Operation Resolute Sword
Mission Analysis Brief
and
Concept of the Operation

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OPERATION RESOLUTE SWORD
Concept of the Operation

Areas of Mahdi Army Activity in Iraq

- Offensive Operations
  - Decapitate Mahdi Army leadership
  - Raid offices and training facilities
  - Capture/Kill armed members of Mahdi Army
  - Target hostile Mosques
  - Target other hostile militias
  - Enable and support ISF (IPS/ICDC)

- Information Operations (IO)
  - National level engagement to discredit/marginalize Mahdi Army
  - Isolate Mahdi Army
  - Action against media sources enabling Mahdi Army
  - Exploit external support/influences
  - Maintain support of moderate Shia population

- Supporting Operations
  - Border Operations (OP Chamberlain)
  - Operation THUNDERBOLT (IRGC-MOIS)
  - Operation STUART

MISSION
CTF 144 conducts full spectrum offensive operations throughout Iraq to destroy the Mahdi Army (ST) promote a more secure & stable Iraq and set the conditions for a peaceful transition to Iraqi Sovereignty.

AS OF 06 Apr 2004
Key Tasks:
- PT receive TACON (less ADCON) of US BCT
- O/O execute Op Stuart
- Capture/Kill members of the Mahdi Army
- Execute targets IAW CJTF targeting plan
- Continue support of Arba’een
- Target Mahdi Army leadership
- Target hostile Mosques
- Target other hostile militias
- Enable and support ISF
- Raid known offices, ASPs, and trng facilities
- Conduct Consequence Management

MND-CS (Main Effort)
Task: Offensive operations to destroy Mahdi Army in zone.
Purpose: In order to establish a stable and secure environment
Key Tasks:
- Capture/Kill members of the Mahdi Army
- Execute targets IAW CJTF - targeting plan
- Continue support of Arba'een
- Target Mahdi Army leadership
- Target hostile Mosques
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- Enable and support ISF
- Raid known offices, ASPs, and trg facilities
- Conduct Consequence Management
- Continue support to Border Ops

MND-SE (Supporting Effort)
Task: Offensive operations to destroy Mahdi Army in zone.
Purpose: In order to establish a stable and secure environment
Key Tasks:
- Capture/Kill members of the Mahdi Army
- Execute targets IAW CJTF targeting plan
- Continue support of Arba’een
- Target Mahdi Army leadership
- Target hostile Mosques
- Target other hostile militias
- Enable and support ISF
- Raid known offices, ASPs, and training facilities
- Conduct Consequence Management
- Continue support to Border Ops

1 ID (Supporting Effort)
- Task: Offensive operations to destroy Mahdi Army in zone.
- Purpose: In order to establish a stable and secure environment

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Key Tasks:

• Capture/Kill members of the Mahdi Army
• Execute targets IAW CJT targeting plan
• Continue support of Arba’een
• Target Mahdi Army leadership
• Target hostile Mosques
• Target other hostile militias
• Enable and support ISF
• Raid known offices, ASPs, and other facilities
• Conduct Consequence Management

1 AD/1 CD (Supporting Effort)

Task: Offensive operations to destroy Mahdi Army in zone
Purpose: In order to establish a stable and secure environment

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Task: Continue OPERATION VIGILANT RESOLVE (Fallujah). BPT conduct offensive operations to destroy elements of the Mahdi Army identified in AOR.

Purpose: In order to establish a stable and secure environment.

Key Tasks:
- Continue OPERATION VIGILANT RESOLVE
- Contiune border operations
- BPT Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR
- BPT Raid offices and training facilities
- BPT Capture/Kill armed members of Mahdi Army
Key Tasks:

- Continue OPERATION VALIANT SABER
- Continue border operations
- BPT release OPCON of TF from 1 ID
  - BPT Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR
  - BPT Capture/Kill armed members of Mahdi Army

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Task: Continue OPERATION VALIANT SABER. BPT conduct offensive operations to destroy elements of the Mahdi Army identified.

Purpose: In order to reduce the attacks on coalition forces.
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