



MNF-I Commander's Intent

Operation Sayaid is a joint ISF-Coalition operation to defeat the Al Qaida in Iraq network by attacking its leaders, facilitators and staging areas while denying it external support from [1.4b, 1.4d] and the support of the Iraqi people, in order to shape a security environment conducive to the completion and sustainment of the political process and economic development in Iraq.

Keys to success will be:

- an aggressive and focused strategic communications campaign to drive a wedge between AQIZ and the Iraqi people and to disrupt AQIZ recruiting and command and control;
- a strong diplomatic effort with regional countries, particularly [1.4b, 1.4d] to restrict the movement of jihadists from or through their countries;
- Iraqi regional and national political interaction by the ITG in support of the operation and synchronized integration of border forces and facilities;
- restoration of Iraqi control to the [1.4b, 1.4d] border by 30 November
- implementation of supporting emergency policies to complicate terrorist activity in the border region;
- a tribal engagement plan to turn the tribes against the foreign fighters;
- well-coordinated military operations;
- post-operations humanitarian and economic support;
- close integration of the effects of all elements of power to achieve our effects and to enhance the legitimacy of the Interim Government.

Our end-state is the elimination of the [1.4b, 1.4d] border and surrounding areas as a support base for the sustainment of AQIZ, and restoration of Iraqi control to the [1.4b, 1.4d] border by 30 November.