Corps Shaping Operation
ISO Operations RIVER BLITZ AND RIVER BRIDGE
Agenda

- Background
- Threat
- MNC-I Mission, Commander’s Intent
- Concept of the Operation
  - Ground Operations
  - ISR
  - Effects
  - IO
**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
Threat Update
MNF-W Threat Assessment

- Insurgent elements have relocated and reorganized along the Euphrates River Basin to the west of Fallujah
  - Ramadi, Hit and Hadithah are the primary areas of reconsolidation

- Attack methods remain consistent
  - Low risk; High gain

- Attacks focus on two primary goals
  - Destabilizing the security environment
  - Discouraging Iraqi cooperation with ITG/MNF
MNF-W Insurgent Movement Corridor

HIT – HADITHA Corridor
- Historic FRE presence
- Transient point for Islamic extremists

FALLUJAH – RAMADI Corridor
- FRE leadership - Fallujah & Ramadi
- Ramadi threat
  Abu Harun group
  Ramadi Shura Council
- Fallujah threat
  Green Battalion

- Official Entry Points
- MM Influence
- FRE Influence
- FRE Concentrations
- AMZ/Islamic Extremists
Insurgent Movement: Operational Perspective
MNC-I Puts Pressure Along the Euphrates River Valley

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Mission

MNC-I conducts shaping operations from 18 FEB thru 25 MAR 05 ISO Operations RIVER BLITZ and RIVER BRIDGE to disrupt AIF/FRE forces operating in Al Anbar province and facilitate RIP/TOAS.
Commanders Intent

- The Purpose: To maintain pressure on AIF/FRE elements to prevent their consolidation, generate actionable intelligence on HVI’s, bolster public confidence in ISF and set conditions for MSC RIP/TOA’s.

- Key Tasks:
  - Synchronize Effects to isolate AIF in Al Anbar and increase popular support for ITG/TNA.
  - Prioritize/Sync ISR assets
  - Maximize ISF Presence to enhance public perception of ISF capability
  - Deny AIF/FRE safehaven’s/sanctuary
  - Interdict AIF/FRE in Al Anbar
  - Coordinate across multiple MSC Division AO’s

- End State: To have disrupted the enemy’s ability to re-establish operating bases and continue operations, increased public confidence of ISF capability thereby improving the security situation, completing unit RIP/TOA’s.
Shaping in the Corps AO

- **Build Pressure**
  - Select and prosecute key targets IOT focus AIF inward (localized containment)
    - Disrupt AIF ability to coordinate throughout multiple MSC’s
      - Capture and detain known AIF coordinators
      - Safe houses, meeting places, caches, heavy equipment, AIE patrols, crew served weapons, IDF, communications
  - Further separate the people from the insurgents
    - Exploit opportunities to discredit the AIF
  - Interdict AIF freedom of maneuver
- **Continue to Develop and Refine Targets**
  - Corps Intel Collection focus on AI Anbar
  - Continue to build Intelligence thru striking known targets and assessing second and third order effects
    - Capture/Kill AIF facilitators IOT reduce AIF ability to affect operations in Fallujah-Ramadi-Hit
- **Set Conditions for Decisive Effect across Multiple MSC’s**
  - Interdict Main AIF LOC’s (Rat Lines) IOT disrupt flow of FRE and AIF within Iraq
  - Coordinated Effects across multiple mscs
  - Disrupt of AIF/FRE C2 targets
Endstate for Shaping in the Corps AO

- **Enemy**
  - Disrupt enemy ability to coordinate across the multiple MSC’s and reinforce Fallujah-Ramadi-Hit operations
  - Interrupt the enemy timeline/decision making cycle
  - Force the enemy to focus inward
  - Enemy convinced that the same or greater degree of security exists in Corps AO denying them safehouses
  - AIF safe-havens denied throughout multiple MSC’s (Gaps/Seams)
  - Disrupt the AIF intimidation campaign
  - Attrit the enemy’s combat power

- **Friendly**
  - MEF TOA complete
  - MND-B TOA complete
  - Disruption of AIF influence with in Al Anbar
Corps Shaping Ground Operations

MNF-W (ME) conducts offensive operations in Al Anbar Province to disrupt and defeat AIF elements and generate intelligence IOT set the conditions for Operation RIVER BRIDGE and our RIP with 2nd Marine Division.

MND-NE
T1: Conduct TCP/VCP’s in Western MND-B
P2: Disrupt AIF elements transiting Al Anbar
T2: Interdict rat lines from Al Anbar into Baghdad and N. Babil
P2: Disrupt AIF elements transiting Al Anbar
T3: Apportion collection efforts to Western MND-B AO
P3: Generate intel for targeting

MND-NW (SE)
T1: Conduct TCP/VCP’s in Ninawa
P1: Disrupt AIF elements transiting Al Anbar
T2: Interdict rat lines from Al Anbar into Ninawa
P2: Disrupt AIF elements transiting Al Anbar
T3: Apportion collection efforts to Southern Ninawa
P3: Generate intel for targeting

MND-NC (SE)
T1: Conduct TCP/VCP’s In Saladdin
P1: Disrupt AIF elements transiting Al Anbar
T2: Interdict rat lines from Al Anbar into Saladdin
P2: Disrupt AIF elements transiting Al Anbar
T3: Apportion collection efforts to SW Saladdin
P3: Generate intel for targeting

OPRES
BPT reinforce MEF operations in Haditha/Hit.
BPT escort MOAG from Hit to Taji
BPT provide 1 x Co Team to clear ASR Golden
ISR Support to I MEF

Task: Conduct focused intelligence collection, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations.

Purpose: IOT support Coalition Force operations in the western Al Anbar Province (AO Atlanta) and identify and track insurgent movement prior to, during, and following operations.

Concept: Corps level intelligence assets will be prioritized and massed to support and reinforce the I MEF collection plan. Assets will be focused to support the I MEF scheme of maneuver as well as movement corridors and lines of drift outside the area of operations.

Priority of Effort: MND-W, MND-B, MNB-NW, MND-NC, MND-CS, MND-SE

Period of Focus: 20 Feb – 25 Mar

Effect: Disruption of AIF networks in western Al Anbar Province (AO Atlanta).
MNC-I Joint Fires and Effects to support OP River Shape

Task: Provide focused lethal and non-lethal assets in support of CF/ISF to disrupt insurgent operations while concurrently assisting II MEF RIP with I MEF.

Purpose: Shape conditions for CF/ISF to establish Iraqi confidence in ISF/IAG and deny safe haven for insurgents, and the uninterrupted MSC TOA/RIP.

Method:
Air Power-
- CFACC poised for I MEF immediate TIC response, and counter-RCIED.

Counterfire-
- Counter RKT/MTR operations defeat AIF rocket and mortar threat using proactive & reactive Counterfire measures - Rocket boxes cover each city.

Period of Focus: 20 Feb – 25 Mar

Effect: Enhanced stature of the ISF in the minds of the Iraqi populace, and the denial of safe havens for AIF and FRE insurgents.
MNC-I Joint Fires and Effects to support River BLITZ/BRIDGE

Task: Conduct targeted non-lethal operations in order to influence and inform the Iraqi populace of ISF capability and operations. Limit unrestricted movement in the region. Exploit ISF/CMO successes, HVI captures and AIF Atrocities through Exploitation Task Force.

Purpose: Shape and set conditions for disruption of AIF/FRE C2, freedom of movement and safe havens. Support CF/ISF as they establish and maintain a secure and stable environment. Document and disseminate ISF successes to Iraqi, Pan-Arab and International populace.

Concept: IO supports a legitimate and credible ISF, disrupts AIF/FRE and facilitates MNF-W RIP/TOA.

Period of Focus: 20 Feb – 25 Mar

Effect: Enhanced the stature of the ISF and ITG in the minds of the Iraqi populace, AIF/FRE disrupted in the region and MNF-W conducts an uninterrupted RIP/TOA.
MNC-I EXPLOITATION TEAM PROCESS

Sources of Stories and Images (MSCs, COMCAM, UAV, TPT, CAT-A)

Exploitation Team (IO, Effects, Intel, COMCAM, C9, PAO, SJA, PSYOP, POLMIL)

Stratcom

Corps PAO

MSCs

Other Activities & Agencies

EXPOITATION CATEGORIES:
- ISF Employment and Successes
- CMO Efforts and Successes
- Foreign Fighters
- Evidence of Terrorism
- VBIED/IED Production Materials/Facilities
- Weapons/Equipment Caches
- Human Atrocities
- LOAC Violations
- Terrorism Exportation

PRODUCTS:
- Storyboards
- Drumbeats
- Full Motion Video

PURPOSE:
- Leader Engagement
  - ITG
  - Local Government
  - Tribal
- PSYOP Product Development
  - STRATCOM/MSC Exploitation

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MEDEX
DOCEX
IRAQEX

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MSC Feedback

- MEF-W
  - Concur, Request additional ISR (based on operations) and CJSOTF counter-sniper team
- MNB-NW
  - Concur, Mission Analysis ongoing will submit operational requirements NLT 21 Feb
  - Concur on Intel assessment for AIF MLCOA
- MND-NC
  - Concur, Request additional info on employment of OPRES
  - Concur on Intel assessment for AIF MLCOA
  - Staffing impacts of establishing 2d OPRES, no position yet
- MND-B
  - Concur, Request additional info on employment of OPRES
  - Concur on Intel assessment for AIF MLCOA
  - Non-concur on regeneration of 2d OPRES if committed
- MND-NE
  - Concur
- MND-CS
  - Concur
- MND-SE
  - Concur
- CJSOTF-AP
  - Concur
  - Counter-sniper team request in staffing
Requests for Support

• MEF-W
  – 1 x Counter-sniper team from CJSOTF for Ramadi
  – ISR Requests, ongoing

• MNF-I
  – Synchronize mitigation efforts for haditha dam repair project
  – Engage ITG/TNA to make public statements iso this operation
  – Facilitate dissemination of information to ITG/DCG
  – Counter propaganda and misinformation through pan arab and international media
Questions?