

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 ISK (IPSA/CDC)
- 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
 - Operation STUART

DRAFT MISSION
 CJTF 14a conducts full-spectrum offensive operations throughout Iraq to destroy the Mahdi Army. IOT promote a more secure & stable Iraq and set the conditions for a peaceful transition to Iraqi Sovereignty

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AS OF 05 Apr 2004



MND-CS

AL HILLAH
HC~50-100
VOL~400-1000
SH~5

KARBALA
HC~20-50
VOL~160-500
SH~2

AN NAJAF
HC~50-150
VOL~400-1500
SH~10

AN DIWANIYAH
HC~50-100
VOL~400-1000
SH~2

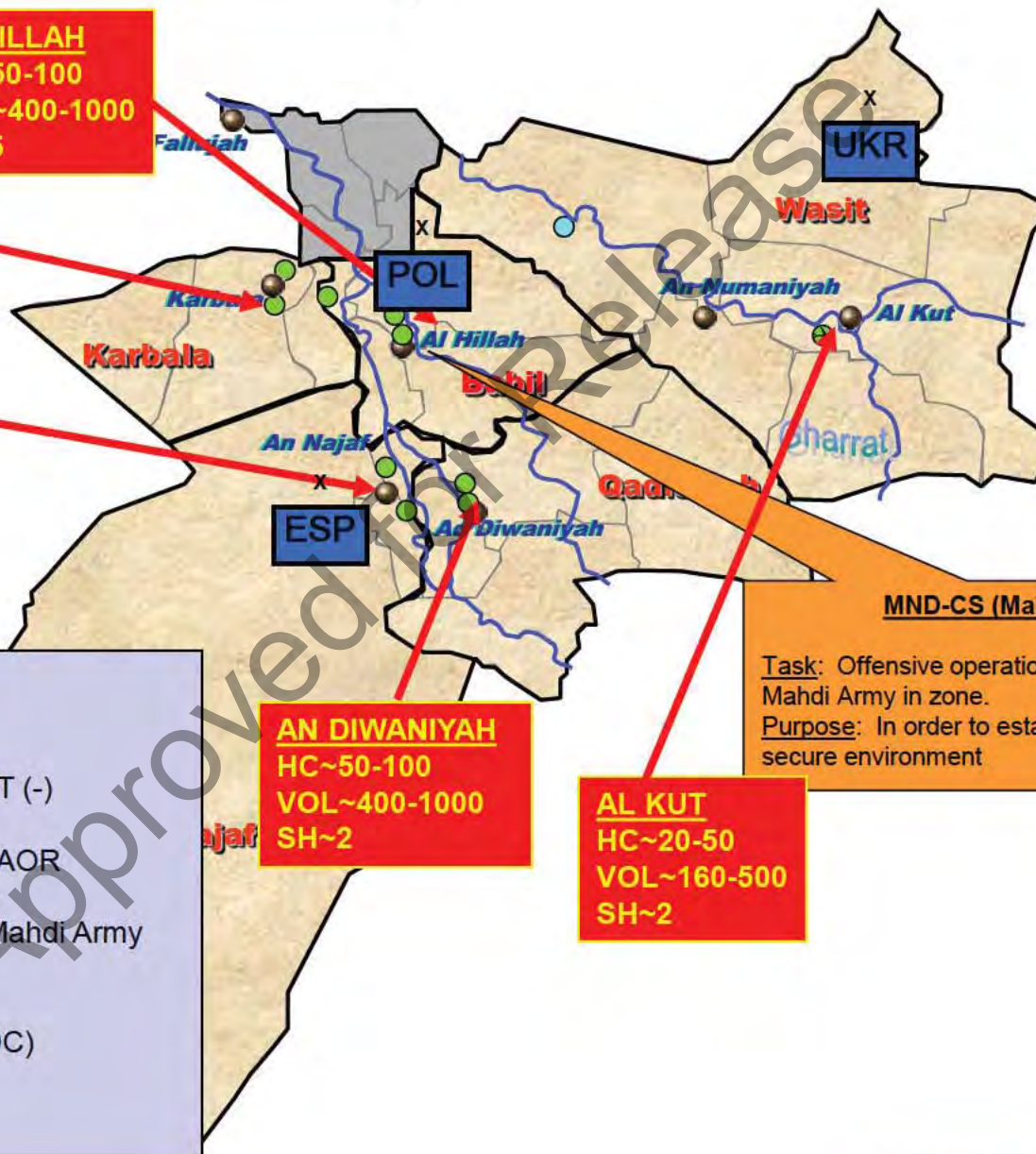
AL KUT
HC~20-50
VOL~160-500
SH~2

Key Tasks:

- BPT Receive TACON of U.S. BCT (-)
- Continue support of Arba'een
- Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR
- 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)

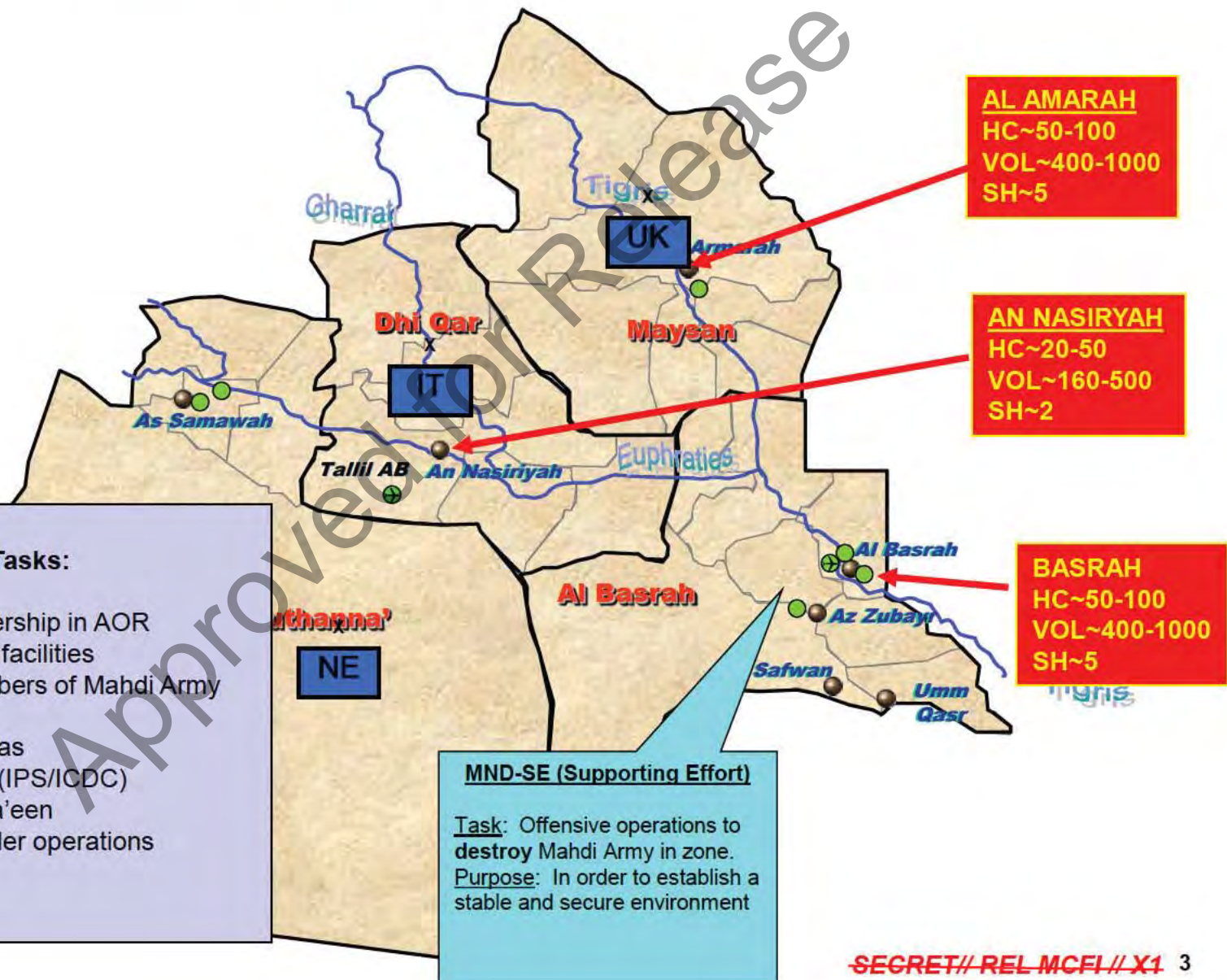
MND-CS (Main Effort)

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



MND (SE)

فرقة متعددة الجنسيات
(جلوب شرق)

MND-SE

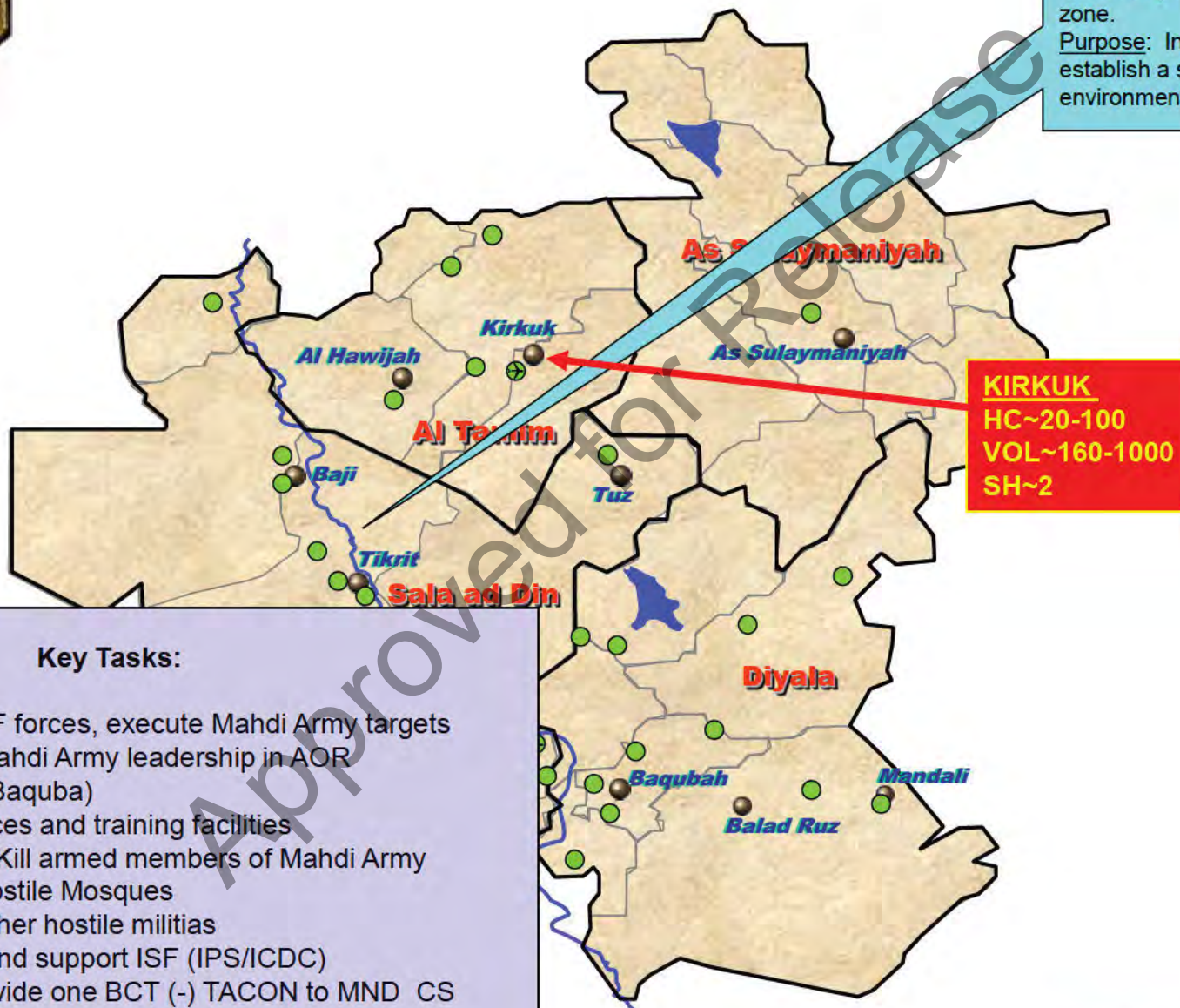


1 ID (M)

1 ID (Supporting Effort)

Task: Offensive operations to **destroy** Mahdi Army in zone.

Purpose: In order to establish a stable and secure environment



KIRKUK
HC~20-100
VOL~160-1000
SH~2

Key Tasks:

- ICW SOF forces, execute Mahdi Army targets
- Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR (Kirkuk, Baquba)
- 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)
- BPT Provide one BCT (-) TACON to MND CS



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

Baghdad

AL TAJI

BAGHDAD

AL FALLUJAH

BAGHDAD
HC~150-300
VOL~800-3000
SH~10

Key Tasks:

- ICW SOF forces, execute Mahdi Army targets
- Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR
- 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)
- BPT Provide one BCT (-) TACON to MND CS

I MEF



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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

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Key Tasks:

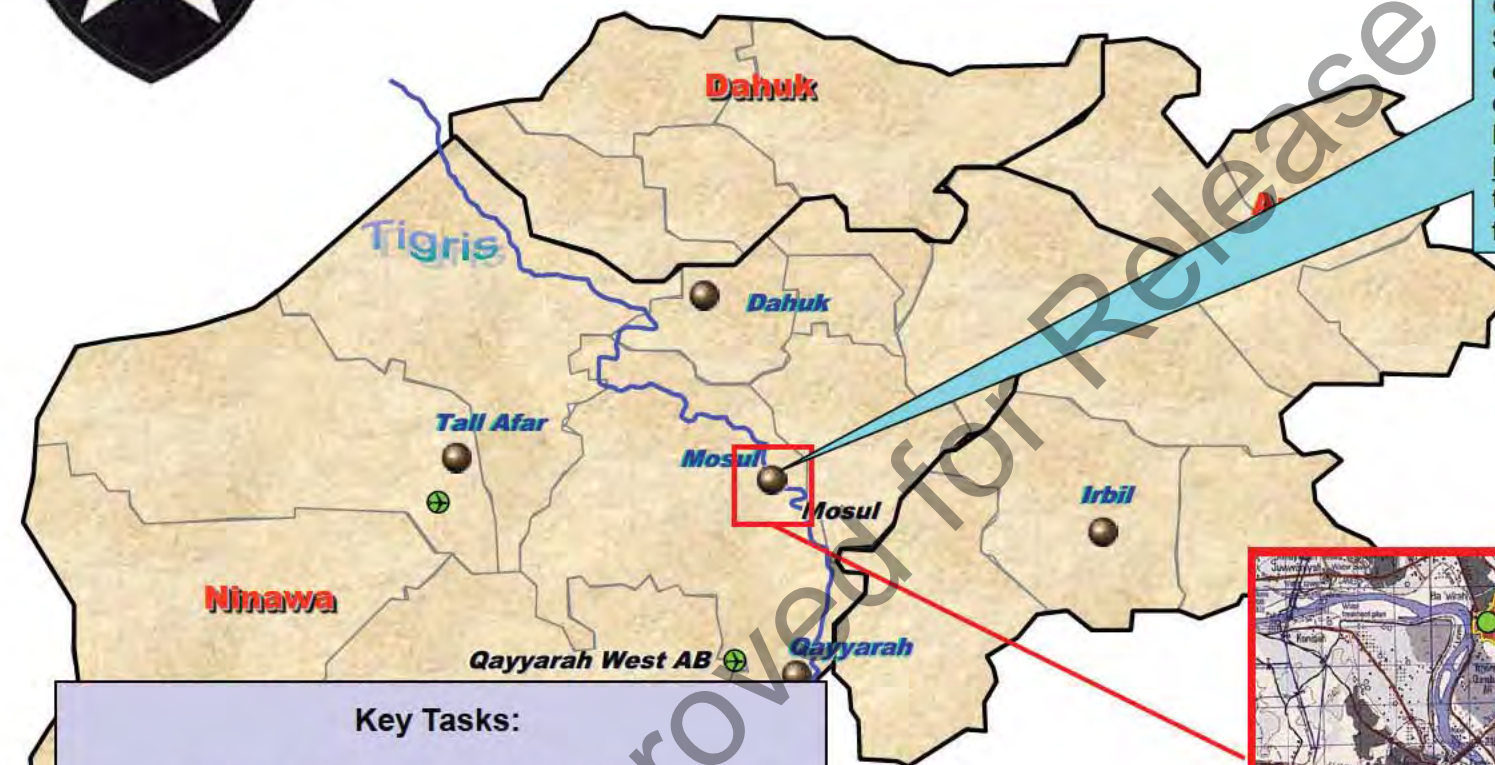
- Continue OPERATION VIGILANT RESOLVE
- Continue border operations
- BPT Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR
- BPT Raid offices and training facilities
- BPT Capture/Kill armed members of Mahdi Army



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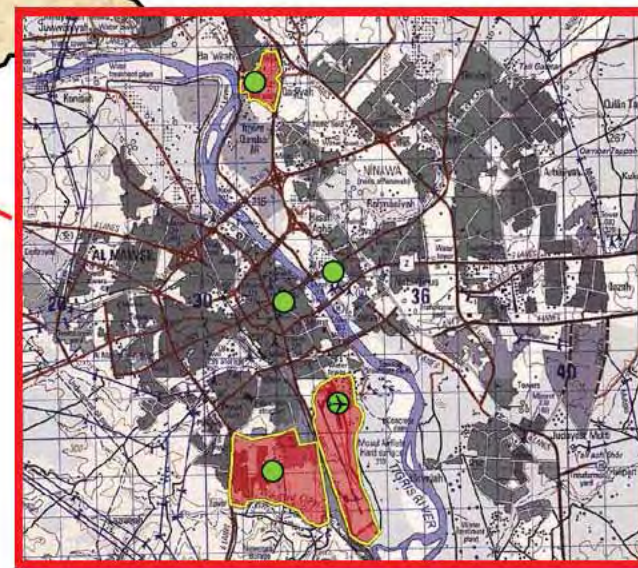
MNB - N

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



Key Tasks:

- Continue OPERATION VALIANT SABER
- Continue border operations
- BPT release OPCON of TF from 1 ID
- BPT Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR
- Engage local Shi'a leadership to dissuade them from involvement with the Mahdi Army
- BPT Capture/Kill armed members of Mahdi Army





Stage 1 (current)

Forces Key	
US Maneuver BCT (LT/MECH INF, AR, FA, ACR, and USMC RCT)	X [Green Box]
Coalition BCT equivalent	X [Blue Box]
3-4 Iraqi Civil Defense BNs†	X [Iraqi Flag]
Iraqi Army BDE	X [Iraqi Flag]

Below the line combat arms (force protection)



Air Fields (end state)	
Iraqi Commercial	[Blue Box]
Iraqi Joint Use (military/commercial)	[Red Box]
Iraqi Military	[Red Box]
Unoccupied Air Field	[White Box]

Boundaries and headquarters are assigned *after* forces are arrayed. The array depicted here does not depend upon sector boundaries.

Battlefield Organization
Decisive Operations:
 Establish capable and credible Iraqi Security Forces.
Shaping Operations:
 Identify, locate, and capture or kill insurgents.

Task & Purpose
 (of US maneuver BCTs)

Task¹: Conduct offensive operations
Task²: Support the internal defense and development of Iraq

Purpose¹: Defeat the insurgency
Purpose²: Establish institutions, which will ensure the security and prosperity of Iraqi society and which respect the rights of all of its citizens

Internal defense and development is the full range of measures taken by a nation to promote its growth and protect itself from subversion, lawlessness, and insurgency. It focuses on building viable institutions (political, economic, social, and military) that respond to the needs of society (JP 1-02). The counterinsurgency effort is part of the IDAD strategy that addresses the insurgency threat. (See JP 3-07.1)

—FM 3-07, *Stability Operations and Support Operations*

