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Operation RIVER BLITZ

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RCT-7 (ME): Conduct offensive operations along river cities corridor.

T1: Conduct small unit raids, VCPs, C&K and C&S in river cities area

P1: Disrupt and defeat AIF elements and generate intel for future targeting

T2: Interdict rat lines north of the Euphrates River between Hit – Husaybah.

P2: Disrupt AIF

2 BCT (SE 1): Isolate Ramadi

T1: Isolate Ramadi

P1: Interdict AIF movement into and out of Ramadi

T2: Interdict rat lines north of the Euphrates River between Ramadi – Hit – Hadithah.

P2: Disrupt AIF

T3: Conduct small unit raids, VCPs, C&K and C&S in Jazeera and Sofia areas

P3: Disrupt AIF and generate intel for future targeting

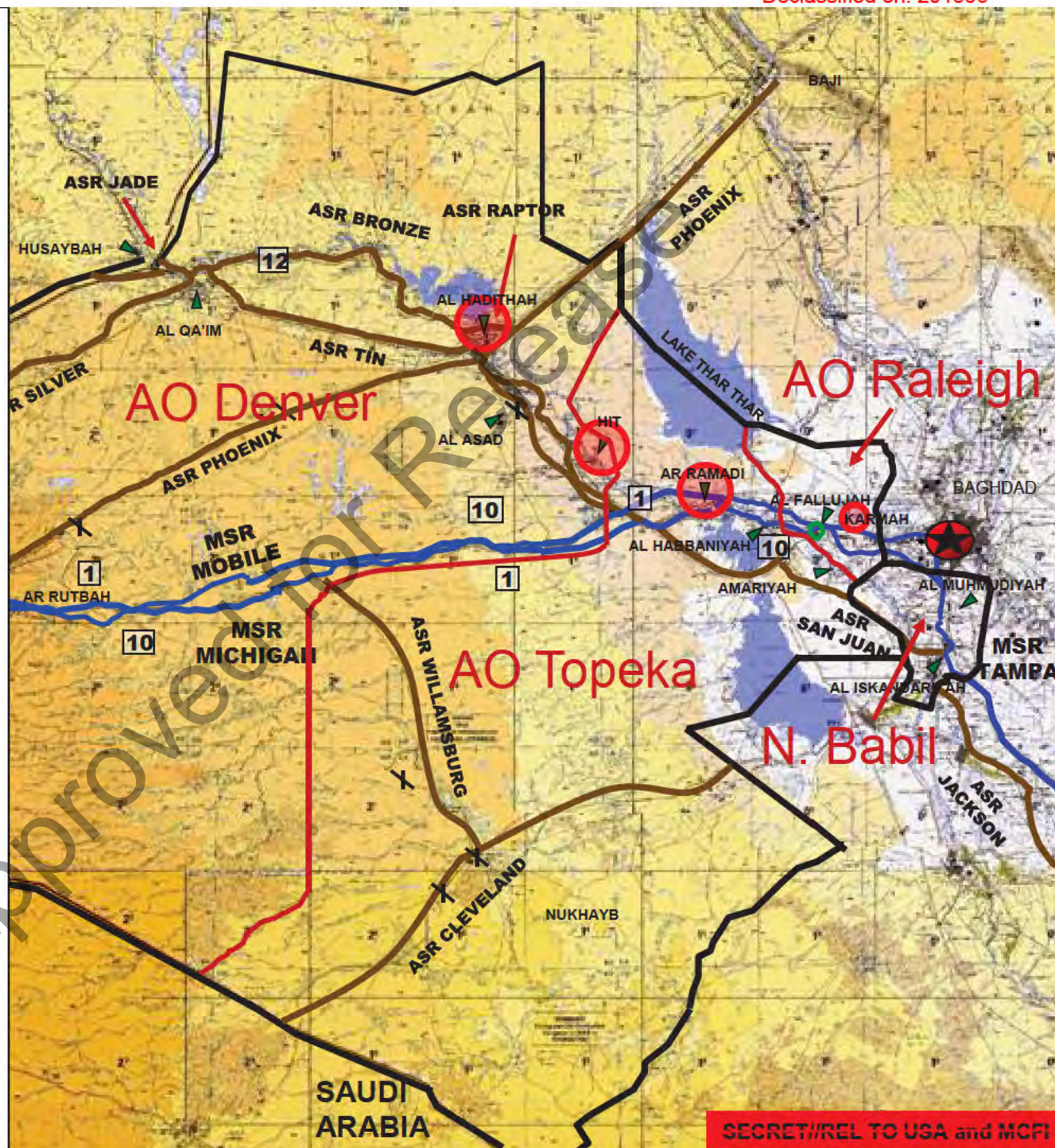
RCT-1 (SE 2): Focus disruption efforts north and east of Fallujah

T1: Conduct small unit raids, VCPs, C&K and C&S

P1: Disrupt AIF and generate intel for future targeting

T2: Continue CA efforts to rebuild and repopulate Fallujah

P2: Restore basic services



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Concept

- Goal:
 - Disrupt and defeat AIF elements in Al Anbar to generate actionable intelligence
- Overarching Tasks:
 - Interdict rat lines from Ramadi to Hit on the north side of Euphrates river
 - Small unit operations to defeat enemy elements
 - Raids, snap VCPs, and presence patrols
 - Control access into and out of Ramadi
 - Cordon to isolate using chokepoints
 - Exploit integration of ISF in all DIV operations
 - Exploit SOF capabilities and integrate them into operations, as appropriate
 - RIVER BLITZ IO campaign for AO Raleigh, Topeka, and Denver while continuing enduring IO tasks
 - Explain isolation of Ramadi
 - Introduce the new Iraqi Army and legitimize the ITG
 - Continuity of themes and messages during the RIP
 - Engagement with newly elected Al Anbar leaders
 - Continued engagement with municipal leaders
 - Integrate ISR assets to assist in targeting and maximize opportunities for developing actionable intelligence
 - BPT target emerging HVIs
- Endstate:
 - AIF prevented from interfering with the 1st MarDiv & 2^d MarDiv RIP and set conditions for implementation of Operation RIVER BRIDGE while expanding our gains in Al Anbar province.

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1st MarDiv

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RCT-1 (-)(Rein)

RCT-7 (-)(Rein)

Azerbaijani

2BCT ✕ (Rein)

2 MP 11 (Provisional) (-)(Rein)

X 2nd IIF

X 7th IAF

POB

POB

MUTHANNA

INDIA

SBF

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1 9 44 A MI 102

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Operation RIVER BRIDGE

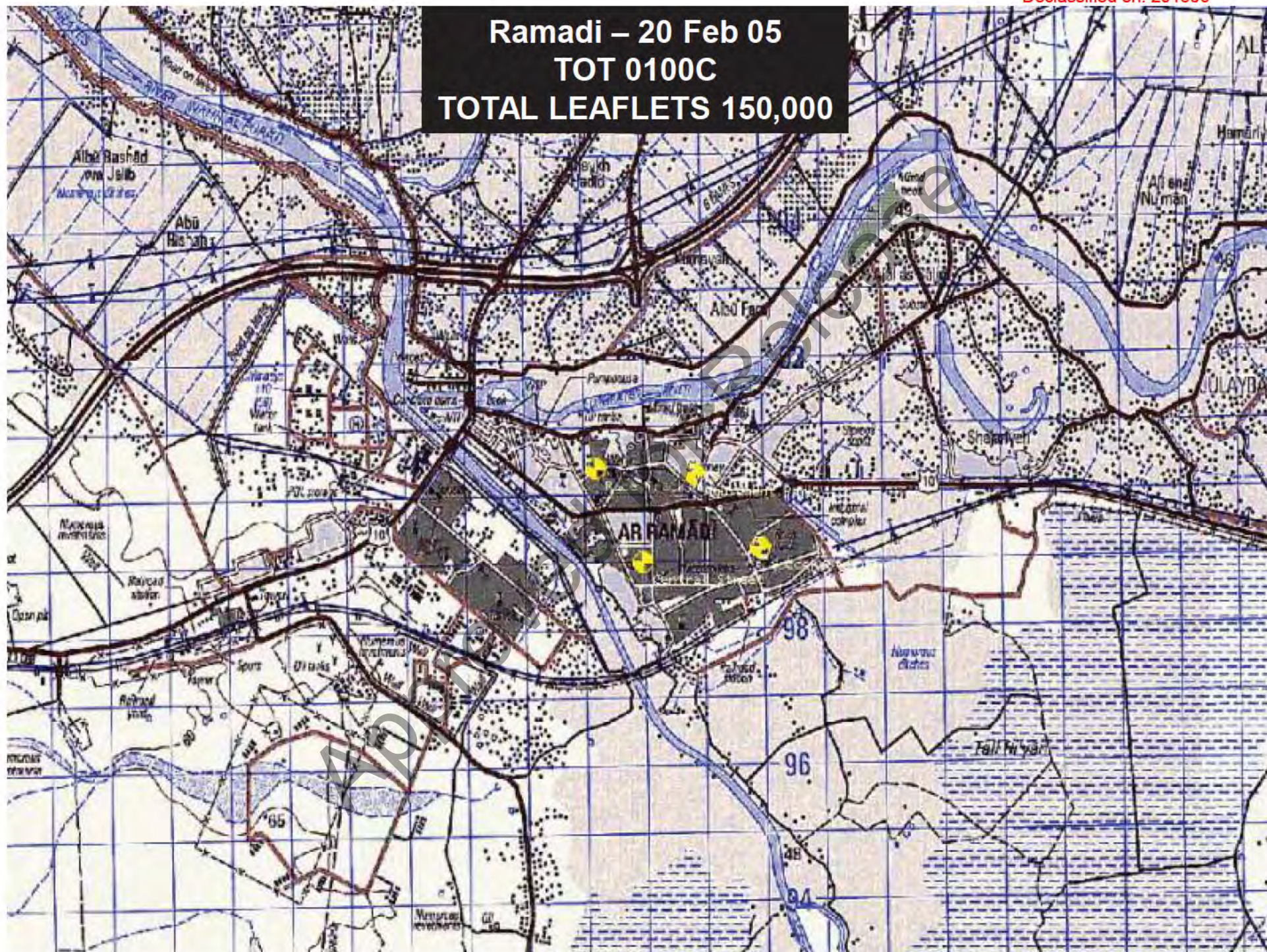
- Purpose:
 - Further disrupt and defeat AIF in Al Anbar and provide a bridging concept of operations that overlays and supports the RIP throughout AO Atlanta
- Method:
 - Exploit actionable intelligence resulting from RIVER BLITZ with focused offensive operations
 - Focus Division and SOF operations on emerging target sets
 - Continue to Interdict rat lines from Ramadi to Hit to Husaybah
 - Small unit operations (raids, snap VCPs, and presence patrols)
 - Continue to control access into and out of Ramadi
 - Continue integration of ISF in all DIV operations
 - IO campaign focuses on:
 - Continue to legitimize the ITG and the Iraqi Security Forces
 - Continuity of themes and messages during the 1st MarDiv and 2^d MarDiv RIP
 - Develop IO themes that exploit results of RIVER BLITZ
 - Continue engagement with newly elected Al Anbar leaders
 - Continue engagement with municipal leaders
 - Continue RSO&I of Iraqi Security Forces in AO Atlanta
 - Integrate ISR assets to assist in targeting and maximize opportunities for developing actionable intelligence
 - BPT target emerging HVIs
- Endstate:
 - AIF prevented from disrupting the RIP in AO Atlanta
 - Successful transition from 1st MarDiv to 2^d MarDiv with no operational pause
 - Increased level of security in Ramadi facilitating the emergence of the newly elected ITG

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LEAFLET CONOP

- 20 Feb 05 – Ramadi
 - 150,000 leaflets
- 22 Feb 05 – Hit
 - 100,000 leaflets
- 26 Feb 05 – Hadithah
 - 150,000 leaflets

Ramadi – 20 Feb 05
TOT 0100C
TOTAL LEAFLETS 150,000

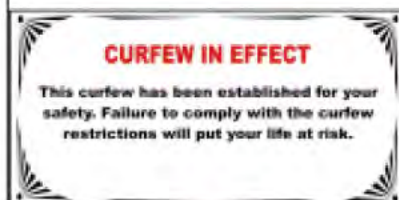


Hit- 22 Feb 05
TOT 0300C

TOTAL LEAFLETS 100,000

Themes:

- Curfew Hours
- Do Not Carry Weapons
- Vehicle Restrictions



Hadithah- 26 Feb 05
TOT 0300C

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TOTAL LEAFLETS 150,000

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Themes:

- Curfew Hours
- Do Not Carry Weapons
- Vehicle Restrictions

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CURFEW IN EFFECT

This curfew has been established for your safety. Failure to comply with the curfew restrictions will put your life at risk.

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Phase III: Surge AIE Interdiction Ops (21 Feb – 5 Mar)

Sequence of Actions

1st Force Recon

- **21 Feb:**
 - HVI Raid in Haqlaniyah – (b)(6)
 - HVI Raid in Haditha – (b)(6) house
- **22 Feb:**
 - HVI Raid in Haditha – (b)(6)
 - HVI Raid in Hit – (b)(6)
- **23 Feb:**
 - HVI Raid in Haqlaniyah – (b)(6)
 - HVI Raid in Hit – (b)(6)
- **24 Feb:**
 - HVI Raid in Haqlaniyah – (b)(6)
 - HVI Raid in Hit – (b)(6)
- **25 Feb:**
 - HVI Raid in Bani Dahir – (b)(6)
 - HVI Raid in Hit – (b)(6) / Ice Factory

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Phase III: Surge AIE Interdiction Ops (21 Feb – 5 Mar)

Sequence of Actions

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- **21 Feb:**
 - HVI Raid in Barwana – (b)(6) garages
 - QRF for 1st FORECON
- **22 Feb:**
 - QRF for 1st FORECON
- **23 - 24 Feb:**
 - TAI E in Haqlaniyah
 - QRF for 1st FORECON
- **25 Feb:**
 - QRF for 1st FORECON
- **26 - 27 Feb:**
 - TAI H in Haditha
- **21 Feb – 5 Mar:**
 - MSR Security and VCPs on Bronze, Pheonix, Grizzlies
- **27 Feb – 5 Mar:**
 - 1.4c
- **(o/a 25-27 Feb, Co L, 3/2 assume fixed site security at ASP Wolf)**

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