mortar fins, and (1) 60mm mortar fin. One IZ male was detained and released. The combat patrol transported the contraband to FOB Warhorse for destruction. (1ID CDR'S SIGACT)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ An ACF attacked a TF 1.4a combat patrol with an IED IVO Baqubah. There were 4 WIA. The WIA were ground evacuated to FOB Warhorse. (1ID CDR'S SIGACT)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ A 1.4a observed a suspicious IZ male digging on the side of the road IVO Baqubah. The team shot and killed the individual. An IZ car arrived, picked up the body, and fled at a high rate of speed. (1ID CDR'S SIGACT)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ A TF 1.4a combat patrol conducted a cordon and search operation IVO Khanaqin. The TF 1.4a detained the target (b)(6) and 2 1.4b, 1.4d males. The combat patrol also seized $4,500.00. The detainees and contraband were transported to FOB Cobra for questioning. (1ID CDR'S SIGACT)

1st Armored Division
JOA Iron, Swamp and Spur

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ The 1-6 IN reported striking an IED. The 1-6 IN witnessed 1 IZ flee from the scene. The IZ was wounded with Coax and he was captured. EOD determined the crater was 12ft wide x 8ft deep. EOD also determined the IED was 19 x 150mm -155mm artillery rounds. Only one round detonated. (1AD CDR's SITREP)

1st Cavalry Division
Baghdad

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 91EN conducted a cordon and search of a mosque in Baghdad (zone 46) for 5 individuals believed to be responsible for the IED that killed two 91EN Soldiers on 2 May 04. The unit detained 4 individuals as they were leaving the Mosque. All 4 IZ tested positive to vapor tracer for TNT and TMB. In addition, 1 IZ male was stopped who attempted to leave Mosque in a gray vehicle (a 9mm pistol was found in vehicle). This IZ male also tested positive to the vapor test. Follow up searches will be conducted on the detainee's homes. The 91EN reported anti-coalition propaganda is being broadcast at the mosque urging IZs to engage coalition forces. The 91EN will move back to the mosque for further searches and is prepared to employ QRF. (1CD CDR'S SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 1-8 CAV conducted a raid IVO Baghdad (zone 25). The target of the raid was (b)(6) is the leader of an ACF cell in the Al-Dora area of Baghdad. The raid resulted in 2 AK-47 (with magazines) and 3 different identification cards (all for the same individual). The raid team PID the target and have detained him. The 1 detainee was taken to Camp Ferrin-Huggins. (1CD CDR'S SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 1-82 FA reported an IED along Route Detroit in the 1ID. The IED was reported by the local sheriff who claimed that a 200lb bomb exploded on a vehicle last evening. When he investigated, he found an additional 200lb bomb with wires protruding from it. The 1-82 FA sent a patrol to investigate the report. The patrol confirms a 200lb IED at that location. The 1-82 secured the site and notified 1BCT EOD. (1CD CDR'S SIGACTS)

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~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ Five mortar rounds impacted 10m in front of an ICDC bunker. A spotter was observed on nearby rooftop. Shots were fired from the same bldg at the ICDC bunker. Three males were detained and 1 AK-47 with sniper rounds was confiscated. (1CD CDR'S SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 1-12 CAV reported that a snap TCP along Route Silver stopped a dump truck containing 100+ 60mm mortar rounds. Three IZs in the truck were detained and are being questioned. (1CD CDR'S SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ A 1-5CAV (1.4a convoy was stuck by an IED on the southbound lane of Route Force in Baghdad (zone 28). The attack resulted in 1 US WIA. A 1-5 CAV tank platoon responded to provide security and was attacked by RPG. While maneuvering to avoid RPG fire, the tank struck a civilian vehicle resulting in 1 IZ killed and 2 IZ injured. (1CD CDR'S SIGACTS)

1st Marine Expeditionary Force
Al Anbar Governorate

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 1st Plt, B Co 1.4a swept through River Road and found 3 AK-47s, 3 AK-47 magazines (two of them taped together), and 3 bandoleers of 7.62mm rounds in some wheat grass outside a Mosque east of the Euphrates River, 10 km southeast of Al Fallujah. (I MEF CDR's SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 2/4 Marines commenced a raid (Operation Outsiders) IVO Ar Ramadi. The intended targets of the operation were (b)(6) Both targets are former Ba'ath party members who supply weapons and ammunition to insurgents. The 2/4 Marines detained (b)(6) at his house. (I MEF CDR's SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 1-16 IN detained 1 IZ male at a TCP 17 km west of Ar Ramadi. The IZ male was traveling east on highway 1 in a white KIA mini-van. During the search, 1-16in found 4 1.4b passports and 3 identification cards. None of the identification belonged to the men in the van. The IZ male reported he had been robbed and his identification and passport had been taken. (I MEF CDR's SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ A patrol from 1-32in observed and apprehended 5 IZ males digging holes on both sides of a road in apparent preparation for an IED emplacement. One IZ attempted to avoid capture resulting in 1 EWIA. The patrol detained the remaining IZ. (I MEF CDR's SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ A 1-16IN mounted patrol was attacked with an IED IVO Ar Ramadi. The attack resulted in 4 US WIA and 1 HMMWV damaged. (I MEF CDR's SIGACTS)

Multi-National Division (Central South)
Karbala, An Najaf, Babil, Al Qadisiyah, Wasit Governorate

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ A 1/1BCT convoy was attacked with an IED IVO Al Hillah. The convoy was transporting the governor's coordinator ((b)(6) There were no injuries to personnel or damage to equipment. IPS QRF and 1BCT EOD were sent to secure the attack site. The IP reported two men suspected of an assassination attempt were arrested. The 1/1 BCT was informed by a civilian man

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three more IEDS are being deployed in Al Hillah. The locations are not known. (MND-CS CDR's SIGACTs)

~~(S//REL TO USA AND MCFI)~~ The 1/3 BCT carried out a search of two houses in Ad Diwaniyah in order to confiscate mortars used by hostile forces to shell Camp Echo and to detain any Muqtada Militia members that were present. No weapons were found and no one was detained. (MND-CS CDR's SITREP)

Multi-National Division (Southeast)
Maysan, Basrah, Al Muthanna, Diqar Governorates

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ Acting on information received from ICDC / IPS, the 1 SDH arrested 6 individuals IVO the border crossing point at Safwan. In addition, 3 AK-47s, 8 magazines, 70 rounds, and 6 Kuwaiti license plates were confiscated and handed over to the Safwan IPS station. (MND-SE SIGACTS)

~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ A Danbat patrol stopped 3 IZ suspected of being highway robbers. One LMG and 2 AK's were confiscated. While making the arrest, approximately 200 IZs gathered at the scene and were acting very hostile, threatening the patrol, demanding release of the detainees. The patrol threw 2 smoke grenades and withdrew taking the confiscated weapons and leaving the 3 detainees. While departing, the IZs fired shots in the air. (MND-SE SIGACTS)

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~~(S//REL TO USA and MCFI)~~ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In the theater of operations, CJT 1.4a has conducted

PATROLS: 1530 patrols

OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS: 27

DETAINED: 54 personnel

DETAINEES RELEASE: 1 personnel

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