OPERATION BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN

MND-C Support to MNC-I OPORD 08-02

Purpose: To provide the MNC-I CG a backbrief of MND-C actions in support of OPLAN 08-02

MG Oates
MND-C Commander
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Agenda

- OE Assessment
- OPERATION BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN
  - Key Tasks
  - Mission
  - LOEs and Objectives
  - Task organization
  - Subordinate force allocation
  - Aviation Operations
  - Sentinel Radar Coverage
  - ISF Partnership
  - Governance and Economics
- Border Operations
- Summary
- Commander’s Guidance
Key Tasks to MND-C

MNC-I OPORD 08-02

1. **ISF Focus.** As conditions permit, transfer security responsibilities to ISF

2. **Enemy Focus**
   - Defeat violent extremists networks (SGCs and Shia Extremists)

3. **GOI Focus.** Where possible, plan and execute all civil projects ICW PRTs and local/provincial leaders, in concert with the Provincial Development Strategy

4. **CF Focus.** Assume MND-CS battlespace; o/o assume battlespace from MND-SE

**Bottom Line:** Capable ISF are the means to defeating the enemy and securing the population
Mission

TF 1.4a in partnership with ISF, GoI, and USG agencies, conducts COIN operations in MND-C AO to Secure the Iraqi population, Defeat violent extremist networks, Professionalize the ISF, Transfer security responsibilities, and Enable governance and economic development in order to facilitate GoI ability to provide security and essential services to the Iraqi population.
Concept of Operations

Lines of Effort

Within the information Environment:

Professionalize the ISF

Communicate Effectively

Develop Governance and Economic Organizations

Communicate Effectively

Secure the Iraqi population

Objectives

ISF capable of performing independent and joint operations with little or no CF support; self-sustaining

Formal plans drive long-term development; gov. accepts responsibility for and provides essential services for all constituents

Iraqis believe they are secure and protected by their capable security forces, sovereignty enforced

As of: 12 JUL 08
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IRAN 15 OCT 08 (As of 10 JUL 08)

1.4a

Total: 42

DS to 4/1 BCT

Total: 24

AL-BASRAH

MND-SE

5th DBE Region

Total: 26

36 x AH-64
12 x CH-47
44 x UH-60L
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08-01
08-02 PHASE I

08-02 PHASE II

JUN 08 JUL 08 AUG 08 SEP 08 OCT 08 NOV 08 DEC 08 JAN 09 FEB 09 MAR 09 APR 09 MAY 09 JUN 09

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IP Partnership Model

New Model:
1) Based on OEF ANP Model (Leverage MP, ILO, IPA)
2) Partnership Focus Key Cities
3) Partner 1:1 Daily
4) Leverage ISF to ISF Partnership

5) Log TRNG Advisory Teams
6) Senior Mission Cdr Advisor to PDoP
7) Focus on IP Officers


**MND-C ISF Logistics Partnership Strategy**

**Short-Term Goals:**
- Improve Maint Mgmt
- Improve CL VII Replacement System
- Close Resourcing Gap Between Unit Set Fielding and Units in the Field

### 8th IA Div
**G4 Staff Assistance Visit Program**

**Phase 1:** Assessment (Jun - Jul)
- 15 Jul 8th IA Div G4 Conf
- 28 Jul initial SAV to establish training baseline with IAG MiTT

**Phase 2:** SAV Implementation (Aug – Oct)
- Bi-weekly targeted SAVs (Maint Mgmt Focused)

**Phase 3:** Formal Re-Assessment (Nov)

### 10th IA Div
**MND-C LTAT**

**Phase 1:** Establish LTAT / Conduct Assessment (15-31 Jul)

**Phase 2:** LTAT Operations (Aug-Oct)
- Focus on unit logistics training and planning requirements

**Phase 3:** Formal Re-Assessment (Nov)
Goverance & Economics

Current Situation

Babil
- Governance
  - PRT/USAID efforts to improve Min of Agriculture programs
- Economics
  - SOE Transition (Iskan Ind Complex)
  - USAID(INMA) & PRT Integration:
    -- Fish Farm Programs in Kidr
    -- Central Euphrates Market Center
    -- Gol Loan Programs to farmers

Karbala
- Governance
  - Assist in building/expanding court system
  - Improved access to potable water and irrigation systems
- Economics
  - Develop Tourism Industry
  - Housing Industry

An Najaf
- Governance
  - Strong performance by the governor
- Economics
  - Najaf Tourism Initiative
  - PRT/USAID Vocational Training Center Development

Al Qadisiyah
- Governance
  - Improved performance by new governor, but progress is slow
  - PC ineffective
- Economics
  - Unemployment is high due to lack of investment/attention of government
  - No Gol plan to address unemployment

Maysan
- Governance
  - Gol working to remove members of PC; previously collaborated with JAM and SGC
- Economics
  - Reestablishment of security combined with renewed support from Gol, PRT, and CF will stimulate economy.

Dhi Qar
- Governance
  - Link Provincial Government with population
  - Expand Availability of potable water programs
- Economics
  - Agriculture-based economy needs further development
  - Rising unemployment

Al Muthanna
- Governance
  - Stable, relatively secure, and has a reasonably effective provincial government
- Economics
  - Agriculture sector requires assistance

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Summary

- MND-C’s Decisive Operation is ISF Professionalization
  - Our means to meet the end-state of “population secured”
  - Priority of development: IA, DBE, IP
- Concerns
  - Transition of the SOIs into jobs
  - Achieving balance: Reducing forces while expanding the OE
- Determining what success looks like
  1. AQI / SEG Networks defeated
  2. External lethal weapons smuggling networks defeated
  3. ISF effectively maintaining local security
  4. Provincial local government institutions functional
Commander’s Guidance