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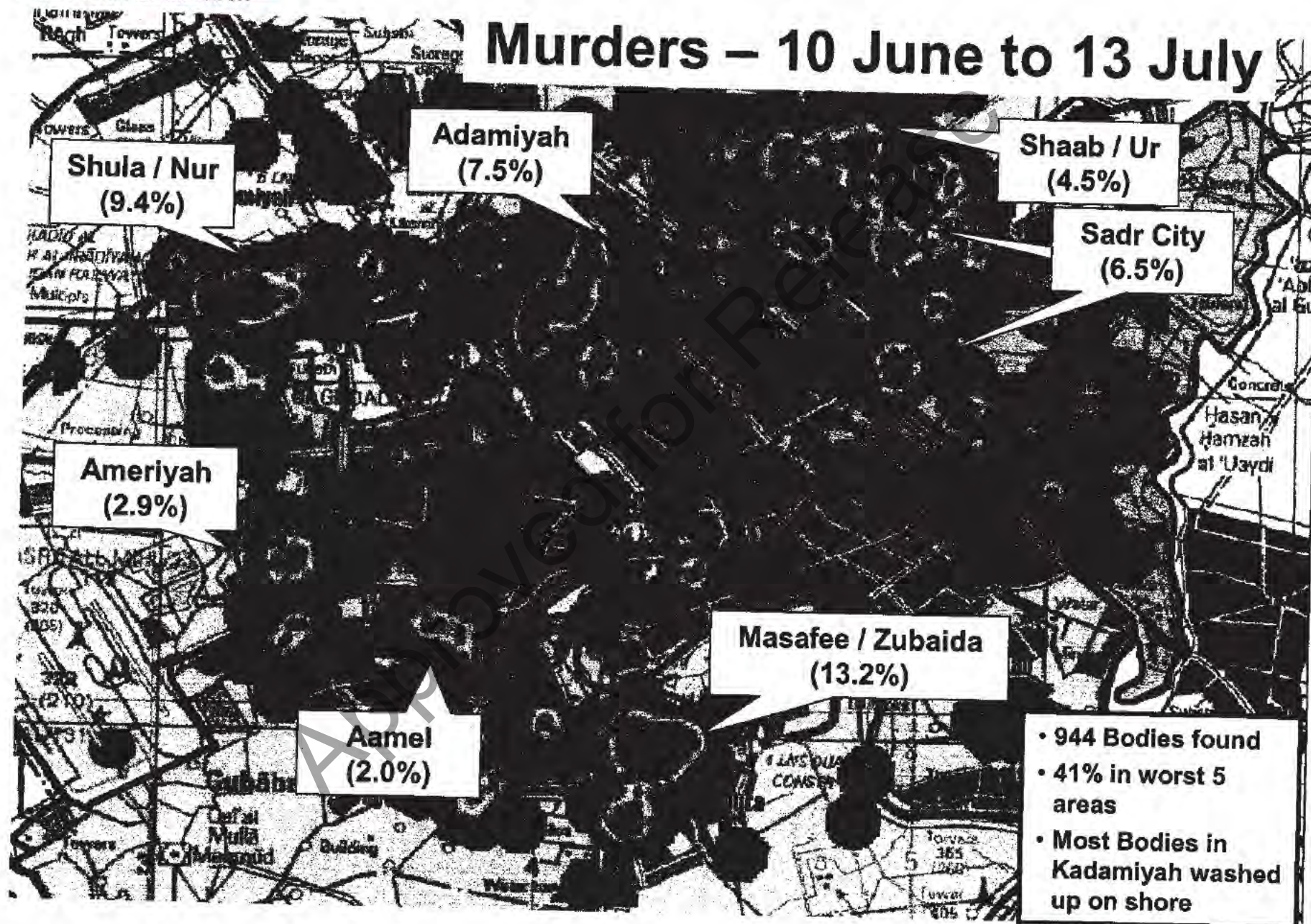
Strategy to Secure Baghdad

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Murders – 10 June to 13 July



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Can we contain the areas that the attacks come from?

- **We cannot simultaneously contain every "hotspot" in Baghdad City and support zones in the outlying Qadas**
- **Increased combat power improves capacity to contain violence in focus areas**
- **Eliminating death squads associated with sectarian based militias reduces sectarian violence**
- **Recommend assigning a combined force dedicated to eliminating death squads**
- **National Police accountability and improvement of the Iraqi Justice System are essential to eliminating death squads**

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Can we clearly identify the areas that the attacks are coming from?

- **No, however, intelligence indicates majority of bodies are found in vicinity of where they are killed**
 - **Murder cells are distributed throughout Baghdad City not just one central location**
 - **Victims are typically found within known Baghdad "hotspots" (Doura, vicinity Sadr City, Shula, Adhamiyah, and Bayaa)**
 - **Increase surveillance in focus areas to generate actionable intelligence**
 - **Refocus efforts to target death squads with: (1) a dedicated force targeting death squads, (2) more offensive operations, (3) continue the use of combat patrols and checkpoints**
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Can we go in, clear and resettle specific areas?

- **We can and should stabilize focused areas. The number of areas is proportional to the amount of available combat power**
 - **Military forces create the security conditions in designated areas which enables the Government of Iraq to resettle their displaced citizens**
 - **The Government of Iraq resettles their displaced citizens**
 - **GOI will need a media campaign addressing the situation and how they are solving the resettlement issue**
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Do we have the troops required to accomplish the mission set?

- **No, given the changed condition in sectarian violence. Proposed reallocation of forces allows MND-B to gain greater effects on the focus areas while protecting the local population**
- **Additional forces to MND-B may include**
 - **2 x Iraqi Army Brigades**
 - **1 x Coalition Army Brigade Headquarters with 2 x Battalions**
 - **3 x Military Police Companies (used to increase Iraqi Police Service capability)**

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Is it possible to increase offensive operations?

- **Yes, with more developed intelligence and reallocation of combat power**
- **More offensive operations are not the complete solution, we must reduce the causes of violence**
- **Must eliminate the sectarian death squads, increase accountability of the Iraqi Security Forces (National Police, Iraqi Police Service)**
- **Enforcement of the Rule of Law**

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What actions have we taken?

- **Shifted targeting and ISR focus to murder cells**
 - **Moved more capable National Police units into focus areas**
 - **ISR focus shifted to persistent observation of OMS buildings, Mosques, and schools to develop and defeat the rising murders**
 - **Increased the number of combined patrols and CF presence at checkpoints**
 - **Increase CF night patrols throughout Baghdad**
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Key Deliverables (Security Support)

- **Empower ISF to enforce the law against illegal armed groups**
 - **Increase availability, accountability, and professionalism of National Police**
 - **Develop dedicated forces to target leadership of illegal armed groups**
 - **Develop and announce program to counter illegal armed groups**
 - **Increase operations against illegal armed groups and terrorists, particularly in Doura**
 - **Complete bonus payments to ISF**
 - **Engage national political leaders and the Council of Representatives in support of the Baghdad Security Plan**
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