**OPERATION RESOLUTE SWORD**

**Concept of the Operation**

- **Objectives**
  - Target hostile Iraqi military leadership
  - Target Iraqi military facilities
  - Disable and disrupt ISUM (IIPS/AIDC)
  - Information Operations (IO)
  - National-level engagement
  - 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 Champlain)
  - Operation THUNDERBOLT
  - Operation STUART

**Areas of Mahdi Army Activity in Iraq**

- **KIRKUK**
- **BAGHDAD**
- **KARBALA**
- **AN NAJAF**
- **AN NASIRIYAH**
- **AL AMARAH**
- **BASRAH**

**DRAFT MISSION**

- Conducts full-spectrum offensive operations throughout Iraq to destroy the Mahdi Army
- Promote a more secure and stable Iraq and set the conditions for a successful transition to Iraqi Sovereignty

**AS OF 05 Apr 2004**
**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)
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- Target other hostile militias
- Enable and support ISF (IPS/IGDC)
- Continue support of Arba’een
- Continue support to border operations

MND-SE (Supporting Effort)

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

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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)**

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- BPT Provide one BCT (-) TACON to MND CS
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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
- Continue border operations
- BPT Target Mahdi Army leadership in AOR
- BPT Raid offices and training facilities
- BPT Capture/Kill armed members of Mahdi Army
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