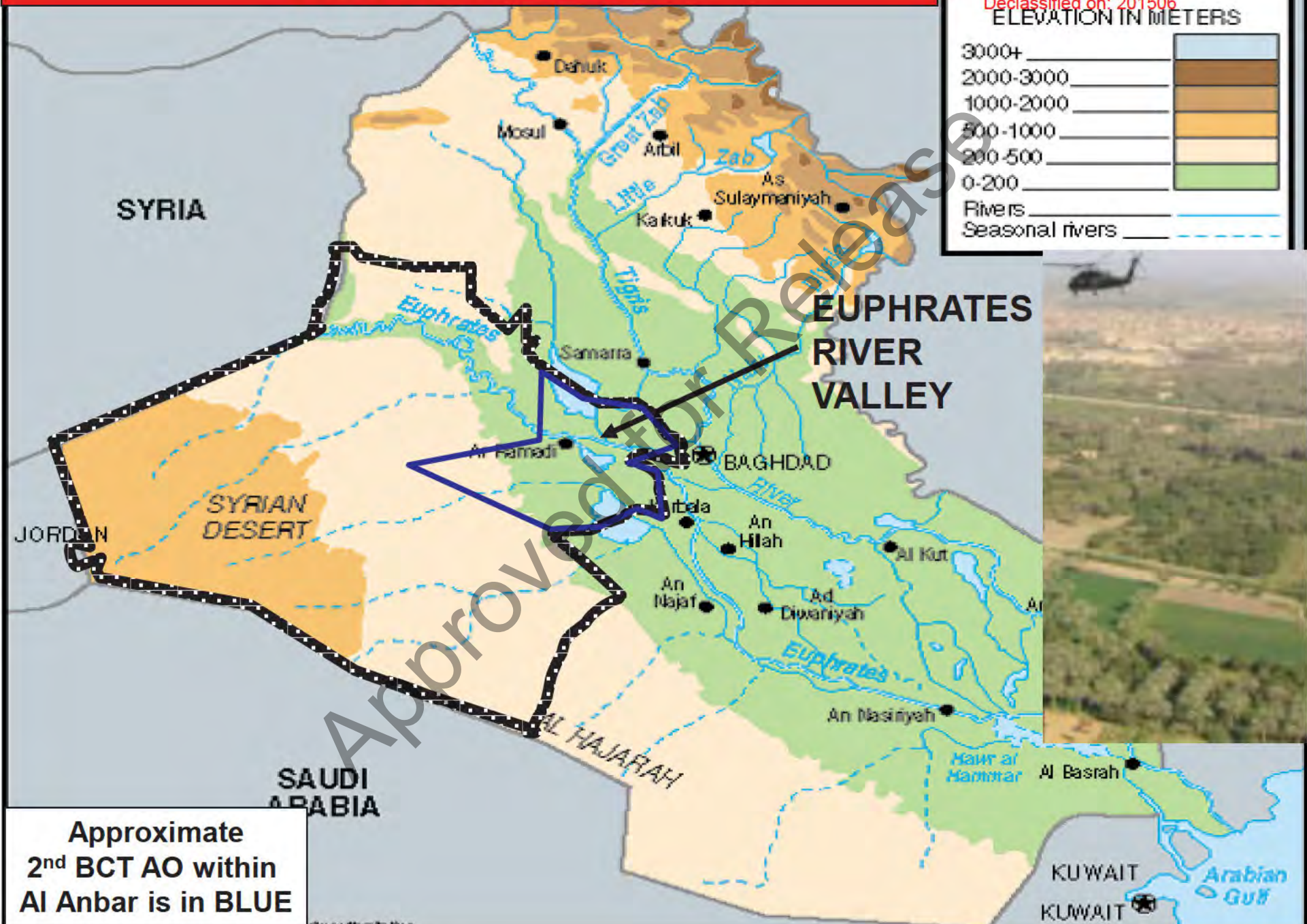


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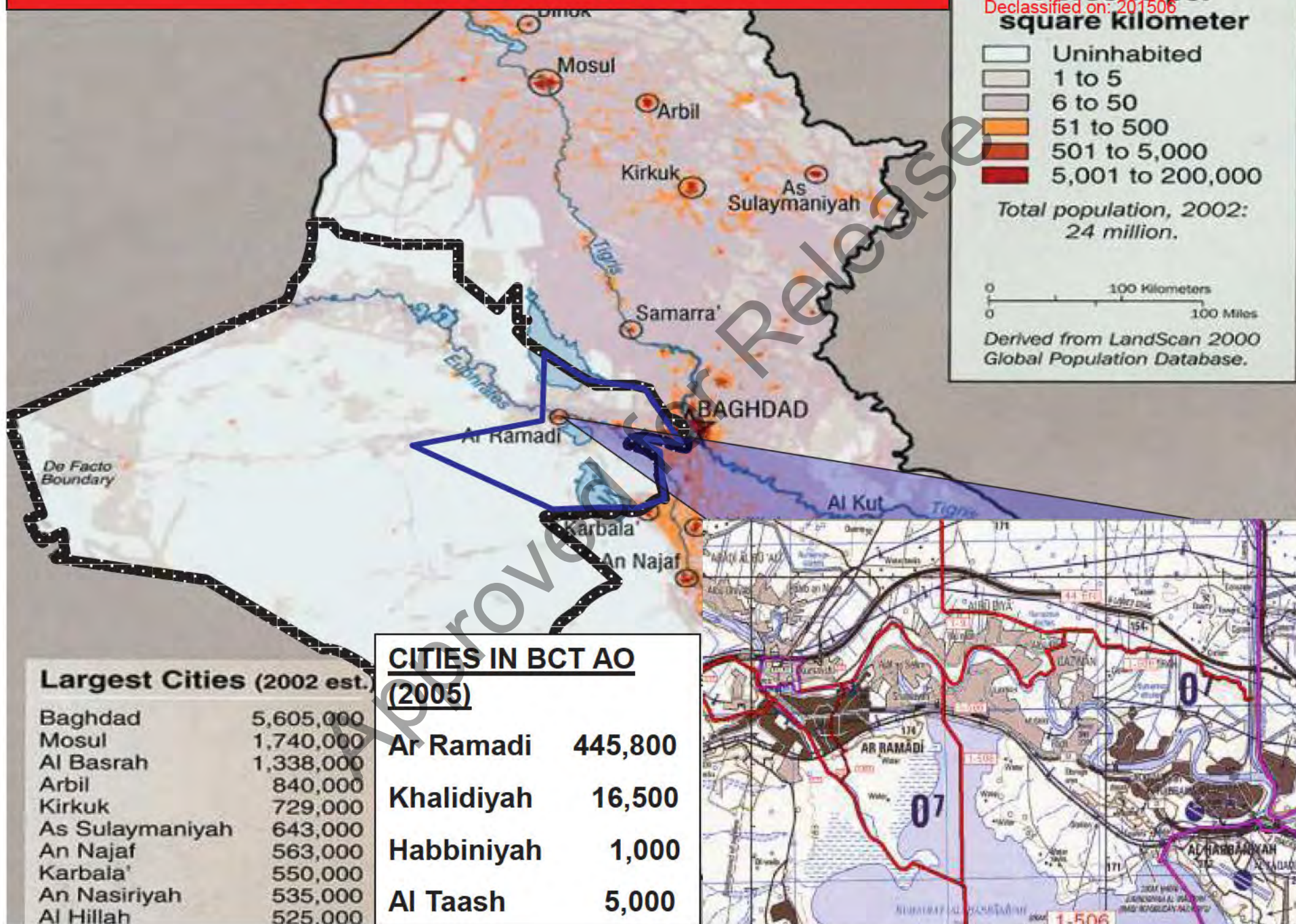
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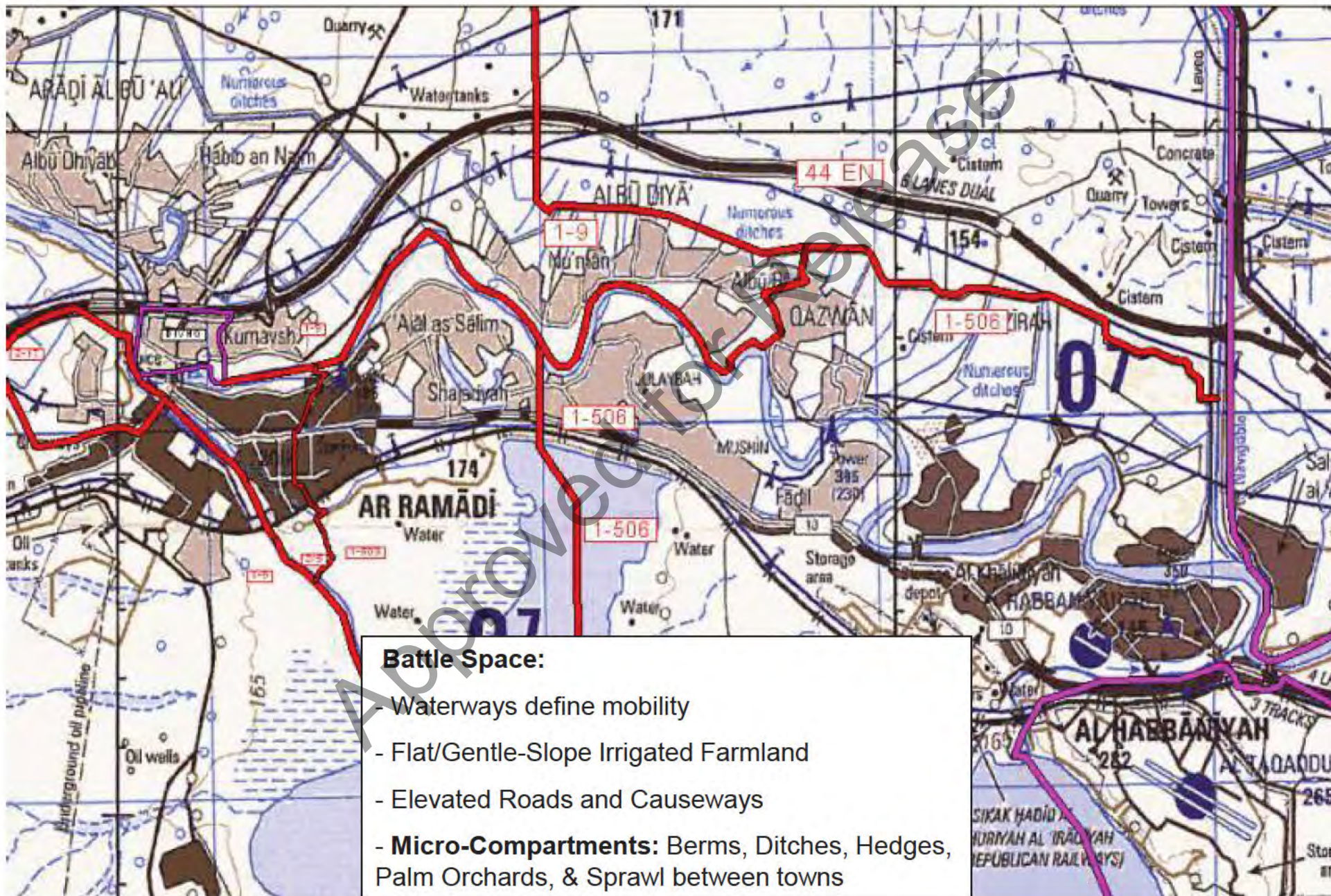
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# AO TOPEKA GEOGRAPHY





# CLIMATOLOGY

- **Summer Months (April - October)**
  - Hot, Dry, Cloudless
  - Temperatures in Excess of 100F
  - Strong Winds
    - Sharqi, Shamal
- **Winter Months (November-March)**
  - Precipitation at Highest Levels
- **Weather Impacts**
  - Personnel: Dehydration, Sun and Wind Burns
  - Equipment: Excessive Wear, Overheating



BAGHDAD TEMPERATURE: MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM / MINIMUM (°F)

MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MAX °F	59	62	69	84	96	104	109	109	104	91	77	59
MIN °F	37	41	46	55	66	71	75	75	69	60	57	37



## WEATHER / SHAMALS

- Sudden sand storms may reduce visibility to less than 5 meters very quickly
- Not as severe near urban areas
- In the open desert they can force march speeds to a crawl
- The use of ballistic goggles/Wiley-X protective sunglasses, and face scarves will mitigate the effects to personnel
- Environmental contaminants in blowing sand frequently cause minor eye, and respiratory infections
- Daily service is required for systems with air quality standards (rotary wing aircraft, laptops, ECUs, etc.)

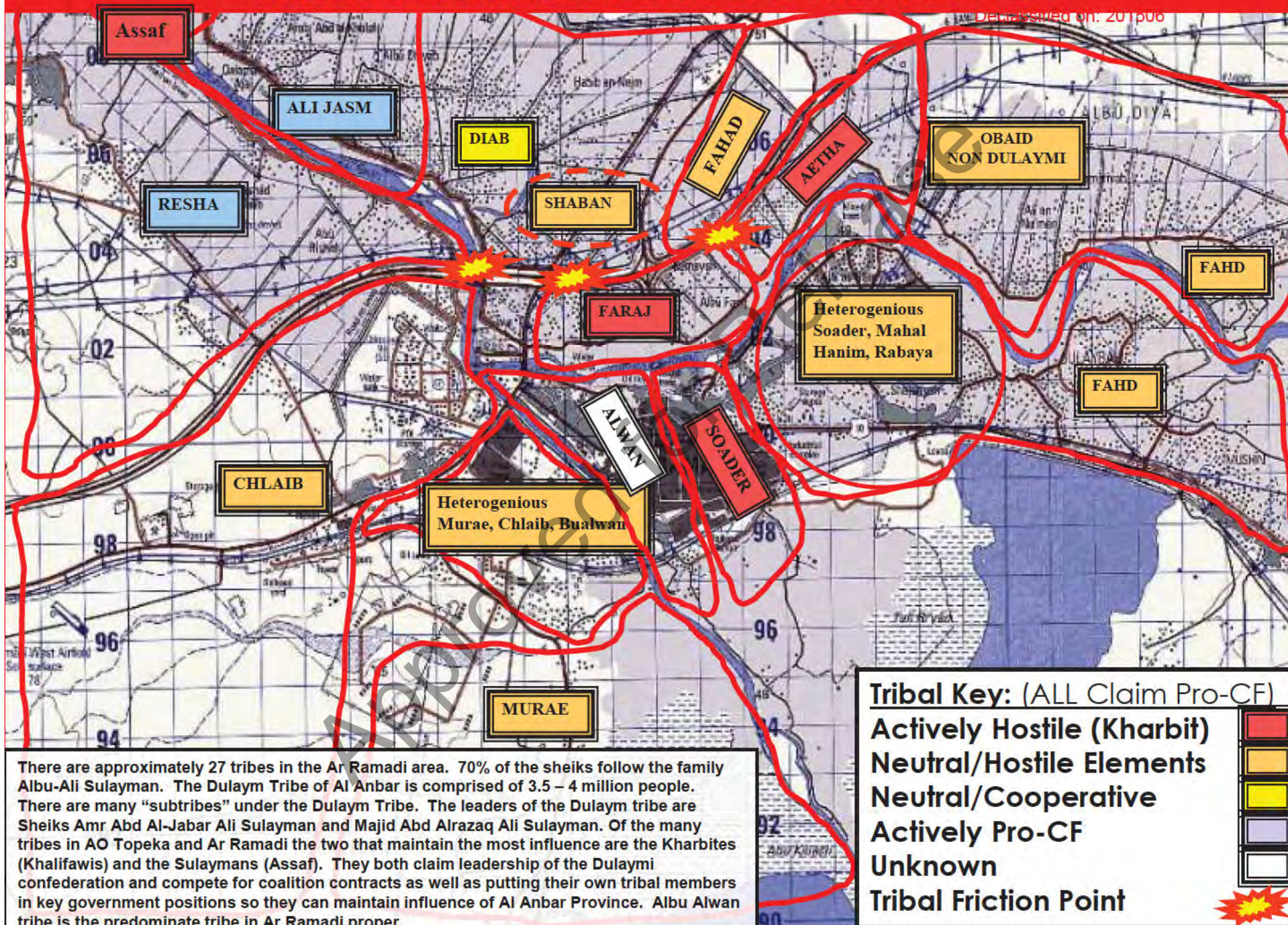


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# TRIBES IN RAMADI AND SURROUNDING AREA







# THE THREAT

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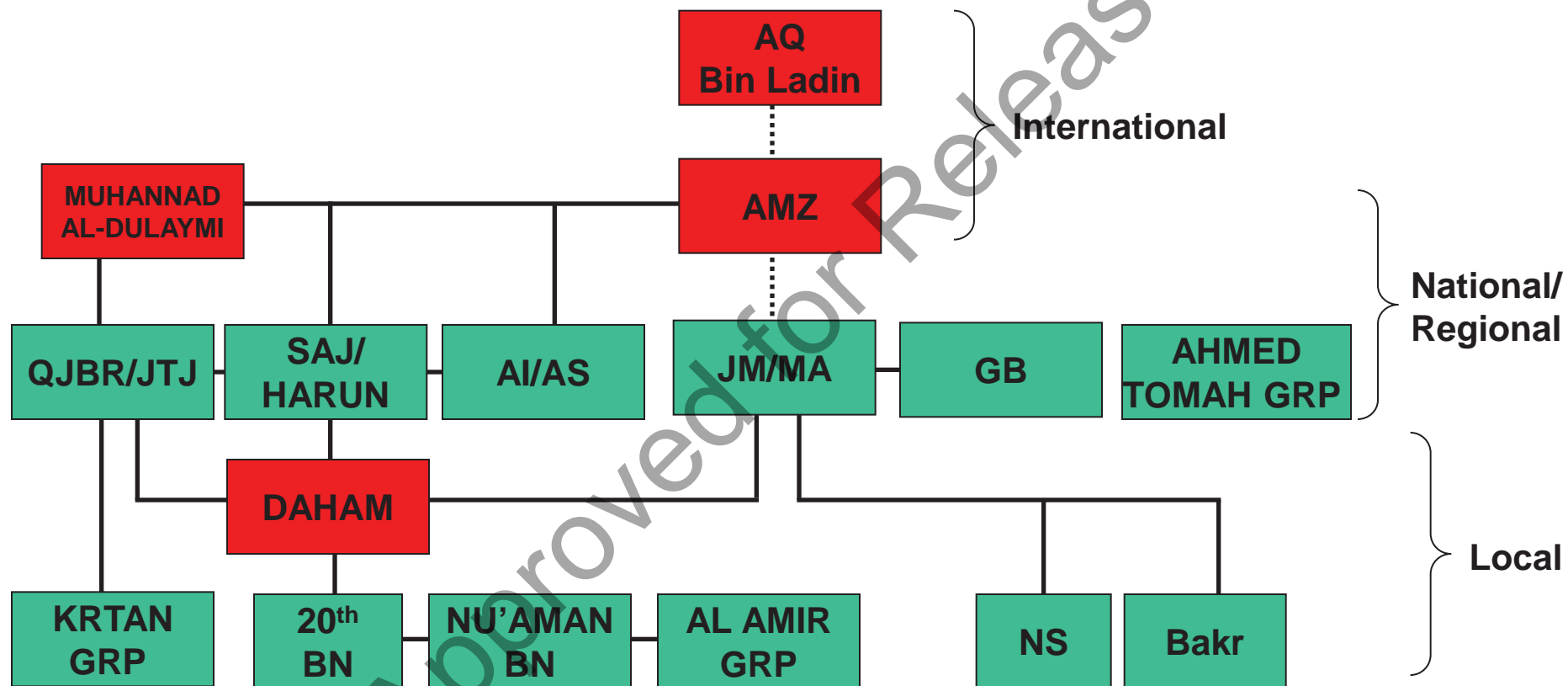


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# PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF ANBAR INSURGENCY





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# TANZIM QAIDAT AL JIHAD BILAD AL RAFIDAYAN (QJBR/JTJ)

## Overview

• This Group is led by AMZ. They have links to (b)(6) and possibly to the Harun group. They are responsible for the killings of 12 ING in Ramadi, the bombing of the AG center in Ramadi, and the IED attack near the Imam Shaykh Musad Shrine in Khalidiyah. There are approximately 25 members in Khalidiyah.

## Purpose

To undermine the legitimacy of the Iraqi government and to force the withdraw of CF from Iraq, in order to instill an Islamic extremist government. Main focus is to direct the resistance to CF, attack CF, recruit new individuals for their cause, arm their group and other AIF groups and training of members of AIF groups.

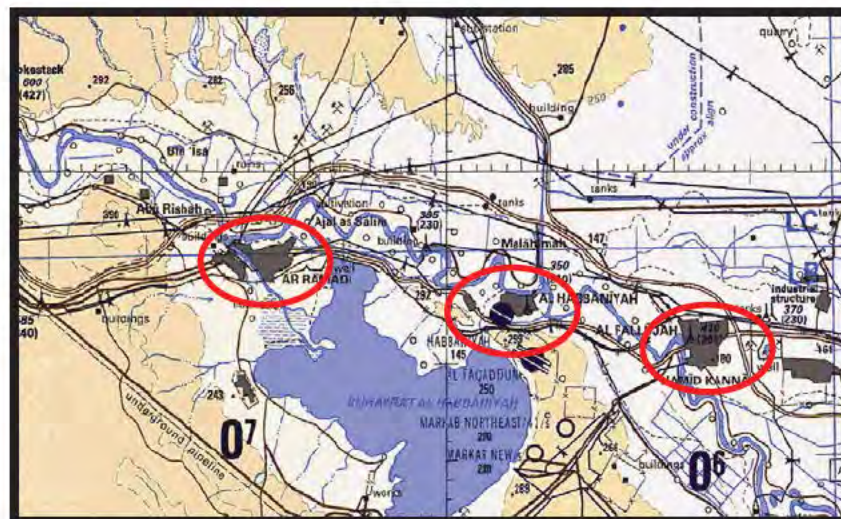
## Assessment

• This group is well connected and well financed. They are extremely dangerous and will not hesitate to kill civilians in order to score an IO victory. In the past they have dressed as IP and driven IP vehicles in order to kidnap people. It is very possible that nearly all the insurgent groups in Ar Ramadi will take some form of direction from the group.

## Key Members

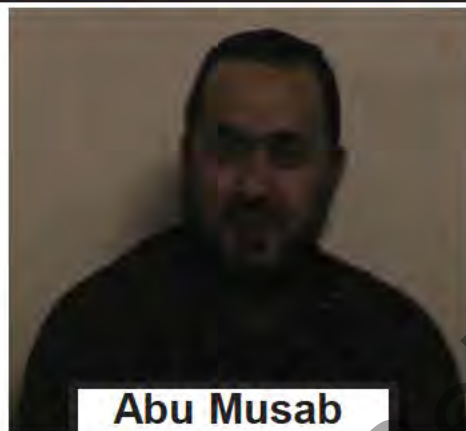
• Abu Mu'sab Al-Zarqawi (Emir of Iraq)

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# TANZIM QAIDAT AL JIHAD BILAD AL RAFIDAYAN (QJBR/JTJ)



**Abu Musab  
Al Zargawi**

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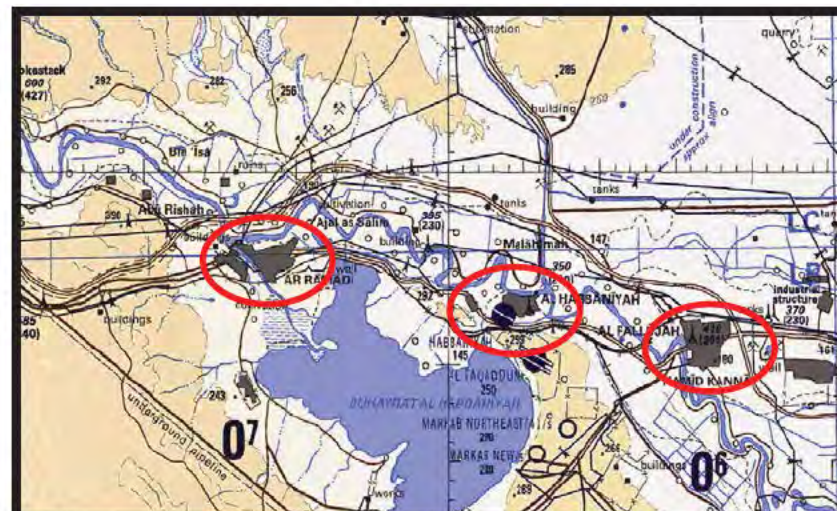
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# SARAYA AL JIHAD GROUP - ABU HARUN GROUP

## Overview

The Abu Harun group appears to maintain control of several insurgent cells in Ramadi and the surrounding area. The group has connections throughout the I MEF AO and contacts in Baghdad and surrounding countries. This group has conducted attacks against MNF and IIG facilities. The network exercises effective OPSEC with multiple code words and use of communication assets. The group appears to be made up of local Iraqis and FF. This group is believed to be responsible for the 21 November 2004 execution of the ING soldiers and the 17 November 2004 attacks on the Government center in Ramadi. There are about 70 members in Ar Ramadi.

## Purpose

The purpose for the attacks is to attempt to create mass casualties for CF, in an effort to force CF from the city.

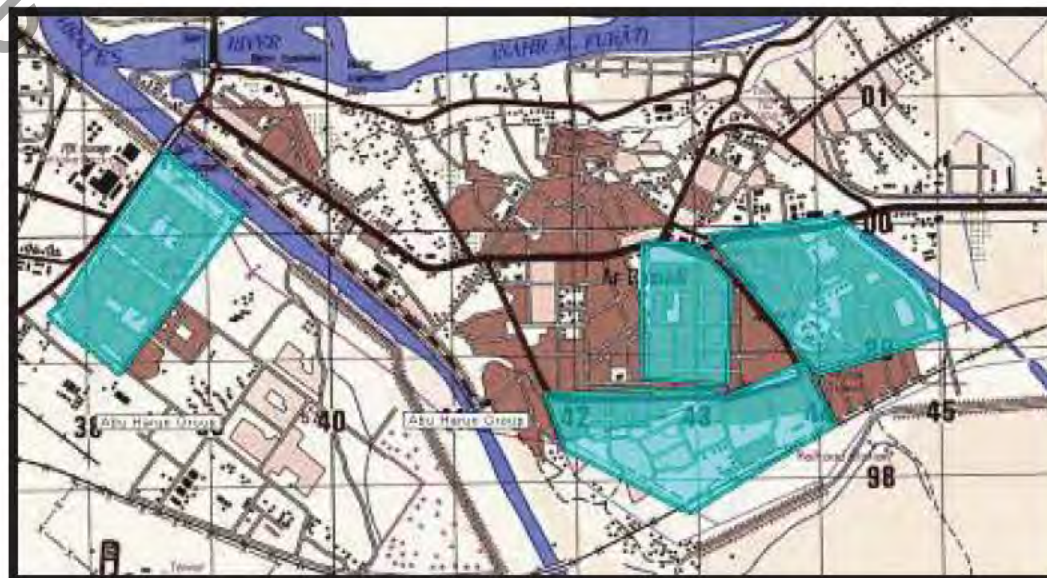
## Assessment

The group is believed to have a structured leadership cell with a support network comprised of local and foreign fighters. The cells operate out of several safe houses in Ramadi and the outlying areas of Jazerah and Tam'mim. Their sphere of influence stretches from Fallujah to Rutbah. They are believed to receive financial support from several legitimate businesses in the Ramadi area. They were likely responsible for the recent (S)VBIEDs and will continue to attack in that way.

## Members

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- 8.
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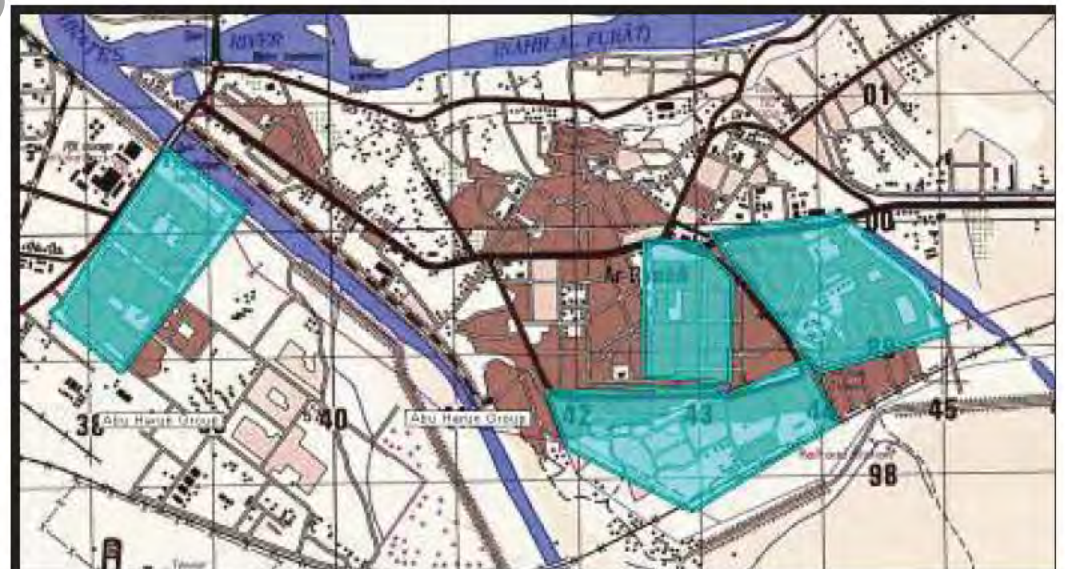
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# SARAYA AL JIHAD GROUP - ABU HARUN GROUP

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## DAHAM GROUP - 2BCT HVT#2

### Overview

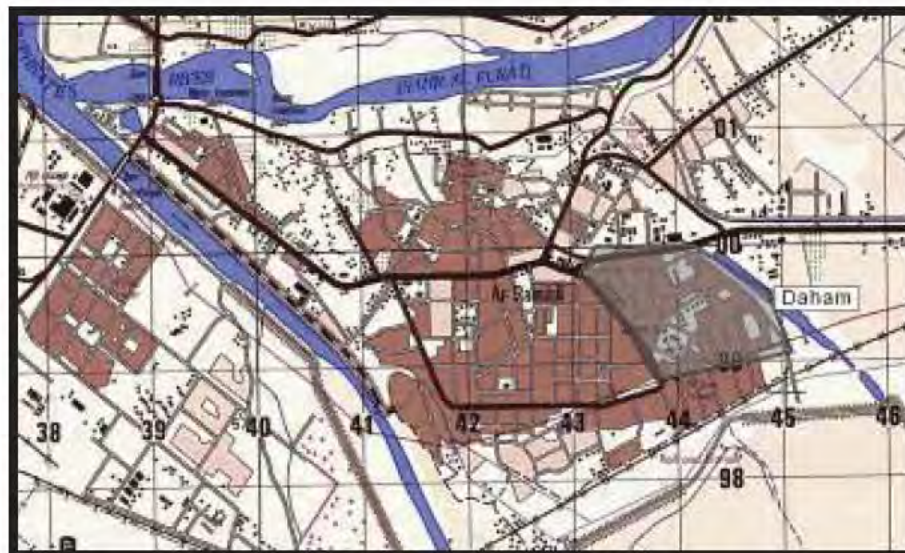
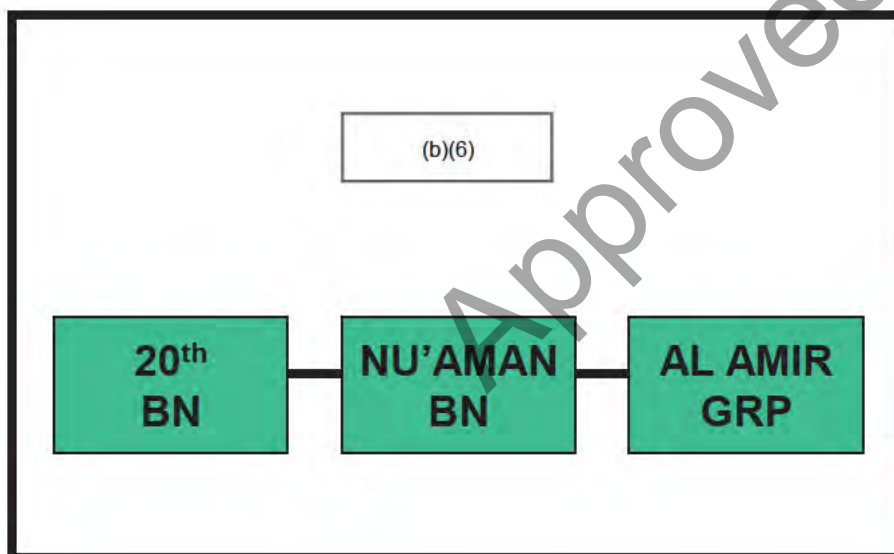
• This Group is led by (b)(6). Their goal is to create an atmosphere of fear and instability in the Ar Ramadi area. In the past they have conducted IED, SAF, and IDF attacks against CF. Total numbers in the group are unknown. Conducts kidnapping and extortion for money. Has ties to local mosques in Ar Ramadi and receives support from the local populace. Member of the Committee of Islamic Scholars (aka the Shura Council).

### Purpose

▪ (b)(6) attempts to influence the IPs and INGs through attacks and intimidation. He hopes fear and instability will create resentment towards the new government.

### Assessment

• As a member of the Shura Council, (b)(6) connections are widespread. He also has ties to the 20<sup>th</sup> Revolutionary Battalion, Nu'aman Battalion and others. (b)(6) will continue to attack CF as long as he receives support from the populace. Once this sentiment turns, and his safe haven disappears, he will be forced to change his methods or leave.





# Mohammed Daham Abed- [group]

(b)(6)

ABU OMAR  
[Not Harun Group]

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BN

NU'AMAN  
BN

AL AMIR  
GRP



# ABU BAKR BRIGADE

## Overview

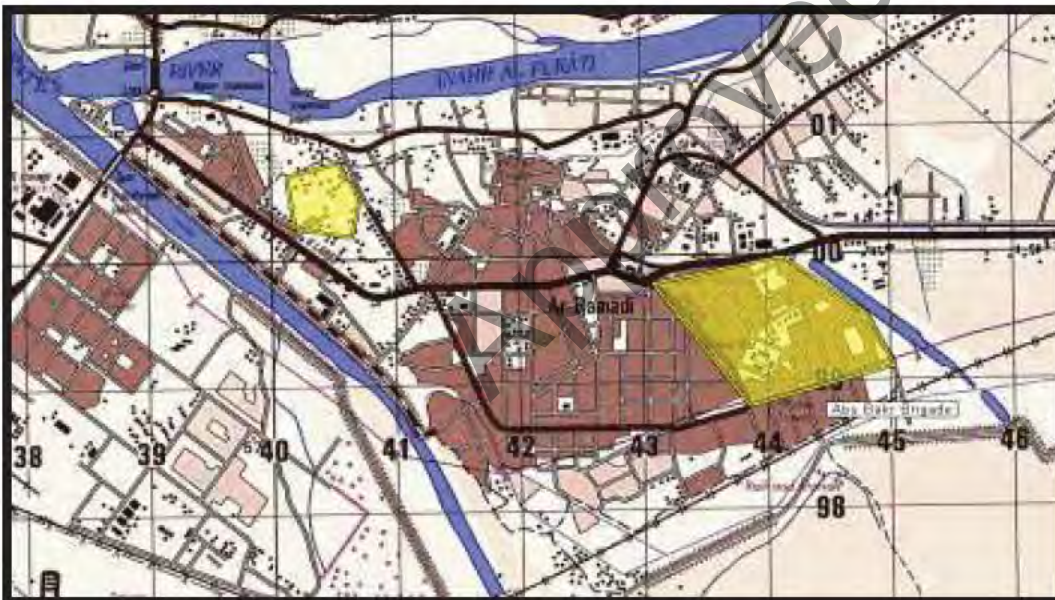
The (b)(6) formerly operated primarily in the tribal areas surrounding Fallujah. The Brigade is associated with the Jaysh Mohammed and likely receives limited guidance, direction and support from that umbrella organization. Members in the Abu Bakr Brigade are primarily of former high ranking military officers and Senior Ba'ath party members. Currently, group members are involved in IDF attacks on MNF. There is probably one "house" operating in the Mila'ab District of Ramadi. Their focus is the smuggling of Foreign Fighters in the area.

## Purpose

The overall intent of JM elements is to set the stage for an eventual return to power by radical Sunni elements.

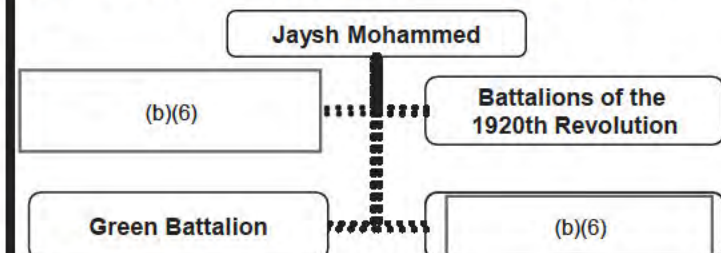
## Assessment

This group presents a serious, long-term threat to stability in Iraq. The Brigade's immediate goal is to destabilize and delegitimize the IIG and disrupt the upcoming election. Involvement in smuggling and IDF attacks in Fallujah as well as aboard Camp Habbaniyah and Camp Taqaddam poses a substantial threat to the MNF.

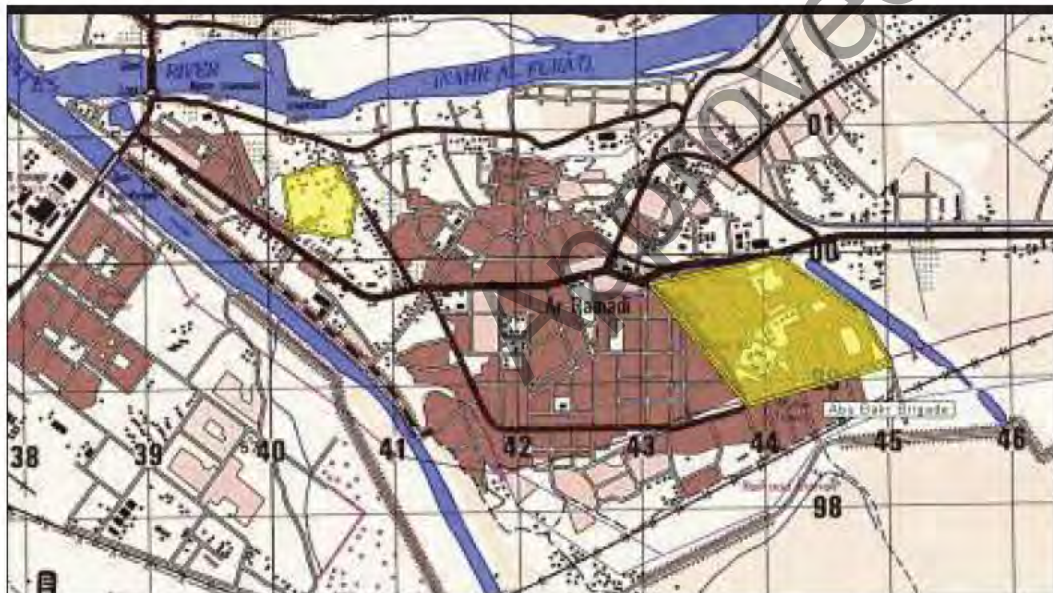
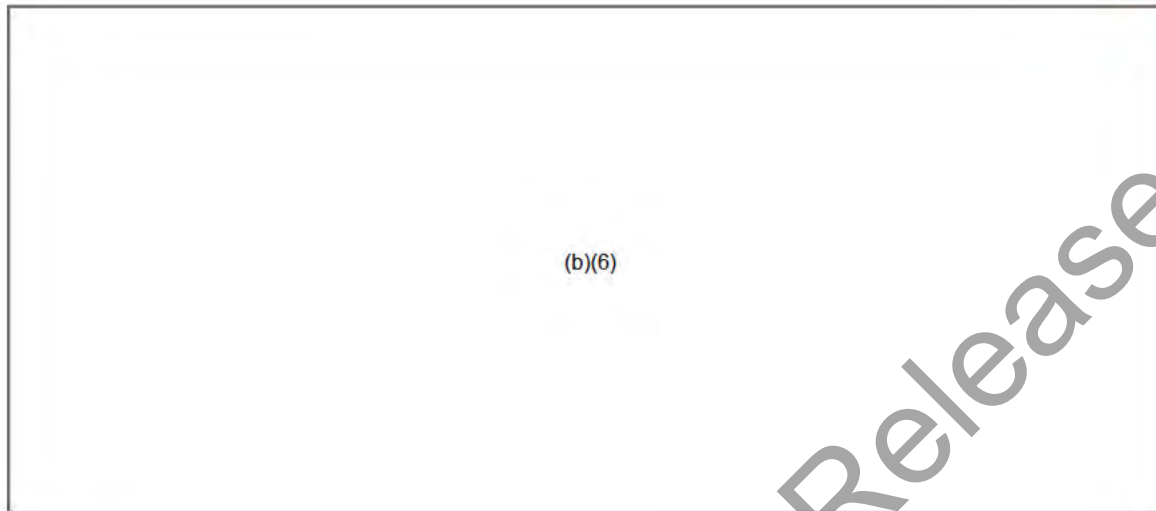


## Associated Groups

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2. Abu Majid AKA The Amir

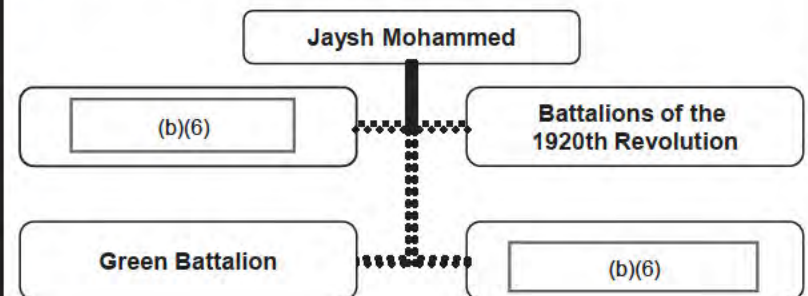






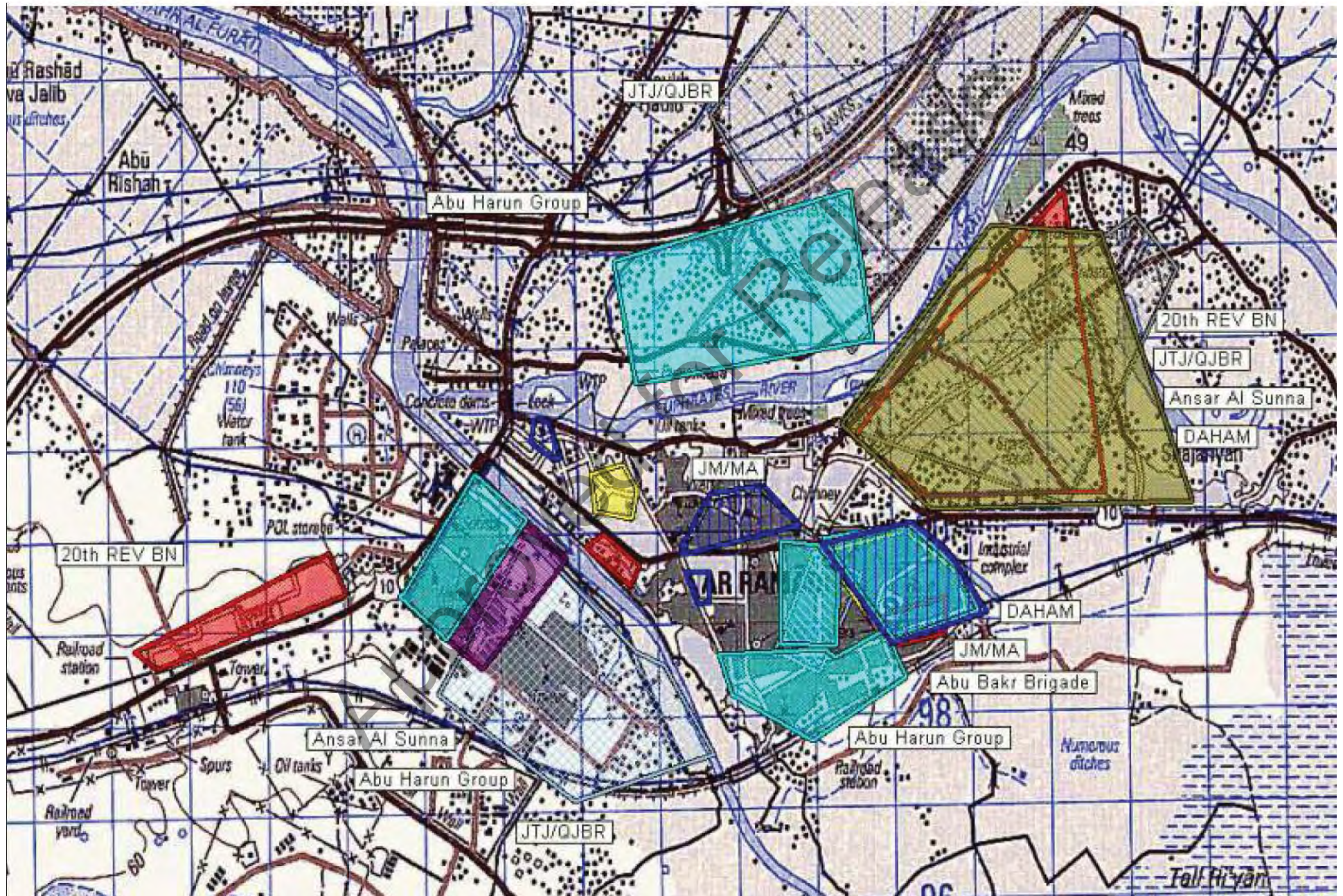
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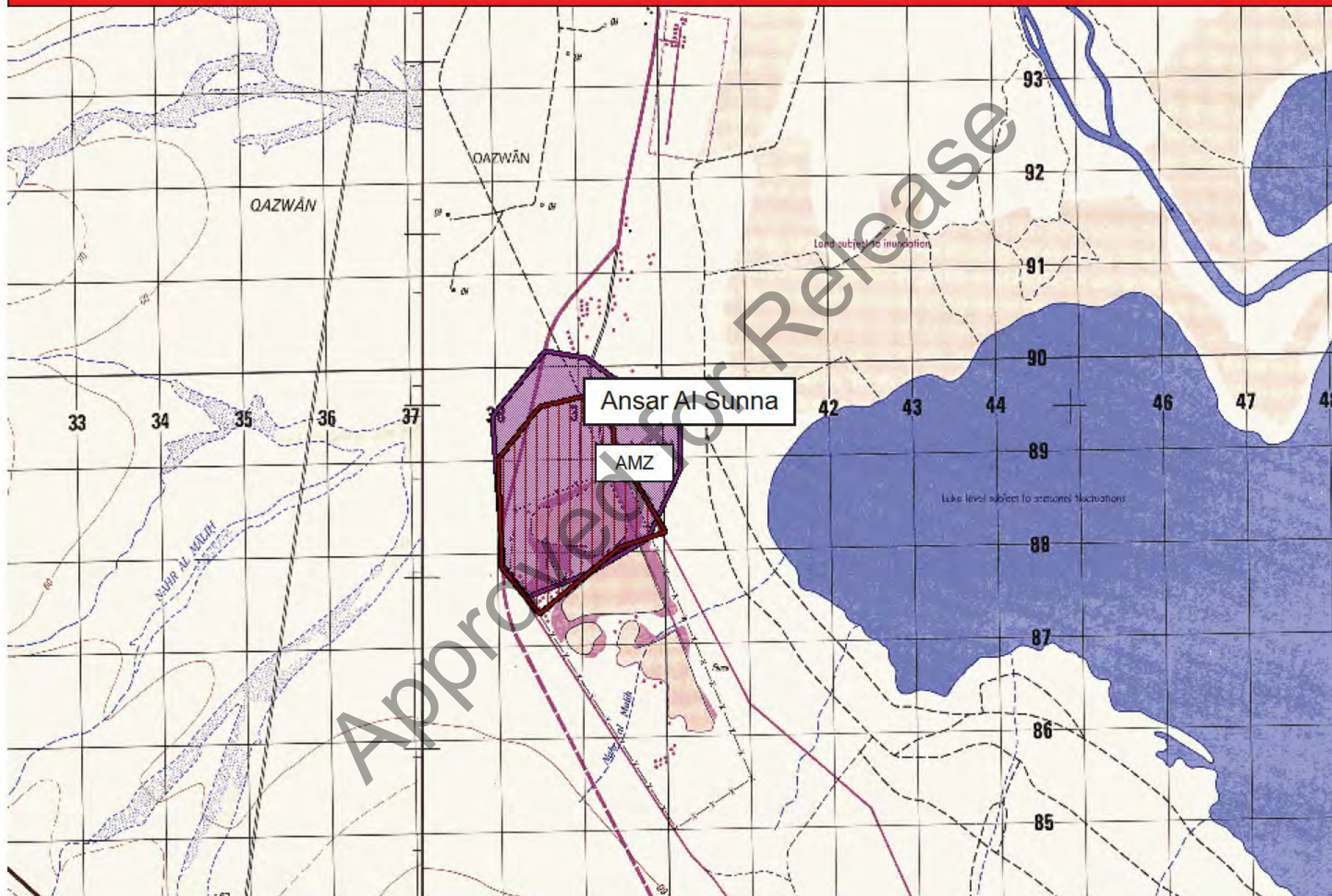


# INSURGENT GROUPS IN AR-RAMADI



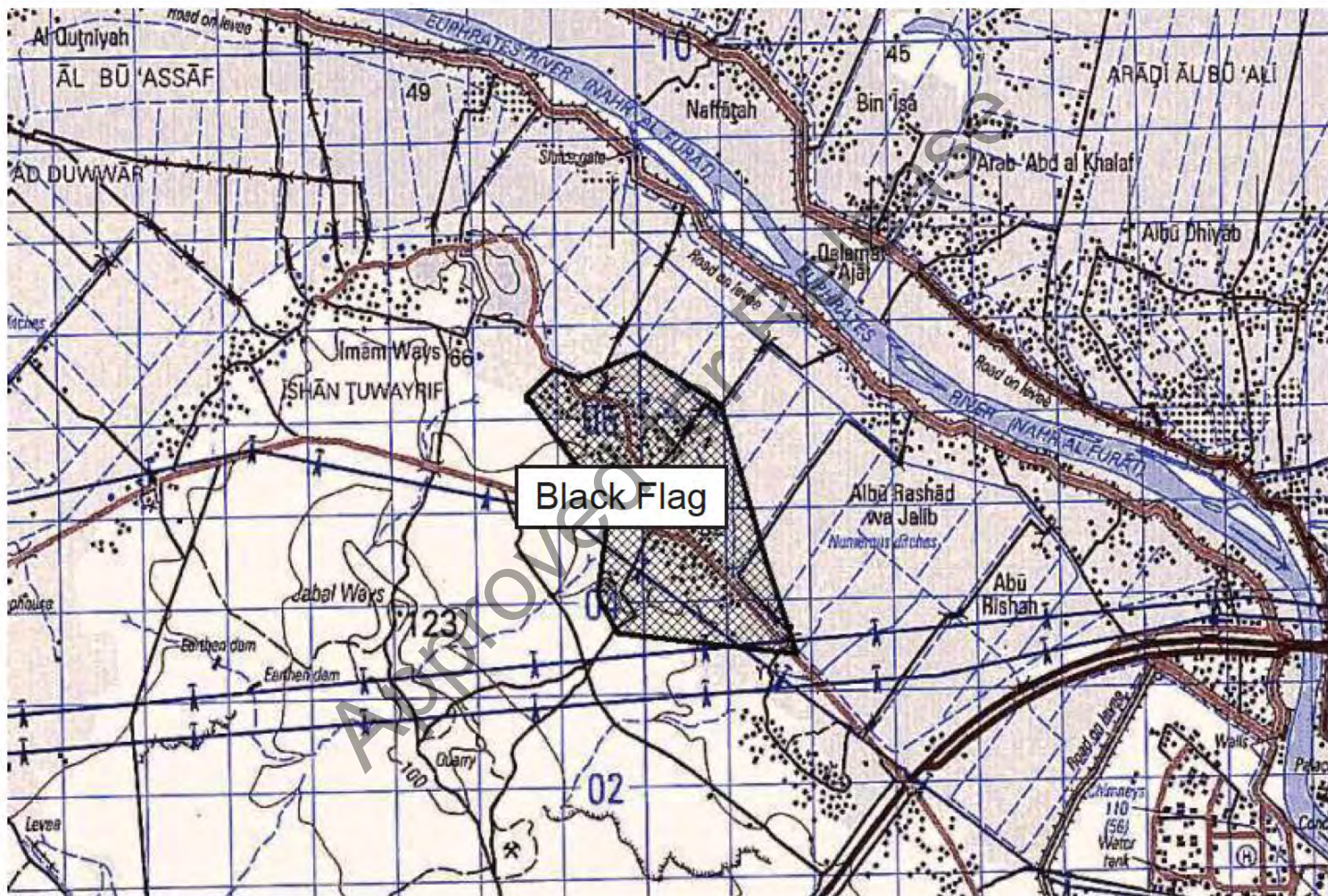


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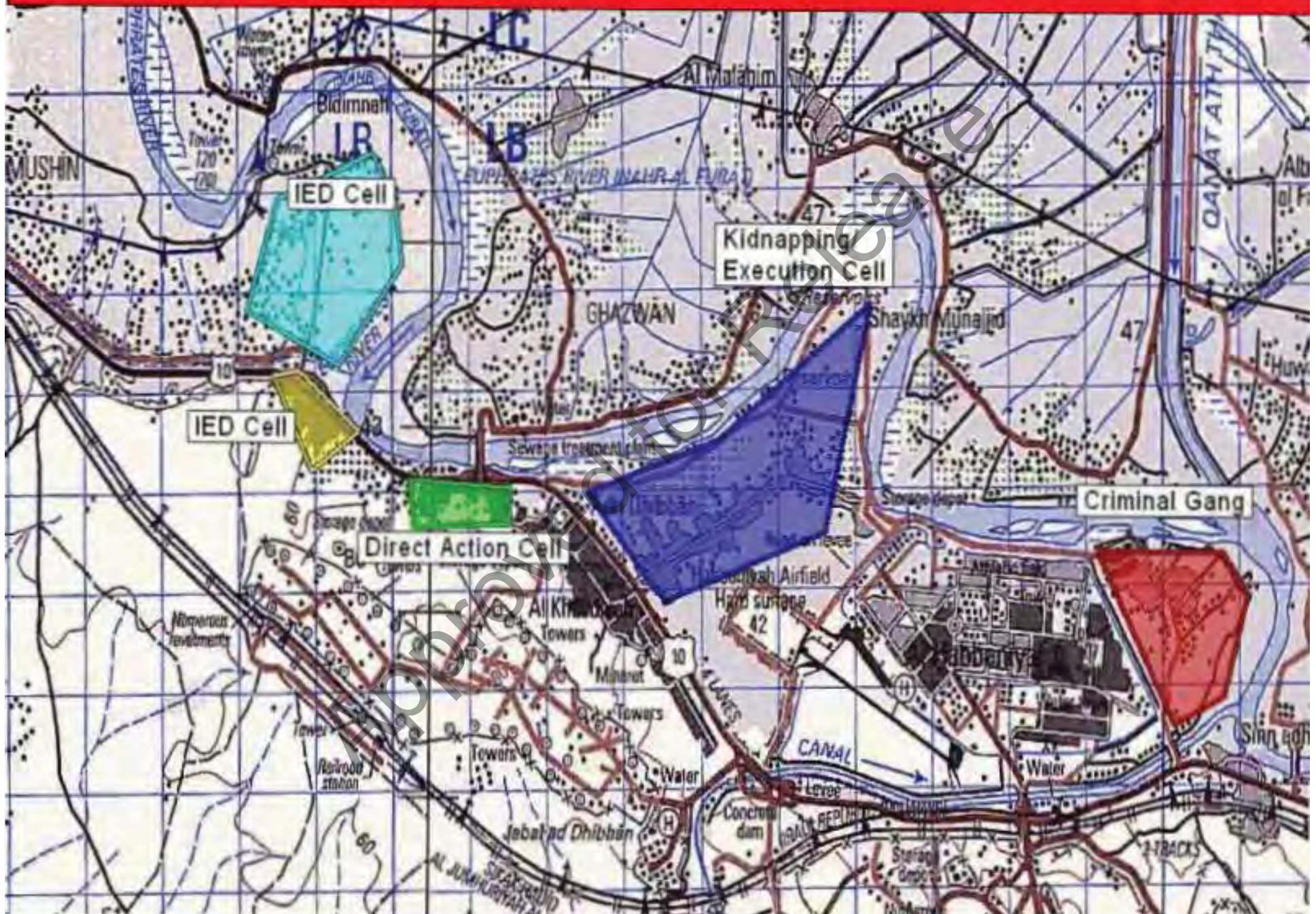


## INSURGENT GROUPS IN ZANGORA





# KHALIDIYAH INSURGENT CELLS





## CURRENT SITUATION

### **Insurgents continue to adapt techniques and tactics (locals are adopting extremist tactics)**

- Emergence of VBIED (targeting ISF), re-emergence of Sniper fire (Ramadi/Tammin), and a shifting of POO sites. Attacks against ISF along with IO to discredit and neutralize ISF
- After two weeks of ECPs in the city, insurgents attacked an ECP with a SVBIED. This tactic symbolizes the maturity of the insurgency in AO TOPEKA with the ability to patiently observe a target, gather resources/fighters, formulate a plan, and attack in a short amount of time.
- Infiltrate government and IPs and ISF

### **Internal conflict within the insurgency**

- There are members of national level insurgencies, specifically Jaysh Mohammed, Ansar al Islam, and Ansar Al-Sunna conducting meetings in and around Baghdad to redefine the direction of the insurgency in Iraq.
- Most of the contention in the insurgent groups stem from two main topics;
  - The successful results of the elections require a reaction from the insurgents, either participation in the new government (older insurgents) or continued violence (newer radicals).
  - Disagreement between local insurgents and transitory extremist groups over havin Ira i police taking control of security in Ar Ramadi (AMZ put out a message calling (b)(6) infidels, probably because they are backing the return of the local police)

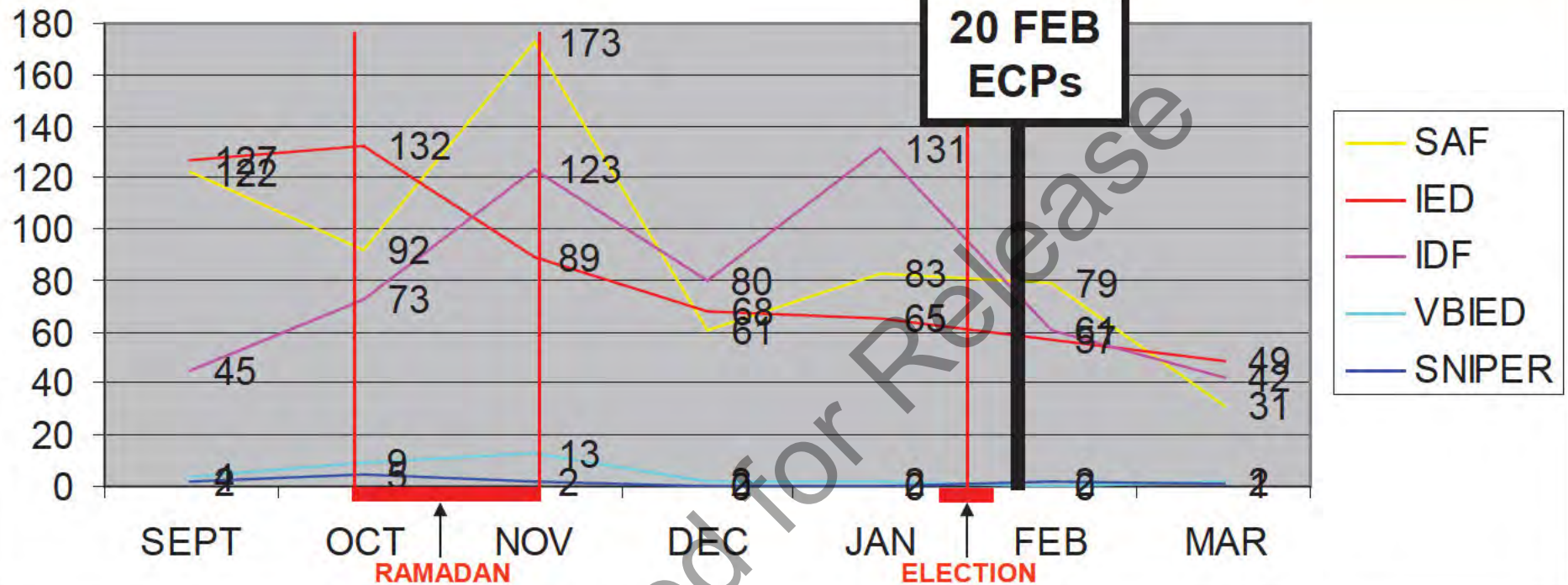


## INSURGENCY COA

- Sustain IED, SAF and indirect fire attacks against CF to inflict casualties, attack ITG
- Sustain IO campaign painting CF as “violent occupiers”, portray ECPs as an oppressive unilateral action by CF without support of ITG and portray proposed weekend shift as a CF attempt to convert Arabs into Jews and Christians
- Sustain intimidation campaign (kidnappings/assassinations) of government officials, contractors, and coalition supporters to incite fear
- Attack newly deployed and formed ISF/IAF to portray their weakness, illegitimacy and inability to secure the local population. By forcing IAF/ISF to retreat and melt away, CF is pushed back to the forefront and easier to target
- Recon and target municipal buildings Police Stations, Mayors Office, government offices, CF bases and outposts
- Attempt to regain population support by offering to help with security (local police force) and municipal services, infiltrate local government and ISF for intelligence and political gain
- Utilize mass casualty producing weapons (SVBIED, suicide bombers) to intimidate population and portray CF illegitimacy

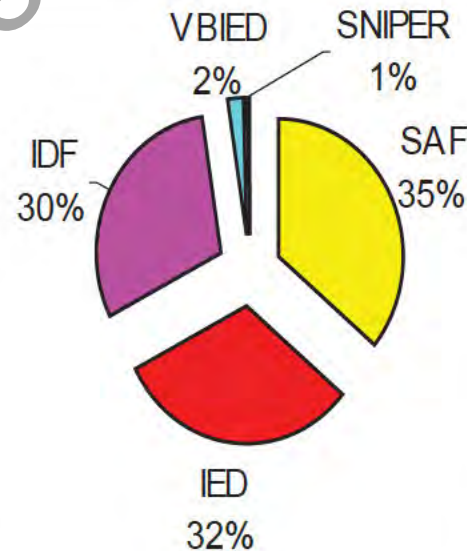
**ASSESSMENT:** Post Al-Fajr, there have been shifts in insurgent AO, strategy and allegiance. Although insurgent groups initially formed allegiances (locals and external extremists) after the elections were conducted successfully a rift emerged between local and external extremist groups. Locally, another fracture was created between the old and young. In-fighting will continue to establish the pecking order post election. Insurgents will again step up their intimidation campaign on the public and new government officials. External extremists will continue high casualty producing attacks on ITG/CF/ISF.

## AO TOPEKA MONTHLY ACTIVITY



### ASSESSMENT:

There is a peak of activity during the November time frame, possibly due to the activity experienced during Ramadan. Activity, while not quite reaching the pre-Ramadan numbers, has begun to level off. This trend seems to be continuing into the month of February, which has only slightly decreased. IEDs have steadily declined since TOA, though their accuracy has on average increased, and the insurgents are continuing to implement new tactics in our AO, such as the AT mines seen this month.



### TOTALS 1827

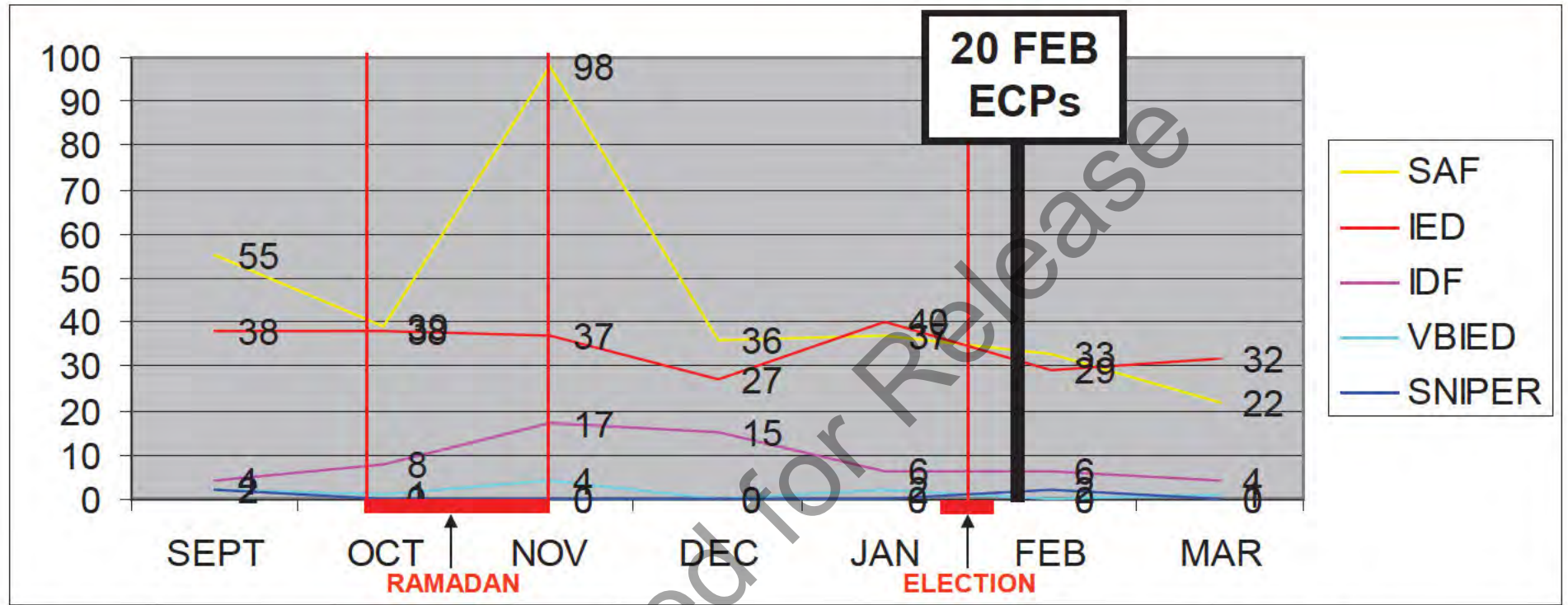
SAF	641
IDF	555
IED	587
VBIED	32
SNIPER	12

### AVERAGES:

SAF:	per month	91.57
IED:	per month	83.86
IDF:	per month	79.29

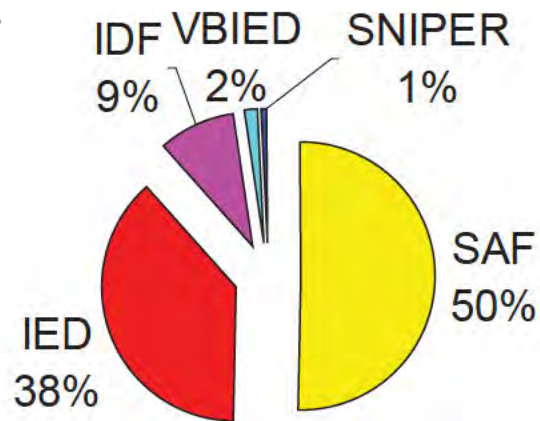


## RAMADI CITY MONTHLY ACTIVITY



### ASSESSMENT:

SAF was the highest percentage of attacks due to the spike during Ramadan. IED attacks have been constant since TOA. The IED attacks are primarily along MSR Michigan between CP 295 and 297, but are also used for protection during egress from IDF. IDF POO locations have recently emerged south of the Milab district targeting the AG College and Combat Outpost; however, majority of the IDF since TOA were in the within the city targeting the Gov't center.



### TOTALS 635

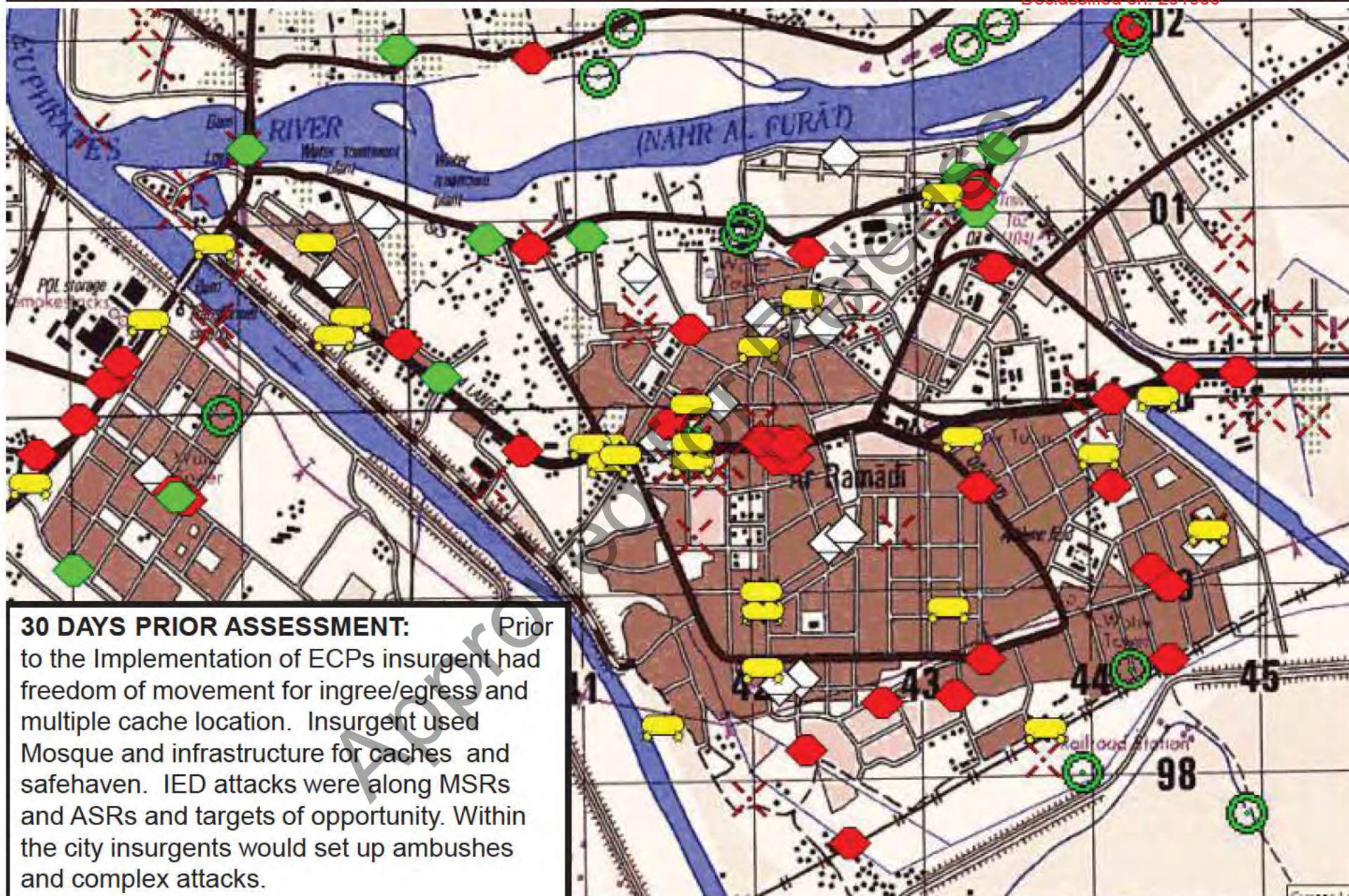
SAF	320
IDF	60
IED	241
VBIED	10
SNIPER	4

### AVERAGES:

SAF:	per month	45.71
IED:	per month	34.43
IDF:	per month	8.57



## RAMADI 30 DAYS OF ACTIVITY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT OF ECPS



INCIDENT TOTALS: 100

IED ATT: 33

IED FND: 9

SAF: 43

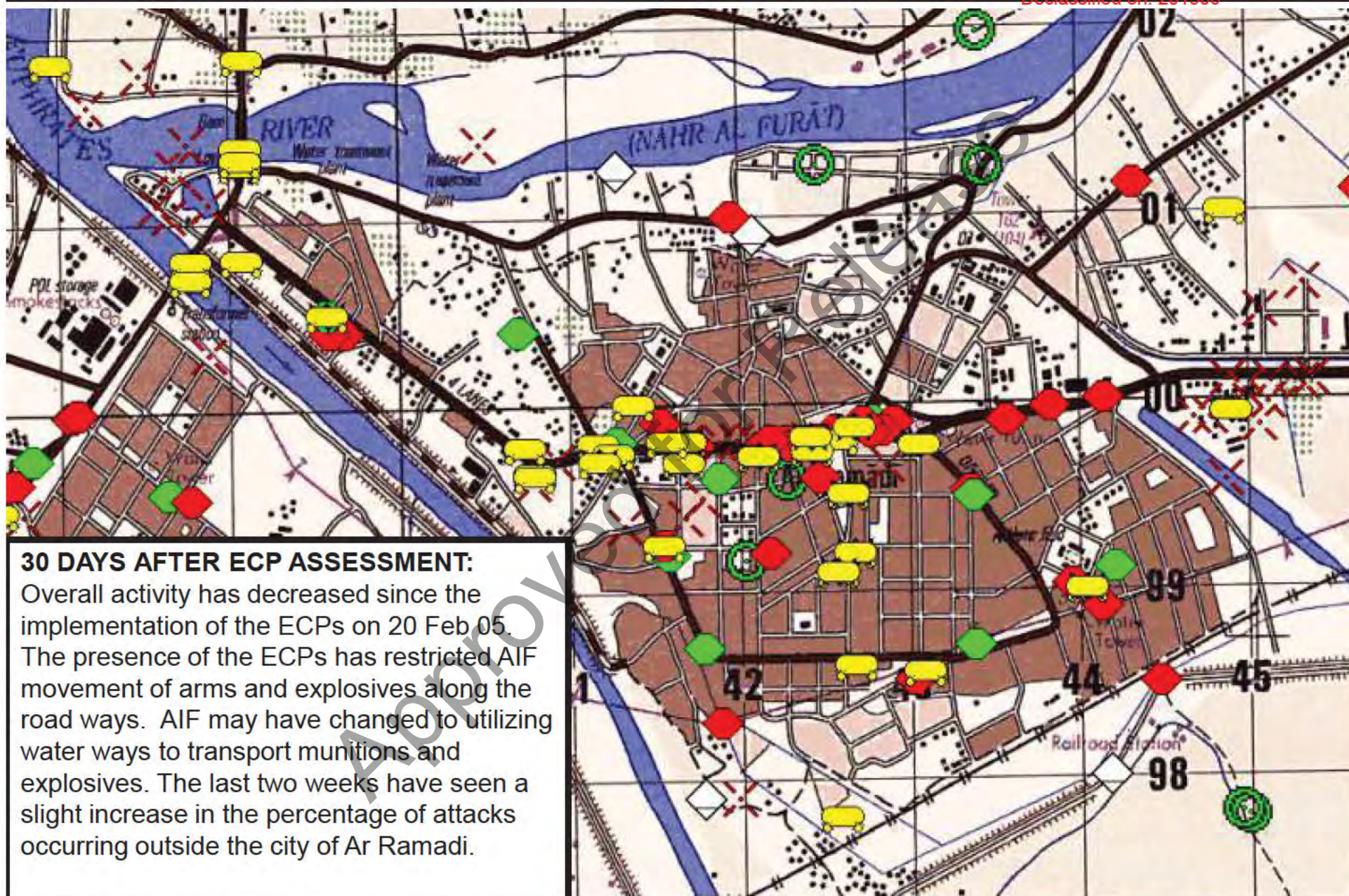
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IED ATT: 25

IED FND: 9

SAF: 31

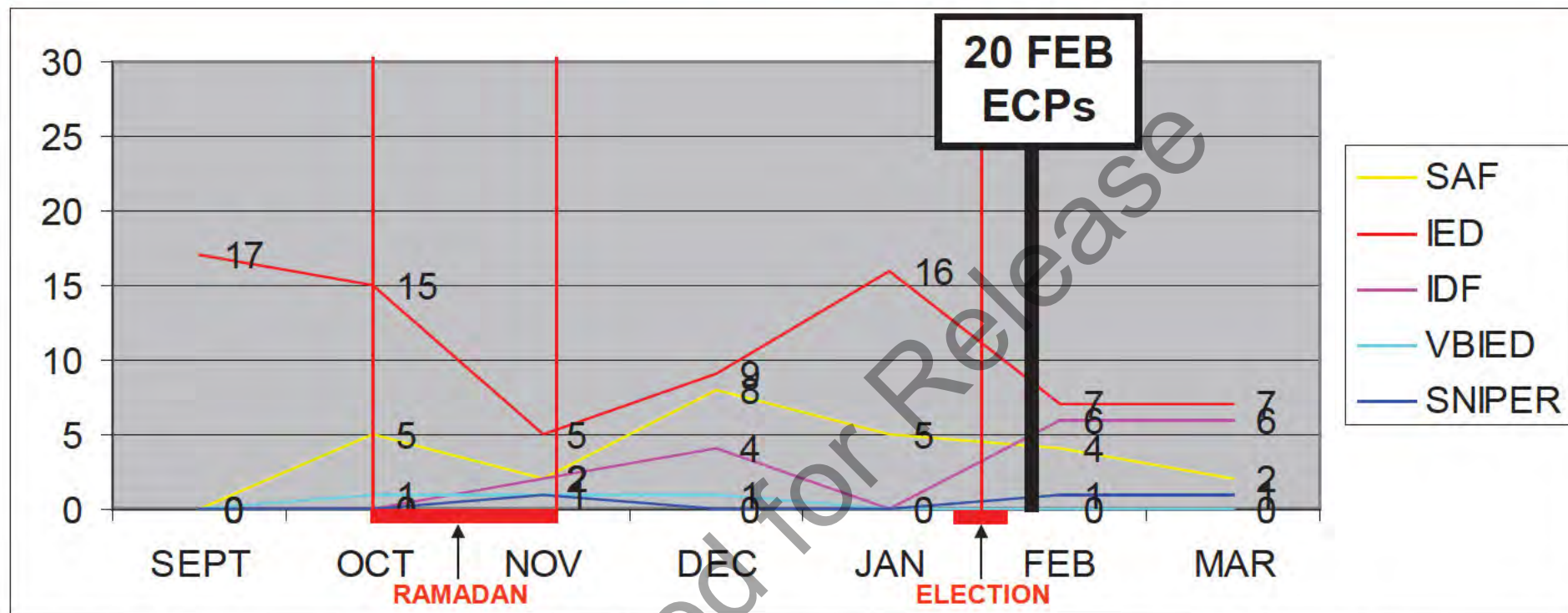
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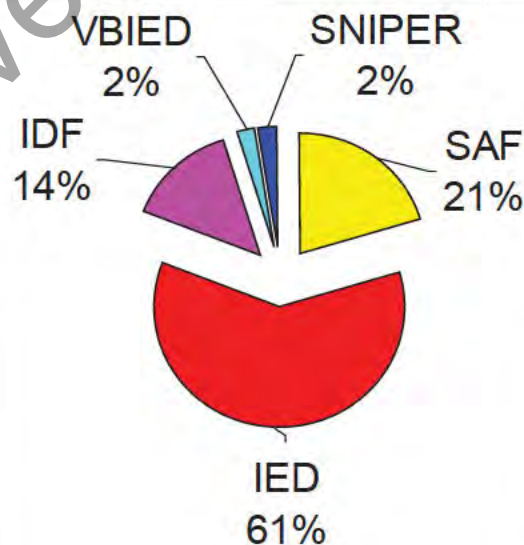


## TAMIM MONTHLY ACTIVITY



### ASSESSMENT:

IEDs have consistently remained the main choice of attack. Majority of the attack have been along MSR Michigan. Over the past two months IEDs have decreased; however, have been more effective. Recently there is an emerging IDF cell south of Tamim possibly from Al Tassh. Only 2 percent of the attacks is from snipers, but is a reoccurring threat.



### TOTALS 126

SAF	26
IDF	18
IED	76
VBIED	3
SNIPER	3

### AVERAGES:

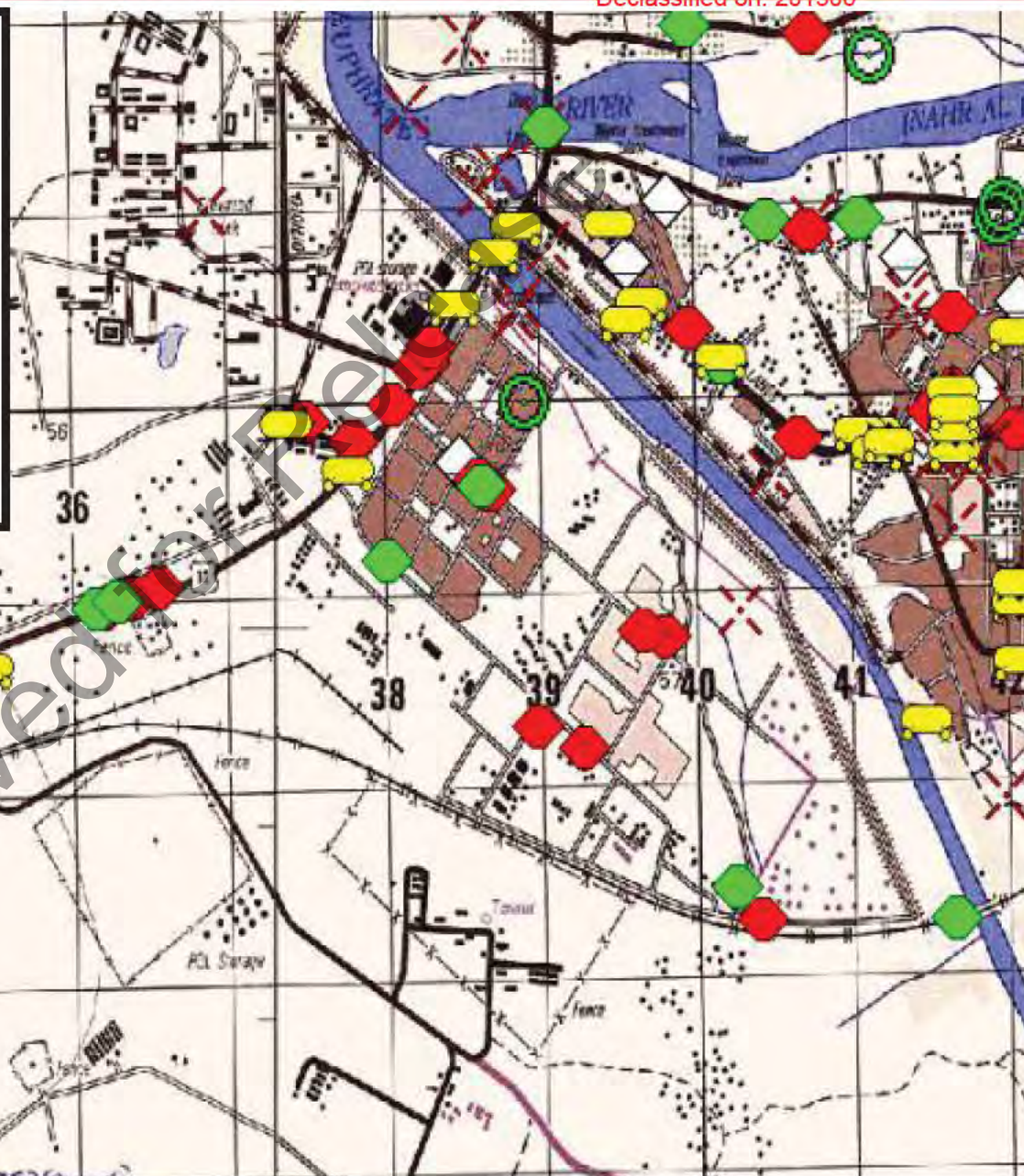
SAF:	per month	3.71
IED:	per month	10.86
IDF:	per month	2.57



# TAMIM 30 DAYS OF ACTIVITY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT OF ECPS

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**30 DAYS PRIOR ASSESSMENT:** Attacks prior to the ECPs consisted primarily of IEDs. Limited CF presence in Tamim allowed insurgents freedom of movement and safe haven. The increase of patrols provided insurgents targets of opportunity. The majority of IED attacks occurred along MSR Michigan and around the residential streets of the Tamim district. Insurgents used the residential area to over watch patrols, thus allowing them the ability to set up and command detonate IEDs.



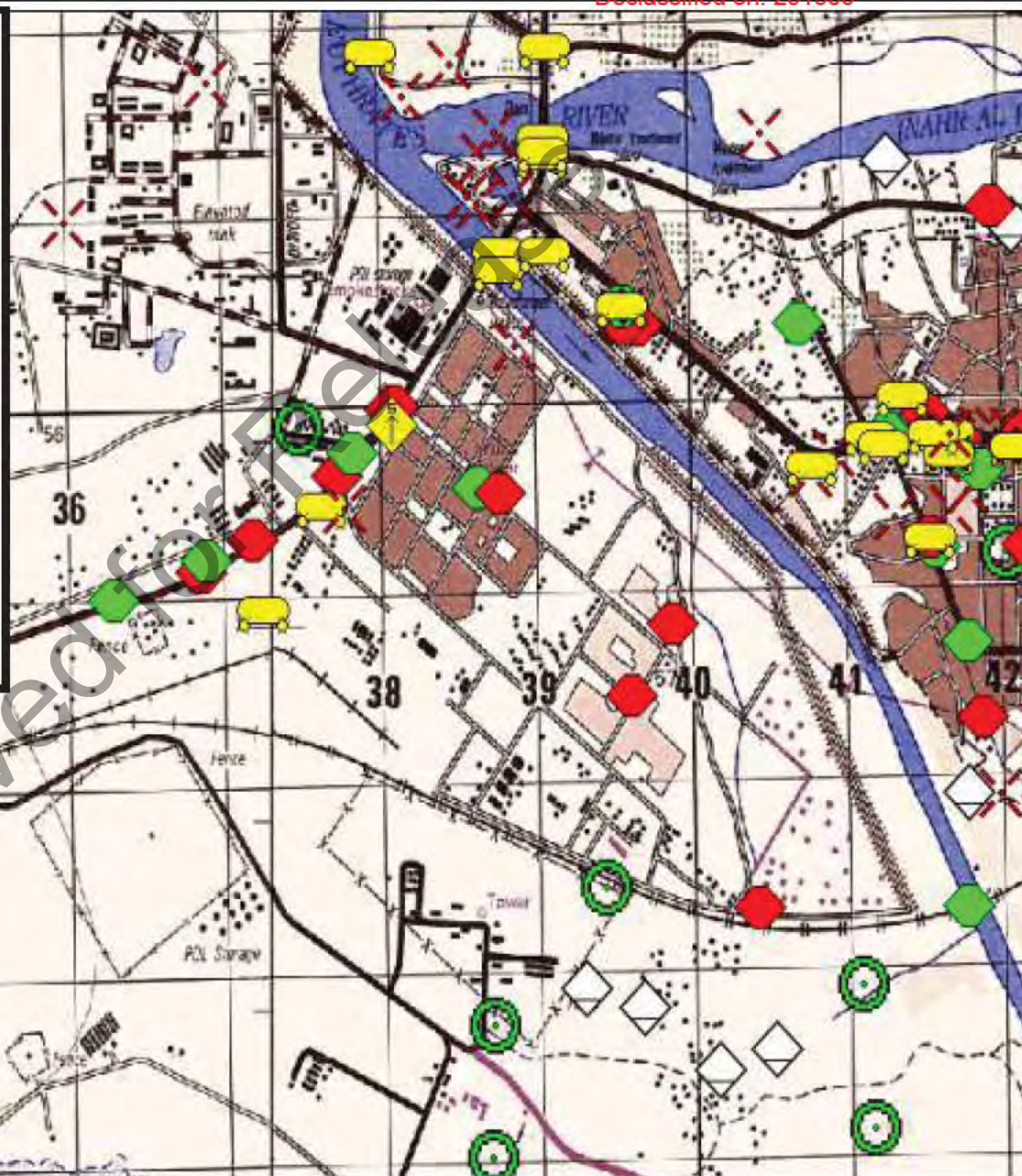
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## TAMIM 30 DAYS OF ACTIVITY AFTER EMPLOYMENT OF ECPS

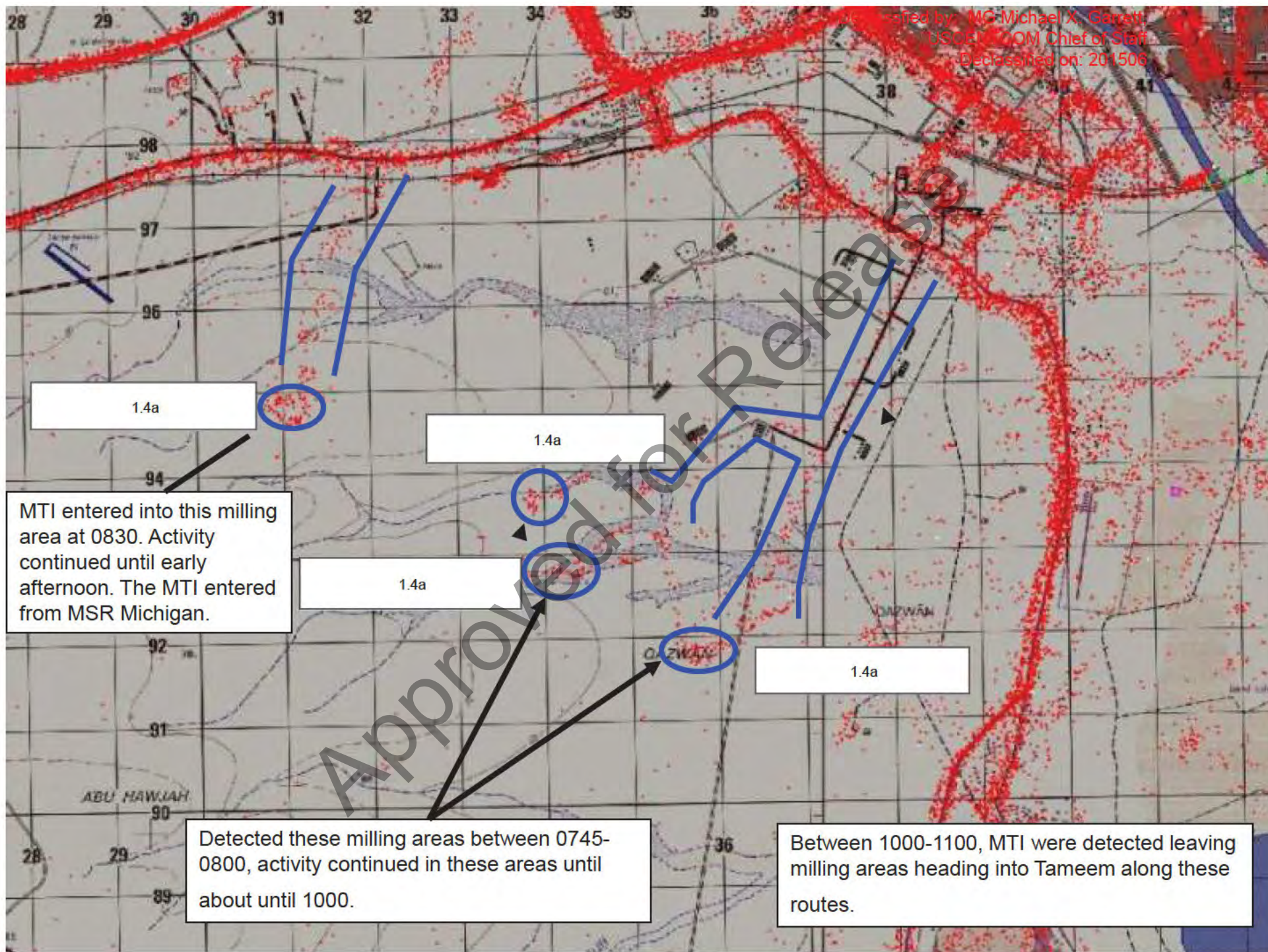
### 30 DAYS AFTER ECP ASSESSMENT:

Overall there has been a reduction of attacks in the Tamim/5 kilo districts. There was an identified shift in attacks after the emplacement of ECPs in Ramadi from IEDs to IDF. Reduction of attacks may have been from the emplacement of ECPs and increase patrols from 1-9. This limited the insurgents ability to egress to Ramadi and forces them to employ IDF attacks further south. Recent reporting indicates a possible increase of AMZ insurgent network in AL Tassh. Infiltration routes from Al Tassh may emerge as a main supply route as ECP operations continue limiting their ability to resupply from Ramadi.



INCIDENT TOTALS: 26 IED ATT: 9 IED FND: 4 SAF: 2 POO: 6 SNIPER: 1 CACHE: 4



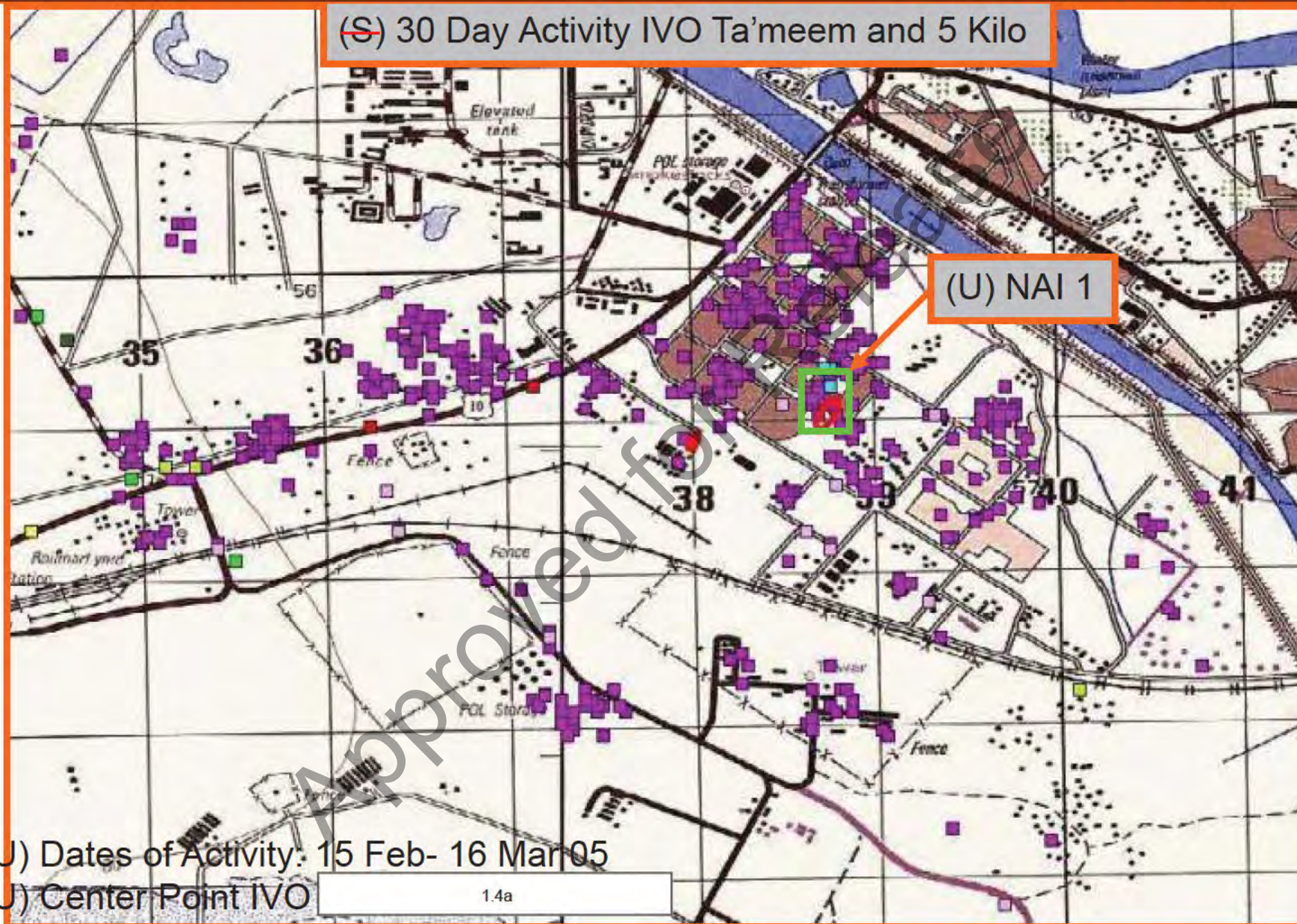




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(S) Activity of Interest in Ta'meem and 5 Kilo



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1.4a on 10-11 Mar 05.

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associate who was detained on 5  
NOV 05 in Ramadi

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Baghdad/Abu Ghurayb area.

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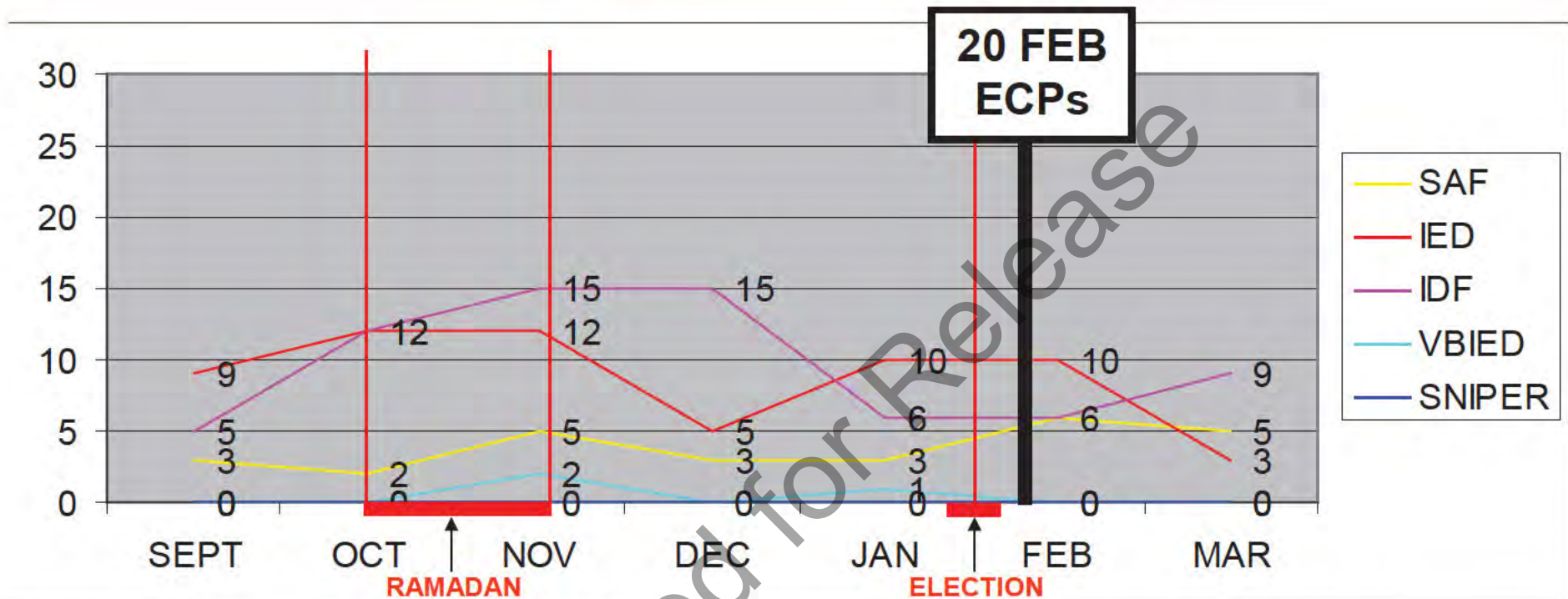
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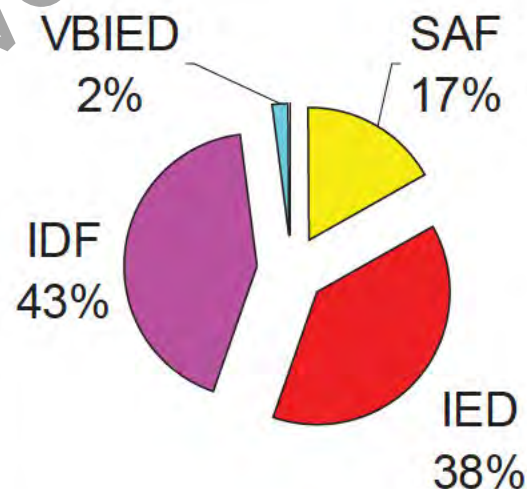


## JAZEERA MONTHLY ACTIVITY



### ASSESSMENT:

Historically Jazeera is the primary location for IDF attacks. Recently due to ECP and CF operations, IDF attacks have decreased. IED attacks in Jazeera are located along MSR Mobile, but it has been identified that IEDs are also used for evading CF after IDF attacks. SAF and VBIEDs have been target of opportunity on CF convoys and egress from operations. Some reporting also indicated Jazeera is used for insurgent training and safehaven.



### TOTALS 159

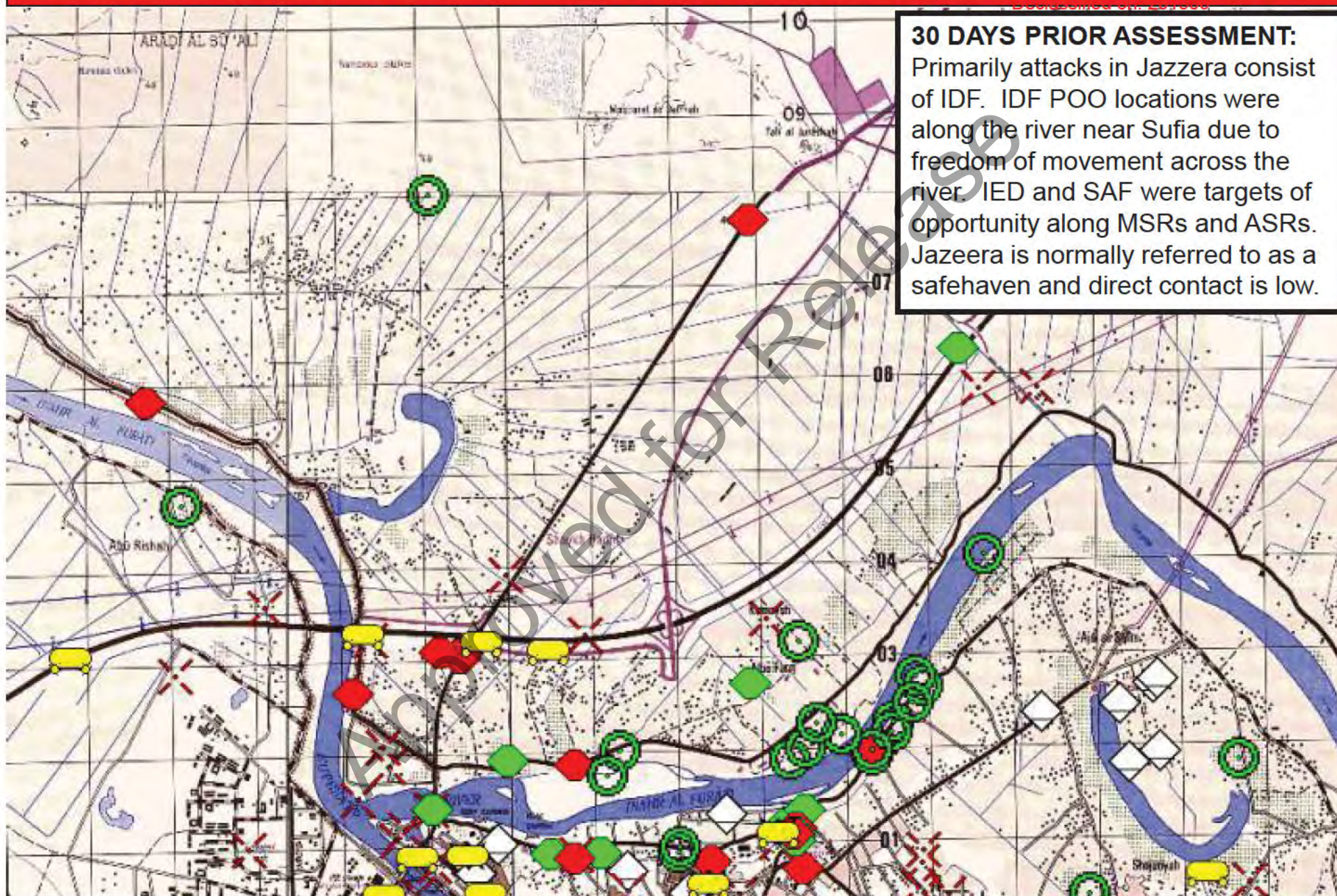
SAF	27
IDF	68
IED	61
VBIED	3
SNIPER	00

### AVERAGES:

SAF:	per month	3.86
IED:	per month	8.71
IDF:	per month	9.71



## JAZEERA 30 DAYS OF ACTIVITY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT OF ECPS



INCIDENT TOTALS: 22

IED ATT: 7

IED FND: 3

SAF: 3

POO: 8

SNIPER: 0

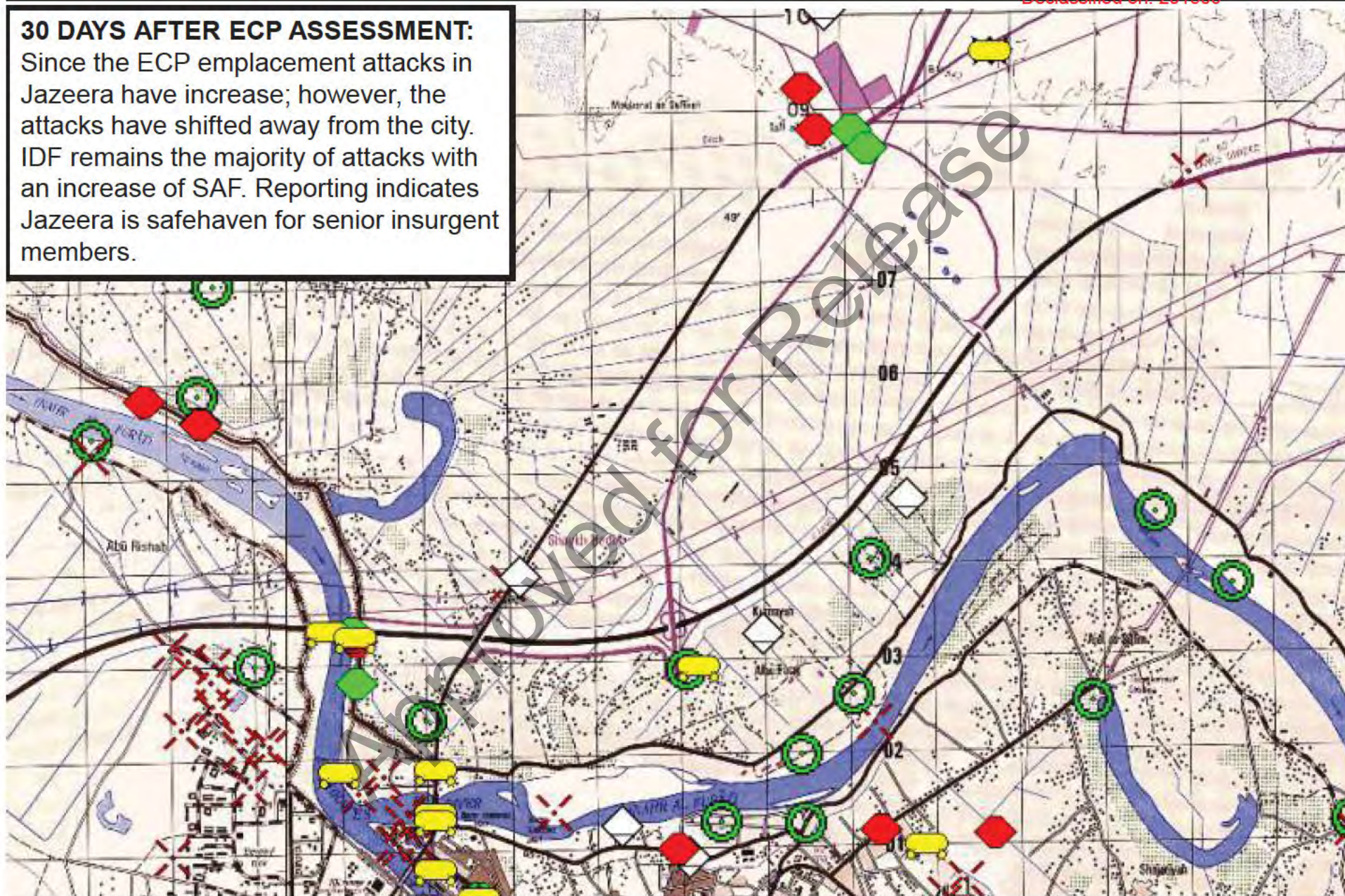
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## JAZEERA 30 DAYS OF ACTIVITY AFTER EMPLOYMENT OF ECPS

### 30 DAYS AFTER ECP ASSESSMENT:

Since the ECP emplacement attacks in Jazeera have increase; however, the attacks have shifted away from the city. IDF remains the majority of attacks with an increase of SAF. Reporting indicates Jazeera is safehaven for senior insurgent members.



INCIDENT TOTALS: 28 IED ATT: 6 IED FND: 4 SAF: 6 POO: 9 SNIPER: 0 CACHE: 3



# SVBIEDS

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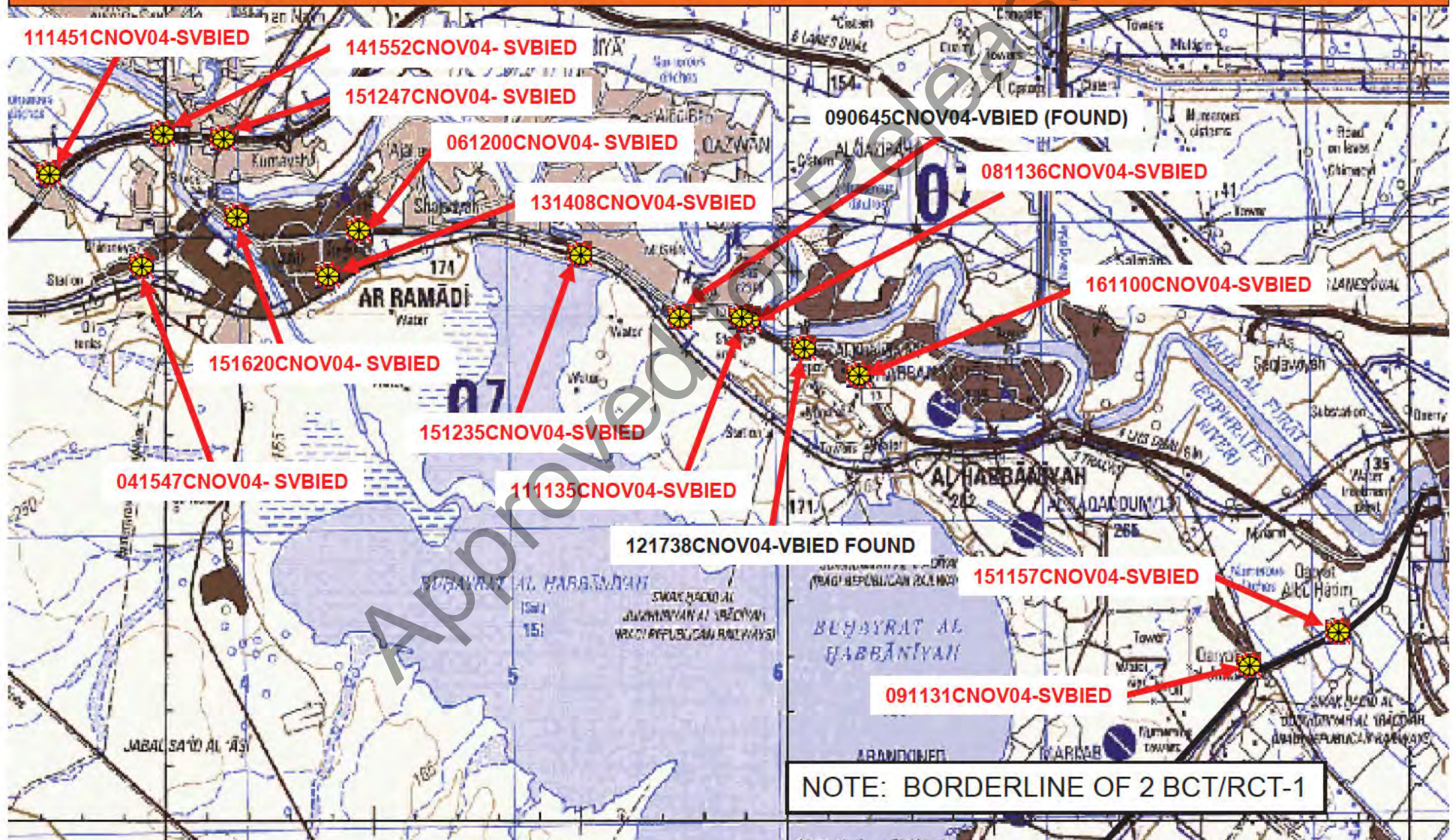
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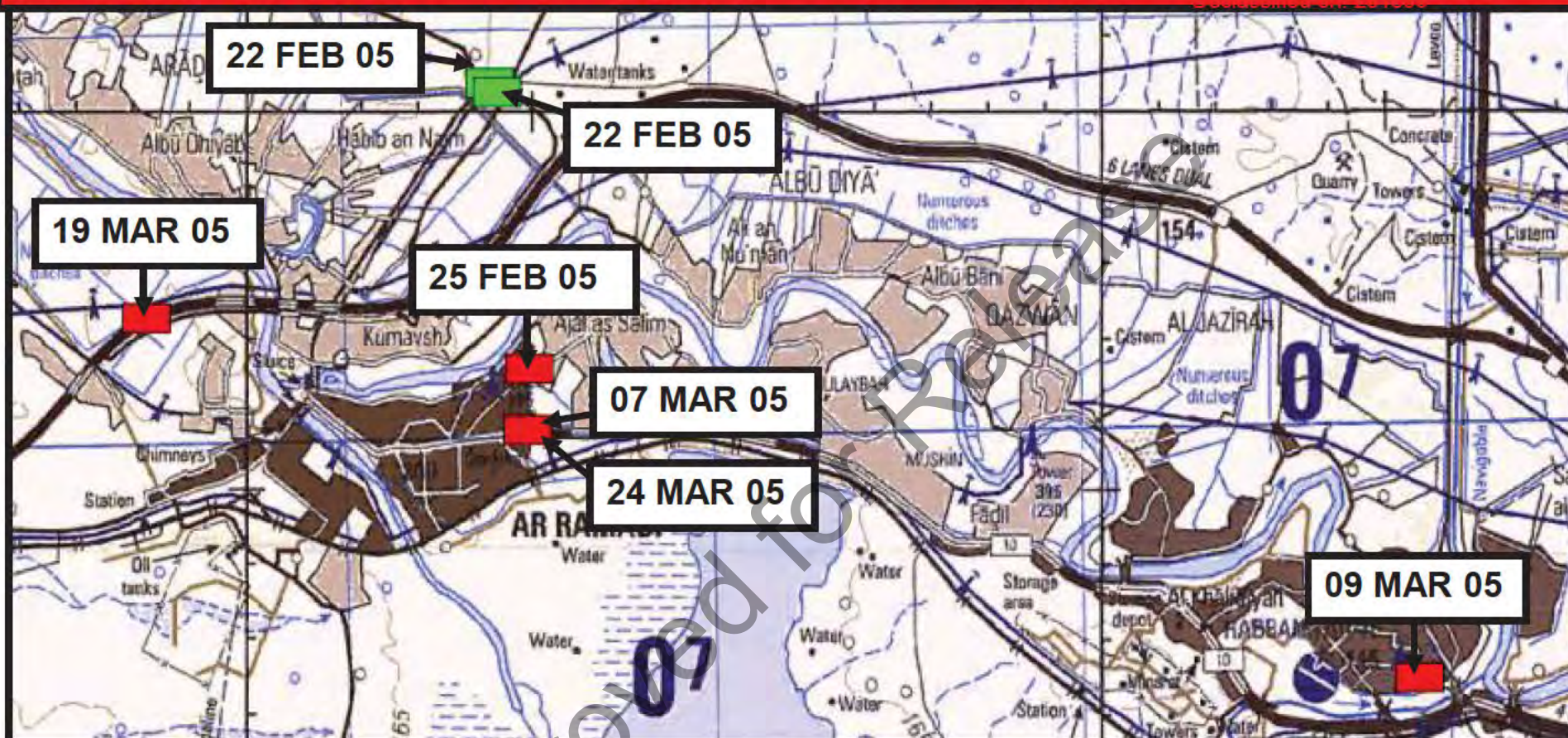








## S/VBIEDs FOR THE PERIOD OF 20 JAN 05 – 25 MAR 05



**ASSESSMENT:** There was only one VBIED attack prior to the emplacement of ECPs. Since the emplacement of the ECPs there have been 6 attempted S/VBIEDs attacks. The majority of the attacks have been against stationary CF positions, such as the newly placed ECPs and BN OPs. In addition, the attacks came from outside the cities. Reporting has also indicated insurgents are targeting ECPs and ISF forces to include the attacks in the Habbaniyah area. Historic collection efforts indicated Ramadi is the center of a vehicle smuggling ring and VBIEDs are possibly constructed in the Tamim and Jazeera areas. Insurgent VBIED tactics are effective and we expect them to continue to use VBIED attacks on stationary positions and ISF.



# HISTORICAL TTP'S FOR S/VBIEDS IN AO TOPEKA SINCE TOA

## Historical Perspective:

- S/VBIEDs were rarely used in AO Topeka before TOA.
- Foreign fighters are flooding into the AO, and bringing with them the new tactics and hardcore techniques involving a high risk martyrdom mentality.
- ACF groups view S/VBIEDs as one of the most potent weapons in their respective arsenals, providing them with an effective means to threaten Coalition patrols/convoys, intimidate Iraqi civilians and security personnel, and wage an aggressive IO campaign.
- 33 S/VBIEDS have exploded with in our AO since TOA.

## Class 5 Perspective:

- The use of Claymore devices in conjunction with S/VBIED main charges IOT increase fragmentation effects.
- The addition of explosively formed penetrators to S/VBIEDs to introduce an armor penetration capability, especially against IFVs.
- The development of a S/VBIED focused-blast charge in an attempt to threaten heavily armored vehicles using a charge composed of at least 100 to 200 kg of bulk explosives.
- A new trigger consisting of a push-button switch mounted behind the front bumper of the vehicle. when the front bumper of the vehicle struck an obstacle, the push-button switch would be depressed, closing the circuit and initiating the explosives in the S/VBIED.

## Cover and Concealment

- Holes in cargo area and cabs. White/pinkish-brown powder deposits on vehicle. Unusual rusting around metal seams of trailer and doors. Excessive weight or sagging suspension. View of interior blacked out. Hydraulic tail lift. Recently painted. Unusual smells. Additional fuel tanks. Fresh undercoating.
- AIF have changed they way they hide their explosives within the S/VBIED. This makes it harder for detection by CF ECP's. Plastic explosives sewn in the seats.

## Driver's Attitude:

Prior reporting shows that the driver of the S/VBIED normally was nervous, had a blank stare, was unresponsive, and was grinning. He was like this because he was unsure if CF would find the explosives and consequently roll him up .Recently, these attributes have changed since the AIF has been trained in hiding the explosive charge better. The driver has the assurance and confidence that if he is stopped by CF that they will not find anything and he will go through this checkpoint and accomplish his mission.



## Weapons Roll Up From TOA to Present

STRIKE Brigade

Operation IRAQI FREEDOM

AK – 47 Series	1,369
Dragonov Sniper Rifles	17
7.62mm ammunition	160,585
RPG	803 x RNDS / 306 x LAUNCHERS
Magazines	5,149 x AK MAGS / 654 x MISC MAGS
Artillery Rounds	3,114 x MISC RNDS
Mortar Rounds/Systems	3,391 x MISC RNDS / 20 x SYSTEMS
Rockets/Systems	1,104 x MISC RNDS / 21 x SYSTEMS
TNT/C4/PE4 Blocks	1,142.5 lbs x MISC EXPLOSIVES
Hand Grenades	792
AT Mines	320
US Dollars	\$615,397
Iraqi Dinar	230,981,550 (US = \$153,987.70)
SA-7	24



# 1-9's CACHE DISCOVERED NORTH OF MOBILE IN WATER WELLS

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# 3rd LAR's CACHE

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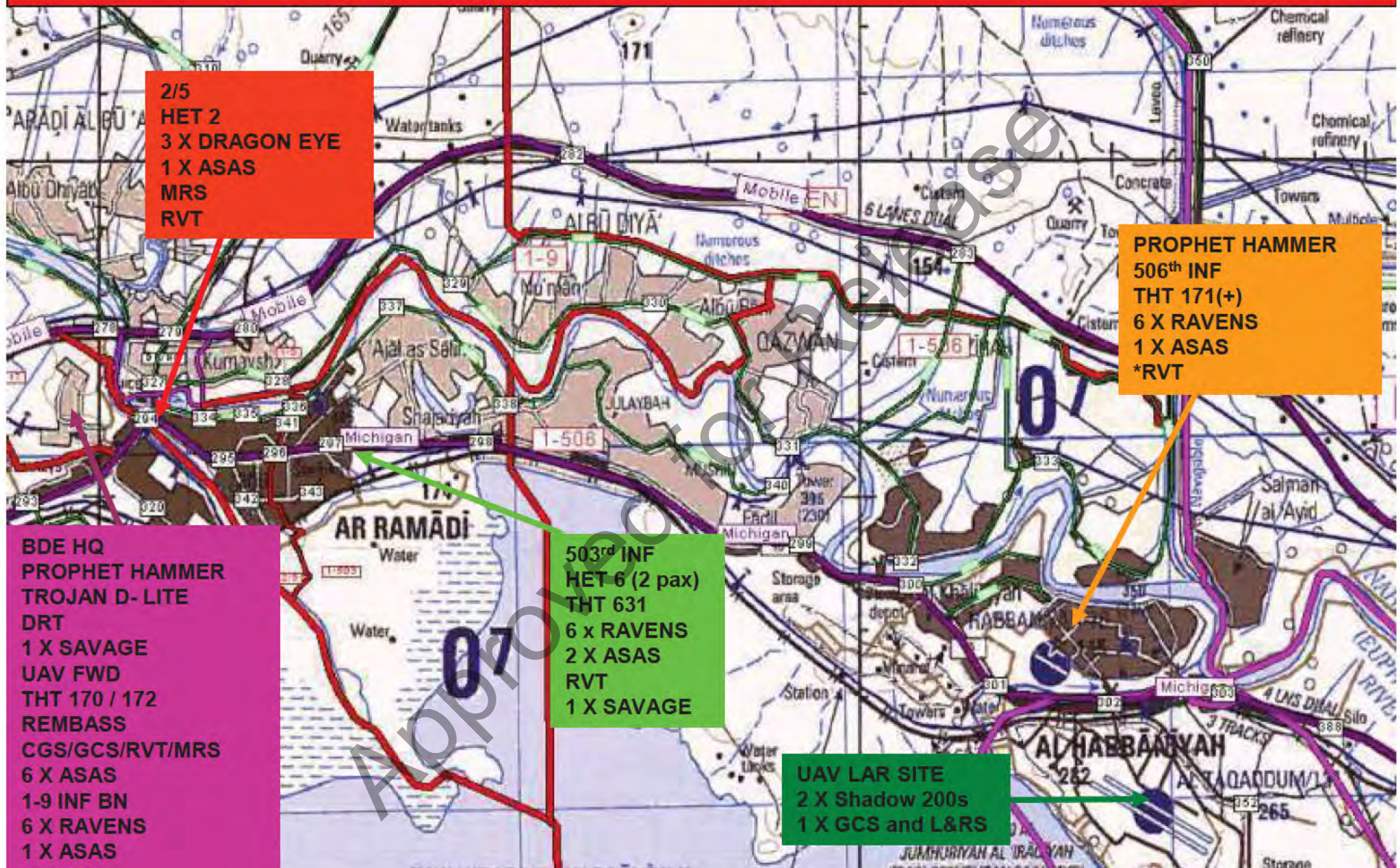
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# The Reporting Cycle

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OGA/ODA

Spotrep, Contact Report, Imint, DIIIR, TIR, Tacrep, TD, Debrefs, Tips Line

S2 OPs

TFC

ACT

SAS

Division G2

Analysis

Target  
Tracker,  
Package,  
IR,  
INTSUM

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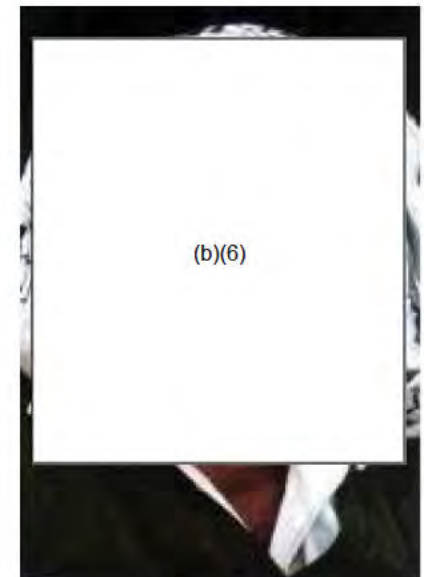
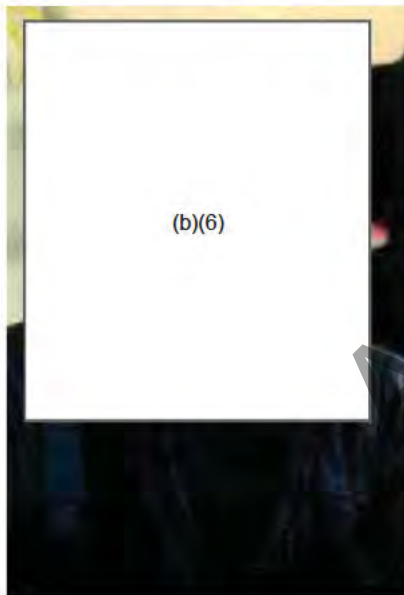
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# INTELLIGENCE CHALLENGES

- **Interpreters**
- 1.4c **Teams**
- **Communications**
  - Dissemination of UAV feed, imagery Access
  - Communication real time with remote sensitive collectors
- **Data Mining search capability**
- **National or regional identity database for citizens of the province and the nation**





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