Operation RIVER BLITZ
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
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 & 2nd MarDiv RIP and set conditions for implementation of Operation RIVER BRIDGE while expanding our gains in Al Anbar province.
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 2d 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 2d MarDiv with no operational pause
  – Increased level of security in Ramadi facilitating the emergence of the newly elected ITG
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

MANDATORY CURFEW!!

Curfew in effect.

Attention Citizens

Vehicle traffic into and out of the city is forbidden. This is for your own protection.

Do not attempt to drive into or out of the city. Security Forces will be establishing check points to remove the threat that foreign terrorists bring to your city.

Unclassified
Hadithah - 26 Feb 05
TQT 0300C
TOTAL LEAFLETS 150,000

Themes:
- Curfew Hours
- Do Not Carry Weapons
- Vehicle Restrictions

MANDATORY CURFEW!
In effect from EIDMEN to EIDMEN with further notice with further notice.
Stay off the streets after dark and stay in your homes.

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 –
  - HVI Raid in Haditha –  
    - House
- 22 Feb:
  - HVI Raid in Haditha –
  - HVI Raid in Hit –
- 23 Feb:
  - HVI Raid in Haqlaniyah –
  - HVI Raid in Hit –
- 24 Feb:
  - HVI Raid in Haqlaniyah –
  - HVI Raid in Hit –
- 25 Feb:
  - HVI Raid in Bani Dahir –
  - HVI Raid in Hit –  
    / Ice Factory
Phase III: Surge AIE Interdiction Ops (21 Feb – 5 Mar)

Sequence of Actions

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- 21 Feb:
  - HVI Raid in Barwana - 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:
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- (o/a 25-27 Feb, Co L, 3/2 assume fixed site security at ASP Wolf)