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 - Continue with CFACC help to hit Ar Rutbah
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 - Good effects with AC-130s and DAPs
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- South- more AC-130 work against SSMS, BMPs, and BRDMs; good work by NWSTG in counter RDS ops; support to CFLCC continues

CFACC

- Good day, 50 or so regime targets hit
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- CFLCC support- 241 sorties to V Corps, 256 to MEF, good work on the Hammarabi
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- ISR coverage- no change in the incremental squeezing north
- Global Hawk did great work, most emerging and TST targets from Global Hawk

CFMCC

- TLAM reload continues, did a dozen yesterday, going for 2 dozen today
- Tommy Franks Express all ahead flank
- Morale and readiness are high; green across the board
- 30 C TLAM models on ships in Med, plus some other models; keeping the shooters there due to possibility of permission to put TLAMs over TU

TF 1.4a

- Rangers secured Hadithah Dam; finished SSE; dam not rigged for demo; underground facility empty; 24 EPW, 20 KIA, 27 civilians in custody
- TF 1.4a is across Euphrates, 40% of the way to Obj ivo Tikrit
- Reinforcing H-1
- Good connectivity with TF 1.4a
- Closed MSS at Roadrunner and Coyote
- HIMARS at H-1, will shoot as appropriate
- Next 24: 1.4a continues to Tikrit LOC site; 1.4a does Hwy 12 interdiction and stays on bridge by the dam, need permission to release them, need them for future raids
- D+14: 1.4a raid on Thar Thar 1.4a continues movement to Tikrit; 1.4a continues LOC interdiction on Hwy 12
- D+15: 1.4a does DA raid Al Haglariyah, 1.4a should be at its location, and 1.4a continues Hwy 12 LOC interdiction
- Discussion on LOC interdiction in the west and north of Baghdad (unable to capture entire discussion)

MARCENT

- Nothing significant last 24
- Buffalo Soldier offloaded
- Continue patrols

CAF-North- NSTR

TF 1.4a

- Good cooperation from TU on overflights, 164 of 165 ATO mission; 199 scheduled for ATO Z
- Have an understanding for Class I, III, and IV support commercially sent overland into N IZ, formalizing that understanding
- First 50 vehicles at Harbur Gate tonight, 60 more for tomorrow
- Sec State in soon
- 6th Fleet TLAM letter submitted, asking for corridor to be re-opened

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- Info on hide sites and revisits helpful
- Friends interested in Al Qa'im area
- J3 will provide updates from TF 1.4a

EUCOM- NSTR

CJTF 1.4a

- Continue to work in Kandahar to get access to the Tali's the Afghans policed up
- 3-4 operations in the next 3-4 weeks

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- When they become available, request ISR assets

Islamabad- NSTR

CIA- NSTR

CJTF-HOA did not participate

CentCom Staff/AUS/UK

- J-4 stated that with the arrival of several ships today, there are 8 ships in 2 ports downloading
- Rest of staff, AUS, and UK- NSTR

CDR comments

- Asked CFLCC to look hard with UK to interdict CSSC-3 coming out of Al Faw
- For the 2, 3, and CFACC- discrete targets on NDK, pass them a tough love package
- OPSEC critical

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