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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\May\1 May 05](#)
MNF-I FRAGOs

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 646 [SOURCING OF NVGS FOR THE 1.4b ISO UNAMI]	SOURCING OF 200 SETS OF NIGHT VISION GOGGLES TO THE 1.4b IN SUPPORT OF UNAMI MIDDLE RING SECURITY
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-076 [LIMDIS]	LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\01 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050501 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:
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OPERATION WARNING TRACK

DATE: March ON - Ongoing during all TNA Sessions
UNITS: 3ID, 1st Brigade, 6th IA Division
LOCATION: Baghdad
TYPE OPN: Security/counter MTR/rocket OPS to ensure
safe and secure TNA.

OPERATION GREAT SHIELD MAY05 -NOV05 (Phase IV Operation)

Units Involved: 2 x SIB BDEs (3 x CF Companies)
OPN TYPE: TF 1.4a conducts security operations to
protect oil infrastructure and establish a secure
environment that permits Iraqi self-reliance.
OUTCOME: ONGOING

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\1](#)

ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION: [INFO\May\1](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-088 [WHO EMERGENCY HEALTH KIT RELEASE] MNF1 FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05-088 WHO Emergency Health Kit Release	REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO RELEASE ONE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION EMERGENCY HEALTH KIT TO SUPPORT THE <input type="text" value="1.4a"/> HOSPITAL IN FALLUJAH

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\02 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050502 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted three raids, five cordon searches, and found/cleared six caches and eleven IEDs. Insurgents conducted 44 attacks on CF, nine on ISF, and five on civilians. 57 enemy were detained, three killed, and three injured; one CF was killed and five CF were injured; 21 ISF were killed and 16 injured; 17 civilians were killed and 29 injured.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\2](#)

- Negotiations: Negotiations between the Prime Minister's office, the United Iraqi Alliance (UIA), and a Sunni negotiating team continued to try to close a deal on the remaining ministerial portfolios. Discussions appear to center on Sunni proposals for an ITG policy statement, including the new government's approach towards MNF-I.

ECONOMIC:

- Oil Production: Production was 2.22 million barrels. There was no export data for May 1. Daura and Basrah refineries are running at high capacity now that pipelines are repaired. Baghdad fuel supplies: gasoline - 23.5 days, diesel - 2.6 days, kerosene - 9.4 days. The Iraqi railroad is coming back on line as means of transporting fuel, and delivering fuel oil to the Musayyib power plant and diesel to Baghdad depots on May 1.
- Electricity Update: 81,400 MWh. Peak generation: 4,200 MW. Demand satisfied: 62 percent. Average hours of power: 12 in Baghdad, 12 hours nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\2](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-089 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-09 GRADUATES] <u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05-089 CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-09 GRADUATES</u>	CONVOY ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FOR BCT-09 GRADUATES 4-6 MAY 05.

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\03 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050503 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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OPERATION BLAST II

DATE: 3 MAY

UNITS: 2 BG/1 BCT, Air Cavalry Plt

LOCATION: As Shamiyah, Qasidiyah Province

TYPE OPN: Counter-insurgency cordon & searches

- Combat Snapshot: CF/ISF conducted nine raids, two cordons/searches, and found/cleared nine IEDs; insurgents conducted 27 attacks on CF and eight on Iraqi security forces; 58 enemy detained and five killed; three CF killed and 11 injured; five ISF killed and eight injured.
- VBIED Surge Continues: MNF-I intel reports that of the 43 VBIED attacks over the last four days, 52 percent targeted MNF, 20 percent targeted ISF, 20 percent targeted civilians, and 8 percent were found and cleared; 65 percent occurred in Baghdad and over 30 percent occurred in Mosul. Zarqawi has claimed responsibility for 33 of the attacks.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\3](#)

- New Government Takes Office: Iraq's first democratically elected government in a generation took office on May 3. Shiite Arab leader Ibrahim al-Ja'afari was sworn in as prime minister, leading a cabinet of twenty-seven ministers that includes 15 Shiite Arabs, seven Kurds, four Sunnis and one Christian. Two deputy prime ministers were also sworn in, a Shiite and a Kurd. One or possibly two deputy prime minister spots and five Ministerial positions remain unfilled.

ECONOMIC:

- Electricity Update: Electricity supplied: 88,400 MWh. Peak generation: 3,500 MW. Estimated demand satisfied: 52 percent. Average hours of power: 11 in Baghdad, 10 hours nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\3](#)

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\04 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050504 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- MNF-I Reported Combat Snapshot: CF/ISF conducted two raids, three cordons/searches, and found/cleared eight IEDs and two mines; insurgents conducted 24 attacks on CF, three on Iraqi security forces, and six on civilians; 24 enemy detained and two killed; seven CF injured.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\4](#)

- Iraqi Government Cabinet Seats: Negotiations continued on names for the three unfilled cabinet seats allocated to the Sunnis (Ministers of Defense, Human Rights, and Industry and Minerals) as well as the Sunni Deputy PM slot. (Disagreements within the UIA coalition have led to a delay in the naming of the Ministers of Oil and Electricity.) According to Embassy contacts, the leading candidates for Defense are two moderate Sunnis supported by Ghazi and a critical mass of Sunnis negotiators -- Sad'un al Dulaymi and Hatem Muklis. The principal opponent of both candidates appears to be DPM Ahmad Chalabi, who claims Muklis has an unacceptable Ba'athist background (N.B. Mukhlis' father and uncle were murdered by the regime). Chalabi indicates that Dulaymi was involved in espionage for the Saudi government (N.B. Dulaymi was a participant in the Future of Iraq project and passed a CIA name check). Chalabi's claims cannot be confirmed. The U.S. urged PM Ja'afari to move quickly and to get the Defense Minister position "right" or risk continued escalation of insurgent violence.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\4 May 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\4](#)

Weekly Status Report: [Weekly Status Report\4 May.ppt](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-090 [COIN METRICS]	COUNTER-INSURGENCY METRICS

MNF FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05-090 COIN METRICS	
MNF-I FRAGO 05-091 [COMMANDERS' ORIENTATION CONFERENCE] MNF FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05-091 COMMANDER'S ORINETAITON CONFERENCE	TO HIGHLIGHT AND SHARE KEY MNF-I / MSC STAFF ORDERS, POLICIES AND DIRECTIVES AND OTHER FUNCTIONS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO OVERALL MISSION EXECUTION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-092 [INFORMATION EFFECTS CONFERENCE] MNF FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05-092 INFORMATION EFFECTS CONFERENCE	AN INTEGRATION CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD 14-15 MAY 05 FOR SELECT STAFF AT THE MNF-I, MNC-I, DIVISION AND TASK FORCE LEVEL
MNF-I FRAGO 05-093 [MOVEMENT OUT OF BUILDING 0 TO SUPPORT IRAQI ARMY HEADQUARTERS]	DIRECTS SPECIFIC STAFF SECTIONS TO MOVE THEIR OFFICES TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE IRAQI ARMY HEADQUARTERS INTO BUILDING 0
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 147 [LOGISTICS AND LIFE SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMBEDDED TEAMS]	LOGISTICS AND LIFE SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMBEDDED TEAMS (SET)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\05 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

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SECURITY:

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- Combat Snapshot: CF/ISF conducted six raids, three cordons/searches, and found/cleared eight IEDs and two mines; insurgents conducted 26 attacks on CF, ten on Iraqi security forces, and three on civilians; 88 enemy detained and four killed; eight CF injured; 12 ISF killed and 15 injured.
- Insurgency in Al-Anbar: MNF-I intel reports that insurgents scattered throughout the province focus attacks on Ramadi while re-establishing cells in Fallujah. It also notes reports of cooperation by the provincial police chief with local insurgents and sighting of Zarqawi in Ramadi.

THREAT UPDATE:

- Plans by a Mosul QJBR cell to assassinate outgoing Iraqi government officials and Prime Minister Jafari 1.4c
1.4c (SOURCE: IRAQI NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (INIS), RELIABILITY: VERY RELIABLE)

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\5](#)

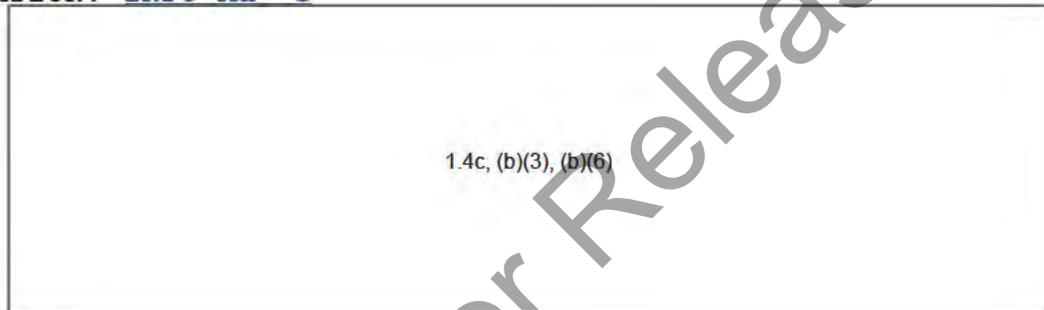
- Sunni Appointments: Deputy President al-Yawar and DPM Abd al-Mahdi, have stated that progress was being made on naming the remaining Sunni-allocated ministries: Defense, Industry, and Human Rights. PM Ja'afari appears to have taken on board the urgency of moving forward. Aides to al-Yawar say both he and Ja'afari are aiming for nominations to be

announced Sunday, May 8. Shia negotiators confirmed that nominees suggested by the Sunni community (rather than by the UIA) were being discussed. The Sunni National Dialogue complained that neither Shia negotiators nor al-Yawar are keeping them in the loop, and warned they would withdraw support from the ITG should al-Yawar cut a deal without them. It remains unlikely al-Yawar would make a move without ensuring public support from another Sunni group.

ECONOMIC :

(b)(6) ~~USC notes~~ that insurgent attacks on oil infrastructure are down about 70 percent from the Nov 2004 peak, but attackers have shut down oil exports to Turkey since January, robbing Iraq of \$1.5 billion in potential revenues this year.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 637 [DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER SUPPORT TEAMS]	DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER SUPPORT TEAMS ISO MNF-W, MNF-NW AND MND- SE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-094 [SURVEY OF THE IRAQI/SYRIAN BORDER] MNF1 FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05- 094 SURVEY OF THE IRAQI-SYRIAN BORDER (WALEED TO SINJAR)	SURVEY OF THE IRAQI/SYRIAN BORDER (WALEED TO SINJAR)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\06 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050506 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- **Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted six raids, three cordons/searches, and found/cleared eight IEDs and two mines; insurgents conducted 26 attacks on CF, ten on Iraqi security forces, and three on civilians; 88

enemy detained and four killed; eight CF injured; 12 ISF killed and 15 injured.

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ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\6](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-095 [OP DOUBLE PLAY PHASE II] MNF I FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05-095 OP DOUBLE PLAY PHASE II	RECOVERY OF DOCUMENT CACHES AT FOB BLACKHAWK
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-076 [MASS GRAVE SITE EXPLOITATION AN NASERIYAH] (LIMITED DISTRO)	LIMITED DISTRO

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\07 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050507 Intsum.ppt](#)

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INFORMATION: [INFO\May\7](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-096 [FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSITION AND TRAINING TEAMS AND THE IRAQI ADVISOR GROUP PROVISIONAL]	CLARIFICATION OF FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSITION TEAMS AND THE IAGP
MNF-I FRAGO 05-097 [SECURITY AT BIAP ECP#1 (EASTBOUND LANE)]	FORCE PROTECTION REQUIREMENT FOR EXISTING BIAP TRAFFIC (EASTBOUND) OF ECP#1
MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 341 [SUPPORT TO ISF DURING CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS]	SUPPORT TO IRAQI SECURITY FORCES (IAF) DURING CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\08 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050508 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY: OPERATION MATADOR 8-14 May 05

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- **Up to 40 insurgents attacked and destroyed:** a five-car convoy near Hit (near Ramadi) in a well-coordinated attack combining IEDs with small-arms fire. Friendly forces discovered ten bodies at the scene, but could not examine them closely – they appeared to have been rigged as IEDs. Five convoy members survived. All bodies are therefore accounted for. However, Ansar al-Sunna claimed to have killed 12 Iraqis and four foreigners, and to have taken a Japanese contractor hostage.
- **Mahdi Militia (MM) Remains Active:** MNF-I reports that 200-300 MM members demonstrated peacefully in Najaf May 8 to protest the ISF shooting outside the Kufa mosque on May 6.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\8](#)

- The TNA voted 112-43 to confirm ministers for five open posts in PM Ja'afari's cabinet (120 representatives were absent). The line up: Defense (Sunni Arab -- Sa'adun al-Dulaimi); Industry (Sunni Arab -- Dr. Osama al-Nujaifi); Human Rights (Sunni Arab -- Hashem al-Shibli), Oil (Shia Arab -- Ibrahim Bahr al-Ulum); and Electricity (Shia Arab -- Muhsin Shlash). Ja'afari also selected Sunni Arab Abid Mutlaq al-Jaburi as Deputy Prime Minister and announced he would fill the remaining DPM position with a woman. The Human Rights Minister-designee immediately withdrew, however, in objection to the picking of nominees along sectarian lines. The 36-member cabinet (counting the three deputy prime ministers) includes seven women, 16 Shia Arabs; nine Sunni Kurds; eight Sunni Arabs; one Shia Turkoman; one Shia Faili Kurd; and one Christian.

ECONOMIC:

- Former DPM and current Minister of Planning Barham Salih shared his vision for the ministry. He plans to focus the ministry on coordination of budget functions, strengthening the capacity to serve other ministries, donor coordination, promoting foreign investment, a national ID-card program, and data sharing. Longer-term goals include repairing the relationship with the Ministry of Finance and an eventual phase-out of the ministry.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-098 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SBF] MNFI FRAGOS\05-001-099\MNF-I FRAGO 05-098 ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALEED

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050510 Intsum.ppt](#)

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- **Operation MATADOR:** This major anti-insurgent operation continues (May 8-12) in the vicinity of al-Qaim, near the Syrian border; it is taking place in a bend of the Euphrates, which forms a block on insurgent movement to the south and east. The aim is to stop insurgent movement north, then drive west, killing some insurgents and pushing the rest towards Syria. To date, an estimated 100 insurgents have been killed.
- **MNFI Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted three raids, six cordons/searches, and found/cleared 18 IEDs; insurgents conducted 44 attacks on CF, three on Iraqi security forces, and four on civilians; 67 enemy detained and nine killed; nine CF injured.
- **General Strike in Ramadi:** MNF-I reports that over 600,000 citizens stayed home in compliance with a call by clerics for the departure of the US forces from the city, release of prisoners, and other demands.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\10](#)

- **Anbar Governor Kidnapped:** The brother of Raja Nawaf Sharji, the newly-elected Governor of al-Anbar Province, announced today that the

Governor and his son were kidnapped en route from al-Qa'im (near the Syrian border) in early May. The Embassy is seeking more information.

- **TNA Forms Constitution-Drafting Committee with Minimal Sunni Representation:** The TNA voted to form a 55-member constitutional committee (all TNA members) and selected its membership during two sessions on May 9 and 10. The committee includes 8 United Iraqi Alliance members, 15 Kurdistan Alliance List members, 8 Iraqiyya (Allawi) list members, and one member each from four smaller groups. List members, 8 Iraqiyya (Allawi) list members, and one member each from four smaller groups. The body will include nine women, lower than the TNA percentage, and only two Sunni Arabs. The committee is expected to convene within the next week to elect a chairman; Shi'a Arab and Kurdish leaders are vying for the post.

ECONOMIC:

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SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted three raids, seven cordons/searches, and found/cleared 12 IEDs; insurgents conducted 41 attacks on CF, eight on Iraqi security forces, and four on civilians; 184 enemy detained and 11 killed; 16 CF injured; five ISF killed and 12 injured.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\11](#)

- **Sunni DPM Jaburi Angles for Security Role:** In a meeting with Charge Jeffrey on May 10, newly-installed Deputy Prime Minister Abid Mutlak al-Jaburi (a Sunni Arab) expressed his desire to help the ITG build an effective army and police for the Sunni-dominated areas. Embassy comments that Jaburi is an experienced military leader who is not entirely comfortable in a political role, but appears willing to learn.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\11 May 05.ppt](#)

- **Attack at al-Fathah Bridge Shuts Down Oil Flow From Kirkuk to Baiji:** A pipeline explosion and fire at the al-Fathah bridge on May 10 shut down the flow of crude oil from northern oil fields. The Iraqi Oil Ministry is assessing the damage; there is no estimated repair date yet. There are

seven days' worth of crude oil in storage north of Baiji to feed the oil refinery.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\11](#)

- **Tense Baghdad University Campus Returns to "Normal"**: After five days of protests and unrest following the May 2 assassination of a Shi'a student activist, a deceptive calm has returned to Baghdad University's main campus. Shi'a student activists, a growing force at many university campuses in Iraq, loudly demanded the immediate removal of faculty – many of them Sunni Arabs – with perceived Ba'ath Party links. The assassinated student had reportedly had a confrontation with a bodyguard of the (Sunni Arab) Pharmacy College Dean. The Dean is now either in hiding or has fled the country.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-099 [RELEASE OPCON OF 126TH FORWARD SURGICAL TEAM]	THE 126TH FORWARD SURGICAL TEAM (FST) WILL RELOCATE FROM MNC-I TO KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN AIRFIELD WITH AN EARLIEST ARRIVAL DATE (EAD) OF 15 MAY 05 AND A LATEST ARRIVAL DATE (LAD) OF 1 JUN 05
MNF-I FRAGO 05-100 [IRAQI ARMY UNIT TITLES]	MNF-I WILL ADOPT THE NEW UNIT TITLES IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\12 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050512 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot**: CF/ISF conducted five raids, seven cordons/searches, and found/cleared eight IEDs; insurgents conducted 23 attacks on CF, five on Iraqi security forces, and three on civilians; 75 enemy detained; two CF killed and five injured; one ISF killed and six injured.
- **New MoD Meets Senior Commanders**: ~~USC reports~~ reports that new MoD Dulaymi impressed senior Iraqi military commanders who met him in early May as well-educated and dedicated. He stressed his commitment to a secular and apolitical army.
- **Overview of Insurgent Activity in South Central**: MNF-I reports that the region saw a five percent increase in IED incidents in the first week of May (with spikes between 1900 – 2300 hrs), a 150 percent increase in

small arms fire incidents (spikes between 2100 – 2200 and 2300 – 2400 hrs), and a 400 percent increase in indirect fire incidents.

- 1.4b, 1.4d

Threat Update:

- 1.4b, 1.4d

GOVERNANCE:

- **Media Reports that Jordan has Pardoned Chalabi:** Several media organizations reported today that King Abdullah has agreed to pardon Iraqi DPM Ahmad Chalabi, and that Chalabi has agreed to pay \$32 million in compensation to resolve the issue; none of these reports have been confirmed. Chalabi was convicted of fraud in Jordan in 1989 stemming from the collapse of Petra Bank. King Abdullah told Charge Hale in Amman earlier this week that he has set up a “back channel” to Chalabi to resolve Chalabi’s fugitive status and the issue of his outstanding debt. Abdullah said the debt issue is complicated in that Chalabi owes \$300 million to private individuals (presumably Petra bank shareholders) rather than institutions. Chalabi is reportedly seeking some sort of token acknowledgement from the Jordanians that he had been “defamed”.

ECONOMIC:

- **Security Situation Deters IMF and World Bank:** The IMF issued a press release that it will not open an office in Iraq as a result of the current security situation. The World Bank US Executive Director has told NEA that its recent security assessment reached the same conclusion, but there has not yet been an announcement. The IMF remains in contact with ITG officials in preparation for Article IV consultations, which could lead to Stand-By Agreement negotiations as early as late Summer, should all go well.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\12](#)

- **NEA/I International Media Outreach:** NEA/I/PD Director appeared live on al-Jazeera to discuss in Arabic yesterday’s Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) report on an increase in violence and discrimination against Muslims. The discussion focused on how America is a country of tolerance and inclusion and that the President and others

have spoken forcefully against such acts. NEA/IPD Director also spoke to German journalism students in Leipzig by digital video conference on the state of the Iraqi media and on American public diplomacy in Iraq.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-102 [UNGU RIP/TOA AND RSOI] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-102 UNGU RIP RSOI	UNITED NATIONS GUARD UNIT (FIJIAN LIGHT INFANTRY UNIT) RELIEF IN PLACE/TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY AND RECEPTION, STAGING, ONWARD MOVEMENT AND INTEGRATION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-103 [TACON TO MNC-I] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-103 TACON TO MNC-I	TRANSFER OF TACON OF 1ST MECH BN, 1ST AR BN (1ST MECH BDE), 1ST AND 2ND MOTOR TRANSPORT REGIMENTS TO MNC-I

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- Operation MATADOR Pressures Insurgents: MNF-I reports Operation MATADOR and growing local resentment are increasing pressure on insurgents in their self-proclaimed "new capital" of Iraq, al-Qa'im. MNF-I believes MATADOR has forced much of the Zarqawi network, including his deputy, Husayn Shihab al-Karbali, to seek refuge in surrounding villages.
- SCIRI Seeks Control of Security Forces [sc § 424 \(b\) \(7\) \(C\)](#) SCIRI and the Badr Organization are laying the foundations to control security forces in the South. Newly elected SCIRI/Badr governors and police chiefs are supplementing and replacing local security forces with Badr members.
- Iraqi Ba'athists in Syria Want to go Home/Seek Assurance [sc § 50 USC reports](#) some leaders of the New Iraqi Ba'ath Party in Syria are trying to broker a deal to return home: in return for a general amnesty, they would support Allawi in the December elections. Mid-level Ba'athists in Syria have exhausted their savings and have no work.

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\13-14](#)

- **Urging the UN to Deploy More Elections Staff to Iraq:** Washington and USUN continue to press the UN on many levels to deploy additional electoral advisors to Iraq, particularly a senior advisor. Ambassadors Jones and Patterson pressed the UN on this issue this week. Amb. Jones will ask Amb. Negroponte to urge former UN senior elections advisor Carlos Valenzuela to return (Valenzuela is unlikely to agree). Amb. Patterson will call SYG Annan's Chief of Staff Monday (May 16), and USUN will again press UN Electoral Assistance Division Chief Perelli when she returns to NY from Lebanon. NEA, DRL and USAID are also working to compile a list of senior electoral experts that the UN might recruit.

ECONOMIC :

- **Northern Pipeline Report:** The May 10 attack on al-Fathah did not impact the flow of crude into the Bayji refinery. Kirkuk crude oil is now being pumped again to Ceyhan, Turkey. The Oil Ministry normally waits until Ceyhan's tanks fill to 7-8 million bbls before issuing a tender for sale. Currently, Ceyhan is holding minimal amounts of Kirkuk crude, and there have been exports from Ceyhan so far in 2005.
- **Basra Governor Wants to Purge Local Oil Protection Force:** MND-SE reports that representatives of the Basra Governor demanded that the regional manager of the Oil Protection Force (OPF) fire six senior regional OPF leaders for Ba'ath connections. OPF manager suspects that this is to put more Islamists into positions of power and authority in the region. REO will stress US opposition to the politically-motivated firings.
- **Rumors of Contaminated Australian and US Wheat:** With the first deliveries of US wheat arriving in Iraq, rumors are appearing in the anti-Coalition press that US wheat is contaminated with iron or radiation. Several weeks ago, rumors of iron contamination in Australian wheat prevented the Ministry of Trade from unloading three major shipments. Embassy is preparing press points to refute the rumors.
- **Nationwide Standard of Living Survey Published:** UNDP and the Government of Norway published an Iraqi living conditions survey for 2004. Some key findings include: general unemployment at 18.4 percent (a low figure because the survey's definition of employed is one hour of work per week); youth unemployment (15-24 years old) at 33.4 percent; and complaints of irregular electricity at 85 percent.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\13](#)

- Al-Qa'im Battle Entering Jihadi Mythology: Ongoing US military operations in Western Iraq centered on the town of Al-Qa'im are rapidly entering the lore of resistance on Jihadi/terrorist websites. Canada-based www.jihadunspun.net quoted the al-Qa'eda in Mesopotamia organization comparing these events to the legendary battles of the early Islamic conquests. One noted that western news reports highlighted the dedication and preparedness" of the insurgents "who they used to refer as inept disorganized rebels." Even popular secular Jordanian satirist www.mahjoob.com devoted his daily cartoon to the "battle".

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-104 [PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEF ASSESSMENT] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-104 PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEF ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT OF IRAQI PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEFS TO DETERMINE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS, STATUS OF FORCES AND EQUIPMENT, AND SUITABILITY TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS AND COUNCILS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-105 [MASS GRAVE EXPLOITATION VIC AL AMARAH] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-105 MASS GRAVE EXPLOITATION VICINITY AL AMARAH	FORENSIC INVESTIGATION IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAQI SPECIAL TRIBUNAL

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\14 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\14](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 019 [TIER 2 SECURITY]	ADDITION OF THE COMMISSIONER, COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY AS TIER 2B
MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 637 [DEPLOYMENT OF BST]	DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER SUPPORT TEAMS IN SUPPORT OF MNF-W, MNF-NW AND

	MND-SE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-106 [21 MAY 2005 COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE] <u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05- 106 21 MAY 05 COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE</u>	THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MNF-I, WILL HOLD A COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE ON 21 MAY 05 FOR COMMANDERS TO PROVIDE UPDATES AND PARTICIPATE IN FOLLOW ON DISCUSSIONS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\15 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050515 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\15](#)

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050516 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted three raids, five cordon/searches, and found/cleared six caches and nine IEDs. Insurgents conducted 34 attacks on CF, eight on ISF, and five on civilians. 35 enemy were detained and seven killed; one CF was killed and 14 injured; six ISF were killed and eight injured; 20 civilians were killed and 32 injured.
- Transition Teams to Begin Training: MNSTC-I reports the arrival of 270 recruits in Kuwait for theater-specific training. On May 27, the group will move to the Phoenix Academy for ten days of Transition Team training. The new group consists of 20 Military Transition Teams, two Base Defense Unit MITTs, and 19 individual Special Police Transition Team members who will join existing teams.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\16](#)

- The Sadr Bureau continues to make public demands for the release of "thousands" of Sadr-affiliated detainees (the Bureau privately assesses that MNF-I holds fewer than 400). One Sadr representative suggested that cooperation on Sadr City reconstruction projects is contingent upon

amnesty for Sadr's "resistance fighters." Senior ITG officials have dismissed threats to hold reconstruction hostage to an amnesty, but are tempted by potentially popular mass releases

ECONOMIC:

- Oil Contractors Hard to Find: IRMO reports that prime contractors in the oil sector are having difficulty finding sub-contractors willing to do oil-well workovers in Iraq. The Ministry of Oil reports the same problem. One contractor cites legal indemnity concerns, but it may also be that there are abundant better and safer opportunities for sub-contractors elsewhere.
- Deputy Finance Minister Azez Forced Out: Former-Deputy Finance Minister Azez told Embassy Baghdad that Finance Minister Ali Allawi pushed him to resign. Azez gave three reasons: Allawi's concerns over Azez's established role in international negotiations and Ministry operations; the positioning of Allawi's friend and advisor as Azez's replacement; and Ahmed Chalabi's possible intentions to "destroy" the Ministry. (Note: Azez has been a cornerstone for Iraqi economic policy, particularly with respect to donor/debt issues, Allawi will need to act fast to re-establish confidence with international financial institutions and creditor nations.)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-107 [STANDUP OF MNF-I PSCC] MNFI FRAGOS\MNF-I FRAGO 05-107 Standup of MNF-I Personal Security Coordination Cell.doc	ESTABLISHING MNF-I PERSONAL SECURITY COORDINATION CELL
MNF-I FRAGO 05-108 [OPERATIONALIZE THE RROC] MNFI FRAGOS\MNF-I FRAGO 05-108 Standup of RROC.doc	OPERATIONALIZE THE REGIONAL RECONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS CENTERS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-109 [C2 RELATIONSHIP STRATEGIC GUIDANCE]	COMMAND AND CONTROL RELATIONSHIPS
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 089 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-09 GRADUATES]	A CONVOY ESCORT IS REQUIRED FOR MOVEMENT OF BCT-09 GRADUATES TO THEIR INITIAL BASING ASSIGNMENTS
MOD 4 TO MNF-I FRAGO 646 [MIDDLE RING SECURITY FOR THE UNAMI PERMANENT FACILITIES IN IRBIL]	UNAMI PERMANENT FACILITIES OPEN IN IRBIL IN JUL-AUG 05 AND MIDDLE RING SECURITY IS NEEDED FOR THE UNAMI STAFF AND FACILITIES WHEN THE PERMANENT FACILITIES ARE OPENED

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050517 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted four raids, nine cordons/searches, and found/cleared eight IEDs; insurgents conducted 21 attacks on CF, three on Iraqi security forces, and six on civilians; 162 enemy detained; one CF killed and eight injured; 14 ISF injured.
- Iraqi Brigade Takes on Security Task: The 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division has taken responsibility for policing a 16 square mile sector of Baghdad including the notorious Haifa Street. The number of hostile actions in the brigade's AOR dropped from roughly three per day to one. The Embassy attributes success to Iraqi sensitivity to local detail, a growing pool of informants, and the predominately Shi'a unit's outreach to Sunni community leaders.

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- Al-Hassani: Sunnis Want Voting Rights; Possible Last-Resort Gambit: TNA speaker al-Hassani complained to the Embassy that Shia leaders are not open to a more representative constitutional committee; he underscored credible Sunnis will only participate on the constitutional committee if given full voting rights. Should efforts to bring in Sunnis fail, he offered a plan to manipulate TAL provisions to produce a deadlock in the process. This would force dissolution of the TNA (after Aug. 15), cause elections for a new TNA, and start the constitutional drafting process anew. Embassy Baghdad strongly cautioned against this approach and underscored the importance of sticking to the TAL timetable; it also believes al-Hassani lacks the base to carry this plan out.

ECONOMIC:

- Assessment of Oil Security Battalions: MNF-I and Iraqi Joint HQ assessed the capabilities of Iraq's existing Oil Security Battalions (OSB) on Apr. 26 and found them insufficiently trained and equipped to provide effective protection for oil infrastructure. There is also a lack of command and control, and coordination problems with Coalition forces. MNSTC-I has volunteered to provide some training. On Apr. 29, MNF-I issued a FRAGO instructing its forces to work with Iraqi Joint HQ to establish an effective infrastructure security program.
- Former Labor Minister Arrested on Corruption Charges: A clandestine source reports that the ITG has arrested former Minister of Labor Layla abd al-Latif as part of a government-wide investigation into improprieties by former government officials. PM Ja'afari initiated the investigations in conjunction with the Commission on Public Integrity. Specific charges against Latif are unknown.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\17](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-110 [SIPR] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-110 MOD 1	SIPR ONLY
MNF-I FRAGO 05-111 [PARALLEL CONFERENCE 18 MAY 05] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-111 PARALLEL CONFERENCE	ADVISORS' CONFERENCE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-112 [BIOMETRICS POLICY FOR ACCESS CONTROL] MNFI FRAGOS\Biometric Identification System for Access\MNF-I FRAGO 05-112 Biometric Identification System.doc	IMPLEMENTATION OF BIOMETRICS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR ACCESS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-113 [CRRB]	COMBINED REVIEW AND RELEASE BOARD SUPPORT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-114 [PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS, BOUNDARIES, AND BASING OF IRAQI ARMY UNITS] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-114 PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS	COMBINED FRAGO ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS, BOUNDARIES, AND BASING OF IRAQI ARMY UNITS

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050518 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted six raids, ten cordons/searches, and found/cleared six IEDs; insurgents conducted 32 attacks on CF, nine on Iraqi security forces, and three on civilians; 63 enemy detained; eight CF injured; one ISF killed and 18 injured.
- Efforts to Infiltrate MNF Facilities Continue: MNF-I reports the detention of a former contractor at Camp Victory in possession of an expired contractor ID, classified documents, and an excessive amount of money. Related reports indicate local hires who quit their jobs under pressure from insurgents regularly attempt to sell their ID badges.
- Insurgents Using Abandoned Airports: MNF-I reports insurgents have relocated to abandoned airports in Suwayrah to avoid Coalition safe-house raids and surveillance. The airports provide central training/command & control locations, ready-made storage bunkers, and usable machine shops.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\18](#)

- Embassy Baghdad's preliminary analysis of the TNA Constitutional Committee finds secularists and Islamists (both moderate and fundamentalist) essentially splitting the Committee 50/50. With about 25

percent of the overall TNA seats, Islamists are over-represented. It is, however, difficult to predict how the Committee will behave, given a number of uncertainties, including: the split between Sunni and Shia Islamists; the degree of discipline in various parties; and the relative competence of the secularists.

- The Governor, Provincial Council (PC) Chairman and PC members told REO Basrah they support inclusion of strong federalism provisions in the permanent constitution May 14 and 15. The PC had formed a Federalism Committee, and was reaching out to other southern governorates to explore forming a federal region akin to the KRG. The REO notes that the potential to gain control of some oil and port revenue and general disdain for Baghdad-centric control drive this push.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\18 May 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\18](#)

Weekly Status Report: [Weekly Status Report\18 May.ppt](#)

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050519 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted nine raids, eight cordons/searches, and found/cleared 11 IEDs; insurgents conducted 31 attacks on CF, seven on Iraqi security forces, and four on civilians; 74 enemy detained; three CF killed, nine injured; 13 ISF killed, 23 injured.
- Heavy SCIRI Influence in Iraqi Police Ranks: MNF-I intel reports in April a Najaf police official dismissed 1,000 employees from the governorate security office and hired 1,000 Badr Corps/SCIRI replacements. In May, the MoI fired 1,200 employees and police officers from ministry offices in Baghdad and Basrah, reportedly hiring Badr Corps members and Iraqis previously exiled in Iran. Analysts suggest such actions will promote SCIRI's anti-Ba'ath themes in ministry operations.
- New Zargawi Audio Tape: MNF-I reports the second Zargawi tape in three weeks surfaced on May 18. The 74-minute recording cites attacks by the Badr Organization in the last 20 years, claims every battle against Islam had a Shi'a rejectionist in the lead, cites Koranic verse and early

Muslim scholars to justify the killing of innocent Muslims, and defends insurgent suicide bombings.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\19](#)

ECONOMIC:

- PM Seeking to Tighten Controls Over Ministry Spending: DPM Chalabi informed the Embassy of steps PM Ja'afari endorsed to strengthen Finance Ministry oversight of government spending. Henceforth, all government contracts must be pre-approved or the Ministry of Finance will not authorize payment, payments must be made directly to contractors, and cash payments in excess of roughly \$200,000 are prohibited. Also, Chalabi will head a committee to approve government contracts over \$3 million in value.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-115 [IRAQI SUPPORT TO ENFORCE THE ABU GHURAIB EXCLUSION ZONE MNF FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-115 IRAQI SUPPORT TO ENFORCE THE ABU GHURAIB EXCLUSION ZONE	MoI PUBLIC ORDER BRIGADE (POB) SUPPORT TO ENFORCE THE ABU GHURAIB EXCLUSION ZONE

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\20 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050520 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted four raids, five cordons/searches, and found/cleared eight IEDs; insurgents conducted 33 attacks on CF, two on Iraqi security forces, and one on civilians; 49 enemy detained, eight killed, and seven injured; one CF killed, 12 injured; two ISF killed, three injured.
- Lashkar-e Tayyiba (LT) Training Suicide Bombers: [50 USC](#) reports the Pakistan-based Qaeda affiliate Lashkar-e Tayyiba is training 400 fighters and 30 suicide bombers at a camp in Mansehra, Pakistan for deployment in Iraq.
- Political Shifts in Wake of Operation Matador?: MNF-I notes Qattab al-Hamsa (QH), composed of three local tribes, has offered itself as the core of a local peacekeeping force in the part of Anbar province affected by Operation Matador. QH has requested uniforms from MNF and claims to

have fought Zarqawi cells prior to Operation Matador. The mayor of Husaybah acts as their spokesman.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\20](#)

- Kurdish Regional Government Deadlock: According to the Regional Embassy Office (REO) in Kirkuk, the two major Kurdish parties are deadlocked over the scope and terms of the new Kurdistan presidency, which Massoud Barzani will fill. The PUK is insisting the Kurdistan region must limit its governing bodies, including the Presidency, to the same terms of office as their counterparts in Baghdad, since regional powers will be redefined by the constitution. Barzani hopes to have wider powers, and a four-year term. A member of the PUK politburo has asked the US to weigh in with Barzani, and to take steps to push Kurdistan government unification, including asking Baghdad to unify the two Kurdish governments' budgets. REO Kirkuk recommends urging Barzani and Talabani to reach agreement for the greater good of Iraq's stability.

ECONOMIC:

- Agriculture Programs Funded by UN: The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), is implementing six programs valued at \$60 million to rehabilitate the irrigation sector, restore veterinary/livestock services and introduce small scale income-generating activities. Another \$60 million of agriculture funding should be approved in September.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\20](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF- FRAGO 05-115 [IRAQI SUPPORT TO ENFORCE THE ABU GHURAIB EXCLUSION ZONE]	POLICE COMMANDO UNIT SUPPORT TO ENFORCE THE ABU GHURAIB EXCLUSION ZONE

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\21 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050521 Intsum.ppt](#)

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050522 Intsum.ppt](#)

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ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\22](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 087 [INCREASED COMMANDER FLEXIBILITY TO CERP GUIDANCE]	INCREASED COMMANDER FLEXIBILITY TO COMMANDER'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM GUIDANCE

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050523 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY: **OPERATION SQUEEZE PLAY**

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\23](#)

ECONOMIC:

- Monthly Inflation Report: Iraqi Central Statistics Office announced that the consumer price index increased by 2.3 percent in April. This puts April 2004 to April 2005 inflation at 46.5 percent. The main drivers were rent, food, and fuel prices.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-115 [IRAQI SUPPORT TO ENFORCE THE ABU GHURAIB EXCLUSION ZONE]	CLARIFY WHICH FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE LIFE SUPPORT IF A SHORT DURATION CONTRACT IS REQUIRED
MNF-I FRAGO 05-116 [PIPELINE REPAIR PROJECT] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-116 PIPELINE REPAIR PROJECT	ESCORT GUARDS AND ENGINEER SUPPORT FOR PIPELINE REPAIR PROJECT]
MNF-I FRAGO 05-117 [SECURITY AND TRANSPORT FOR THE DEPUTY SRSG VISIT TO IRBIL] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-117 DEPUTY SRSG VISIT TO IRBIL	SECURITY AND TRANSPORT FOR THE DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
MNF-I FRAGO 05-118 [SIPR]	SIPR ONLY - LIMDIS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-119 [SECURITY SUPPORT FOR THE ITALIAN VICE PRIME MINISTER] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-119 SECURITY SUPPORT FOR THE ITALIAN VICE PRIME MINISTER	SECURITY SUPPORT FOR THE ITALIAN VICE PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER'S VISIT

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\MAY\24 MAY 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050524 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

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- **MNFI Combat Snapshot**: CF/ISF conducted three raids, eight cordons/searches, and found/cleared 11 IEDs; insurgents conducted 36 attacks on CF, five on Iraqi security forces, and one on civilians; 67 enemy detained; four CF killed, four injured; one ISF killed, 11 injured.
- **Al-Qaeda in Iraq Says Zargawi Wounded**: Al-Qaeda in Iraq has posted on its website news that its leader Abu Nusab al-Zargawi was wounded and urged Muslims to pray for him. This supports a USCIS report that Zargawi was injured, and two senior local Qaeda officials killed, in early May in MNF-I's offensive in Qaim.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\24](#)

- **Sunnis and the Constitutional Committee**: May 24, the TNA's Constitution Committee chose SCIRI's Sheikh Humam Hamudi to be its Chairman; Fuad Masum of the PUK (organizer of last year's National Conference) to be 1st Vice Chair; and Adnan al-Janabi, a Sunni from Allawi's list, as 2nd Vice Chair. The Committee meets May 25 to discuss options for greater Sunni inclusion. All parties agree this principle is important, but do not agree on how to achieve it. Possibilities include adding new Sunni full or near-full members to the Committee; adding Sunnis to sub-committees, but not the Committee itself;

- holding a broad national conference in July to finalize the draft; and/or have Provincial Councils in Sunni areas convene caucuses to choose representatives for the committee. Embassy Baghdad continues to push key Iraqis hard to reach a solution credible to Sunnis. Given the intense inter-Iraqi engagement, the Embassy does not believe Washington intervention is necessary at this time.
- **MNF Review:** In preparation for the UNSCR 1546-mandated one-year review of the MNF mandate, FM Zebari signed, and the Iraqi UN Mission delivered, a letter to the Security Council President (Denmark) strongly requesting the continuation of MNF mandate until the completion of the political process. FM Zebari also confirmed he would travel to New York to take part in the review, scheduled for May 31.

ECONOMIC:
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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-120 [MNF-I SUPPORT TO EMBASSY PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS]	IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVINCIAL SUPPORT TEAMS TO SUPPORT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND THEIR ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-121 [RELIGIOUS SUPPORT METRIC AND TRACKING REQUIREMENTS] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-12 RELIGIOUS SUPPORT MATRIX	RELIGIOUS SUPPORT METRIC AND TRACKING REQUIREMENTS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-122 [LOGISTICS DOCTRINE FOR THE ISF (MOD UNITS)]	THIS FRAGO DESCRIBES THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF IRAQI LOGISTICS DOCTRINE AND THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

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ECONOMIC: [IRMO\25 May 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\25](#)

Weekly Status Report: [Weekly Status Report\25 May.ppt](#)

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OPERATION VETERANS FORWARD 26 May - UTC

UNITS: 3ACR, 3IA DIV

LOCATION: Nineva Province

TYPE OPN: 3IA DIV ICW 3ACR conducts a combined

reconnaissance of SW Ninvah Province to disrupt AIF

- The Iraqi Interior and Defense Ministers announced "Operation al Barkh (Lightning)." The Iraqi-led joint operation includes over 40,000 Iraqi Security Forces operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week and manning more than 675 fixed and mobile checkpoints.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-123 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS SBF] MNF-I FRAGO 05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-123 SBF ROTATIONS	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALID
MNF-I FRAGO 05-124 [EMPLOYMENT OF THE 26TH MEU]	EMPLOYMENT OF THE 26TH MEU IN MND-SE

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SECURITY:

OPN SAFE BORDER I-V 21-28 May, 12-15 July, 2-6 August
UNITS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd BDE/8th IA DIV, 3rd BDE/5th DIV

LOCATION: South of Tigris River in WASIT Province
OPN TYPE: Prevent insurgent penetration into Iraqi
territory. Cordon & Search

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SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\May\28

ECONOMIC:

- **Meeting Highlights with Iraqi Minister of Trade**: Iraqi Trade Minister Kareem told the US that an inter-ministerial committee is reviewing a Foreign Trade Memorandum (FTM) for its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), which should be ready for submission to the WTO Secretariat after June 12. Kareem also highlighted the need for technical training for Ministry employees on WTO-related issues. Post also delivered the draft US-Iraq Trade and Investment Framework Agreement in preparation for the JEC.

INFORMATION: INFO\May\28

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SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\May\29

ECONOMIC:

- **Najaf Leaders Begin Provincial Reconstruction and Development Committee (PRDC)**: Reports that Najaf provincial officials favor forming a Provincial Reconstruction and Development Committee (PRDC), an important step towards Najafis playing a bigger role in reconstruction. Najafis emphasized improving the quality of Coalition-funded projects, which they viewed as suffering from poor performance by Iraqi contractors

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\29](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-131 [7TH DIVISION]	7TH IRAQI ARMY DIVISION EXPANSION

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\MAY\20050530 Intsum.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot**: CF/ISF conducted eight raids, five cordons/searches, and found/cleared seven IEDs; insurgents conducted 20 attacks on CF, six on Iraqi security forces, and one on civilians; 119 enemy detained, six killed; five CF killed, two injured; 17 ISF killed, 41 injured.
- **Governor's Body Found**: US forces found the body of Al-Anbar Province Governor Rajah Nawaf Farhan, kidnapped May 9, in a building after a firefight in northwest Iraq.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\30](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\30](#)

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
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MNF-I FRAGO 05-132 [LIMDIS]	LIMITED DISTRIBUTION
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SECURITY:

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- **Zarqawi Claims Minor Wounds:** In a 20-minute audio statement described as a message to Usama bin Laden, Zarqawi denied reports he had been seriously wounded, saying “my wounds are light.” Noting a desire to meet bin Laden soon, Zarqawi claimed progress for the insurgency, condemned Shia in general and Sistani and President Talabani by name for cooperation with the Coalition, and asked bin Laden for orders.
- **Operation Lightning Update:** The operation, incorporating nearly 40,000 members of MoI and MoD forces, has roused immediate disapproval among Sunni leaders, who view the operation as a Shi’a effort to target Sunnis. Perceptions of Sunni targeting may be exasperated by the recent incorporation of some Badr Corps Shi’a into the MoI as well as alleged Badr Corps patrols in Baghdad.
- **Operation Squeeze Play Update:** The ongoing operation includes VBIED disruption and area denial in ten targeted areas across Baghdad and involves all five US brigades, ten Iraqi Army battalions, and eleven Special Police battalions. To date the operation has resulted in 646 detainees captured and 14 weapons caches seized.

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\May\31](#)

- UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced May 31 that Iraqi authorities have requested UN assistance in drafting and building consensus around the country’s new constitution.
- **UNSCR 1546 Review:** The UNSC review of the MNF-I mandate, the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI), and the International Assistance Monitoring Board (IAMB) went as planned today, and included statements by Amb. Patterson and FM Zebari. FM Zebari was quite positive on the MNF, and urged Syria to do more to support Iraq. Russia held up the issuance of press statement until the EU and the Iraqis agreed

to allow them to attend the US/EU International Conference “Small Group” planning meeting in Cairo on June 2.

- **Constitution Update:** The TNA Constitution Committee will meet June 2 to try to strike a deal to increase Sunni Arab representation. Several key Sunni groups will participate in the session. Embassy Baghdad judges that the meeting will either resolve the issue or lay bare key differences, and recommends waiting until after the meeting to decide next steps on USG engagement. The Embassy message to key players: bring in credible Sunni Arabs in a way that meets the Aug. 15 deadline.
- **PM Ja’afari Delivers “State of the Union” Address:** PM Ja’afari introduced his political program in an address to the Transitional National Assembly May 31. His remarks followed a heated discussion of the yesterday's, May 30, MNF-I detention of Iraqi Islamic Party leader and former Governing Council member Muhsin Abd al-Hamid. Ja’afari emphasized the ITG’s intention to establish non-political, non-sectarian and geographically representative Iraqi Security Forces. Ja’afari said capable ISF would eventually end the need for the MNF-I, but he gave no timeline, and highlighted that under UNSCR 1546 any extension of the presence of MNF was subject to ITG approval. Ja'afari also outlined social and economic goals, many of them vague and others not realistic.

ECONOMIC:

- **Turkey May Increase Tigris Flowrate to Boost Iraqi Hydropower:** At the May 31 meeting of the National Energy Committee, Iraq's Minister of Water Resources said that Turkey will increase waterflow enough to produce up to 750 additional MW of peak electricity generation at Mosul Hydroelectric Plant (although we suspect the actual increase would be less). The Minister based his statement on his conversation with Turkey's Ambassador. Syrian cooperation would also be needed because the Tigris crosses Syria before entering Iraq.
- **Ministry of Electricity Shake-Up:** New Minister of Electricity Muhsin Shalash has demoted, transferred and released most of the Ministry's central leadership, including Deputy Minister Barga, and the Directors-General of Transmission, Generation, Distribution, Planning, and Finance. Embassy reports that the Minister aims to return the Ministry to its more technocratic model of the 1970s. New appointments have not yet been announced.
- **Finance Minister on Reform Strategy:** Finance Minister Ali Allawi informed USG officials in meetings on May 22 and 31 that he plans to use the supplemental budget to facilitate macroeconomic reforms including: reducing the cost of the PDS by 20 percent by eliminating non-essential items and reducing fuel subsidies by pricing gasoline at \$.25/liter. He talked about providing household monetary transfers through an Alaska-like oil dividend to compensate for lost subsidy benefits. On debt issues, he reported that negotiations with creditors other than Saudi Arabia are

progressing, but doubts Syria's commitment to return frozen assets. On banking sector reform, Allawi prefers to promote new institutions rather than cleaning up the state sector.

- **Oil Minister on Fuel Subsidies:** Ibrahim Bahr al-Ulum prefers the Iranian model of increasing prices ten times over three years. He does not favor the total elimination of subsidies because it would be difficult to explain to the Iraqi people that Iraqis pay more for fuel than their neighbors do. He stated he plans to issue the subsidy reform plan before July 1.
- **Trends in Oil Infrastructure Sabotage:** Attacks on oil infrastructure have dropped by more than half since January. There have been no spikes in attacks on anniversaries, holidays, or other culturally-sensitive dates.
- **ITG on Infrastructure Security:** DPM Chalabi stated that a resumption of northern exports was a priority for the ITG. He tasked the Ministry of Defense (MOD) to assume responsibility. MOD claimed it could handle the job, but needed money to pay for expenditures.

INFORMATION: [INFO\May\31](#)

- **Preserving Iraq's Cultural Heritage:** Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer and MNF-I Culture LNO met with Iraq's new Minister of Culture, Nuri Ferhan al-Rawi, to discuss coordination with the Ministry on a number of projects including the archeological site at Babylon. Minister al-Rawi agreed to hold a press conference to reiterate the Ministry's position -- that Iraq was doing everything in its power to preserve its historical heritage and was engaged in ongoing conversations with the US Embassy in this regard.

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MNF-I FRAGOs:

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-133 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR DRR-AN01 GRADUATES] MNF-I FRAGOs\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-133 DRR AN-01 MOVEMENT	CONVOY ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FOR DRR-AN01 GRADUATES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-134 [IRAQI WEAPONS CARDS]	CLARIFICATION OF IRAQI WEAPONS POLICY AND EXTENSION OF EXPIRATION DATE FOR TEMPORARY WEAPONS CARDS PENDING NEW CARD ISSUE
MOD 4 TO MNF-I FRAGO 637 [DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER SUPPORT TEAMS]	DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER SUPPORT TEAMS ISO MNF-W, MNF-NW AND MND-SE

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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- **Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted two raids, 20 cordons/searches, and found/cleared 12 IEDs; insurgents conducted 31 attacks on CF, five on Iraqi security forces, and two on civilians; 95 enemy detained, eight killed; two CF killed, 19 injured; nine ISF injured.
- **Small Arms in High Demand in Najaf:** In the last two weeks of May, increased demand for small arms in Najaf is driving up prices. The Badr Corps and Muqtada Militia are making most weapons purchases in the city and driving up prices. A PKC machinegun sells for \$450, and the price increases every two days by \$10. The RBK, a magazine-fed machinegun, is normally \$120 but has increased to \$300. Until two weeks ago, Kalashnikov rifles sold for \$100; they now sell for \$200.

GOVERNANCE: Cables\June\1

ECONOMIC: IRMO\1 June 05.ppt

- **Progress Visible in Iraqi Stock Exchange:** May 30, the Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX) continues to demonstrate overall modest growth, having tripled in volume in less than a year. This is despite volume dropping by nearly half last week, as the ISX traded 539,320,554 shares with a total trading volume of \$3,425,921. IRMO is working to improve transparency by developing software and hardware for full automation of trading activities.
- **Electricity Tariff Hike:** The average electricity rate charged to Iraqi consumers is to officially double June 1 from approximately 0.14 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 0.28 cents per kWh. BearingPoint estimated Iraq's cost of electricity service to be 8-12 cents per kWh.

INFORMATION:

- **Ensuring an Independent and Influence-Free Press:** The AIO met with Israa Shakir of al Iraq al Yoom newspaper to discuss Shakir's concerns about the "boursa." The boursa is a distribution center for all Iraqi newspapers and is run by a group that influences which newspapers are published and distributed. The boursa is a source of constant frustration to editors like Shakir. PA hopes to meet with the group that runs the boursa soon to understand their situation and discuss some of the newspapers' frustrations.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY :

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- **MNFI Combat Snapshot**: CF/ISF conducted four raids, three cordons/searches, and found/cleared ten IEDs; insurgents conducted 19 attacks on CF, six on Iraqi security forces, and two on civilians; 46 enemy detained, three killed; 18 CF injured; eight ISF killed, 16 injured.
- **Wolf Brigade Holding Facility**: MoI Commandos 2nd Brigade Commander BG Mohammad complained about his ministry's failure to anticipate the surge of detainees harvested by the Al-Barq cordon-and-sweep operations. His ad hoc holding facility had, until very recently, tightly packed over 400 suspects, some held over 22 days. None appeared abused and food, if not space, was adequate. 3ID and Iraqi commanders are working to introduce internationally-accepted human-rights standards to the facilities.
- Attacks on ISF reached 309 in May vs. 225 in April, an increase of 37 percent, marking the highest month for ISF attacks since January. Small arms remain the most common type of attack on ISF, followed by IEDs and VBIEDs. Reporting indicates insurgents intend to increase attacks on ISF, particularly Iraqi police.

(b)(3) 50 USC § 3507, 1.4b, 1.4d

GOVERNANCE : Cables\June\2

- **Constitution Update**: Representatives of the TNA Constitution Committee hosted a group of 50 Sunni Arab politicians June 2 including representatives from the Muslim Ulema Council, to discuss Sunni inclusion in the drafting process. Embassy Baghdad reports both sides said the meeting was positive and a step forward, but no settlement was achieved. The meeting clarified the key issues: the number of Sunni Arabs to be brought in; the mechanism of their selection; and their authorities once on the committee. Both the Constitution Committee and the Sunnis will hold internal meetings in the coming days to formulate united positions; they will reconvene to try to hammer out an agreement on June 9.

ECONOMIC :

- **Trade Minister Working to Improve Subsidized Food System, But Expects Near-Term Shortages**: In May 25 and June 1 meetings with Embassy, Iraqi Trade Minister Abd al-Bassit Kareem acknowledged that the Public

Distribution System (PDS) will face shortages in wheat, rice and sugar in coming months. However, Kareem is working on new contracting procedures that should improve the flow of PDS goods, and plans to drop non-essential commodities from the program to reduce costs. He is not an advocate for PDS monetization.

INFORMATION:

- Further Discussions on the Future of the Iraqi Media Network (IMN): PA and a DOD Senior Advisor discussed with Spokesman Laith Kubba and IMN leadership the network's current situation. The discussion focused on efforts to replace the current Director General, the need to fill vacancies on the IMN Board of Governors, and the need for additional efforts to improve program production, staff training and management at IMN's TV network, al-Iraqiya.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-135 [SECURITY AND TRANSPORT FOR THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-135 SECURITY AND TRANSPORT FOR THE SRSG	SECURITY AND TRANSPORT FOR THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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SECURITY:

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- CF/ISF conducted five raids, seven cordons/searches, and found/cleared five IEDs; insurgents conducted 25 attacks on CF, five on Iraqi security forces, and two on civilians; 58 enemy detained; 13 CF injured; three ISF killed, eight injured.
- New Insurgent Tactics: MNF-I reporting illustrates trends in insurgent tactics beyond small arms fire, mortars, and IEDs. The tactics include use of “new” armor piercing ammo for sniper rifles, armor piercing RPGs, five hundred pound bombs with explosives removed for use in IEDs, 2500 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer suitable for IED use found in an IED lab, and poisoned watermelons delivered to Iraqi patrols.
- Fallujah Citizens Distrust MNF: Approximately half the residents of Fallujah hold MNF-I responsible for the renewed violence in the city; locals complain inadequate security is the primary reason for insurgent activity and attacks in May. A small minority believes MNF-I is intentionally letting insurgents conduct

attacks and even staging fake insurgent attacks in order to justify continued “occupation” of Iraq.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\3](#)

ECONOMIC:

- [Pipelines to Iran](#): Embassy reported that at the National Energy Committee (NEC) meeting DPM Chalabi and Oil Minister al-Uloum discussed resuscitating the concept of the Basra-Abadan pipeline. They also discussed a pipeline from Kirkuk to Iran. Last year MOO bureaucrats rejected this idea wholeheartedly.

INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-136 [MNF-I SUPPORT TO CENTCOM MEDIA ENGAGEMENT OPERATIONS] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-136 SUPPORT TO CENTCOM MEDIA ENGAGEMENT OPERATION	DIRECTS SUPPORT, AND GIVES GUIDANCE, FOR A MEDIA ENGAGEMENT OPERATION VISIT TO MND-CS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-137 [CONDUCTING THREAT WARNING AND THREAT REPORTING]	GUIDANCE AND DEFINITIONS FOR THREAT WARNINGS AND THREAT REPORTING W/IN MNF-I

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\4](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 5 TO MNF-I FRAGO 637 [DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER SUPPORT TEAMS]	TIMES FOR DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER SUPPORT TEAMS ISO MNF-W, MNF-NW AND MND-SE

MNF-I FRAGO 05-138 [STANDARDIZATION OF IRAQI ARMY LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION MTOES] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-138 LIGHT INF DIV MTOES	DESCRIBES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARD MTOES FOR THE IRAQI ARMY FOR ALL DIVISIONS FORMERLY DESIGNATED REGULAR ARMY (RA), IRAQI INTERVENTION FORCE (IIF), AND IRAQI ARMY (IA)
MNF-I FRAGO 05-139 [SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CONFERENCE 10-11 JUNE 05] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-139 SR NATIONAL REP CONF	FACILITATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MNF-I COMMANDING GENERAL AND HIS PRINCIPAL STAFF

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE:

- The Constitutional Drafting Committee's vice president, Adnan Janabi, said the committee has agreed to bring in additional representatives of Iraq's Sunni Arab community; negotiations are continuing on specifics.

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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- Problems at the Iraqi Media Network (IMN): PA and a DOD Senior Advisor were contacted by an IMN employee to complain about aggressive, and potentially dangerous, behavior by IMN Director General, Habib al-Sadr. The erratic behavior may be in response to the current efforts of the IMN Board of Governors to remove al-Sadr from office. PA officials plan to address the situation with the IMN Board as soon as possible.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

OPN PETERSBURG 6 June until complete

Units:1-2 IA ICW 1/25 SBCT

LOCATION: Mosul

TYPE OPN: Isolation of Mosul - 51.2 KM Berm and IA
manned TCPs

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- MNF-I Combat Snapshot: CF/ISF conducted four raids, three cordon/searches, and found/cleared three IEDs. Insurgents conducted 16 attacks on CF, seven on ISF. 37 enemy were detained and three killed;

four CF were injured; one ISF was killed and four injured; one civilian was killed and seven injured.

- Romanians Wounded by Insurgents: MNF-I reports at 1410 Baghdad time a Romanian convoy approaching a Baghdad airport entry control point received small-arms fire. The ambassador was present, but uninjured. Two Romanians received gunshot wounds in the legs: one is a member of a Personal Security Detail, and one is an Embassy employee. Both were evacuated for emergency medical care. Unconfirmed report from Post indicates wounds are not life-threatening; one Romanian may have already left hospital.
- Support for Mahdi Militia in Diwaniyah Police: MNF-I intel reports General Wahab, Police Chief of Diwaniyah linked to the Mahdi Militia, fired the SWAT leader who assisted US Forces searching for IEDs. His replacement has been ordered not to cooperate with US Forces. On May 26, Diwaniyah police released about ten jailed Mahdi Militia members who had been caught placing IEDs along the road from Afak to Diwaniyah.
- Insurgent Infighting: MNF-I reporting suggests conflict between Ba'athists and three other insurgent groups (including the Zarqawi organization), who have distributed propaganda leaflets in Baghdad and Hit to prevent locals from supporting the Ba'athists.
- New Concealment for IEDs: MNF-I intel reports insurgents are using vending carts to conduct IED attacks. In the past, insurgents have concealed IEDs in tires, bicycles, HESCO barriers, donkey carts, animal carcasses, signs, trash, rock piles, and concrete blocks. This new concealment method provides an elevated platform to better launch an armor-piercing explosively-formed projectile.

GOVERNANCE: Cables\June\6

- Ja'afari Advisor Cites Inaccurate Timeline for Saddam Trial: Contrary to PM Ja'afari's advisor Laith Kubba's comments to the media that Saddam Hussein would be brought to trial in two months, Embassy Baghdad reports that the Iraqi Special Tribunal has indicated the Saddam could not be tried before October. The first IST trials are likely to involve Ali Hasan al-Majid and a handful of others, and probably won't start earlier than September. Kubba appears not to have cleared his remarks within the ITG before delivering them. Embassy Baghdad is following up with the ITG to advise against uncoordinated, high-profile statements.

ECONOMIC :

INFORMATION:

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- Dispelling the Rumors: REO Basrah hosted an open house for live media and local and regional print media at the American Corners. The purpose of the event was twofold: to advertise the facility and to dispel some of the circulating rumors that the American Corners are fronts for (b) (5) USC § 13507 local Universities.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-140 [SIPR]	SIPR ONLY
MNF-I FRAGO 05-141 [SIPR]	SIPR ONLY

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\7](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\8](#)

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\8 June 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION:

Weekly Status Report: [Weekly Status Report\8 June.ppt](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-142 [INTERIM RESTRICTED LISTS] - SIPR LIMDIS	INTERIM RESTRICTED LISTS - SIPR LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\June\9

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-143 [STANDARDIZATION OF IAF HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICES COMPANIES (H&SC)]	TRAINING OF IRAQI ARMY COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT OFFICERS AND SENIOR NCOs AND THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE IAF BATTALIONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-144 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-11 MID-TRAINING LEAVE] <u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05- 144 CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-11 MID- TRAINING LEAVE</u>	CONVOY ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FOR BCT-11 MID-TRAINING LEAVE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-145 [IST HEARINGS] - SIPR	IRAQI SPECIAL TRIBUNAL HEARINGS - SIPR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-146 [TRANSFER OF FOURTEEN M113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS] <u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05- 146 M113 TRANSFER</u>	FOURTEEN M113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS WITH DRIVERS, TCS, AND MECHANICS MOVE FROM THE 1ST MECHANIZED BRIGADE IN TAJI TO THE 3RD MOTOR TRANSPORT REGIMENT IN AL KASIK TO SUPPORT 3ID QRF AND OPERATIONS IN THE AREA
MNF-I FRAGO 05-147 [SUPPORT FOR BAYJI SITE VISIT AND TURBINE TESTING] <u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05- 147 BAYJI SITE VISIT</u>	SUPPORT FOR BAYJI SITE VISIT AND TURBINE TESTING

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\June\10

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I PLANORD 05-007 [DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLANS AND REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE RAPID EVACUATION OF HIGH VALUE SITES]	DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLANS AND REQUIREMENTS TO MITIGATE THE THREAT BY REDUCING THE MASS CASUALTY POTENTIAL FROM AN INBOUND HOSTILE AIRCRAFT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-148 [BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA PLATOON RECEPTION, STAGING, ONWARD MOVEMENT AND INTEGRATION (RSOI)]	SUPPORT TO THE BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA PLATOON AND RSOI

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

OPN SAYAID 11 June

UNITS: TF 2-14, 3/1/1 IIF

LOCATION: ERV AO/Rawah

TYPE OPN: ISO other forces, disruption, denial of infiltration-movement of AIF & FFS

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\11](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\12](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\June\13

- Bush-Talabani Meeting: President Bush and Iraqi President Jalal Talabani discussed the drafting of a Iraqi constitution. They underscored the need to meet the August 15 deadline set out in the Transitional Administrative Law.

ECONOMIC :
INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-149 [SUPPORT IRAQI ARMY HQ TO IOC AND TOWARDS FOC] <u>MNEI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-149 SUPPORT IA HQ TO IOC AND TOWARDS FOC</u>	SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR IRAQI ARMY HQ ON CAMP VICTORY

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:
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GOVERNANCE: Cables\June\14

ECONOMIC :
INFORMATION:

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SECURITY:

OPERATION SABER THRUST [GHAREZ AL-SAIFE] 15 June to 15 Aug
UNITS: TF 1.4a and 1 x SQDN(-) plus 1 IA Battalion
TYPE OPN: Interdict AIF along AO Saber. Disrupt AIF along northern Euphrates River.

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\June\15

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\15 June 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION:

Weekly Status Report: [Weekly Status Report\15 June.ppt](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-150 [CONVOY ESCORT AND BUS REQUEST FROM NAJAF IP ACADEMY TO BABYLON POLICE ACADEMY] MNF-I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-150 CONVOY ESCORT FOR NAJAF IP	CONVOY ESCORT AND BUS REQUEST FROM NAJAF IP ACADEMY TO BABYLON POLICE ACADEMY
MNF-I FRAGO 05-151 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR HABBANIYAH BSU LEAVE ROTATION] MNF-I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-151 CONVOY ESCORT FOR HABBANIYAH BSU LEAVE ROTATION	CONVOY ESCORT FOR HABBANIYAH BSU LEAVE ROTATION

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

OPN STRATEGIC SEPARATION 16 June - 5 August

UNITS: Battalion (+): 1CF TF+3 IA Companies+IP

LOCATION: N. Babil, Iskandariyah, Mussayib, Hawah

OPN TYPE: Deny AIF freedom of movement, bolster confidence in ability to control AO BILOXI

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\16](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

17 June 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\June\17 June](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 651 [FORCE PROTECTION STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE FOR 2005]	FORCE PROTECTION STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE FOR 2005
MNF-I FRAGO 05-152 [FORCE PROTECTION, EQUIPPING, AND BASE HARDENING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT (DBE) BORDER	GUIDANCE FROM MNF-I TO MNSTC-I AND MNC-I TO DEVELOP DBE FACILITIES AND CAPABILITIES

FORTS AND FORCES]	
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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\17](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

18 June 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\June\18 June](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 019 [TIER 2 SECURITY]	CHANGE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS AS TIER 2AE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-153 [ADDITIONAL GUARD FORCE REQUIREMENT] MNF FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-153 ADDITIONAL GUARD FORCE REQUIREMENT\MNF-I FRAGO 05-153 [Additional Guard Force Requirement].doc	ADDITIONAL GUARD FORCE REQUIREMENT AT CAMP BUCCA
MNF-I FRAGO 05-154 [LAW AND ORDER IN INTERNATIONAL ZONE]	LAW AND ORDER WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\18](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

19 June 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\June\19 June](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-019 [DESIGNATION OF SENIOR IRAQI MILITARY OFFICERS AS PRIORITIES FOR PROTECTION]	ADDITION OF THE SENIOR IRAQI MILITARY OFFICERS AS TIER 2B AND TIER 3
MNF-I FRAGO 05-155 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BNS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALEED

BORDER FORCE (SBF)] MNF-I FRAGO 05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-155 SBF ROTATION	
MNF-I FRAGO 05-156 SIPR [LIMDIS]	SIPR [LIMDIS]

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\19](#)

ECONOMIC:

- Oil Update: Production was 2.13 million barrels (bbls) and exports were 0.912 million bbls loaded. National days of supply were as follows: diesel seven days, kerosene 33 days, gasoline 11 days, and LPG 18 days.

INFORMATION:

20 June 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\June\20 June](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-157 [JUNE CURRENCY MOVEMENT]	IRAQ/U.S. MISSION TASK FORCE JUNE CURRENCY MOVEMENT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-158 [RECOVERY OF ISOLATED, MISSING, DETAINED OR ABDUCTED MNF-I TRANSITION TEAMS]	RECOVERY OF ISOLATED, MISSING, DETAINED OR ABDUCTED MNF-I TRANSITION TEAMS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-159 [IMPROVING ISF DETAINEE OPERATIONS]	IMPROVING ISF DETAINEE OPERATIONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-160 [MOSQUE OPERATIONS GUIDANCE] [LIMDIS]	MOSQUE OPERATIONS GUIDANCE [LIMDIS]

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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- **Infrastructure Security Plan Approved**: Embassy reports that the National Energy Commission (NEC) approved the new \$35 million infrastructure-security plan.
- **Transmission Line Interdicted, Quickly Repaired**: Two towers along the Bayji #1-Baghdad West 400 KV transmission line were interdicted by IEDs on June 18; Ministry of Electricity repair crews were able to re-energize the line on June 19.

- **Baghdad Water Main Hit by Insurgents**: Approximately 20 km north of Baghdad, insurgent mortar fire damaged a water line that delivers 50 percent of the city's water supply. Embassy Baghdad expects significant disruptions to service for the next four-five days.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\20](#)

- **Constitutional Committee Update**: Embassy Baghdad reports that the Iraqi Islamic Party and the National Dialogue group submitted for consideration a list of 15 Sunni Arabs (plus 10 non-voting advisors) to be added to the TNA Constitutional Committee. There are, however, still internal differences between Sunni groups on the proposed names. Earlier in the day, Charge Satterfield urged ITG President Talabani, KRG President Barzani, ITG Vice President Abd al-Mahdi, and Constitutional Committee Chair Hammoudi to reach closure on the issue before the June 22 International Conference on Iraq if at all possible. His interlocutors pledged to act as quickly as possible, but Hammoudi suggested the Committee would not actually incorporate the additional Sunnis until Thursday, June 23.

ECONOMIC:

- **Electricity Update**: Electricity supplied: 111,000 MWh. Peak generation: 5,100 MW. Estimated demand satisfied: 65 percent. Average hours of power: 12 in Baghdad, 12 hours nationwide.
- **DPM Concerned Over MOO Line of Credit**: Embassy reports DPM Chalabi was distressed to learn that the MOO maintains a line of credit, secured by oil revenues, outside the ITG's regular financial-management structure. This raises serious concerns about the lack of oil-revenue transparency and slow progress toward an EPCA-stipulated single treasury account. We will follow up on this issue with the DPM's office and the MOO.

INFORMATION:

- **Fulbright Ad Campaign**: PA continues its advertising campaign for the 2006 Fulbright Program to help attract more candidates. Iraqi TV, radio, newspaper, and internet sites have been running advertisements at no cost. Al-Furat newspaper, considered to be anti-coalition and circulated widely within the Sunni Triangle, placed an ad prominently on its second page. The campaign has increased Fulbright inquiries five-fold to 80-100 a day.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-161 [IRAQI PARTICIPATION IN V CORPS MRX]	IRAQI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PARTICIPATION IN V CORPS MISSION READINESS EXERCISE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-162 [HUNGARIAN CAMP CHARLIE EQUIPMENT RETROGRADE] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-162 HUNGARIAN CAMP CHARLIE EQUIPMENT RETROGRADE	SUPPORT TO HUNGARIAN EQUIPMENT RETROGRADE SUPPORT TEAM
MNF-I FRAGO 05-163 [UNLAWFUL KURDISH ARRESTS AND RELOCATIONS] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-163 UNLAWFUL KURDISH ARRESTS AND RELOCATIONS	UNLAWFUL KURDISH ARRESTS AND RELOCATIONS OF MINORITIES

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\21](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\June\22 June](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-164 [INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION]	EXPLOITATION OF EVENT SITES, CACHES, WEAPONS, AND DOCEX MATERIALS (DOCUMENTS, FILES, MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES)
MNF-I FRAGO 05-165 [MNF-I WATER CONSERVATION OPERATIONS]	ACTIVATION OF MNF-I WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\JUNE\22 JUN 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

[SITREPS\June\22 JUN 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

- [Shoot Out in Sadr City](#): A shoot-out in the northern part of Sadr City erupted between Iraqi Security forces (ISF) and the Mahdi Militia (MM) resulted in two Iraqi Army soldiers killed. The confrontation occurred as ISF, supported by U.S. units, conducted patrols of the area.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\22](#)

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\22 June 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION:

Weekly Status Report:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO FRAGO 05-120 [MNF-I SUPPORT TO EMBASSY PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS]	ADDITION OF THE PROVINCE OF AT TAMIM (KIRKUK) TO RECEIVE \$10 MILLION OF CERP FUNDING FOR PRDC EXPENDITURE
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-161 [IRAQI PARTICIPATION IN V CORPS MRX]	IRAQI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PARTICIPATION IN V CORPS MISSION READINESS EXERCISE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-166 [TRANSFER OF 53RD ARMY LIAISON TEAM TO MNF-I]	TRANSFER OF 53RD ARMY LIAISON TEAM TO MNF-I

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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- **Muqtada al-Sadr Orders Calm in Sadr City**: Following a shoot-out in Sadr City between Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and the Mahdi Militia (MM) on June 22 in which two Iraqi Army soldiers were killed, the Embassy engaged Sadr Bureau officials to appeal for calm and get the MM off the streets. Muqtada al-Sadr subsequently issued a statement to his followers urging calm and ordering them to refrain from further violence.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\23](#)

- **Prime Minister Ja'afari's Visit**: PM Ja'afari, accompanied by Minister of Finance Ali Allawi and Minister of Electricity Muhsin Shlash, began his two-day Working Visit with a busy program. Ja'afari met with the Vice President, APNSA Hadley, the Senate leadership, and House International Relations Committee, and World Bank President Wolfowitz. He also visited the National Archives to view the Constitution, and met with the Washington Post editorial board and did an interview with NBC. Later, he will do a meeting with the Council on Foreign Relations and then visit troops wounded in Iraq at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Preliminary reports indicate the meetings went well on Capitol Hill. On June 24, he will meet and have lunch with the President, and meet the Secretary, DNI Negroponte, and the IMF Managing Director. He will also do an event at the National Press Club.

ECONOMIC:

- **Oil Update:** On June 22, production was 2.16 million barrels (bbls) and exports were 1.224 million bbls loaded. National days of supply were as follows: diesel eight days, kerosene 34 days, gasoline ten days, and LPG 18 days.
- **Electricity Update:** Electricity supplied: 110,000 MWh (Summer 2005 goal). Peak generation: 4,900 MW. Estimated demand satisfied: 61 percent. Average hours of power: ten in Baghdad, ten hours nationwide.
- **Barham Salih Revising National Development Strategy (NDS):** On June 22, USAID and BearingPoint consultants reported that Minister of Planning Barham Salih will personally oversee revision of the NDS, which he regards as vital to donor coordination. The current draft NDS represents only ITG priorities for economic reconstruction, reform, and development. We will coordinate closely with the consultants to encourage Barham Salih to consider how to generate national consensus around the NDS, so donors and future governments will respect it as a legitimate Iraqi product.
- **Turkish Fuel Suppliers Disenchanted with SOMO:** AmCon Adana reports that some private Turkish fuel suppliers have reduced or stopped shipments to SOMO because of nonpayment. SOMO will reportedly meet its Turkish suppliers on June 23 to discuss the arrearages.

INFORMATION:

- **Iraqi Media Coverage of Amb. Khalilzad's Presentation of His Credentials:** Amb. Khalilzad's presentation of his credentials to the Iraqi President on June 21 was covered prominently by the most important Iraqi media outlets. The vast majority of this coverage appeared on the newspapers' front-page and included a picture of the Ambassador at the ceremony. It was the top news item on local broadcast television as well. PA Baghdad distributed video, photos and the Arabic and English text of his statements on the afternoon of June 21. The texts were also provided to IIP for regional distribution.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-167 [REVIEW OF FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-167 Review of Force Protection Measures	CENTCOM-DIRECTED REVIEW OF FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES

MNC-I OPERATIONS :

SECURITY:

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted two raids, nine cordon and searches, and cleared nine IEDs and three caches; insurgents conducted 24 attacks on CF, five on Iraqi security forces, and two on civilians; 141 enemy detained, one killed and three injured; two CF injured; one ISF killed and three injured.
- **Infrastructure Attacks Increase Sharply:** Reports of 11 insurgent attacks on power lines, oil and oil products pipelines, and water mains in the first 23 days of this month; 34 percent more than all of May. At this rate, June will have the highest monthly rate of attacks on infrastructure so far this year.
- **Sadr's Views on the Cease-Fire In Sadr City:** MNF-I Intel indicates that, as of June 20, Muqtada al-Sadr continues to tell the Mahdi Army that he will never accept a cease-fire unless the U.S. and occupying forces leave Iraq. Inside Sadr City, he will attack only if provoked, but anything outside Sadr City is considered fair game.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\24](#)

- **Constitutional Committee Update:** TNA Constitution Committee staffers told Embassy Baghdad June 23 that all sides have accepted the list of 15 additional Sunni Arabs. To close the deal and bring in one remaining objecting Sunni group, three more names were added to the list of ten "expert advisors," bringing the total number of such unofficial observers to 13. This brings the total number of Arab Sunnis in the commission to 30. This deal is slated to be announced on June 28.
- **Constitutional Committee Substantive Work Proceeding:** Members of the TNA Constitutional Committee told the Embassy that the Committee is off a to a relatively brisk start, and that the August 15 deadline is achievable. Committee Chairman Hamudi told reporters June 21 that 80 percent of the draft document has been completed and he told Embassy Baghdad that the committee intends to complete a rough draft by July 15. UN officials think that the date is plausible, since the six subcommittees have already made good progress, in some cases, finishing a first draft. The new Sunni Committee members, however, will not have seen these drafts and their assent should not be assumed.
- **UNSC Agrees on Method to Pay Off Iraqi Arrears:** The UN Security Council today agreed with SYG Annan's recommendation that approximately \$22 million of the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Agency (UNMOVIC) escrow account (funded from Iraqi oil sales under the former regime) be used to pay off the arrears on Iraq's UN dues; if these arrears had not been paid, Iraq would have lost its General Assembly vote. The UNSC also agreed to transfer \$200 million from the

escrow to the Development Fund for Iraq. Approximately \$226 million remains in the escrow account.

ECONOMIC:

- **MNF-I Closes Baghdad Airport:** BIAP's security contractor, Global Risk Strategies, has ceased performing its duties because it has not been paid, resulting in MNF-I shutting down commercial operations at BIAP. Military flights are not affected, but BIAP will remain closed for commercial operations until the dispute is resolved.
- **Infrastructure Security Strategy Approved:** The Embassy reports that on June 20 Iraq's National Energy Committee (NEC) approved the MOD's infrastructure security plan. DPM Chalabi instructed the armed forces to implement immediately the plan for the northern pipelines using the untrained Strategic Infrastructure Battalions (SIBs) while training them concurrently. The plan calls for four SIBs at an initial cost of \$35 million. MNCI believes the real cost will be much higher.
- **Payment of Arrears to Turkish Fuel Suppliers:** The Embassy reports that the Deputy Minister of Oil told the National Energy Committee (NEC) that \$200 million of the \$840 million owed to Turkish fuel suppliers has been paid. DPM Chalabi directed the Deputy Minister of Oil to sell all the Iraqi oil stored at Ceyhan immediately to further reduce the arrears.

INFORMATION:

- **Meeting With ICC Communications Director:** Acting PAO Fernandez met with Communications Director of the Iraq Constitutional Committee Laith Shubbar on June 21 to discuss Shubbar's public-affairs strategy for the constitution-drafting process. Shubbar has an ambitious plan for outreach, including town-hall conferences, symposia, television programs, and newspaper inserts.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-168 [FORCE PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR TRANSITION TEAMS]	TO PROVIDE SINGLE SOURCE GUIDANCE ON FORCE PROTECTION FOR TRANSITION TEAMS.
MNF-I FRAGO 05-169 SIPR	SIPR

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\25](#)

- **Sadr Moves to Halt Skirmishing:** A shoot-out in the northern part of Sadr City erupted between Iraqi Security forces (ISF) and the Mahdi Militia (MM) on June 22 resulting in two Iraqi Army soldiers killed. The confrontation occurred as ISF, supported by U.S. units, conducted patrols of the area. In the wake of the shoot-out, a small portion of the district was cordoned off to search for the enemy combatants. Sadr Bureau representatives met with U.S. and local government officials to diffuse the tensions, while the Wolf Brigade commander engaged with Sadr Bureau headquarters to gain an understanding of the events of that day. In the end, heavy engagement with Sadr Bureau notables resulted in a Muqtada al-Sadr-issued statement to MM followers urging calm and ordering them to stand down and refrain from further violence.

**ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:**

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\26](#)

- **TNA CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MAKING SWIFT PROGRESS TOWARDS PRELIMINARY DRAFT CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution Committee is off a to a relatively brisk start on its work, and leaders assert that the August 15 deadline is achievable. Constitution Committee Chairman Humam Hamudi told reporters June 21 that 80 percent of the draft document has been completed. He said later that the committee intends to complete a rough draft by July 15. On June 22, UNAMI Director of the Office for Constitutional Support, Nicholas Haysom, said that the July 15 date for the first rough draft is very possible since the six subcommittees charged with drafting parts of the constitution text already have progressed far; in some cases, subcommittees have finished a first draft. Amidst drafting and subcommittee work, major issues such as federalism and government formation remain to be decided, a formidable task that will become even more challenging as the Sunni members join the committee. Public outreach is going to be another huge

challenge, and progress there is quite limited. We sense that the UNAMI constitutional assistance team is suffering from its own internal problems. *The cable outlines the function and progress of the subcommittees, and describes the concept for public outreach. Notably for MNC-I, public outreach will include provincial offices: A satellite office in each province will distribute information and collect public reaction on the document. Baghdad will have four such offices. These offices will use local banks as distribution points for information and collecting comments. The cable also briefly describes the status of the major unresolved Constitutional issues.*

ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:
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ECONOMIC:

- **Insurgents Knock Down 60 Meter Transmission Tower Near Samarra:** The high-voltage transmission line between Baghdad West and Baiji was interdicted by insurgents who later harassed Ministry of Electricity repair and security crews. This attack is unusual in that insurgents typically target smaller towers.

INFORMATION:

28 June 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\June\28 June](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-170 [JULY CURRENCY MOVEMENT] [LIMDIS]	LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:
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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\28](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

29 June 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\June\29 June](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 6 TO MNF-I FRAGO 418 [MNF-I HIGH VALUE INDIVIDUAL AND REWARDS LIST]	MODIFICATION TO THE MNF-I HIGH VALUE INDIVIDUAL (HVI) LIST, REFLECTING THE CAPTURE OF HVIS
MOD 6 MNF-I FRAGO 637 [AUGMENTATION FOR AL WALEED BORDER SUPPORT TEAM]	SUPPORT FOR MNFI (JIACG) AUGMENTATION OF AL WALEED BORDER SUPPORT TEAM (BST) 1 - 6 Jul 05

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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- MNF-I Combat Snapshot: CF/ISF conducted one raid, two cordon and searches, and cleared nine IEDs; insurgents conducted 29 attacks on CF, four on Iraqi security forces, and five on civilians; 56 enemy detained, zero killed and zero injured; one CF killed; 20 CF injured; one ISF killed; and one injured.
- First Attack on Japanese Forces: DAO Tokyo reports a Japanese armored vehicle was attacked with an IED June 23 at Samawah. The vehicle returned to base under its own power. A DAO source played down the incident as insignificant; however, there is a fear in Japan that even one such incident could undermine GOJ support for the SDF deployment. Previously, Japanese forces have neither fired a shot nor been attacked.
- Police Vehicles Used To Support Insurgents: CENTCOM Intel reports Iraqi Police supporting insurgents operating in Rashad and in the Hawija region by transporting weapons and munitions for the insurgents. The officers are using official Iraqi police vehicles to avoid detection.
- Syrian Minefield On Iraqi Border: CENTCOM Intel reports Syrian forces emplaced a minefield on the Syrian side of the border with Iraq in the vicinity of the Ruwaishdiya Border Fort. The minefield is comprised of antipersonnel mines and is about 1500 meters along the border and 50 meters deep into Syrian territory. The anti-personnel mines are equipped with pressure switches and tripwires. The minefield is at least several months old and the mines are still armed -- 70 sheep were killed recently when a herd passed through the minefield.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\June\29](#)

- Constitutional Committee Update: After ITG President Talabani dropped his objections to the proposed Sunni Arab additions to the Constitutional Committee on June 28, Committee Chair Humam al-Hamudi told

Embassy Baghdad that he, too, would accept all the Sunni candidates once it is confirmed that none are high-ranking Ba'athists (a condition that he said the Sunnis had previously agreed upon). Hamudi expects to hear the results of the de-Ba'athification investigation and move to formally induct the members at the July 2 TNA session. Deputy Committee Chair Adnan al-Janabi told Embassy Baghdad that only two of the nominees may turn out to be senior Ba'athists, and that both men could be replaced without major fuss. The Shi'a parties are planning to release a statement in the next day or so indicating general acceptance of the Sunni list. Embassy Baghdad recommends waiting for the results of the de-Ba'ath review before deciding whether to escalate USG intervention.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\29 June 05.ppt](#)

- **First Responder Network (FRN) is Short of Funds:** Embassy Baghdad reports that the FRN, a \$198 million communications network for Iraqi police in 16 strategic cities, requires a funding increase of \$22 million. IRMO and PCO are working with MNF-I to identify a source of funds to provide the required generators, operations and maintenance, training, and systems engineering.
- **First Sales of Kirkuk Crude in 2005:** Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO) has agreed to sell 1.6 million barrels (bbls) of oil to three major oil companies in the first tender of Kirkuk crude in 2005, according to press reports. The oil will be pumped from storage tanks in Ceyhan, Turkey between July 1 and July 10. A Turkish oil company is also reportedly purchasing more than 1 million bbls of Kirkuk crude outside the tender process. There have been no previous sales of Kirkuk crude oil this year because insurgent attacks and infrastructure problems have permitted only intermittent pumping through the pipeline to Ceyhan.
- **Iraqi Stock Exchange Trading Hits Record High:** Per media reports, June 27 trading volume on the Iraqi Stock Exchange reached \$8 million, more than double the average daily volume over the past year, due to the sale of \$5 million in shares of state-owned Pepsi Baghdad to an unknown Iraqi buyer. A similar large sale of Pepsi Baghdad shares reportedly took place a few weeks ago.

INFORMATION:

Weekly status Report: [Weekly Status Report\29 June.ppt](#)

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\July\1 July.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-171 [RECONNAISSANCE OF FORMER REGIME DETENTION SITES]	RECONNAISSANCE OF FORMER REGIME DETENTION SITES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-172 [SECURITY FOR BAYJI TO BAGHDAD ELECTRICAL TOWERS 251, 252, AND 253]	SECURITY FOR BAYJI TO BAGHDAD ELECTRICAL TOWERS 251, 252, AND 253

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY: [SITREPS\JULY\1 JUL 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

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- MNF-I Combat Snapshot: CF/ISF conducted four raids, two cordon and searches, and cleared eight IEDs; insurgents conducted 22 attacks on CF and 3 on civilians; 37 enemy detained and 1 killed; 2 CF injured, and 3 ISF injured.
- Greek Contribution to NATO Training Mission- Iraq (NTM-I): Athens reports that the Greek General Staff detailed contributions to be made to the NTM-I, including: 1,900 Kalashnikov rifles, 400,000 rounds of 9mm, and 20 million rounds of 7.62 ammunition. The note also commits to the creation of a Mobile Training Team to train Iraqi security forces in a still unidentified third country. Greece will also provide training for Iraqi medical staff in Greek military hospitals.
- Defining the Sunni Insurgency: (b) (7) (C) USC analyses conclude the Sunni Arab insurgency is on the defensive after a series of military reverses since mid-2004 and the emerging political dynamic since the January elections. It is composed of disparate groups (Jihadists, Sunni nationalists, and Ba'athists) in loosely organized cells, without a unified leadership structure, but with the potential to continue resistance indefinitely. Foreign support is minor. Insurgent leaders have a potential pool of some one million Sunni Arab males from 18 to 35 to draw on, rely on religion, money, and sustained Sunni antipathy towards the Coalition, and believe they will eventually erode the will of Coalition partners.
- Insurgents Obtaining Ordnance From Ammo Depot: MNF-I intel reports Facility Protection Service guards at an ammo dump near Mosul selling ordnance to insurgents; local villagers confirm the intel. Recipients are a Wahhabi group from the Alki Mawsil villages, which transports the weapons by mule trail.

GOVERNANCE: Cables\July\1

- **Constitutional Committee Update:** TNA Constitution Committee Chair Hamoudi told Embassy Baghdad that he planned to accept all Sunni Arab nominees to the Committee as they are now listed and issue a TNA statement welcoming them into the process. Hamoudi will meet Sunni Arab leaders to finalize a joint statement July 3 before releasing it July 4. Hamoudi said the de-Ba'athification investigations will continue past that date but will not stop the Sunni Arab inductions from moving forward. Hamoudi did say, though, that he is still working to convince "hardliners" and waiting to hear from the Kurds.

ECONOMIC:

- **June Has Most Infrastructure Attacks in 2005:** Embassy reports 17 attacks on infrastructure targets during June, including 10 attacks on oil infrastructure, five on electricity and two on water.
- **Fourth Recent Pirate Raid; Possible Connection to Iraqi Port Authority:** Military intelligence reports that pirates raided the US flagged vessel *Thunder Lightning* 16 miles southeast of the Al Basrah Oil Terminal (ABOT) on June 29. Alarming, the crew reported that the pirates appeared to be dockworkers from the port of Umm Qasr, run by the Iraqi Port Authority. This raid was the first on a vessel underway and the largest to date (eight pirates, rather than 4-5 in prior incidents). Pirates boarded with AK-47s and took cash, wallets, and radios.
- **Fire Leaves Parts of Baghdad without Water:** Media reports that an electrical fire damaged a transformer facility serving the Karkh Water Plant in Tarmiyah. Immediate reports are not clear as to the cause of the fire, although the US military stated they believe it was not an insurgent attack.
- **Syria and Lebanon Return \$120 Million in Former Iraqi Regime Assets to the DFI:** Baghdad reports that a total of approximately \$120 million in Iraqi former regime assets was returned to the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI). \$72 million came from Syria from a "cash account" in the Syria-Lebanese Commercial Bank. Approximately \$47 million in former regime assets was also returned to the DFI from 12 banks in Lebanon. The USG is actively working with the ITG and Syrian government to facilitate the transfer of \$262 million in frozen Iraqi assets remaining in a separate trade account in the Commercial Bank of Syria.
- **Payment of Arrears to Turkish Fuel Suppliers:** Ankara reports that Turkish fuel suppliers have received \$253 million from Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO) in partial payment of outstanding arrears. This is in addition to \$200 million they received around June 24.
- **Imminent Shutdown of BIAP for 2-3 Weeks:** No progress made to resolve the contract dispute between the ITG and Global Risk Strategies airport security contractor at BIAP. Global plans to cease operations on July 3, when MNF-I is expected to close BIAP to civil aviation. MNF-I will re-open BIAP only when the ITG stands up a new security operation, and MNF-I tests and certifies aviation security procedures.

- **Transmission Tower Parts in Short Supply**: The Ministry of Electricity has told the Embassy there are delays in the delivery of parts for 400 transmission towers from Turkey, and that they are facing a critical in-house shortage of parts. This is of great concern to Post given the resurgence of attacks on the high voltage network around the Thar Thar Canal near Samarra.

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- **Arabic Press Outreach**: Acting PAO Fernandez interviewed with several Arabic press outlets this week, as well as interviews with regional electronic media (al-Hurra, VOA Turkish Service, Dogan News Agency, Ashur TV, and Radio Sawa). He also briefed over 15 Iraqi journalists in his weekly backgrounder on June 29.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-173 [80TH/98TH DIVISION RIP]	RELIEF IN PLACE OF 98TH DIVISION PERSONNEL AND REPLACEMENT BY 80TH DIVISION PERSONNEL

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\2](#)

ECONOMIC:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

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- **Mahdi Army Prevents Japanese Support March**: MNF-I reports a gathering at the Youth and Sport Center in Samawa in order to march, under police escort, to the Japanese Iraq Reconstruction Support Group

camp and demonstrate support for the Japanese efforts. Two armed men identifying themselves as members of the Mahdi Army (JAM) entered the building and announced that every one who did not leave immediately would be shot. Once satisfied the demonstrators were dispersing, the armed men departed, and the police escort who had not been in evidence, reappeared.

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ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\3 July](#)

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\4](#)

- **Constitutional Committee Inducts Sunnis**: Deputy Speaker Husayn Shahrastani announced the expansion of the constitution drafting committee to include the additional 15 Sunni Arabs and one Sabeian at the session of the Transitional National Assembly (TNA). Thirteen other Sunni Arabs nominated as expert advisors are also now free to begin their work. Deputy Constitution Committee Chairman Adnan al-Janabi confirmed the announcement in a press conference he held during a break in the TNA session.
- **TNA Forms "Sovereignty Committee"**: Following a day of rancorous discussion over the MNF-I presence in Iraq, the TNA decided to form a "Sovereignty Committee" to address the issue of foreign forces in Iraq. The new committee aims to engage both the Iraqi government and MNF-I on the disposition of those forces. Supporters of Muqtada al-Sadr -- who oppose MNF-I's presence -- led the effort, but the majority of those who voted for the committee were simply registering their objection to PM Ja'afari's government participation in the review of UNSCR 1546 without having consulted the TNA. TNA members downplayed the significance of the committee to Embassy Baghdad, suggesting it says more about the relationship between the ITG and the TNA than between Iraq and MNF-I.

ECONOMIC:

- **Oil Update**: Production was 2.023 million barrels (bbls) and exports were approximately 1.426 million bbls. National days of supply were as follows: diesel seven days, kerosene 32 days, gasoline eight days, and LPG 18 days.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 MNF-I FRAGO 05-124 [EMPLOYMENT OF 26 MEU]	EMPLOYMENT OF 26 MEU IN MND-SE

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted one raid, four cordons/searches, and found/cleared six IEDs and two caches; insurgents conducted 28 attacks on CF and four on Iraqi security forces; 29 enemy detained and one injured; three CF killed and 11 injured; two ISF killed and 11 injured.
- **MOI Arrests Salah ad Din Police Chief:** MNF-I intel reports Ministry officials accused Chief Maj Gen Mizhir Taha Ahmad al-Jabbarah of human rights violations in southern Iraq in the early 1990s. He is also suspected of having used his position as governorate Police Chief to aid former regime and jihadist insurgent/terrorist groups.
- **Suicide Attack Statistics:** According to CENTCOM analysis, almost all VBIED attacks in Northwest Region are suicide attacks, one-half in North-Central, roughly one-third in Baghdad. Suicide bombings are carried out almost exclusively by foreign fighters.

GOVERNANCE:

- **Follow-up to Attacks on Muslim Diplomats:** Hostage Working Group (HWG) is pursuing all avenues of information relating to the whereabouts of kidnapped Egyptian Charge Ihab al-Sherif. The Zarqawi network released a statement claiming responsibility for the abduction. There are also unconfirmed press reports that Ansar al-Sunna may have been involved. There were also reports of an unsuccessful attack on the Pakistani Ambassador to Iraq, although no further details are yet available.

ECONOMIC:

- **ITG National Security Advisor to Attend JCRED:** Finance Minister Ali 'Allawi informed the Embassy that he is inviting National Security Advisor Rubaie to attend the Joint Commission on Reconstruction and Economic Development (JCRED) in Amman, July 10-11.

- **National Development Strategy Shaping Up:** BearingPoint consultants assigned to the Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation (MOPDC) have provided us with the latest version of the Iraq National Development Strategy (NDS), which they are helping the MOPDC team draft with direct oversight from Minister Barham Salih. The document includes an improved illustrative list of projects and a more lucid structure. We will continue to provide feedback to ensure that the NDS meets the needs of donors at the upcoming Amman Donors Meeting, July 18-19.
- **PDS Deteriorating:** The deterioration of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is leaving a significant portion of the population with few options to supplement their food needs. The U.S. Embassy will focus on assisting the ITG to put programs in place that can create a rudimentary safety net for the most vulnerable.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-176 [ESCALATION OF INSURGENT VIOLENCE]	OPERATIONS TO MITIGATE AN ESCALATION OF INSURGENT VIOLENCE RELATED TO HIGH PROFILE POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL EVENTS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-177 [IRAQI SPECIAL TRIBUNAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE]	IRAQI SPECIAL TRIBUNAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-178 [MNF-I CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR COALITION CONTRACT AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS] MNF-I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-178 BTAP CLOSURE	MNF-I CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR COALITION CONTRACT AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS DURING MOT CONTRACT DISPUTE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS]	MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-180 [PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOLLOWING THE DEATH OR CAPTURE OF ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQWAI (AMZ)]	PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOR USE IN CASE OF THE DEATH OR CAPTURE OF ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQWAI (AMZ)

MNF-I FRAGO 05-181 [TIER 1 PSD
TRANSITION PLAN]

PLAN FOR TRANSITIONING FROM DOD
TO HOST NATION PROTECTIVE SERVICE
DETAILS FOR SECURITY OF TIER 1
IRAQI OFFICIALS

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY: [SITREPS\JULY\6 JUL 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted five raids, seven cordon and searches, and cleared 12 IEDs; insurgents conducted 16 attacks on CF, nine on Iraqi security forces, and one on civilians; 68 enemy detained, one killed; no CF killed, one injured; three ISF killed, seven injured.
- **Iraqi Defense Minister to Visit Iran:** At the invitation of his Iranian counterpart, Ali Shamkhani, Iraqi Defense Minister Saadun al-Dulaimi plans to travel to Iran on July 12. Iraq's armed forces chiefs of staff, the first military delegation to meet senior political and military leaders, will visit military and industrial sites. Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi traveled to Iraq in May, becoming the highest-ranking Iranian official to visit Baghdad since the fall of Saddam's regime in April 2003.
- **Muqtada Denies Jaysh al-Mahdi Permission to Attack MNF:** Muqtada al-Sadr denied senior Jaysh al-Mahdi (JAM) officials' request for permission to conduct attacks against MNF. A letter from Muqtada read to JAM members at a training session threatened that anyone breaching this order would be dismissed. Muqtada's hold over more aggressive JAM members is fragile; further fractures in JAM membership are expected.

GOVERNANCE:

- **Arab Diplomats Plan to Remain in Iraq, Despite Attacks:** Several Arab missions in Iraq reevaluating security after the recent spate of kidnappings and assassination attempts against Muslim diplomats in Baghdad. Some diplomats said they believe Iraqi security adequately protects them; others claim the quality of protection is inadequate. None, however, said they plan to close down. The UAE ambassador believes these recent incidents signal the desperation of the insurgents following recent security operations against them.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\6 July 05.ppt](#)

- **Contract Dispute for BIAP Security Still Unresolved:** The Minister of Transportation will meet with Global Risk Strategies in an attempt to avert a withdrawal of Global and a consequent shutdown of civil aviation at BIAP. The U.S. is encouraging both parties to resolve the \$27 million contract dispute, but is working with MNF-I to ensure MilAir for ITG officials to Amman for the July 10-11 Joint Committee on Reconstruction and Economic Development and the July 18-19 IRFFI Donors Meeting.

- **Turkish Iraqi Business Conference:** A leading Turkish business organization (DEIK) is planning a meeting of Turkish and Iraqi businessmen September 23-24 in Istanbul under the auspices of PM Erdogan. The MFA said it would like to encourage US company participation. Ankara is working with the American Business Forum in Turkey (ABFT) to get the word out and will seek to involve the newly reinvigorated American Chamber of Commerce of Iraq and the Jordanian American Business Association. During his July 5-6 visit to Washington, MFA U/S Koruturk said Turkey wants to increase its exports to Iraq (\$2 billion in 2004) and hopes this conference will help.

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- **Hurdles in Higher Education, Female Students Speak on University Atmospherics, Professional Opportunities and the Constitution:** Female students at Babil University claim growing Islamic extremist movements on campus stifle their freedom of speech and behavior. Dismissive attitudes by university administrations add to their frustrations. They expect inequalities and limited professional opportunities after graduation. These students uniformly support women's rights and a constitution protecting these rights, though they are largely uninvolved in political activities.
- **Weekly Status Report:** [Weekly Status Report\6 July.ppt](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-182 [HELICOPTER LZ (HLZ)] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-182 HLZ SURVEY	MNF-I HELICOPTER LZ (HLZ) SAFETY SITE SURVEYS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-183 [SIPR ONLY]	[SIPR ONLY]

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\7](#)

- **Amman Conference on Islam Concludes with Joint Statement:** The three-day international conference "True Islam and its Role in Modern Society" closed on July 6 in Amman with a joint statement that forbids declaring adherents of any of the eight schools of Islamic jurisprudence as apostates. Endorsed by prominent Sunni and Shi'a scholars and clergy – reportedly

including Grand Ayatollah Sistani – the statement also limited the issuance of religious edicts (or fatwas) to those with the requisite qualifications in the eight schools of Islamic jurisprudence.

ECONOMIC:

- **Insurgents Attack Baghdad Water Main:** In the third attack in less than three weeks, an IED damaged one of the two water mains from the Karkh Water Treatment Plant. The plant remains in operation, but at a reduced level of 50 percent. Repairs are likely to take two to four days. A July 1 fire in the main pump station control building at the water plant was caused by an IED. A temporary fix was completed on July 3; replacement parts are expected in two weeks. Security has been increased at the site.
- **6-Month Fuel Contracts Signed to Fuel Power Generators:** The State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO) signed six-month fuel contracts with suppliers from Turkey, Iran, Dubai, Kuwait, and some former Soviet Republics. The contracts will provide the Ministry of Electricity with 3.0 million liters of diesel per day over and above the 3.5 million liters already supplied to the Ministry

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-184 [ABU GHURAIB GUARD FORCE REQUIREMENT]	ADDITIONAL GUARD FORCE REQUIREMENT AT ABU GHURAIB
MNF-I FRAGO 05-185 [STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION]	STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-186 (SIPR)	SIPR
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 351 [FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IRAQI SECURITY FORCES]	FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IRAQI SECURITY FORCES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-187 (LIMDIS)	LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted two raids, two cordons/searches, and found/cleared six IEDs and two caches; insurgents conducted 20 attacks on CF and three on Iraqi security forces; 33 enemy

detained and three killed; two CF killed and 20 injured; three ISF killed and four injured.

- **Coalition Update -- Danes and Bulgarians:** Danish Deputy Prime Minister Bendt Bendtsen said Denmark would not withdraw the 394 Danish soldiers stationed in Iraq despite the renewed terrorist threat. Bulgaria's June 25 parliamentary elections gave the Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP) a plurality of seats. Although it has not formed a government, the BSP has stated its intent to withdraw troops from Iraq before the end of December.
- **New Kind of IED:** MNF-I reports a new insurgent technique of using courtesy lights (e.g., dome, car door, or trunk lights) as secondary bomb initiation systems. This ensures the VBIED detonates even if the suicide driver attempts to escape from the vehicle prior to delivery. Personnel conducting a vehicle inspection or bomb disposal would also trigger the device.

GOVERNANCE:

- **Constitutional Update:** In separate meetings with Deputy Prime Minister (KDP) Rosch Shaways and TNA member Qassim Daoud the U.S. stressed the importance of the central government controlling oil resources in the permanent constitution. Toeing the Kurdish line, DPM Shaways was unresponsive, while Daoud appeared poised to reconsider his support for joint central/regional ownership and revenue sharing.

ECONOMIC:

- **Private-Sector Development Conference:** A conference on private-sector development will take place in Amman on July 17, the day before the IRFFI donors' meeting. The conference will focus on Iraq's vision for privatization and the ITG's specific goals for this year. The first step will be to set up a privatization agency.
- **Estimates \$19 Billion Oil Revenue Lost:** Estimates are that Iraq lost \$19 billion in oil revenue between June 2003 and May 2005 due to looting, sabotage and the poor condition of the oil infrastructure. This estimate is based on aggressive assumptions about export prices and volumes. Estimates that USG spending on oil-infrastructure repair for the two-year period was \$64 million.

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SECURITY:

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- MNF-I Combat Snapshot: CF/ISF conducted three raids, two cordon and searches, and cleared three IEDs; insurgents conducted 35 attacks on CF, two on Iraqi security forces, and three on civilians; 34 enemy detained, one killed; two CF killed and five CF injured; no ISF casualties reported.

GOVERNANCE: Cables\July\9

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-110 [CHUCKWAGON] SIPR <u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-175</u> <u>TIER II SECURITY SUPPORT FRAGO</u>	SIPR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-188 [15-16 JUL 2005 COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE] <u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-188</u> <u>15-16 JUL 05 COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE</u>	15-16 JULY 05, COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, CG'S CONFERENCE ROOM, AL FAW PALACE, CAMP VICTORY, IRAQ

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GOVERNANCE:

- Qazi Meets with Sistani: The UN reported that SRSG Qazi met with Grand Ayatollah Sistani in Najaf. Qazi and Sistani reportedly discussed the UN's efforts to facilitate dialogue between different Iraqi groups, as well as the constitution-drafting process and modalities for the December election.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-189 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE (SBF)]	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALEED

<u>MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I</u> <u>FRAGO 05-189 SBF ROTATION FRAGO</u>	
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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

OPERATION THUNDER 11-21 July - PH I 22 July - UTC PH II
UNITS: 256th BCT, 4th BCT, 6th IA
LOCATION: Al Barkh (Baghdad)
TYPE OPN: Improve security for diplomatic personnel and VIPs IVO Baghdad. Prepare for elections/referendum

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- **Iran-Iraq Defense MOU:** The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in Tehran by Iraqi Defense Minister Dulaimi and Iranian Defense Minister Shamkhani has a much narrower scope than the latter's public statements suggested. Under the MOU, Iraq and Iran agree to:
 1. *form a joint committee on border security to prevent terrorist infiltration;*
 2. *form a joint committee to exchange information on border minefields;*
 3. *cooperate on repatriation of remains of those killed in the Iran-Iraq War;*
 4. *use some Iranian assistance monies for Defense Ministry needs; and*
 5. *support convening a conference of defense ministers of Iraq and its neighbors.*
- **Information Operations Targeting Children:** MNF-I Intel reports insurgents in Western Baghdad use mosques as a venue to teach children to handle/emplace IEDs. Arms dealers in Mosul use children to watch for MNF and ISF by providing cell phones for early warning; previous reporting indicates two children admitted to placing and detonating IEDs on a main supply route.
- **Badr Organization Creating Intelligence Service (IIS):** MNF-I intel reports that since mid June, the Badr Organization has been recruiting Shia from the former regime's IIS to join a new intelligence service. Badr Corps Secretary General Hadi al Amiri feels a new service would be loyal to the Ja'afari Government. Funding and supervision allegedly come from the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS).
- **Calls For An Organized Sunni "Army":** MNF-I Intel indicates that following calls by Zarqawi for the formation of an organized Sunni "Army," a group known as the Jaysh 'Umar is forming in the A'dhamiyah district of north central Baghdad. (NOTE: 'Umar, the second Sunni Caliph, conquered Iran and is ritually cursed by the Shia.)

GOVERNANCE: Cables\July\11

- **Egyptian Charge's Murder:** The MOI is developing plans to protect diplomats, their residences and embassies.

- **Iraq's Neighbors to Meet July 18 in Ankara:** Iraqi Interior Minister Jabr told Embassy Baghdad that an agreement had been reached to convene a meeting of Interior Ministers of Iraq's neighbors in Ankara July 18-20 under Turkish chairmanship, with the primary focus on border control issues.
- **Deputy Interior Minister Alleges MOI Ignores Detainee Abuse:** The Iraqi Deputy Minister of Interior for Intelligence told Embassy Baghdad that Interior Minister Jabr has repeatedly ignored oral and written reports of abuse and torture of detainees carried out by units of the special police commandos, including the Wolf Brigade. Embassy Baghdad comments that this inactivity contradicts Jabr's public comments and private communications with the USG and Coalition personnel. The Embassy will follow up with the Ministry on means to ensure that any abuse that may be occurring is stopped.

ECONOMIC:

- **Kurdish Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) Moving Ahead:** According to news reports, Pet Oil, a Turkish company, and Prime Natural Resources Inc., its Houston-based partner, will begin drilling oil wells in August in the Kifri/Qamar fields in Diyala governorate. The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) signed the PSA before Operation Iraqi Freedom. The PSA's legality is questionable because the fields are located outside KRG jurisdiction and because oil is a federal, not a regional, responsibility under the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL).
- **US and Iraq Sign Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA):** Assistant US Trade Representative Ashley Wills and Iraq's Minister of Finance, Dr. Ali Abdulameer Allawi, signed a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) during a meeting of the US-Iraq Joint Commission on Reconstruction and Economic Development (JCRED). Assistant USTR Wills commented during the signing that the "US-Iraq TIFA will enhance trade between our two countries and assist Iraq as it seeks to grow and diversify its economy." The TIFA will also provide a mechanism for the US to monitor and provide input on Iraq's WTO accession program.

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-190 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-11 GRADUATES] MNF1 FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-190 Convoy Escort requirements for BCT-11 Graduates	CONVOY ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FOR BCT-11 GRADUATES

MNF-I FRAGO 05-191 [MITIGATE, CONTAIN AND CONTROL SECTARIAN VIOLENCE]	MITIGATE, CONTAIN AND CONTROL SECTARIAN VIOLENCE
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 009 [MNFI SECURITY SUPPORT FOR IRAQI PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP]	DESIGNATION OF MOI OFFICIALS AS TIER 3
MNF-I FRAGO 05-192 [TRANSFER TACON OF 3RD MOTOR TRANSPORT REGIMENT TO MNC-I] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-192 TRANSFER TACON OF 3RD MOTOR TRANSPORT REGIMENT TO MNC-I	3RD MOTOR TRANSPORT REGIMENT BECOMES OPERATIONAL

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SECURITY:

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ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-194 [VERSION VERIFICATION] MNFI FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-194	SOFTWARE VERSION VERIFICATION

BAT Software Version Verification	
MNF-I FRAGO 05-195 [OPERATION SAYAID (HUNTER)] SIPR	SIPR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-196 [VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ZONE ENTRY CONTROL POINTS]	VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ZONE ENTRY CONTROL POINTS

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ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-197 [CPATT HOLLOW POINT AMMUNITION POLICY]	CPATT HOLLOW POINT AMMUNITION POLICY
MNF-I FRAGO 05-198 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-12 LEAVE ROTATION] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-198 CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-12 LEAVE ROTATION	CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-12 LEAVE ROTATION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-199 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR ITB-BDU-01-1 GRADUATES] MNF I FRAGOS\05-100-199\MNF-I FRAGO 05-199 Convoy Escort for ITB-BDU-01-1 Graduates	CONVOY ESCORT FOR ITB-BDU-01-1 GRADUATES
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-141LIMDIS	[LIMDIS]
MNF-I SOC OPS CONPLAN 05-01 (INADVERTENT DETENTION)	INADVERTENT DETENTION

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GOVERNANCE:

- **HILLAH**

SADRISTS RATCHET UP ANTI-COALITION RHETORIC AND DEMANDS FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL TIMELINE DURING JULY 15 SERMONS

During July 15 services at various Sadr-controlled mosques in South-Central Iraq, clerics spoke of jihad and administered their usual dose of strong anti-Coalition vitriol to the faithful. Coalition troop withdrawal and standing up to "the occupation" were central themes of the day. The Sadrists in South-Central Iraq are continuing to beat the nationalist drum by aggressively campaigning against the Coalition and, to a lesser extent, the national government. It is not clear if the Sadrists wish to provoke a reaction by their increasingly provocative – albeit democratic and non-violent - actions and rhetoric against Coalition Forces, local government officials, and the national government, but their actions are certainly raising the ire of some of their targets.

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GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS (PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE)]	PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) PROVIDED TO MNF-I PERSONNEL FOR IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS

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MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\17](#)

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 4 TO MNF-I FRAGO 019 [TIER 2 SECURITY]	TRANSITION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SHAWAYS AS TIER 2AE

CDRs SITREP:

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\18 July](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-073 [MNF-I ACTIONS TOWARD PKK IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS (AOR)]	ACTIONS MNF-I WILL CONDUCT AGAINST THE PKK
MNF-I FRAGO 05-200 [MNC-I ACCEPTS TACON OF DOCEX SUPPORT TEAMS FROM MNF-I] MNF-I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-200 MNC-I ACCEPTS TACON OF DOCEX SUPPORT TEAMS	TACON OF DOCEX SUPPORT TEAMS (DST) TO MNC-I

CDRs SITREP:

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: INFO\July\19 July

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-201 [MOD PAY SYSTEM]	MOD PAY SYSTEM
MNF-I FRAGO 05-202 [MEDIA OPERATIONS TRAINING SUPPORT TO THE ITG AND ISF]	MEDIA OPERATIONS TRAINING SUPPORT TO THE IRAQI TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND IRAQ SECURITY FORCES

CDRs SITREP:

MNC-I OPERATIONS:

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\July\20

ECONOMIC: IRMO\20 July 05.ppt

INFORMATION: INFO\July\20 July

Weekly Status Report: Weekly Status Report\20 July.ppt

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: MNC-BUA\21 JUL 1730 BUA.ppt

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: Cables\July\21

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: INFO\July\21 July

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-113 [CRRB SUPPORT]	COMBINED REVIEW AND RELEASE BOARD [CRRB] SUPPORT

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\22 July](#)

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SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\23 July](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-203 [PROTECT AND SECURE THE IMAM ALI MOSQUE]	PROTECT AND SECURE THE IMAM ALI MOSQUE IN CASE OF THE DEATH OF SISTANI OR A MAQTADA AL SADR (MAS) INSURRECTION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-204[ENGINEER SUMMIT] MNF FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-204 ENGINEER SUMMIT	ENGINEER SUMMIT AT THE AL RASHID HOTEL IN IZ ON 26 JUL 05
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 638 [EXPANSION AND CLARIFICATION OF THE DoD PORTION OF THE MNF-I REWARDS PROGRAM]	EXPANSION AND CLARIFICATION OF THE MNF-I REWARDS PROGRAM

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\24](#)

- MNF-I issues Warning Order to provide Military support to Government of Iraq for upcoming elections.

ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION: [INFO\July\24 July](#)

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SECURITY:
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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\25](#)
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION: [INFO\July\25 July](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-205 [SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CONFERENCE 19-20 AUGUST 05] MNFI FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-205 SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CONFERENCE 19-20 AUGUST 05	SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (SNR) CONFERENCE

SECURITY:
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GOVERNANCE:
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION: [INFO\July\26 July](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-206 [TRANSFER TACON OF 2ND BATTALION, 1ST BRIGADE, 9TH DIVISION TO MNC-I] MNFI FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-206 TRANSFER TACON OF 2ND BATTALION, 1ST BRIGADE, 9TH DIVISION TO MNC-I	2ND BATTALION, 1ST BRIGADE, 9TH DIVISION BECOMES OPERATIONAL

SECURITY:
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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\27](#)

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\27 July 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\27 July](#)

Weekly Status Report: [Weekly Status Report\27 July.ppt](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS]	MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-207 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR HABBANIYAH BASE SUPPORT UNIT (BSU) LEAVE ROTATION] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-207 Convoy Escort for Habbaniyah Leave Rotation (2).doc	CONVOY ESCORT FOR HABBANIYAH BSU LEAVE ROTATION
MNFI-FRAGO 05-208 [GROUND MOVEMENT CONTINGENCY] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-208 GROUND MOVEMENT CONTINGENCY	GROUND MOVEMENT CONTINGENCY FROM BIAP TO THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-209 [CONTINUED BASE SUPPORT FOR DETOPS]	CONTINUED BASE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR DETENTION OPERATIONS

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\28](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\28 July](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-210 [ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP)]	RESUMPTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP) UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) CONDITIONS

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\July\29](#)

ECONOMIC:

[IRMO\IRMO Weekly Mgt Rpts from CMO\All\20050729 All](#)

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\29 July](#)

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SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\30 July](#)

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SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\July\31 July](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-213 [IRAQI SECURITY FORCES (ISF) CASUALTY POLICY]	IRAQI POLICE SERVICES (IPS) CASUALTY POLICY PROMULGATION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-214 [STANDARDIZING INSURGENT ACTION TERMS]	ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON INSURGENT ACTION TERMS
MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE (VRU) ADDITIONAL SECURITY AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES]	CONCEPT OF REGISTRATION UPDATE PROCEDURES FOR IRAQI CITIZENS UNDER MNF-I OPERATIONAL CONTROL

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\1](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** CF/ISF conducted four raids, six cordons/searches, and found/cleared 11 IEDs and four caches; 63 enemy detained, six killed, and two injured; zero CF killed and 27 injured; seven ISF killed and seven injured.

- **Syrian Border - Coalition Plans to Construct Forts and Deploy Troops:** MNF-I intel concludes from recent DAO Damascus reporting that Syrian border forces remain largely corrupt and ineffective against smuggling. In Iraq, the Coalition is building a series of border forts and garrisoning them with Iraqi Border Police. Already forts in the northern and southern quarters of the border (i.e., the desert) have been completed. However, of ten planned forts near in the Euphrates River valley, three may be ready by year's end, and six remain unfunded.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\1](#)

- Iraqi Constitutional Committee declines to extend date – will complete draft Constitution on 15 August 05.
- Voter Registration begins for 15 October 05 Constitutional referendum election .

**ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:**

2 August 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\2 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-215 [MNF-I CIS CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS]	DEFINE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\2](#)

**SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE:** [Cables\Aug\2](#)
**ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:**

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\3 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-159 [IMPROVING ISF DETAINEE OPERATIONS]	MNF-I SUPPORT TO ISF DETAINEE OPERATIONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-216 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-11 GRADUATES] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-216 CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-11 GRADUATES	CONVOY ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FOR BCT-11 GRADUATES

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\3](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\3](#)

- Sadrists claim one million signatures calling for MNF withdrawal -- OMS claimed collection of over one million signatures in Baghdad on a petition demanding withdrawal of MNF
- Petition drive began early-Jul; focused in Diwaniyah, Najaf, Hillah, Al Kut; promoted in Sadrist mosques, attendees pressured to sign

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\3 Aug 05.ppt](#)
INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-217 [TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM WALEED TO BAGHDAD] LIMDIS	TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM WALEED TO THE CENTRAL BANK IN BAGHDAD LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\4](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\4](#)

ECONOMIC:
[IRMO\IRMO Weekly Mgt Rpts from CMO\All\20050804 All](#)

INFORMATION:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\5 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-218 [SIPR- LIMDIS]	SIPR- LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\5](#)

SECURITY:
OPERATION QUICK STRIKE

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\5](#)
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\6 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-219 [EVALUATION OF Z-BACKSCATTER VANS] EVALUATION OF Z-BACKSCATTER VANS SUCCESS MNF-I FRAGO 05-219 [EVALUATION OF Z-BACKSCATTER VANS] EVALUATION OF Z-BACKSCATTER VANS SUCCESS	MNF-I FRAGO 05-219 [EVALUATION OF Z-BACKSCATTER VANS] EVALUATION OF Z-BACKSCATTER VANS SUCCESS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\6](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\6](#)
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:

7 August 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\7 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-220 [GROUND PENETRATING RADAR (GPR) SUPPORT]	SUPPORT TO ITG BY PROVIDING GPR FOR UNDERGROUND FACILITY
MNF-I FRAGO 05-221 [CONDUCTING THREAT WARNING AND THREAT REPORTING]	THREAT WARNING AND THREAT REPORTING WITHIN MNF-I

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\7](#)

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE:
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-222 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE (SBF)] MNFI FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-222 ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE (SBF)	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BNS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALID
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-181 [TIER 1 PSD TRANSITION PLAN]	PLAN FOR TRANSITIONING FROM DOD TO HOST NATION (HN) PROTECTIVE SERVICE DETAILS (PSDs) FOR SECURITY OF TIER 1 IRAQI OFFICIALS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-223 [MOD MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICIES]	MOD MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICIES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-224 [CRRB SUPPORT]	COMBINED REVIEW AND RELEASE BOARD [CRRB] SUPPORT
MNFI-FRAGO 05-225 [SUPPORT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE] MNFI FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-225 SUPPORT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE	GROUND SUPPORT FOR DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE ITG CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE 07 AUG - COMPLETE

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\8](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\8](#)

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I DRAFT FRAGO 05-226 [MNF-I HEIGHTENED SUPPORT FOR IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE]	MNF-I HEIGHTENED SUPPORT FOR IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-227 [PSD DETAIL AT THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT OF IRAQ]	PSD DETAIL AT THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT OF IRAQ

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\9](#)

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: Cables\Aug\9
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO05-228 [COMTECH ISSUES EXPLOITATION EQUIPMENT] SIPR	SIPR

MNC-I OPERATIONS: MNC-BUA\AUGUST\10

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: Cables\Aug\10

ECONOMIC: IRMO\10 Aug 05.ppt

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-229 [STANDARDIZED IRAQI INTERNATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES]	IMPLEMENTATION OF US STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVED IRAQI INTERNATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-230 [TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT TO TF 1.4a]	TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT TO TF 1.4a
MOD 5 TO MNF-I FRAGO 667 [MNF-I IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSITION TEAMS AND PARTNERSHIP WITH IRAQI FORCES (UPDATED MASTER UNIT LIST)]	UPDATED MASTER UNIT LIST

MNC-I OPERATIONS: MNC-BUA\AUGUST\11

SECURITY:

OPERATION RESTORING RIGHTS 11 August - UTC
UNITS: 3rd ACR

LOCATION: Tal'Afar
TYPE OPN: 3rd ACR conducts combined area security and COIN in western Ninewah Province to destroy the AIF in his base in Sarai and to neutralize the AIF to set election conditions
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\11](#)

ECONOMIC:
[IRMO\IRMO Weekly Mgt Rpts from CMO\All\20050811 All](#)
INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-231 [REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONTRACTORS FIRING WEAPONS]	POLICY FOR REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONTRACTORS FIRING WEAPONS
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-142 [INTERIM RESTRICTED INDIVIDUAL AND RESTRICTED LOCATION LIST]	RESTRICTED INDIVIDUAL AND RESTRICTED LOCATION LIST

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\12](#)

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\12](#)
ECONOMIC:

- The Oil Ministry began a five-day program of supplying kerosene door to door from trucks for the upcoming winter season. The Embassy reports that, in September, the Ministry will issue coupons to control the purchase of kerosene in an attempt to avert the hoarding that occurred in 2004. Residences with five or less people will receive 100 liters/month, while residences over five people will receive 200 liters/month.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-232 [TRANSFER TACON OF 1ST BRIGADE, 9TH DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS TO MNC-I] MNF-I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-232 TRANSFER TACON OF 1ST BRIGADE, 9TH	1ST BRIGADE, 9TH DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS BECOMES OPERATIONAL

<u>DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS TO MNC-I</u>	
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MNC-I OPERATIONS: MNC-BUA\AUGUST\13

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: Cables\Aug\13

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: MNC-BUA\AUGUST\14

SECURITY:

- US Forces participated in 85 combat actions (57 Insurgent-initiated, 28 US-initiated), suffering one KIA and 13 WIA (3 of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (MNF-I-initiated), suffering no casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 21 combat actions (19 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering three KIA and 14 WIA (zero returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: Cables\Aug\14

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNFI-FRAGO 05-233 [SUPPORT FOR RULE OF LAW VISITS]	SUPPORT FOR RULE OF LAW VISITS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: MNC-BUA\AUGUST\15

SECURITY:

- Attacks: Militant Shia staged 48 attacks on the Coalition in July, up from 15 in April. Amarah and Basrah were the most active areas. The militants may receive support from the Iranian Republican Guard Corps (IRGC). Their tactics range from kidnapping and murder of supporters of the Coalition to detonating Hizballah-style IEDs with explosively formed projectiles. The relatively small MNF-I presence in the

South and the infiltration of Shia extremists into the Iraqi Security Forces allow flexibility in conducting operations.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\15](#)

- With a reported 237 members present, the Transitional National Assembly (TNA) unanimously approved a seven-day extension of the constitution deadline to August 22. A draft will likely be produced by, if not before, this deadline. The less likely outcome is a deadlock in the talks, the dissolution of the TNA, and the election of a new assembly. If agreement is reached on a draft constitution by the new deadline, the Oct. 15 constitutional referendum and the Dec. 15 election should proceed on schedule.

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-234 [SEIZURE OF PROPERTY USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH INSURGENT AND CRIMINAL CONDUCT]	IRAQI SECURITY FORCES (ISF) ROLE IN PROPERTY SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE UNDER IRAQI LAW

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\16](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\16](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\17](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE:

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\17 Aug 05.ppt](#)

- **IRRF Disbursements Exceed \$10 Billion Mark:** Iraq Reconstruction Management Office (IRMO) reported that disbursements under the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) I and II exceeded \$10 billion. This includes

\$2.406 billion from IRRF I and \$7.714 billion from IRRF II, and represents 48 percent of the \$20.9 billion available. For the week ending Aug. 17, \$309 million was disbursed.

- **Iraq Tenders Three Million Barrels of Kirkuk Crude:** Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO) announced a tender for 3 million barrels of Kirkuk Crude to be loaded from the Turkish port of Ceyhan between Aug. 28 - Sep. 6. The SOMO statement said the crude oil is in lots of one million barrels. This will be the first sale of Kirkuk crude oil since mid-July.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-235 [SRSG VISIT TO KIRKUK] (LIMDIS)	SRSG VISIT TO KIRKUK (LIMDIS)
MNF-I FRAGO 05-236 [MOI PAY INQUIRY PROCESS]	ADVISORY GUIDANCE REGARDING MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI) PAY INQUIRY PROCESS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-237 [MNF-I HEIGHTENED SUPPORT FOR IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-237 MNF-I HEIGHTENED SUPPORT FOR IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE	MNF-I HEIGHTENED SUPPORT FOR IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-238 [SUPPORT TO MONGOLIAN CONTINGENT ROTATION V] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-238 Support to Mongolian Contingent Rotation V	SUPPORT TO MONGOLIAN CONTINGENT ROTATION V
MNF-I FRAGO 05-239 SIPR-LIMDIS	SIPR-LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\18](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 40 combat actions (21 insurgent-initiated, 19 US-initiated), suffering no KIA and no WIA. Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (one insurgent-initiated, zero Coalition-initiated), suffering no casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in eight combat actions (five insurgent-initiated, three ISF-initiated) suffering five KIA and one WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Turkoman Distributing Arms in Kirkuk:** MNF-I Intel reports that in late July the Turkoman Martyr's Battalions distributed AK-47s, magazines and grenades, purchased from Kurdish arms dealers, to Turkoman youth in

Kirkuk. They are reportedly arming themselves in expectation of Kirkuk's incorporation into the Kurdistan Regional Government.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\18](#)

- **Constitution Update:** Ambassador Khalilzad and Embassy staff continue to work with Iraqi negotiators. Although the Shi'a and Kurdish blocs remain divided on control over natural resources, they moved closer to compromise on Kirkuk, the division of provincial and national authorities, and the issue of national unity. The Ambassador will meet with Iraqi leaders Aug. 19 with a goal of hammering out a final deal on the text.
- **Ja'afari Distributes Security Plan:** Iraqi PM Ibrahim Ja'afari distributed a 12-point security plan to relevant Iraqi ministries Aug. 6. The ministries have 30 days to respond with implementation plans, timelines, and resource requirements.

ECONOMIC:

[IRMO\IRMO Weekly Mgt Rpts from CMO\All\20050818 All](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-240 [AUGUST CURRENCY MOVEMENT] LIMDIS	LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\19](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\19](#)

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-241 [EMBASSY ANNEX EXERCISE] MNF FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-241 EMBASSY ANNEX EXERCISE	EMBASSY ANNEX TRAINING EXERCISE
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 279 [DETAINEE OPERATIONS AND TF 1.4a]	ORGANIZATIONAL REALIGNMENT OF DETAINEE OPERATIONS AND TF 1.4a

MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 608 [MIGRATION OF FILES ON CENTRIXS]	MIGRATION OF FILES ON CENTRIXS
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 631 [PRIORITIES FOR STRATEGIC AERIAL SURVEILLANCE]	ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AERIAL SURVEILLANCE

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\20](#)

SECURITY:

- **Attempted Breach of Chemical Weapons Dump**: A US patrol found signs of an attempted breach of Bunker #2 of the Muthanna chemical complex 75 km NW of Baghdad. Bunker #2 was used by UN weapons inspectors to dispose of CW items too dangerous to handle or impractical to destroy in 1991. A task force is now on site to maintain round-the-clock security.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\20](#)

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-242 [MOI QUALIFYING COMMITTEE PAYROLL SCREENING PROCEDURES]	GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTING MOI QUALIFYING COMMITTEE PAYROLL SCREENING PROCEDURES

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\21](#)

SECURITY:

- US Forces participated in 109 combat actions (78 insurgent-initiated, 31 US-initiated), suffering two KIA and 20 WIA (four of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in two combat actions (both insurgent-initiated), suffering one WIA (not returned to duty). Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 13 combat actions (11 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering three KIA and two WIA (zero returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\21](#)

ECONOMIC:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\22](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 87 combat actions (65 insurgent-initiated, 22 US-initiated), suffering three KIA and 19 WIA (none of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in zero combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 14 combat actions (11 insurgent-initiated, three ISF-initiated) suffering 15 KIA and 34 WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Insurgent Assassination Campaign Accelerates:** Iraqi National Security Advisor staff report insurgent assassinations soared by 400 percent in a 30-day period spanning July and August when compared to the previous 30 days. Better data collection may account for some of the rise. Nevertheless, the Iraqi staff contends that assassinating civil servants, Iraqi Security Force members and sectarian community leaders has become a primary terrorist tactic, along with attacks on infrastructure.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\22](#)

- **Constitution:** The Transitional National Assembly accepted a draft constitution from the drafting committee, but granted three days to broaden consensus on “a few” outstanding issues. Sunni Arabs continue to resist inclusion of language on a federalist system, there is disagreement on the division of powers within the federal government (and particularly the powers of the President), and “deba’thification” is again a contentious issue. A number of Iraqi women from the recent Amman conference on women's rights have indicated that, although they have not finished their review of the draft text, they are very concerned that what they have seen thus far does not sufficiently protect the rights of women and of Iraqi moderates more generally.
- **Sadrists Shut Down Basrah Al-Hurra Office:** Followers of Muqtada al-Sadr threatened to kill the entire staff of the Basrah office of USG-funded Al-Hurra after the network aired a program about Sadrist thugs assaulting students for un-Islamic behavior. The office is currently closed and the employees are in hiding.

ECONOMIC:

- **NATIONWIDE BLACKOUT:** Iraq suffered a nationwide blackout due to the cascading effects of several interdictions in the past few days on the 400 KV transmission lines. The resulting instability and surges caused all thermal and combustion turbine generation in Iraq to trip and go off line. Services were partially restored by 1800 Baghdad time and should be fully restored by Aug. 23, 1200 Baghdad time. On Aug. 21, electricity supplied: 84,684 MWh. Peak generation: 4,021 MW. Average hours of power: one in Baghdad (because of earlier interdictions), 17 in Basra and ten nationwide. Estimated demand is 8,702 MW.
- **Blackout Impact on Oil Facilities:** The southern oil terminals have slowed pumping due to a reliance on backup generators. Production at the Bayji refinery also has slowed, as two units had to shut down. The process for restarting the refinery's units will take several days, and it may take weeks before the refinery is fully operational.

The southern terminals export over 90 percent of Iraq's crude oil, while Bayji Refinery is the largest supplier of refined product in Iraq.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-243 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE] (SBF)]	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BNS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALEED
MNF-I FRAGO 05-244 [ESCALATION OF FORCE]	ESCALATION OF FORCE

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\23](#)

SECURITY:

- US Forces participated in 87 combat actions (63 insurgent-initiated, 24 US-initiated); three KIA, 39 WIA (nine returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in two combat actions (insurgent-initiated); no KIA or WIA. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 16 combat actions (13 insurgent-initiated, three ISF-initiated); nine KIA, 18 WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Turkmen Battalion Wants to Enlist:** The former Peace Maintenance Force (PMF) wants to join the Iraqi security services as a unit. The battalion-size force was organized by the US and Turkey in 1996 to supervise the truce between warring Kurdish factions. The PMF was deactivated in October 2004, but members remained in contact with each other. Enlisted personnel were Turkmen and Assyrian; officers were Turkish. REO Kirkuk notes the group of ethnic minority, multilingual, Western-trained military personnel presents an opportunity to broaden the ethnic makeup of local military units, but would require thorough re-vetting and retraining.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\23](#)

- **Constitution:** Ambassador Khalilzad and Embassy officers were engaged with Shia, Kurdish and Sunni leaders to seek agreement on the remaining issues in the draft constitution including federalism and de'bathification. The atmospherics of the meeting were positive, but that no deals emerged. The Embassy will continue to encourage the Shi'a and Kurds to engage with the Sunni Arabs to arrive at an authoritative, single draft text.
- **Iraqi Women React to Draft Constitution:** A number of Iraqi women have reacted negatively in the press and to the State Department to the draft constitution, expressing fears that women will lose rights in areas such as divorce, inheritance, and marriage. A number of women have not accepted the compromise formulation by which Islam is "a fundamental source" of legislation (as opposed to "the fundamental

source" or "a source"). Some women have gone so far as to accuse the US and the Kurdish parties, in particular, of selling out their interests for other purposes. These concerns are not likely to be satisfied until the text is released. It is too soon to tell whether this will translate into a significant effort to mobilize women to vote against the draft constitution.

- **TNA to Consider Draft Electoral Law:** Members of the Transitional National Assembly (TNA) and the UN circulated a draft law for the Dec. 15 election. The draft has been reviewed by Iraqi political party leaders, but must still be considered by the TNA. The plan calls for a 275-member assembly, as at present, with 230 seats chosen from the provinces by proportional representation within each province and 45 "compensatory" seats allocated based on national vote totals. This will likely produce greater ties between constituents and their legislators, as citizens will know who represents their province. If violence depresses voter turnout in certain parts of Iraq, those provinces will still be guaranteed representation in the assembly. This system, however, still gives party bosses considerable power due to their control over the rank-ordering of lists. Women may be slightly better off under the proposed new system, however, than in the Jan. 30 election. Religious minorities (but not ethnic minorities) are given a slight preference in allocating the "compensatory" seats.

ECONOMIC:

- **Nationwide Blackout Ends; Electricity Police Protest New Chief:** The electricity grid recovered on Aug. 23, as the Ministry of Electricity repaired four of the seven interdictions of the Bayji-Baghdad and Baghdad ring transmission lines since Aug. 17. On Aug. 23, electricity supplied was 55,948 MWh, slightly more than 50 percent of recent average, peak generation 3,079 MW, and estimated demand 8,550 MW. Average hours of power: three in Baghdad, one in Basra and eight nationwide. Embassy Baghdad reports that Minister of Electricity Dr. Muhsin Shalash's longstanding effort to replace the head of the Electricity Police Security Service (EPSS) prompted a protest by 400 EPSS guards. Arab media and Embassy Amman have reported rumors that Minister Shalash will soon be fired, though Embassy Baghdad has no confirmation. Embassy estimates Iraq lost over \$50 million in oil revenues for Aug. 22 because electric power was unavailable for pumping of crude oil exports.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-245 [UPDATING SOURCE INFORMATION ON THE SOURCE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT DATABASE (SOMDB)] [SIPR]	SIPR

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\24](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\24](#)

- **Constitution Changes**: After vigorous debate, Shi'a and Kurdish political leaders have agreed to consider USG changes to the draft constitution that more clearly protect individual freedom of religion and clarify that guarantees on female representation in the National Assembly do not limit women to only 25 percent of the seats. The Shi'a and Kurds also agreed to consider textual changes on federalism and de-Ba'athification aimed at garnering at least some Sunni Arab support.
- **Badr Brigades Clash With Muqtada al-Sadr Forces**: Casualties were reported in clashes between members of the Badr Brigades (SCIRI's militia) and followers of Muqtada al-Sadr in Najaf. Iraqi Health Minister Abd al-Mutlab Muhammad Ali, an ally of Sadr, withdrew from the ITG until the government "sorts out" the situation. PM Ja'afari condemned the attack on Sadr's office in Najaf and appealed for calm in a late-night televised address. Badr and Sadr are the main competitors for power in the Shi'a holy city of Najaf; both are heavily armed and well organized.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\24 Aug 05.ppt](#)

- **Electricity Supplies Recover to 75 percent of Pre-Blackout Level**: The Ministry of Electricity has repaired five of the seven high voltage transmission lines interdicted since Aug. 17. On Aug. 24, electricity supplied was 75,000 MWh, peak generation 4,148 MW, and estimated demand 8,450 MW. Average hours of power: six in Baghdad, nine in Basra and eleven nationwide. As a precaution, MNF-I brigade commanders are exploring options for replenishing diesel fuel for neighborhood generators.
- **Potential Fuel Shortages**: The blackout on Aug. 22 knocked out two units in the Bayji refinery and halted operations in the Basra refinery. The Daura refinery is at 40 percent capacity because two feeder lines have been interdicted. Supplies of gasoline and diesel are critically low, necessitating increased refined product imports. Iraq may face severe gasoline and diesel shortages within seven to ten days.
- **Iraqi Marshes Rebound to 40 percent of Prior Area**: At a symposium in Tokyo, the UN Environmental Program announced that about 40 percent of southern marshlands have been re-flooded. Saddam drained much of the marshes to punish the region's 500,000 inhabitants for supporting a Shiite Muslim rebellion. The USG and Japan provided funds to support marshland restoration and planning, beginning years before the liberation of Iraq.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-246 [COUNTERFEIT IDENTIFICATION BADGES]	COUNTER COUNTERFEIT IDENTIFICATION BADGE PROCEDURES
MOD 4 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS]	STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI ELECTIONS
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-128 [REAL ESTATE TURNOVER DIRECTIVE]	REAL ESTATE TURNOVER DIRECTIVE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-247 [HEIGHTENED SECURITY FOR MNSTC-I EVENTS] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-247\HEIGHTENED SECURITY FOR MNSTC-I EVENTS	HEIGHTENED SECURITY FOR MNSTC-I EVENTS

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SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\25](#)

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-248 [C2X PORTAL CONFERENCE]	C2X PORTAL CONFERENCE, 3 SEP 05, 1000-1300

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\26](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\26](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\27 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-249 [MNF-I SUPPORT TO THE NATO TRAINING MISSION-IRAQ]	MNF-I SUPPORT TO THE NATO TRAINING MISSION-IRAQ AT AR RUSTAMIYAH

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\27](#)

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE:
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:

28 AUGUST 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\28 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I PLANORD 05-008 [MNF-I SUPPORT TO IRAQI PRIME MINISTER'S TWELVE POINT SECURITY PLAN]	MNF-I SUPPORT TO IRAQI TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF IRAQI PRIME MINISTER'S TWELVE POINT SECURITY PLAN
MNF-I FRAGO 05-250 [UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN VISIT TO ERBIL] (LIMDIS)	LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\28](#)

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\28](#)
ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:

29 AUGUST 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\29 Aug](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-251 [IRAQI ARMY FORCE GENERATION SUPPORT AND COORDINATION]	FORCE GENERATION SUPPORT AND COORDINATION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-252 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-12 GRADUATES] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-252 CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-12 GRADUATES	CONVOY ESCORT FOR BCT-12 GRADUATES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-253 [SECURITY ESCORT FOR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (MOA) BRIEFING]	AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVES REQUIRE TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY ESCORT TO THE MOA

MNF-I FRAGO 05-254 [SUPPORT TO ITG PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN]	PROVIDE ONGOING MILITARY AIRLIFT AND GROUND ESCORT SUPPORT FOR ITG PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN
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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\29](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\29](#)

ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-255 [IRAQI WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PROTECTION]	IRAQI WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PROTECTION]

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\30](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\30](#)

ECONOMIC:

- Iraqi National Energy Council Recommends Cutting Baghdad Car Use: In an effort to reduce gasoline consumption in Baghdad, the National Energy Council recommended a rationing system whereby even-number-plated cars would travel in Baghdad only on even-number days and odd-number-plated vehicles only on odd-number days. The Council did not establish a timetable for implementing this policy, and it would need full Cabinet approval.

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31 AUGUST 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\August\31 Aug](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\AUGUST\31](#)

SECURITY:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Aug\31](#)

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\31 Aug 05.ppt](#)

INFORMATION:

1 SEPTEMBER 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\1 SEP.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\1](#)

SECURITY:

- **Tal 'Afar Insurgents Prepare for Coalition Attack:** Imagery indicates insurgents in their northern stronghold of Tal 'Afar are preparing defensive positions in expectation of Operation Restoring Rights, and a Sunni delegation has traveled to Baghdad to lobby against Coalition action. Two-three hundred insurgents in the town belong to nine cells affiliated with Zarqawi's Al-Qaida in Iraq or Ansar al-Sunna. Insurgents are concentrated in three neighborhoods, one of which they largely control. Smuggling through nearby illegal border crossings into Syria provides both income and fighter finance/facilitation. The town is mostly now used to stage and support insurgent operations elsewhere in Ninawa province (Mosul); actual attacks on Coalition Forces have dropped sharply. Fighting in Tal 'Afar has previously caused concern in Turkey (the town has a significant Turkoman population); and the town's sizeable Shi'a community could draw in Sadrist and other Shi'a interest.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\1](#)

- Shi'a and Kurdish negotiators continue to discuss a number of outstanding constitutional issues. Sunnis have suggested language that Iraq is a founding, active member of the Arab League to address the Arab identity issue that is important to other regional governments and the Arab League. The Embassy met with Sunni negotiators to urge them to put other demands for changes to the constitution in writing, along with a commitment that they will support the draft if their changes are adopted. Separately, UN officials in Baghdad caution that if a final text is not reached in the next few days, it will not be possible to use Iraq's Public Distribution System (PDS) – as had been the case for past election-related materials – to distribute copies of the text in advance of the referendum. Other distribution options would probably have to involve MNF-I resources.
- **Election Law:** Iraqi assembly members have not reached a decision on a draft election law that is legally, practically and politically sound and adheres to the draft constitution's aim that at least 25 percent of the national legislature be women. The Transitional National Assembly's leadership may call for a vote as soon as Sept. 4.

- **Saddam's Trial:** Iraqi officials want Saddam Hussein's trial to begin on Oct. 19. Justice Department staff in Washington and Baghdad do not believe it is possible to hold the trial on that date in a manner that meets international legal standards, but do believe it is possible to go forward closer to the end of the year.

ECONOMIC:

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- **Subsidy Cuts for 2006 Approved by the Council of Ministers:** The Council of Ministers approved a policy document for the 2006 budget. It reduces overall government subsidies in 2006 by at least 15 percent of the 2005 subsidy levels, potentially cutting spending by \$1.2 billion. The Finance Ministry is working on a plan to implement this policy, and will provide details to the IMF staff in meetings in Amman next week. This plan, by itself, would have no impact on fuel or other prices, prior to the December elections.

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2 SEPTEMBER 05

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\2](#)

SECURITY:

- **Saudi Insurgent Facilitation Networks:** MNF-I reports that 50 percent of the foreign terrorists in Iraq are Saudi nationals. Facilitation networks have developed the capacity to recruit and transport scores of young Saudi suicide bombers each month. In as little as seven days, recruits can travel from Saudi Arabia to Iraq (mostly Baghdad) through Syria, and carry out a suicide bombing. A Mosul-based network affiliated with Zarqawi's Al-Qaida in Iraq was the most active in transporting suicide bombers; the recent death of its chief facilitator may impede operations temporarily, but the effect is likely to be short-term. Saudi government pressure has increased, but the networks have adapted and survived.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\2](#)

- **Constitution State-of-Play:** Shi'a and Kurdish negotiators are reportedly close to agreement on outstanding constitutional issues among themselves. Sunni Arab representatives from the Iraqi Islamic Party and the National Dialogue Council are considering their proposed adjustments to the constitution, and are expected to hold a conference of several Sunni factions Sept. 3 to agree on a position. Ambassador Khalilzad remains engaged with all parties.

ECONOMIC:

- Hurricane Not Expected to Delay US Grain Shipments to Iraq: The US Export-Import Bank reports that it has approved \$230 million in financing for Iraqi purchases of wheat and rice. US wheat and rice supplier ADM reported that they do not expect damage from Hurricane Katrina to delay their shipments of rice to Iraq through Baton Rouge and New Orleans in mid-September or their wheat shipments from Galveston, Texas.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\3](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\3](#)

ECONOMIC:

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4 SEPTEMBER 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\04 SEP.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-258 [91W AUGMENTATION TO MNSTCI]	IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY 91W AUGMENTATION FOR SPTTs (SPECIAL POLICE TRANSITION TEAMS)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\4](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\4](#)

ECONOMIC:

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5 SEPTEMBER 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\05 SEP.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-210 [ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP)]	MODIFICATION TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-210 [ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP)]
MNF-I FRAGO 05-259 [VEHICLE OPERATOR SUPPORT FOR JIOC-I MILVAN MOVEMENT]	VEHICLE OPERATOR SUPPORT TO TRANSPORT JIOC-I MILVANS FROM BIAP TO CAMP SLAYER

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\5](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\5](#)

ECONOMIC:

- **Insurgent Attacks Impact Baghdad Water Supply:** An insurgent attack on a transmission tower cut electric power to the al-Khark water treatment plant, which supplies 60 percent of Baghdad's drinking water. The Embassy is assessing the impact on the availability of water to Baghdad's population.

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6 SEPTEMBER 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\06 SEP.ppt](#)

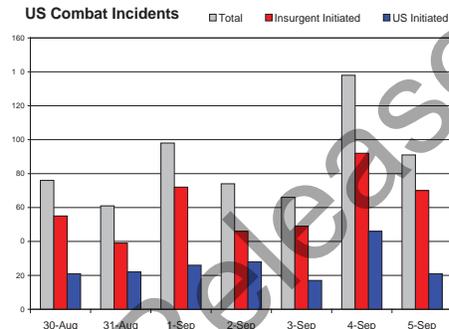
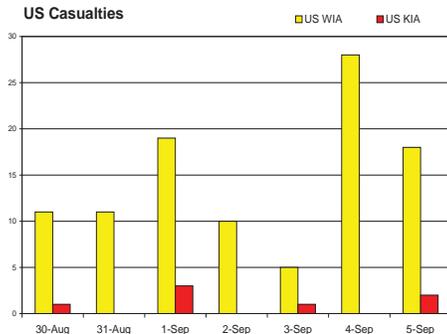
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MOD 5 to MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM]	MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM
MNF-I FRAGO 05-260 [SPECIAL POLICE COMMANDO BDE (PCDO) DEPLOYMENT ISO OPERATION RESTORING RIGHTS]	PCDO DEPLOYMENT ISO OPERATION RESTORING RIGHTS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-261 [MNF-I SUPPORT TO BRIDGE TRAGEDY (31 AUG) MEMORIAL SERVICE]	MNF-I PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THE IMMAM BRIDGE MEMORIAL SERVICE ON 6 SEP 05

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\6](#)

SECURITY:

- **Foreign Fighters Control Al Qa'im, Prepare Defense in Tal 'Afar:** Despite heavy CF air strikes on insurgent safe houses, Zarqawi's "Al-Qaida in Iraq" has publicized its control of the border town al-Qa'im. MNF-I is preparing operations in response. In Tal 'Afar, MNF-I reports approximately 800 foreign fighters resisted the fourth day of a CF/ISF operation, using women and children as shields to emplace IEDs. Both al-Qa'im and Tal 'Afar are staging points for foreign fighters entering Iraq from Syria – al-Qa'im the entry point, and Tal 'Afar the logistical hub. Fighters have exploited the seam between MND-NW (Army based in Mosul) and MND-W (Marines based in Ramadi), but face opposition from the pro-government Al Bu Mahal tribe. Turkey has expressed concern for the Turkoman community in Tal 'Afar; however, MNF-I intelligence reveals that local Sunni Turkomans have allied themselves with the foreign fighters, in part against the rival Shia Turkomans.
- **Four Month Trend, Attacks Increased:** An MNF-I Combined Intelligence Operations Center special analysis paper documented a 9 percent monthly increase in insurgent attacks from under 400 in April to nearly 600 in August. The most

significant increases occurred in North-Central and Western Iraq. The percentage of attacks using IEDs increased slightly while the percentage of indirect fire and VBIED attacks decreased slightly. Although the overall number of attacks increased significantly, effective insurgent attacks—those that cause at least one casualty—decreased slightly. *The increase was due mainly to intensified attacks on Coalition forces – now 81% of all attacks – while attacks on ISF and civilians remained unchanged.*



GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\6](#)

- Iraqi Constitution: Talks continue between Kurds and Sunnis in the North. Deputy President Ghazi al-Yawar promised Ambassador Khalilzad that he would hold a press conference with other Sunnis to support the constitution by Sept. 12. Iraqi Islamic Party head Tariq al-Hashimi will seek his party's approval to commit IIP support for the draft if the party's changes are incorporated.
- Iraqi Constitution continued: Shia-Kurd consensus seems to have weakened on the constitutional issues of 1) water resource management; 2) the number of deputy prime ministers; 3) language regarding Arab identity and membership in the Arab League; and (possibly) 4) cutting problematic language that attempted to reconcile the draft constitution's language on Islam and the law with Iraq's international human rights obligations.
- Referendum/Election: UNSYG Annan ordered that UN electoral assistance chief Perelli deploy to Baghdad as the interim international member of the Iraqi electoral commission and that permanent commissioner, Lechevelier, depart his current duties in Haiti by Sept.19. Final consideration of the electoral law will probably take place Sept. 11. In the past, US/UK/UN interventions have been successful, and Washington may need to press again on women's issues. The electoral commission has decided to extend the registration period by one week in al-Anbar province to provide sufficient opportunity for the Sunni population to register.

**ECONOMIC:
INFORMATION:**

7 SEPTEMBER 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\07 SEP.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\7](#)

SECURITY:

- Al-Qa'im: MNF-I is gearing up for more extensive operations to wrest control from fighters in the Syrian border region near al-Qa'im and block their ability to re-supply/reinforce from Syria and intimidate local populations. MNF-I is considering how best to respond to overtures from the Hamza Brigades – the militia associated with several tribal groups who dislike the United States, but dislike al-Qaida even more. The operation will require political as well as military action.
- Ansar al-Sunna Displacing Al Qa'ida in Ninawa: MNF-I Intel analysis indicates that Ansar al-Sunna may be capitalizing on MNF-I successes against Zarqawi's "al-Qa'ida in Iraq" (AQI) in Mosul. Tensions have existed between AQI and indigenous terrorist groups, including Ansar al-Sunna, originally a Kurdish Salafist group that successfully jumped to the Sunni Arab population. Ansar al-Sunna has increasingly recruited Sunni Arabs who want to wage jihad, but disagree with Zarqawi's mass bombings and hostage decapitations. Since June, CF action has fragmented AQI leadership in Ninawa and Ansar al-Sunna has taken on greater visibility. As an indigenous group, Ansar al-Sunna could put an Iraqi face on the jihad and increase insurgent recruiting.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\7](#)

- Constitutional Update: The Embassy continues to meet with party negotiators to reach final agreement on a text that can be distributed. It will probably be necessary to use MNF-I assets to distribute the text in order to ensure wide dissemination before Oct. 15.
- Anbar Sunnis Mobilize for Referendum: While expressing skepticism about the draft constitution, Sunni Arabs in Al Anbar Province continue to mobilize for the upcoming referendum. Religious leaders in Fallujah are still urging residents to register to vote (the deadline for registration was extended through Sept. 7).

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\7 Sep 05.ppt](#)

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- HACFO Hearing on the FY 06 Budget Request for Iraq: Amb. Jeffrey, defended the FY 06 request for \$459 million for Iraq reconstruction. Chairman Kolbe asked about the status of subsidy reform in Iraq; ranking

Minority Member Lowey questioned women's rights under the draft Constitution; others asked about the percentage of our reconstruction funds going to Iraqi firms and about specific projects that they are following (such as refurbishing the Doura Power Plant). The House bill, which zeroes out the U.S. FY 06 request on Iraq, now goes to Conference for reconciliation with the Senate version, which includes the \$459 million.

- Infrastructure Security Update: Embassy reports that Iraqi Army Battalions have moved into the Bayji to Baghdad corridor after the recent sabotage of pipelines there. Currently, no oil is moving through the Iraq-Turkey pipeline due to sabotage and leaks at the al-Fathah crossing; repairs are expected within the next six days. Baghdad's product ring (a pipeline used to move refined products around Baghdad) remains cut in two places due to insurgent attacks in July, but refined fuel is reaching Baghdad by truck.
- Gasoline Shortage and ITG Rationing: The ITG has issued a directive that only cars with odd-numbered plates may operate on odd numbered days and cars with even-numbered plates on even numbered days. It is not clear how the ITG will enforce this directive. Baghdad suffers from shortages in gasoline, but the worst appears to be over because of a steady stream of fuel imports from Turkey and improved production at Daura Refinery.
- Contract Dispute Escalates, Threatening Closure of BIAP: Following an impasse of several weeks, the airport security contractor at BIAP states that it will cease operations at 1200 on Sept. 8 unless it receives payment of \$23 million in arrears. DPM Chalabi has offered \$10 million to settle the dispute. MNF-I has contingency plans to secure the airport and suspend all civil flights, although limited reconstruction flights would be permitted into the military portion.
- Temporary Fix for Baghdad Water Supply: The Ministry of Electricity has deployed two cranes as substitutes for two transmission towers to the al-Khark water treatment plant, which supplies 60 percent of the water for Baghdad. The towers were damaged by insurgents on Sept. 5. This temporary solution permits the plant to operate while the Ministry repairs the towers and plant generators. Water quality and pressure are likely to be poor for three to four days as the water distribution network is decontaminated and re-pressurized.

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TITLE	SUBJECT

MNF-I FRAGO 05-262 [CSG RELATIONSHIP WITH MNC-I]	CSG RELATIONSHIP WITH MNC-I
MNF-I FRAGO 05-263 [16-17 SEP 05 COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE]	16-17 SEP 05, COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, CG'S CONFERENCE ROOM, AL FAW PALACE, CAMP VICTORY, IRAQ
MOD 7 TO MNF-I FRAGO 418 [MNF-I HIGH VALUE INDIVIDUAL AND REWARDS LIST]	MODIFICATION TO THE MNF-I HIGH VALUE INDIVIDUAL (HVI) LIST, REFLECTING REVALIDATED LIST OF HVIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\8](#)

SECURITY:

- **Insurgent Groups Experimenting With Chemicals:** MNF-I preliminary analysis of a Mosul facility discovered on 9 Aug indicates it was producing both explosives and, probably, ethylene, a precursor for the chemical agent sulfur mustard. This suggests insurgent capabilities in organization, procurement, technical design and application are becoming more sophisticated. The facility appears to have been jointly operated by affiliates of al-Qa'ida in Iraq and Ansar al-Sunna. A small, less sophisticated chemical facility was discovered in Tal 'Afar on 3 Sept; two drums of chemicals were seized there on 4 September.
- **MNSTC-I Change of Command:** In a ceremony Lt. Gen. David Petraeus was relieved by Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey as commander of Multi-National Security Transition Command Iraq. In the largest military procurement and distribution effort since World War II, Gen. Petraeus executed a budget of \$11.1 billion and is credited with overseeing the training of more than 100,000 ISF.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\8](#)

ECONOMIC:

- **New Iraqi Fuel Price Plan:** The Ministry of Oil proposed to the Council of Ministers a fuel price reform plan with options for minimum and maximum increases (see chart below). If adopted by the Council, the minimum price increase would more than double government revenue from domestic fuels sales from \$330 million to \$698 million. However, fuel price increases proposed in August failed to pass the Council.

Refined Product	Current Price (\$/unit)	Minimum Proposal (\$/unit)	Maximum Proposal (\$/unit)
Gasoline 75 octane (gallon)	0.05	0.08	0.10
Gasoline 92 octane (gallon)	0.13	0.26	0.26
Kerosene (gallon)	0.01	0.04	0.06
Diesel (gallon)	0.03	0.08	0.08
LPG (gallon)	0.27	0.54	0.54

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\9](#)

SECURITY:

- **Tal Afar Operations:** Operations are expected imminently against the 550 fighters in the Saray district of Tal Afar, possibly continuing in the city for up to two weeks. Tal Afar has a large Turkoman population, divided into rival Sunni and Shia communities; MNF-I believes some Sunni Turkomans have joined Sunni Arab insurgents. Turkey has always asserted an interest in its Iraqi co-ethnics (in part to seek a counterweight to the Iraqi Kurds), and has already expressed its concerns over Coalition operations. Turkey has also announced that it will send a convoy of humanitarian assistance to the city.
- **Deteriorating Security Situation in Basra:** 50 USC assesses that fundamental law and order has deteriorated in Basra, owing to assimilation of Islamic militias into the police and CID. This has allowed Islamic militias to use police authority to pursue an agenda of de-Ba'thification, enforce Islamic law, and support their political parties. When the CID was created this year as a federal law enforcement agency, militia members from the Basra police took it over and assimilated it into the local militia power structure. (b) The 50 USC reports that the murder of a US journalist in Basra on Aug. 2 was committed in a disciplined manner consistent with other killings carried out by Islamic militia elements within the Basra police.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\9](#)

ECONOMIC:

- **MNF-I Closes Baghdad International Airport to Civilian Flights:** The civilian side of BIAP closed early 9 Sept when Global Risk Strategies (the airport security contractor) ceased operations as the result of an ongoing contract dispute. MNF-I will provide limited slots on the military side of the airport for reconstruction flights; military flights continue unabated. Deputy PM Chalabi and Finance Minister Allawi agreed to make Global a final offer to pay \$12.5 million of the disputed \$23 million by Sunday, Sept. 11, with an intention to negotiate the remainder if Global agrees to resume work by Saturday, Sept. 10.
- **Finance Ministry and IMF Staff Begin Technical Talks in Amman:** In advance of the meetings beginning Sept. 10, the Finance Ministry has given the IMF updated 2005 fiscal data, a draft 2006 budget to be submitted to the Assembly in October, and a letter outlining commitments concerning fuel subsidy reform. Informal IMF contacts

indicate that if the meetings in Amman go well, the IMF staff will be prepared to launch Stand-By Arrangement talks with the Iraqis during the annual IMF meeting in Washington on Sept. 23-24.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-264 [QRF SUPPORT TO FORT SUSE]	QUICK REACTION FORCE SUPPORT TO FORT SUSE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-265 [TRANSITIONAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM (TIP)]	CONSOLIDATION OF TIP ACADEMY AND GRADUATION INFORMATION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-266 [TRANSFER TACON OF 3RD BN, 1ST BDE, 7TH DIV TO MNC-I]	3RD BATTALION, 1ST BRIGADE, 7TH DIVISION, BECOMES OPERATIONAL

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\10](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\10](#)

ECONOMIC:

- **Secretary Snow Calls to Iraqi Officials:** Treasury Secretary Snow spoke to both Finance Minister 'Allawi and Deputy Prime Minister Chalabi about fuel subsidy reform and the importance of launching talks with the IMF on a long-term program. 'Allawi and Chalabi acknowledged the importance of fuel-subsidy reforms and the IMF talks but made no specific promises. Secretary Snow also invited DPM Chalabi to visit Washington in early October.
- **Baghdad Airport Re-Opens for Civil Aviation:** The BIAP security contractor Global Risk Strategies returned to its duties. The ITG agreed to pay \$12.5 million of an outstanding claim of \$23 million, and to continue discussions for a full resolution of the ongoing contract dispute.

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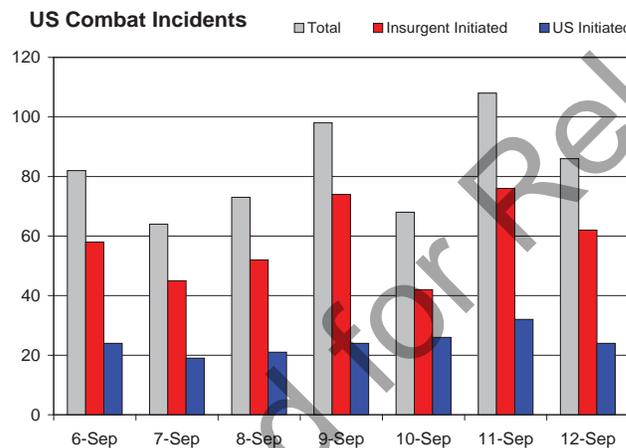
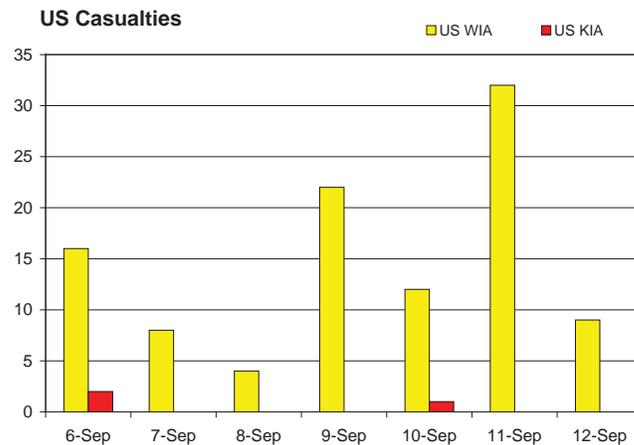
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SECURITY:

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- Al Qaida Structure and Financing:** Detainee interrogators from the newly-established Terrorist Finance Intelligence Unit (TFIU) note organizational similarities among Zargawi's al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) units in different cities. Each unit is led by an emir who directs four or five sections that are organized functionally into Administration, Security, Media, Military, and Religion. Financing differed: Mosul detainees claim that their units are funded primarily by local donors who contribute via family members to insurgent agents; Baghdad detainees attribute their financing to foreign entities. Detainees from both various AQI units assert that kidnapping is important, but are unwilling to say they do it for financial gain.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\11](#)

ECONOMIC:

- Prime Minister Inaugurates Power Plant in Baghdad:** PM Ja'afari and USAID Director Liberi opened the 216 MW Baghdad South power plant, adding two percent of generation capacity to Iraq's electricity grid. Average hours of power on both Sept. 12 and 13 were 13 in Baghdad, 16 in Basra, and 14 nationwide.

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\12 SEP.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\12](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Operations in Tal 'Afar**: MNF-I Intel assesses that Operation RESTORING RIGHTS will clear Tal 'Afar of insurgents and disrupt their operations in Ninawa temporarily. Tal 'Afar had become a staging area for insurgent operations, a haven for about 550 insurgents, 60-80 of them foreign fighters of Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq. The operation destroyed the insurgent safe-haven, but ISF/CF have yet to kill or capture foreign fighters, who escaped before the weekend assault on their stronghold in the Saray neighborhood. Fourteen insurgents, all of them Iraqi were killed and 39 detained during the assault on Saray. Operations continue in other neighborhoods. MNF-I assesses that current operations in Tal 'Afar will have only temporary effects on Al-Qaida in Iraq.
- **Tal 'Afar Reconstruction**: Embassy Baghdad reports that reconstruction efforts are moving forward in Tal 'Afar, though transportation remains a challenge. CF have constructed a 100-bed transient hospital stocked with medical supplies, and have delivered twenty new ambulances.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\12](#)

- **Constitution and Election Law**: In constitutional negotiations today Shi'a and Kurdish leaders moved closer to agreement on the control of water resources and the number of deputy prime ministers. If TNA Deputy Speaker Shahrstani can iron out the details with Kurdish officials tomorrow, the TNA will then approve a text for the UN to distribute to the Iraqi public. The TNA also approved an elections law today that features 230 seats allocated to the 18 governorates and 45 compensatory seats allocated to a single national district.
- **Jordanian Delegation Visits Baghdad**: Jordanian Prime Minister Badran, accompanied by Foreign Minister Kasrawi and Ministers of Interior, Energy and Planning, visited Baghdad the afternoon of Sept. 10. The delegation held separate meetings with Iraqi PM Ibrahim al-Ja'afari and Deputy President Adil Abd al-Mahdi. While the visit was short on substance, the atmospherics were very positive. The Jordanians were very appreciative of the support provided by MNF-I.

ECONOMIC:

- **Oil Exports Decline**: For the first eleven days of September, oil exports averaged 1.175 million barrels per day, down from the Aug. average of 1.5

million. The main reason for the decline was bad weather at the southern export terminals.

INFORMATION:

- **Recent Polling Indicates Constitution Passage Not Assured; PM Ja'fari and Former PM Allawi Lead in Early Polling for the December Election:** The first poll from a reputable firm since Aug. 15 suggests that the draft constitution will get a majority of the most likely voters, but may run afoul of the three-province veto rule. (If the "No" vote in three provinces exceeds 2/3, the draft constitution is not approved). The draft will probably get more than a two-thirds "No" vote in mostly Sunni al-Anbar province and in Ninawa province (Mosul, where 95% of "very likely" voters say they will vote "No"). Mostly Sunni Salah al-Din province is too close to call, with 64% of very likely voters saying they will vote "No" – however, a third of very likely voters are still undecided. At the national level, Sistani and Muqtada al-Sadr could play decisive roles by mobilizing those loyal to them either for or against the draft.
Ja'afari and Allawi Most Popular: When Iraqis were asked whom they would vote for if the election were held today, PM Ibrahim Ja'afari led with 23% and former PM Ayad Allawi was second with 16%. Moqtada Sadr, who is not likely to run himself, comes in third in a statistical tie with "Don't Know" (both 12%). SCIRI's 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Hakim got 3%. Overall, Islamist Shi'a candidates got 40%, secular and Sunni candidates 24%, Kurdish candidates 14%, and don't know/others got 23%.
Comment: The data suggest that if Ja'afari and Allawi were to run on a joint ticket, such a coalition plus the Kurds would have 61% and the remaining Islamist Shi'a only 16%.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-267 [MNF-I BADGE EXPIRATION EXTENSION]	EXTENSION OF MNF-I BADGE EXPIRATION DATES FOR NON-COALITION AND LOCALLY HIRED TCN AND HOST NATION CONTRACTORS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\13](#)

SECURITY:

- **Tal 'Afar Update:** MNF-I Intel reports that in Tal 'Afar insurgent leadership has fled, leaving low-level insurgents and foreign fighters to blend in with residents or escape. Encountering only sporadic gunfire in Tal 'Afar, CF/ISF has widened its search and cordon to towns and villages between Tal 'Afar and Mosul. PM Ja'afari on Sept. 12 discussed

the operation and plans for reconstruction with GEN Casey, Ninawa Governor Kashmoula, tribal shaykhs and officials in a surprise visit to al-Kisik.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\13](#)

- **Constitution and Election Law Ready:** Deputy TNA Speaker Shahrastani, and Constitution Committee Chairs Janabi (Sunni) and Ma'sum (Kurd) signed the draft constitution and delivered it to UNAMI for printing. The text included changes on Iraq's Arab identity, federal control of water resources, the number of deputy PMs, and Iraq's international treaty obligations. Shahrastani plans to announce the final text at a press conference Sept. 14. Sunni Arabs expressed surprise that the draft Constitution had been signed, and none of the 15 additional Sunni Arabs on the Constitutional Committee attended today's session. UN SRSG Qazi expressed concern that the amended text was never formally acted on by the TNA. The Electoral Law, which was passed Sept. 13, includes a quota to reach the Constitution's goal of 25 percent female representation in the National Assembly.

ECONOMIC:

- **World Bank Not Ready to Open Iraq Office:** World Bank Iraq Director Joe Saba told State, NSC and Treasury today that WB staff recommend against re-opening an expatriate-staffed office in Iraq at this time. The World Bank pulled its Iraq office following the Aug. 2003 UN bombing. The World Bank Board will meet Sept. 15 to discuss a first tranche of World Bank lending (\$500 million concessional; \$500 million non-concessional), which is part of the Bank's Oct. 2003 Madrid Conference pledge of \$3-5 billion over a five-year period.
- **Bayji Cut Off Again:** MNF-I reports that hours after the main Kirkuk-Bayji crude pipeline was repaired, an IED crippled it. This new interdiction has once again cut off the country's largest refinery at Bayji Refinery from crude oil input. The refinery has only a one-day supply of crude.
- **Ministry of Oil to Announce New Kerosene Rationing Program:** This winter heating fuel will be subject to a new rationing program beginning Oct. 1, according to MNF-I. The Oil Ministry will sell kerosene coupons, at the existing subsidized rate of one cent per gallon, through the public distribution system centers that currently distribute the monthly free food packages. Coupons will be rationed based on family size.

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\14 SEP.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\14](#)

SECURITY:

- **VBIED Attacks:** There were twelve attacks, occurring between 0725 and 1828 hours, utilizing 14 VBIEDs, including seven suicide VBIEDs. One VBIED failed to detonate. The toll in the deadly Kadhimiya attack against Shi'a day-workers was revised to 75 dead, 138 wounded. A follow-up SVBIED attacked a hospital where many of the injured had been taken. Most attacks targeted MNF-I convoys. Six Coalition soldiers were wounded, three police were killed, and four wounded. An al-Qaeda in Iraq web posting claimed responsibility for the attacks.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\14](#)

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\14 Sep 05.ppt](#)

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\15 SEP.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-263 [16-17 SEP 2005 COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE]	16-17 SEPTEMBER 05, COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, CG'S CONFERENCE ROOM, AL FAW PALACE, CAMP VICTORY, IRAQ
MOD 6 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM]	MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM
MNF-I FRAGO 05-268 [TIER 1 AVIATION SUPPORT]	POLICY FOR HELICOPTER SUPPORT AND PARAMETERS FOR UTILIZATION

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\15](#)

SECURITY:

- **Rocket Strikes Embassy Compound; No Injuries:** One 107mm rocket exploded in the Embassy compound, east of the North Wing of the Palace at approximately 1155. No reports of damage or injuries.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\15](#)

ECONOMIC:

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- **Iraqiya TV Increases Coverage of Reconstruction:** The ITG-owned Iraqiya TV channel (Iraqi Media Network) has significantly increased its primetime coverage of Iraq reconstruction. Officially accountable to an appointed board, al-Iraqiya is directly linked to PM Ja'afari and is the leading terrestrial TV station in Iraq. The Army Corps of Engineers' GRD PA office has also provided al-Iraqiya TV with background roll video material, which is used to expand the station's regular evening news coverage of reconstruction.

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\16 SEP.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\16](#)

SECURITY:

- **WMD Hoaxes Increasing:** MNF-I Intel reports a marked increase in WMD (CW, BW) threat reporting over the past 30 days. Insurgents use false WMD threats as a combat multiplier to disrupt Coalition operations, divert resources, and erode Iraqi confidence. Insurgent CW capabilities have not advanced beyond localized attacks using toxic industrial chemicals and improvised delivery systems, but the public threat of such an attack is low cost and potentially high yield. The suicide bomb rumor that triggered the A'immaah bridge stampede on August 31 is an example of the loss of life that a hoax can generate.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\16](#)

- **Assembly Speaker Seeks US Electoral Help:** Transitional National Assembly Speaker and Sunni leader Hajim Hasani asked for US help in creating a moderate, democratic coalition to compete in the December elections, noting that he and other leaders (such as former PM Allawi and Planning Minister Saleh) were discussing such a grouping. Hasani stated that they also discussed setting up an operations room to organize election efforts throughout the country. He suggested that Iraqis needed a firm US push to overcome reluctance to concede power/prestige for the good of a coalition. Hasani also asked that the US cease military operations in Sunni areas, claiming that tribal groups could provide security.
- **Suspended Local Elections?:** The Transitional National Assembly is considering a law that would suspend sub-governorate elections until further notice. The genesis of this law is unclear; the Embassy is investigating. It may be intended to prevent confusion or instability during the national political transition, or may be intended to prevent the removal or election of individuals for partisan reasons. The Iraqi election commission is focused on the national elections, and thus far has declined to assist governorate council efforts to conduct local elections. The Baghdad council is also considering holding elections, which would likely

extend the power of the Shi'a-Islamist dominated council into the district and neighborhood council system created by CPA.

- **Shabak Complaints:** An ethnic Shabak member of the Constitution Drafting Committee stated that minority members of the Constitution Committee were unhappy with the Iraqi political leadership making amendments to the draft constitution without consulting the committee. He also complained about continuing Kurdish harassment of Shabaks in Mosul. He handed over a letter that he claims the KDP distributed, calling anyone who identified himself as a Shabak a traitor and an agent of "neighboring countries." (The Shabak are a small Shi'a minority found in Northern Iraq.)

ECONOMIC:

- **Refinery Shutdown Boosts Import Bill:** The northern refinery at Bayji accounts for 48 percent of Iraq's total oil refining capacity. On Sept. 14, it ceased operations for at least 10 days due to insurgent attacks and poor maintenance, which resulted in cuts in the crude pipelines that feed the refinery. This shutdown will require Iraq to increase gasoline imports. The country typically imports about 60 percent of its gasoline consumption.
- **First Phase of Iraq's Commercial Debt Offer Received Positively:** Iraq announced that 78 percent of the commercial creditors invited to participate in its first phase of commercial debt settlement accepted the offer by the Sept. 9 deadline. This first phase represents \$750 million of Iraq's total sovereign debt to commercial creditors of about \$20 billion, and its terms are comparable to the Paris Club agreement on Iraq's debt. Post-liberation Iraq inherited a total debt of about \$124 billion, including both commercial and state claimants.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\17](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\17](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\18 SEP.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-269 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE] (SBF)	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BNS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALID

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\18](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\18](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Sept\19 SEPT.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\19](#)

SECURITY:

- **Iraqi Police in Basra:** UK Ministry of Defense (MOD) confirms media reports of clashes between UK troops and Basra police, who detained two UK soldiers in plain clothes. A mob surrounded the station where they were held. UK MOD thought the mob was incited by the Jaysh al-Mahdi, affiliated with Sadr, two of whose followers the British arrested on Sunday. The Governor and Chief of Police have assured the British that they have brought the mob under control and that the UK troops will be released. Both the governor and police chief have complained publicly of infiltration of the police by Shia militias. Since May, there have been more than 65 assassinations in Basra.
- **Corruption Claims Against Former Defense Minister:** Iraq's Commission on Public Integrity charged publicly that former Defense Minister Hazim Sha'lan is responsible for the diversion of \$1 billion in ministry funds. This follows charges made in Amman in June alleging that Sha'lan, in partnership with his close ally former IIG President Ghazi al-Yawar, set up accounts to divert \$400 million in defense acquisition funds. Corruption is endemic in Iraq, but the charges could also be related to political infighting: Sha'lan, though a Shia, is no friend of the Shia Islamist parties, and when Minister he took a hard line on Iran.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\19](#)

- **Allawi to Form Centrist Political Entity:** Former PM Ayad Allawi is reportedly planning to launch a new multi-party political entity, which would be centrist and moderate, by means of a conference in late September. Allawi's political partners in the bloc would include the (Sunni Arab) Iraqi Islamic Party, the Communist Party, (Shia Islamist) Herakat al-Dawa, and Kurdish representatives. Allawi's political allies

rebuffed the recommendation that the bloc lend public support for the draft constitution; they said simply that the bloc would implicitly accept the constitution; they also doubted PM Ja'afari would be publicly supportive. Interestingly, Allawi, never much interested in political organization, has quietly sought out training for his Iraqi National Accord group with an American political NGO based in Iraq.

- **UN Electoral Assistance:** In a meeting with UN Electoral Assistance Division (EAD) Chief Carina Pirelli, temporarily in Baghdad as the acting UN commissioner of the Iraqi electoral commission, Chargé Satterfield advised that EAD and Iraqi electoral commission must address Sunni perceptions of bias through vigorous outreach; more resources; serious consideration of same-day registration and polling; and extensions to the voter and political entity registration periods. Pirelli requested USG assistance in pressing UN leadership to allow her to remain longer in Baghdad, to grant UN Commissioner-designate LeChevalier a security training waiver, and to restore the UN electoral staff ceiling to 25 positions from 15. USUN is urging the Secretariat to ensure there are no significant periods of time when senior UN electoral personal are absent from Iraq.

ECONOMIC:

- **Targeting of Electricity Workers Continues:** Unidentified gunmen killed five Iraqi electricity sub-contractors working on a UNDP project at the Daura power plant. On Sept. 16, gunmen assassinated two Iraqi engineers traveling to the al-Mussayib power plant near Baghdad. On Sept. 12, insurgents kidnapped and then killed three Ministry of Electricity technicians engaged in repairing a downed transmission tower on the Bayji to Baghdad line.

INFORMATION:

- **Polling Continues to Suggest Constitution Could Fail the Three-province Veto Rule:** Preliminary results from a second opinion poll by the respected Independent Institute for Administrative and Civil Society Studies (IIACSS) suggest that the draft constitution could fail, by getting a two-thirds "No" vote in three of Iraq's 18 provinces. Both this most recent poll and one done by IIACSS two weeks ago suggest that the constitution will receive an overall majority of votes in favor.

Three provinces are problematic:

- (1) No polling could be done in heavily Sunni Anbar province in the west, which by most anecdotal accounts will vote more than 2/3 against. (Anbar is nearly 100 percent Sunni.)
- (2) In Ninewa province in the north (home of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city), the most recent poll suggests that 92 percent would vote "No", but the polling sample was greatly skewed by containing a larger number of Arabs than in the electorate. (In January, 83 percent of the province's registered voters did not vote, which suggests that 80

percent is a reasonably accurate estimate of the actual Arab electorate.) Even if Kurds in Ninewa vote as do Kurds in neighboring Kurdish provinces, i.e., 80-90 percent in favor, the “No” vote in Ninewa could still be above two-thirds.

(3) The most recent poll says that 72 percent of the voters in the city of Tikrit (Salah al-Din province) would vote “No”. IIACSS’s poll from two weeks ago said that 65 percent in Tikrit would vote “No”, which is close enough to the results we received today. However, Tikrit is more heavily Sunni than Salah al-Din province as a whole, so the actual “No” vote may fall very close to 2/3 against.

Ayatollah Sistani and Muqtada al-Sadr have not taken public positions on the referendum. At this time, the constitutional referendum remains too close to call.

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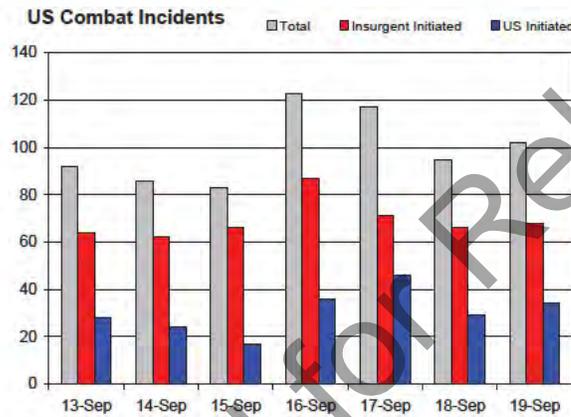
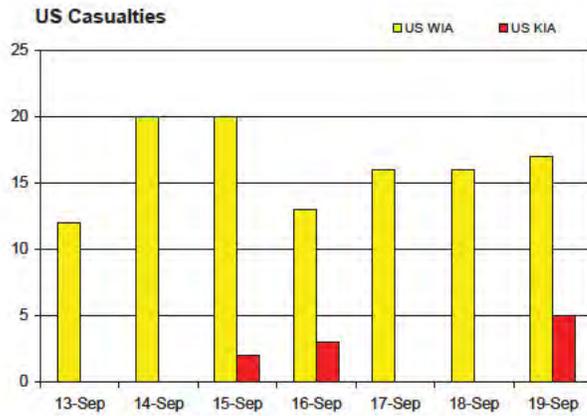
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MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 522 [SHERATON AND PALESTINE HOTEL COMPLEX SECURITY]	RELIEF OF SECURITY AT THE PALESTINE/SHERATON HOTEL COMPLEX
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-138 [STANDARDIZATION OF IRAQI ARMY LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION MTOES]	CHANGES TO THE LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION MTOES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-270 [UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION TO IRAQ (UNAMI) POLITICAL/HUMANITARIAN LIAISON VISIT TO ERBIL/SULAYMANIYAH]	UNAMI POLITICAL/HUMANITARIAN LIAISON VISIT TO ERBIL/SULAYMANIYAH

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\20](#)

SECURITY:

- **MOD Bans Out-of-Country Training:** US confirms that the Iraqi MOD will no longer allow military personnel to travel abroad for training. This comes after the MOI told Germany it does not intend to renew the agreement for German police training in UAE. The move apparently is intended to keep as many soldiers as possible in the fight, while denying trained military the opportunity for deserting while abroad.

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- **Sunni Insurgents Reactivate “Triangle of Death”**: MNF-I Intel reports constant attacks against Shia in the North Babil region during September. Over 40 families have fled the recent spate of kidnapping and murder of

civilians, ambush of police and politicians, and intimidation of villagers. This is seen as consistent with Zarqawi's recent Internet proclamation of jihad against the Shia. Security will be complicated by the expected three million Shia visiting the area to observe an Islamic holiday, Sept. 19-20.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\20](#)

- **Sunni Arab Leader on Referendum Prospects:** Iraqi Islamic Party (IIP) and Sunni Arab leader Ayad Samara'i said that while constitutional language on Arab identity is now sufficient, further language changes will need to be made on federalism and other national issues before Sunni Arab leaders could consider asking their backers to vote for the constitution. Samara'i said that Sunni leaders are not, however, in discussions with the Shia Coalition. Efforts by some Sunnis to form an anti-constitution alliance with Muqtada al-Sadr have been rebuffed.
- **Arab League Secretary General Deems Iraqi Constitution Acceptable:** Arab League Chief of Staff Hishem Youssef told Embassy Cairo that AL Secretary General Amr Moussa had reviewed the new Iraqi draft constitution and "found it acceptable;" Youssef said that Moussa would make a supportive public statement once the document was final and had been formally distributed.
- **EU to Sign Joint Political Declaration with Iraq:** According to a European Commission announcement, the EU and Iraq will sign a joint political declaration on the margins of the UNGA meeting in New York Sept. 21. The declaration will (1) note that Iraq and the EU share the same goal of a secure, stable, unified, prosperous and democratic Iraq; (2) commit Iraq and the EU to ministerial and senior official level political dialogue in areas of mutual interest; (3) agree that the new dialogue will cover EU support to the political transition process, promotion of good governance, protection of human rights, rule of law and democracy, non-proliferation, counter-terrorism, conflict prevention and resolution, and cultural issues.

ECONOMIC:

- **IMF Cautiously Optimistic on Starting Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) Talks:** IMF staff reported progress on key actions for starting Stand-By-Arrangement (SBA) talks: the timeliness of Iraqi reporting of fiscal data had improved, the Central Bank had hired Ernst and Young to perform an audit, and the Iraqi Oil Ministry had taken steps to adjust domestic fuel prices. The IMF staff particularly welcomed reports of a price increase for regular gasoline in Baghdad from 5 to 13 cents per gallon. IMF staff was cautiously optimistic that they will be able to announce the beginning of discussions on an SBA in October, and conclude an SBA by the end of the year.
- **Securing Iraqi Invitation to Regional Anti-Terrorist Finance Forum:** The North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENA FATF), a regional anti-terror finance and anti-money laundering body, will hold a plenary session in Beirut Sept. 26-27. While Iraq is not yet a member, it did attend

the first meeting of the MENA FATF in Nov. 2004 as an observer. However, Iraq has not received an invitation to the second plenary session in Beirut. NEA/I is coordinating with Embassy Baghdad and US Treasury to secure an Iraqi seat at this forum.

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SECURITY:

- **After-Action on British Soldiers in Basra:** Reports say the police station in which the British soldiers were held contains police intelligence offices dominated by Al-Fadeela and Jaysh al-Mahdi (both Sadrist militias). The British stormed the police station when their negotiating team appeared to be barred from leaving. The two soldiers were actually rescued elsewhere (from the JAM militia house to which they had been moved); the British appear to have learned the house's whereabouts in the course of their raid on the police station, but are vague on details. The British Consulate does not believe that Muqtada al-Sadr played any role in this incident, and there is no evidence of a connection with the Sept. 18 arrests of local JAM officials.

GOVERNANCE:

- **Constitutional Referendum Prospects:** Baghdad contacts predict referendum will approve the draft constitution but caution that some predominantly Sunni Arab provinces may vote against it. The results of a confidential UN poll (which cannot be viewed as authoritative because it was based on a small sample) suggest that Anbar, Ninewa and Salahaddin provinces, might muster the two-thirds majority needed to defeat the draft.
- **Allawi Postpones Conference; Will Publicly Support Constitution:** Former Iraqi PM Ayad Allawi indefinitely postponed the conference of Iraqi moderates that had been scheduled for Sept. 25. Some suggested the delay was due to security concerns, while others surmised that Allawi postponed the event to ensure that it focuses on the December election rather than the October referendum. The conference was to have included the Sunni leadership, moderate political parties, and tribal sheikhs. Allawi also reportedly said he would support the draft constitution in an interview to be broadcast on al-Sharqiyah tomorrow.
- **Zebari Addresses UNSC:** During his address to the UN Security Council today, Iraqi FM Zebari outlined the progress Iraq has made towards fulfilling the political transition deadlines set forth in UNSCR 1546. He called on Syria to stem the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq, urged the UN

to expand its presence in Iraq, and called on the international community to disburse pledged assistance to the ITG.

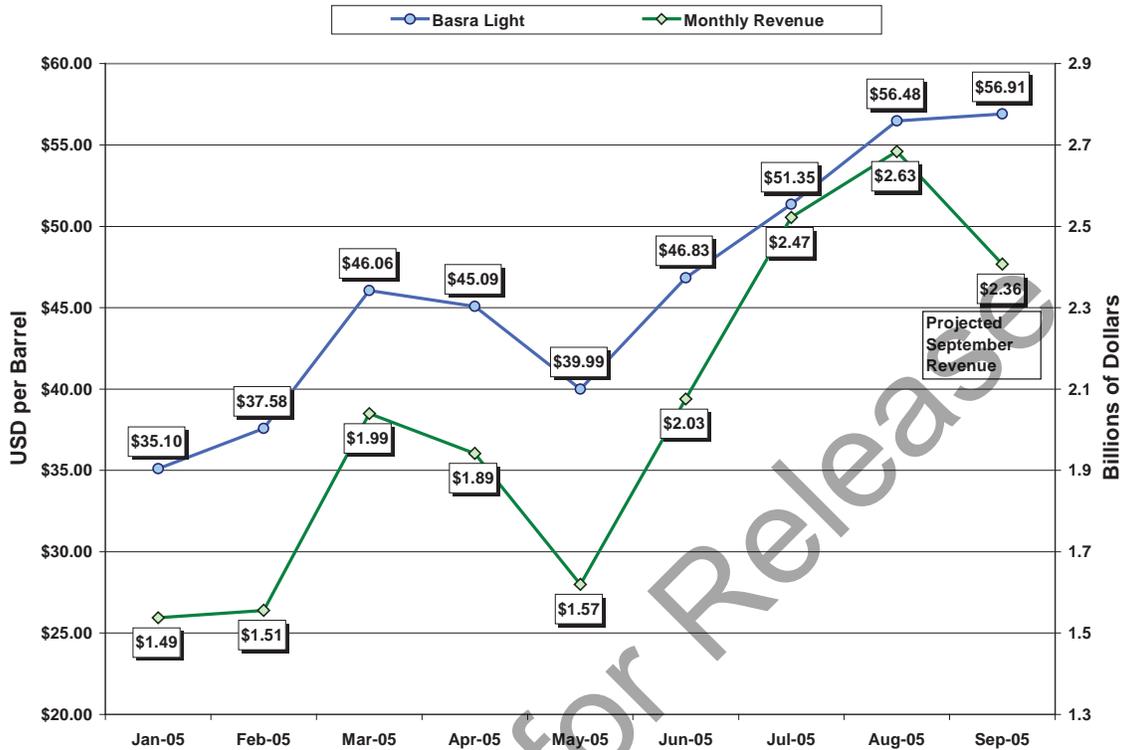
- **British Public Reacts Negatively to Basra Incident:** While British diplomats emphasize that the UK will stay the course in Iraq, nearly 80 percent of respondents in a Sky News poll called for an immediate withdrawal of British troops as a result of the recent clash between British troops and Iraqi police in Basra. Mainstream UK newspapers, however, have called for Britain to fulfill its mission in Iraq. We understand from UK Embassy sources that PM Blair is due to receive this week a memo reviewing broad UK policy options in Iraq

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- **Audit of CPA Sole-Source Reconstruction Contracts:** DoD will receive a draft audit, requested by the International Advisory and Monitoring Board, on Friday, Sept. 23; the IAMB will release it publicly in October. The audit, covers CPA's award of sole-source contracts of \$5 million or greater in value, using the Development Fund of Iraq (largely Iraqi oil revenue); DoD expects the audit to highlight some administrative deficiencies but not malfeasance or corruption.

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While prices for Iraq's oil exports (blue line) have risen steadily during the past months, government revenue has not risen proportionally (green line) over this same period. This is because export volumes have declined owing to insurgent attacks, pipeline leaks, and poor weather in September.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-271 [INVENTORY OF ALL COALITION FORCES(CF) RULE OF LAW ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ] MNF I FRAGOS\05-200-299\MNF-I FRAGO 05-271 INVENTORY OF ALL CF RULE OF LAW ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ	INVENTORY OF ALL RULE OF LAW RELATED ACTIVITIES PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN BY COALITION FORCES IN IRAQ
MOD 1 MNF-I FRAGO 05-244 [STRATEGIC SUPPORT TO REDUCE ESCALATION OF FORCE INCIDENTS]	MNFI AND IRAQI GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC SUPPORT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ESCALATION OF FORCE INCIDENTS IN THE AO

MNF-I FRAGO 05-272 [BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIAP) - JOINT RECEPTION CENTER OPERATIONS]	BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIAP) JOINT RECEPTION CENTER OPERATIONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-273 [RAMADAN 2005]	MNF-I PREPARATION AND POLICY FOR RAMADAN 2005
MNF-I FRAGO 05-274 [DETAINEE MOVE FROM AL-WALEED TO BAGHDAD]	DETAINEE MOVE FROM AL-WALEED TO BAGHDAD

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\22](#)

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- **Attacks on Electricity Lines Create Grid Instability, May Precipitate Blackout:** As a result of attacks on high voltage power lines Sept. 18-20, the electricity grid has become unstable and the hours of power in Baghdad have decreased from 13 to nine, despite the cooler weather. Embassy reports that the Ministry of Electricity will repair two of the three power lines by Sept. 27. The third line will take longer, since insurgents took down 14 towers over four km.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-275 [CHANGE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME]	CHANGE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-274 [DETAINEE MOVE FROM AL-WALEED TO BAGHDAD]	DETAINEE MOVE FROM AL-WALEED TO BAGHDAD

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\23](#)

SECURITY:

- **Analysis of the Islamic Army of Iraq:** MNF-I Intel reports that the Islamic Army of Iraq (IAI) is a loosely-connected network of several dozen insurgent cells working to expel MNF from Iraq and establish a Sunni-dominated, Shari'a Law government. IAI is unique among insurgent groups: it has never claimed a suicide attack and advocates limited participation in the Iraq political process. While IAI does not recognize the Iraqi draft constitution (citing Shari'a Law inconsistencies), it nevertheless urges followers to vote "no" in the upcoming referendum

and to participate in national elections. The IAI was established in 2003 by former Ba'ath Party officials and former regime military members, resulting in a blend of Islamic extremism and Iraqi nationalism.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\23](#)

- **Preparations for Referendum/Elections on Track:** Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) officials told Embassy Baghdad that preparations for the Oct. 15 referendum are on track. They said the IECI is likely to extend the deadline for registration of political entities for the December elections beyond Sept. 30 to allow more time for the formation of electoral coalitions. The EU will contribute an extra \$61 million to UN funding for the commission. To build trust between Sunni Arab leaders and the IECI, Embassy Baghdad is organizing an IECI outreach tour to five Sunni areas.
- **Sistani Endorsement of Constitution Appears Genuine:** Embassy Baghdad assesses reports of Grand Ayatollah Sistani's endorsement of the draft constitution to be genuine, if only because Shi'a leaders had consulted Sistani on several of the draft's provisions, and there was no indication that he objected to any of them. The announcement of Sistani's views was actually made by a SCIRI official but followers inquiring at Sistani's office are reportedly being told to vote in favor of the draft constitution in the October referendum.
- **US-UN Consultations:** The senior UN rep in Iraq, Ambassador Qazi, told Amb. Jeffrey that the UN would welcome amendments to the draft constitution that would bring in Sunnis. Amb. Jeffrey pressed the UN to help the Iraqi electoral commission address Sunni perceptions of bias, extend the registration deadlines as much as possible, ensure adequate electoral advisors, and urge the commission to make any requests for Coalition military assistance ASAP. UN officials reiterated their request for dedicated fixed-wing aircraft and suggested that failure to reach an agreement would cause them to "seriously consider" the level of the UN's presence in Iraq.

ECONOMIC:

- **Bayji Refinery Receiving Crude Oil:** MNF-I reports that the main Kirkuk-Bayji pipeline has been repaired; insurgents took down the line on Sept. 14. The repair allows the pumping of crude oil exports through the Iraq-Turkey pipeline, as well as the supply of crude to the country's largest refinery at Bayji.
- **Donations to UN World Food Program \$37 million Short:** The World Food Program reports that a food aid program in Iraq that targets school children and other vulnerable groups has a funding shortfall. WFP issued a press release saying it is \$37 million short of the \$66 million needed to continue this program. USAID has contributed \$3 million, and we will continue to work with WFP to ensure that the program continues. Food aid targeted to the neediest groups is one way Iraq can begin to replace its current free food package to all citizens.

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 7 MNF-I FRAGO 637 [AUGMENTATION FOR AL WALEED, TREBIL, RABEA, BIAP BORDER SUPPORT TEAM]	SUPPORT FOR MNFI (JIACG) AUGMENTATION OF SUPPORT TREBIL, RABEA, BIAP, AL WALEED BORDER SPT TEAM (BST) 20 SEP - 31 DEC 05
MNF-I FRAGO 05-276 [HIGHLIGHTING SADR CITY SUCCESSES]	HIGHLIGHTING SADR CITY SUCCESSES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-277 [MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MOWR) TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY ESCORT TO NASIRIYAH]	MOWR REQUIRES TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY TO INSPECT A CRITICAL PUMPING STATION IN NASIRIYAH
MNF-I FRAGO 05-278 [MITIGATING POST-CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM VIOLENCE]	MITIGATION OF POST-CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM VIOLENCE

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MNC-I INTSUM:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\24](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-279 [MOVE IRAQI PRISONERS IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE (MoJ)]	SUPPORT THE TRANSFER OF CONVICTED IRAQI CRIMINALS FROM BAGHDAD CENTRAL CORRECTIONS FACILITY (BCCF) TO BADDUSH PRISON, IVO MOSUL
MNF-I FRAGO 05-280 [IRAQI ARMY DESERT PROTECTORS UNIT]	TRAINING AND EQUIPPING THE IRAQI ARMY "DESERT PROTECTORS" UNIT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-281 [SEP CURRENCY MOVEMENT] LIMDIS	LIMDIS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\25](#)

MNC-I INTSUM:

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\25](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-282 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO NATO JOINT STAFF COLLEGE OPENING CEREMONY]	MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO NATO JOINT STAFF COLLEGE OPENING CEREMONY
MNF-I FRAGO 05-283 [OPERATION SAYAID AR RAMADI MEDICAL SUPPORT FRAGO (SIPR)]	SIPR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-284 [AIR DEFENSE OF HIGH VALUE ASSETS DURING REFERENDUM AND ELECTION]	AIR DEFENSE OF HIGH VALUE ASSETS DURING REFERENDUM AND ELECTION PERIOD
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-112 [BIOMETRICS POLICY FOR ACCESS CONTROL]	COALITION AND DoS IDENTIFICATION

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\26](#)

MNC-I INTSUM:

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\26](#)
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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-285 [AL ANBAR OPERATIONAL UPDATE]	GUIDANCE FOR WEEKLY AL ANBAR OPERATIONAL UPDATE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-286 [DIRLAUTH AUTHORIZED BETWEEN MNC-I AND MNSTC-I FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FORCE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT CONTRACTS TO FACILITATE THE LOGISTICS ACTION PLAN. (MoD	CONSTRUCTION AND FORCE PROTECTION COORDINATION TO SUPPORT CONTRACTS FACILITATING THE LOGISTICS ACTION PLAN (MoD and MoI)

and MoI)]	
MNF-I FRAGO 05-287 [STANDARDIZED EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR IPS]	STANDARDIZED EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR IPS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-288 [ADDITIONAL SECURITY SUPPORT FOR THE IECI BUILDING]	ADDITIONAL SECURITY SUPPORT FOR THE IECI BUILDING

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MNC-I INTSUM:

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\27](#)

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-289 [CLARIFICATION OF TASKS IN SUPPORT OF 2005 LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTION PLAN (MoD)]	TASKS TO SUPPORT THE 2005 LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTION PLAN (MoD)
MNF-I FRAGO 05-290 [SECURITY SUPPORT FOR GERMAN NATIONAL DAY]	SECURITY SUPPORT TO THE GERMAN EMBASSY ON GERMAN NATIONAL DAY
MNF-I FRAGO 05-291 [OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR NAJAF-KUFA EXCLUSION ZONES]	OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR NAJAF-KUFA EXCLUSION ZONES
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-195 [OPERATION SAYAID (HUNTER)]	OPERATION SAYAID (HUNTER), FULL SPECTRUM OPERATIONS IN AL ANBAR

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\28](#)

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SECURITY:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I PLANORD 05-009 [DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR CBRN CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS]	DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, OR NUCLEAR (CBRN) ATTACK
MNF-I FRAGO 05-292 [SIPR]	SIPR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-293 [REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT PREPAREDNESS TO RESPOND TO A CBRN ATTACK]	REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT PREPAREDNESS TO RESPOND TO A CBRN ATTACK

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\SEPTEMBER\29](#)

MNC-I INTSUM:

SECURITY: **OPERATION NATIONAL UNITY**

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-290 [SECURITY SUPPORT FOR GERMAN NATIONAL DAY]	SECURITY SUPPORT TO THE GERMAN EMBASSY ON GERMAN NATIONAL DAY

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MNC-I INTSUM:

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Sept\30](#)
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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\2 Oct](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051002 INTSUM.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 101 combat actions (66 Insurgent-initiated, 35 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 15 WIA (zero of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (one insurgent-initiated), suffering zero casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in ten combat actions (nine insurgent-initiated, one ISF-initiated) suffering six KIA and 39 WIA (zero returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Oct\2](#)

- **TNA "Voter" Resolution:** The TNA approved a non-binding resolution regarding interpretation of article 61 (c) of the TAL, which provides that the draft constitution is ratified if a majority of the voters in Iraq approve and two-thirds of the voters in three or more governorates do not reject it. The TNA resolution states that the two-thirds requirement (but, inconsistently, not the majority vote requirement) should be measured against the number of registered, rather than actual, voters. This would make it much more difficult for opponents of the constitution to achieve the necessary two-thirds majorities in three provinces to defeat it. The resolution has sparked Sunni anger and would damage the credibility of the referendum. The US and UK Embassies, and UN mission, are working to reverse the TNA action and address a key concern behind it: that an insurgent campaign targeted at Shi'a voters in Salah al-Din, Ninewah and Diyala would reduce Shi'a "yes" voters and allow a small number of Sunni "no" voters to secure a two-thirds majority of the actual

voters. The Embassy is stressing to Shi'a leaders the loss of credibility for the political process; some appear to be backing away from the resolution.

- **Shi'a-Kurd Political Feud**: President Talabani, according to his spokesman, called on PM Ja'afari to step down. Although there are reports that the President has denied making the statement, there is long-standing animosity between Talabani and Ja'afari, and the statement by the spokesman represents another escalation in the feud. The Embassy, working with other Iraqi leaders, is working to calm the situation.

ECONOMIC:

- **Oil Update**: Production was 2.15 million barrels. One tanker departed the Basra Oil Terminal carrying an estimated 1.9 million barrels of crude oil.

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SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Reported Combat Snapshot**: US Forces participated in 115 combat actions (85 Insurgent-initiated, 30 US-initiated), suffering three KIA and 29 WIA (one of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering zero casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 14 combat actions (12 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering seven KIA and ten WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Insurgent Infiltration of Salah al-Din Province Police**: Police units in Salah al-Din Province are reportedly heavily infiltrated by insurgents. Samarra has the highest degree of insurgent infiltration (at least 40 officers) and is a staging area for insurgent activities. In Tikrit, the chief of police, a former Iraqi Army commander, uses the MNF-sponsored "Weapons-Buy-Back" program to fund and arm local insurgents; a raid on the Tikrit police warehouse produced numerous rocket-propelled grenades, assault weapons, machine guns, and mortars not accounted for on official police records. Insurgent intimidation has created a shortage of police in the Province. This shortage has not only allowed insurgents to infiltrate the police force, but has also allowed them to rise quickly through the dwindling police ranks.

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ECONOMIC:

- **Electricity Update:** Electricity supplied: 95,400 MWh. Peak generation: 4,600 MW. Average hours of power: nine in Baghdad, 15 in Basrah, and 13 nationwide. Estimated demand satisfied: 53 percent. Hours of power in Baghdad increased due to the repair of the Bayji-Baghdad #1 line on Oct. 1 and the Mussaib-Baghdad and the Kirkuk-Diyala power lines on Oct. 3.

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SECURITY: **OPERATION RIVERGATE (Sayid II)**

- **Operation Sayid II:** Reuters reported that CF led by 2,500 US Marines constitutes the year's largest MNF-I operation in western Iraq. MNF-I reporting indicates that Operation Sayid II is intended to disrupt Al-Qaida, deny safe haven and freedom of movement to insurgents, and establish a permanent ISF presence in western Anbar Province and Iraqi control of the Iraq-Syria border. Despite several previous operations targeting Al Qaida cells that had taken control in the Euphrates River Valley towns, the western Euphrates River Valley has remained a gateway and support base for Al-Qaida and other insurgent groups.
- **September Attack Levels, Prospects for October/November Uptick in Violence:** Joint Staff notes September attack levels were roughly the same as August, but intensified violence is expected during Ramadan, in the run-up to the referendum and during Saddam's trial.
- **Operation SAYAID Update:** Combined MNF/ISF Operation SAYAID, intended to establish ISF control over the western Euphrates Valley, has not yet encountered significant insurgent resistance. Terrorists and Foreign Fighters and Al-Qaeda leaders are departing, leaving behind local fighters who will likely continue to avoid decisive engagement unless forced by MNF/ISF.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Oct\4](#)

- **TNA to Review Electoral Provisions Following International Criticism:** Deputy TNA Speaker Shahrstani reports that the Assembly's Oct. 2 resolution, which included contradictory and controversial interpretations of the word "voters" as found in the TAL, will be reversed. Shahrstani made this concession only after strong US and UK demarches,

a UN threat to withdraw its electoral support, and guarantees that MNF-I, in conjunction with Iraqi Security Forces, will provide referendum security to Shia and Kurdish areas of Sunni-majority governorates.

- **Iraqi Election Referendum Preparations on Track:** The Independent Election Commission of Iraq (IECI) reports that staffing, training, materials, budget, and security preparations for the referendum and elections are moving forward according to plan. IECI expects to announce preliminary referendum results within two days and, barring any serious complaints, expects to finalize results within about four days. The lack of a senior UN advisor to replace interim UN election commission member Carina Perelli, scheduled to leave on Oct. 17 remains a concern.
- **FM Zebari Proposes Practical Steps to Energize Arab Outreach:** Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari, addressing a Jeddah meeting of the Arab League's Committee to Support and Assist Iraq, proposed a number of practical steps to energize Arab outreach toward Iraq. Zebari's proposals included high-level visits to Iraq, the opening of an Arab League office and diplomatic missions in Baghdad, and security cooperation to prevent the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq.
- **Iraqi Women Lobby Group in Washington for High-Level Consultations:** The Iraqi women's lobby group that State helped organize in July is in Washington October 4-8 for further discussions with US political consultants on campaigning strategies, lobbying techniques, and the role of polling in campaigns. The group will also meet with U/S Hughes to discuss techniques for public outreach. The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD) together with the Woodrow Wilson Center will host a session on the Iraqi Draft Constitution and focusing on identifying articles that need legislation to further secure women's rights.

ECONOMIC:

- **Electricity Update:** Electricity supplied: 98,450 MWh. Peak generation: 4,800 MW. Average hours of power: 12 in Baghdad, 16 in Basrah, and 14 nationwide. All major power lines are operational except Bayji-Baghdad #2, which has 28 downed towers from an attack on September 5, subsequent looting, and an accident during repair operations. The Ministry of Electricity will award a contract by October 10 to repair the line and re-establish redundancy in this critical transmission corridor by November 7.
- **Oil Update:** Production was 2.09 million barrels. No information is yet available on exports. In September, Iraq on average produced 2.087 million barrels per day, exported 1.609 mbpd, and re-injected 0.126 mbpd into the ground because the lines from northern fields to Bayji refinery were out of commission for over two weeks. The higher September export figure was principally due to the sale of three million barrels of oil in September from northern fields which had accumulated in Ceyhan, Turkey, during August (when the northern pipeline was functioning).

- **Baghdad Airport Threatened with Closure Again:** BIAP security contractor Global Risk Strategies says it will cease operations on or about October 6 unless it receives a signed contract from the ITG and \$14.8 million in payment for outstanding invoices. In mid-September, after Global walked off and MNF-I closed the airport for one day, the ITG paid \$12.5 million and committed to negotiate with Global in good faith about the outstanding balance.

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- **Iraqi Journalists Visit Washington:** Ten Iraqi journalists, under the auspices of the Foreign Press Center, are participating in a seminar where they will have a first-hand look at media coverage in the US and learn about the importance of professional, balanced news coverage. On October 2 they were briefed by Deputy Spokesman Erel and NEA/PD Director Fernandez who stressed the importance of active participation in the Iraqi political process.

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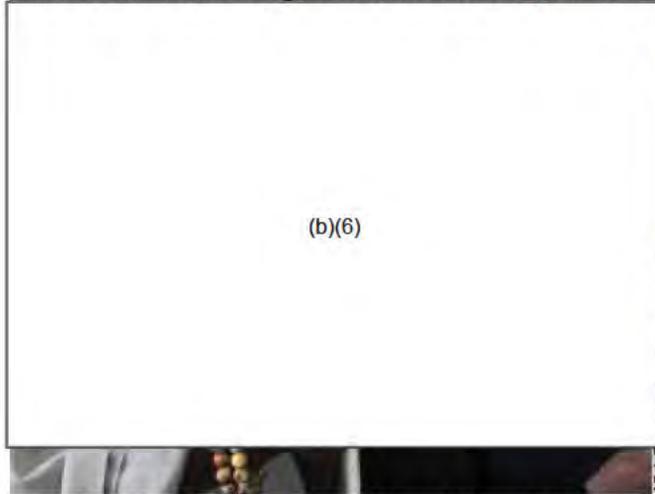
SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Reported Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 80 combat actions (59 insurgent-initiated, 21 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 14 WIA (five returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in zero combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 18 combat actions (16 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering three KIA and 10 WIA (zero returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Oct\5](#)

- **TNA Reverses Definition of "Voter":** The TNA voted 119 to 28 to pass a measure that clarifies the term "voter" to mean "those who cast their vote" thereby overturning the October 2 TNA resolution that was widely seen as a maneuver to minimize the chances of Sunni rejection.
- **Constitution Public Outreach Intensifies:** UNAMI distribution of the Iraqi draft constitution is well underway. 750,000 copies of the text

reached the southern governorates in the past five days.



- **Iraqi Islamic Party Offers Conditional Support for Constitution:** The Sunni Arab Iraqi Islamic Party conditionally agreed to support the constitution on the basis of Ambassador Khalilzad's package of amendments including a provision calling for the next National Assembly to create a "Constitutional Review Commission" with a one-time ability to present a package of amendments to the public. Former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi attended the meeting and strongly backed the proposal, which the Ambassador will present along with several other amendments to KDP leader Masud Barzani before taking it to the Shia coalition.

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- **Syrian Airlines Flying to Baghdad:** The Iraqi Civil Aviation Authority has approved Syrian Airlines for charter passenger flights from Damascus to Baghdad. The Syrian national carrier plans three weekly flights in competition with Iraqi Airlines.
- **Debt Forgiveness Agreement with Italy:** Italy and Iraq signed a bilateral agreement that forgives 80 percent of Iraq's \$2.4 billion sovereign debt to Italy, in line with the 2004 Paris Club agreement. Italy is the third Paris Club member (after the US and Canada) to conclude such an agreement
- **Civilian Contractor Deaths:** A total of 314 civilian contractors have been killed while employed on US-funded reconstruction projects from May 2003 through September 2005, according to the Embassy. The dead include 90 US nationals (mostly security firm employees), as well as Iraqis and third country nationals.
- **Food Subsidy Reform Update:** Prime Minister Ja'afari has tasked an inter-ministerial committee to develop a Public Distribution System (PDS) reform plan by year-end 2005.
- **World Bank Reallocates Funding out of Private Sector Development:** In response to a request from Minister of Planning Barham Saleh, the World Bank has reallocated to emergency infrastructure projects all

remaining Trust Fund amounts (approximately \$10-12 million) previously programmed for private sector development.

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- **Referendum Media and Public Outreach Campaign**: In the remaining two weeks before the referendum, UNAMI Constitution Support Unit (CSU) is focusing primarily on TV and radio, especially short educational presentations on the constitution, and televised talk shows featuring discussions between TNA members and civil society leaders about the referendum. UNOPS in Amman is also programming small workshops, radio programs, and mobile team visits primarily in the north and south.

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SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot**: US Forces participated in 162 combat actions (97 insurgent-initiated, 65 US-initiated), suffering seven KIA and 33 WIA (four of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in no combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 24 combat actions (19 insurgent-initiated, five ISF-initiated) suffering two KIA and 16 WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Divisions in the Insurgency**: reports that opposition to al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) by non-AQI insurgents in Ramadi is mounting and MNF-I sees indications that Ramadi residents resent AQI. Some Sunnis, including local insurgent leaders, are more willing to participate in the political process and have become frustrated with AQI violence. Sensitive reporting indicates non-AQI insurgent leaders decided in mid-September to conduct assassinations, small-scale attacks against AQI facilities, and a propaganda campaign to expel AQI from Ramadi.
- **Euphrates River Valley Update**: After more than 24 hours of major operations in Hadithah, combined Iraq-Coalition forces are facing little resistance. With the exception of attacks targeting three key bridges, these forces have inflicted little damage to infrastructure. Communities appear to be heeding public announcements to remain indoors and the Marines report little displacement of residents or need for emergency supplies.

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- **Elections Canada IMIE a Go for Iraq Referendum**: According to their Ottawa office, the Elections Canada International Mission for Iraqi Elections (IMIE) technical assessment team arrives in Amman today to prepare for the constitutional referendum. While security concerns will likely not permit formal observation, NDI and IRI have worked with major political parties and NGOs to train and deploy party agents and domestic monitors throughout the country (as was done in January).
- **Minor Sunni Leader Backs Constitution**: Nasir Chaderchi, the Sunni head of the secular National Democratic Party, is urging his party to vote "yes" in the referendum, despite some serious reservations. He intends to try to amend the constitution in the new National Assembly and is willing to participate in the Oct. 10 Constitution Conference. Though small, his party has existed since 1946.

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- **Arrears to Turkey Increase**: The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs complained to Embassy Ankara Oct. 6 about Iraqi payment arrears for gasoline shipments, which it said had reached \$668 million. The MFA said it was telling Turkish companies not to stop deliveries.
- **DPM Claims Oil Sector Reforms Approved**: DPM Chalabi told Embassy Baghdad Oct. 6 that an ITG meeting that day had approved several petroleum sector reforms, including a tripling of gasoline prices from 50 to 150 NID/liter and deregulation of the downstream sector, including permitting foreign investment in refining and retail. The Embassy cautions that these claims will need to be verified.

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- **Constitution Outreach Continues**: Western media from APTN, Knight Ridder and New York Times accompanied Laith Kubba, the Prime Minister's spokesman, Ala Al-Safi, Minister of State for Civil Society, and Mariam Rayyes, Vice Chair of the Constitutional Committee to Al Kut, to southeastern Iraq, where they observed a town hall meeting on the draft constitution attended by 150 local Iraqis.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\7 Oct](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051007 INTSUM.PPT](#)

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Oct\7](#)

- **Christian Voters Among Those Unhappy with the Constitution:** Yonadam Kanna, Iraq's leading Christian politician, said that many Christians are unhappy with the draft constitution's assertion that no law can be passed that contradicts Islam and that some Christian minorities take umbrage that their sects are not mentioned by name in the document. Kanna predicts that about 60,000 Christians (out of 100,000 registered voters) will vote against the draft constitution. Given the likely closeness of the vote in Ninawa, if Kanna's prediction is right, this could have an impact on the result.
- **Women's Group in Washington:** A group of Iraqi women activists met over the last two days with U/S Hughes and prominent US political consultants to discuss the most effective ways to participate in the Dec. 15 elections. The women agreed to form a group, "The Promise of Iraq", which would lobby political parties and the government on issues important to women.

ECONOMIC:

- **IAMB Audit Review in Amman:** The International Advisory and Monitoring Board (IAMB), which oversees the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) under UN mandate, met in Amman Oct. 3-5. The accounting firm of KPMG reported on its recent audit of CPA's sole-source reconstruction contracts using DFI funds. The audit found many instances of missing documentation of receipt of goods for sole source contracts, but no pattern of abuse or evidence of fraud. Some IAMB Board members privately expressed a desire to allow the IAMB's mandate to expire in December, as currently scheduled.
- **Electricity Update:** Electricity supplied: 95,500 MWh, peak generation: 4,630 MW. Average hours of power: nine in Baghdad, 16 in Basrah, and 15 nationwide. Temperatures remain in low 80's; demand has declined 19 percent since mid-August, when peak temperatures were over 100°.

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- **A Robust International Visitors Program:** The Iraq International Visitors Program is now the third largest in the world, after Russia and China. This is particularly noteworthy given the challenges the Embassy Baghdad's Cultural Section and participants face every day

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051008 INTSUM.PPT](#)

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Oct\8](#)
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MNF-I FRAGOS

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 4 TO MNF-I FRAGO 341 [SUPPORT TO IRAQI SECURITY FORCES DURING CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS]	EMERGENCY FUEL SUPPORT TO IRAQI NAVY AT PORT OF UMM QASR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-305 [MNF-I FORCE PROTECTION GUIDANCE AFTER PJCC DFAC ATTACK]	DIRECTS ALL MSCS TO REVIEW THEIR FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES ON IRAQI-SHARED INSTALLATIONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-306 [MNF-I CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR COALITION CONTRACT AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS]	MNF-I CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR COALITION CONTRACT AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS DURING BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY CONTRACT DISPUTE
MNF-I FRAGO 05-307 [MNF-I COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC) ISSUANCE PROCEDURES FOR DoD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DOD CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL]	MNF-I COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC) ISSUANCE PROCEDURES TO DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE AND ELIGIBLE DOD CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL
MNF-I FRAGO 05-308 [HEADQUARTERS UNITED NATIONS NY (UNNY) LIAISON VISIT TO UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR IRAQ (UNAMI)]	UNITED NATIONS LIAISON TEAM (UNLT) VISITS UNAMI SITES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-309 [EMPLOYMENT OF THE 13 MEU (SOC)]	EMPLOYMENT OF THE 13 MEU (SOC) AS THE MNC-I OPERATIONAL RESERVE

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051009 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:
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ECONOMIC:
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- **Public Support from Jordan's King Abdullah:** King Abdullah continued efforts to bolster the Iraqi political process in an interview with *Al-Rai*, the leading semi-official Arabic-language daily: "We are convinced that the Iraqis' success in building their unified homeland and eliminating the state of breakdown in security and the terrorism is a success for us and for the entire region."

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\10 Oct](#)

SECURITY: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051010 INTSUM.PPT](#)

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 120 combat actions (72 Insurgent-initiated, 48 US-initiated), suffering one KIA and 13 WIA (five of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (coalition-initiated), suffering zero casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in nine combat actions (eight insurgent-initiated, one ISF-initiated) suffering seven KIA and 18 WIA (zero returned to duty).

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\11 Oct](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051011 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 105 combat actions (72 insurgent-initiated, 33 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 25 WIA (nine returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering no killed or wounded. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 17 combat actions (16 insurgent-initiated, one ISF-initiated) suffering six KIA and 30 WIA (four returned to duty).

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- **Signs of an Agreement to Get Sunni Support for Constitution, Possible Backtracking:** Sunni, Shi'a, and Kurdish leadership had reportedly reached an agreement for amending the constitution (by means of a one-time convention and referendum after the establishment of a new government). As part of this agreement, some Sunni groups, notably the Iraqi Islamic Party (IIP), and possibly the head of the government body that pays mosque prayer leaders, would publicly support the constitution. In late breaking developments, however, it has become clear that the Shi'a leadership may not have actually endorsed the deal.

- **Arab League Mission Survives Attack, Scores Points with Iraqis; Emiratis engaged:** An Arab League delegation continued their five-day fact-finding visit to Baghdad despite an attack on their convoy that resulted in the death of two security guards. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister's office characterized the visit, which may pave the way for an Amr Moussa trip, as extremely successful. Meanwhile, UAE Deputy PM Hamdan bin Zayid is making good on his recent promise to Ambassador Khalilzad, urging prominent Iraqi Sunni Arabs (including the present and former head of Sunni religious endowments) to engage positively on the draft constitution.

ECONOMIC:

- **Possible Avian Influenza in the North:** Kurdish Regional Government officials have reported to the USAID agricultural contractor their concern that recent high death rates of poultry may indicate a dangerous strain of avian influenza. Diagnostic testing of Kurdish chicken secretions is pending at a regional WHO laboratory in Cairo.
- **IMF Program Update:** An IMF letter to Finance Minister 'Allawi outlines several "prior actions" that the ITG needs to take in order to reach agreement on a IMF Stand-By Arrangement, including active discussions with non-Paris Club (particularly Gulf countries) and private creditors, and further fuel price increases. 'Allawi's Oct. 7 reply to the IMF said the Council of Ministers had approved a tripling of the premium gasoline price (from 13 to 37 cents/gallon) by Dec. 31 and a targeted social safety net program for the poor, to be developed with USAID assistance. IMF Managing Director de Rato told the Iraqis that he expects to be able to conclude Stand-By negotiations by mid-November to allow presentation to the IMF board before Dec. 15.
- **Electricity Update:** On Oct. 10, insurgents interdicted one of the two Bayji-Baghdad transmission lines; both lines are now out of service on this critical transmission corridor. This interdiction, along with problems at power plants, contributed to a decrease in electricity supplies to 89,500 MWh (from approx. 99,000 MWh on Oct. 8-10) and peak generation to 4,060 MW (from approx. 4,700 MW). Average hours of power fell to 6 hours in Baghdad and 13 nationwide; Basrah, which again has not been sharing power with Baghdad, increased to 18 hours. Demand continues to be low because of cooler temperatures.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\12 Oct](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051012 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 102 combat actions (76 insurgent-initiated, 26 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 19 WIA (five returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces (UK) participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and one WIA (returned to duty). Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 21 combat actions (21 insurgent-initiated, zero ISF-initiated) suffering six KIA and 19 WIA (zero returned to duty).

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- **Compromise Could Advance Constitution's Chances:** Today's deal includes establishment of a new Constitutional Review Committee (which will include Sunni Arabs elected in December and which will have a mandate to propose changes to the Constitution); new language on Iraq's Arab identity; and softening of legal provisions against former Ba'athists. Prominent Sunnis from the IIP and Religious Endowment have endorsed the deal. Nevertheless, the referendum is likely to be rejected in Anbar province, and may be very close in at least two other predominantly Sunni provinces (Ninawa and Salah ad-Din).

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- **Pipeline Explosion at Al Fatah Crossing:** A gas pipeline at the Al Fatah crossing of the Tigris River caught on fire and had to be shut down. ITG authorities are arranging alternative supplies to the electricity generation plant this pipeline supplies. The explosion is not currently believed to have been the result of an attack, since it took place within the security perimeter. If the ongoing investigation shows that it was the result of an attack, this will be cause for additional concern.
- **First Four Strategic Infrastructure Battalions Complete Training:** The Iraqi Ministry of Defense finished training the first four of 17 planned Strategic Infrastructure Battalions (SIBs), which will increase protection on four key energy corridors. These SIBs, each with 730 troops, will be stationed on the Bayji-Kirkuk oil corridor (which ends at the Al Fatah river crossing). The Iraqi Government has approved implementing the next two stages of SIB training, which will result in deploying four SIBs on the Bayji-Baghdad energy corridor, and the Baghdad oil and electricity ring.

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MNF-I FRAGOS:

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MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-313 [WORKER ACCESS TO HADITHA DAM]	COALITION FORCES WILL FACILITATE IRAQI WORKER ACCESS TO HADITHA DAM TO PERFORM CRITICAL MAINTENANCE TASKS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-314 [PERSONNEL RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN THE IRAQI THEATER OF OPERATIONS]	MNF-I PERSONNEL RECOVERY OPERATIONS

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\13 Oct](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051013 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 124 combat actions (91 Insurgent-initiated, 33 US-initiated), suffering one KIA and 12 WIA (two of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in two combat actions (both insurgent-initiated), suffering zero casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 22 combat actions (22 insurgent-initiated, zero ISF-initiated) suffering six KIA and 11 WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Violence in North Central:** Two Polling sites near Balad (in Shia areas) and one in Kirkuk were attacked, as was a ballot collection site in Tuz. Embassy notes that Balad is particularly sensitive because of the Shia minority there.
- **Basra Government and British Breakthrough Restores Cooperation:** Basra leaders and the UK Consulate General signed an agreement Oct. 11 ending a boycott of Coalition forces resulting from the Sept. 19 clash at a Basra police station. Both parties expressed regret for the incident and the UK agreed to pay valid claims for casualties/damages. Both sides thanked US officials for mediating the agreement.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Oct\13](#)

- **Major Sunni Party Expresses Support for Constitution:** The Sunni Arab Iraqi Islamic Party (IIP) voiced support for the amended draft constitution at an Oct. 12 political gathering, following the constitution amendment deal. There have been significant threats against IIP leaders by terrorist groups. Former Sunni Endowment head Dulaymi has told the Embassy he would remain silent on the Constitution, although he is cited in *The New York Times* as an opponent of the draft. Reporting from the Embassy cites Iraqi officials and MNF-I officers expressing confidence in the level of preparedness.

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- **Update on the Iraqi 2006 Budget:** The Ministry of Finance (MoF) plans to present the 2006 budget to the TNA next week. A preliminary draft (not yet approved by the Minister) supplied by the Embassy Oct. 11 shows the government projecting about \$27 billion in oil revenues (a realistic amount based on 1.6 mb/day in exports at \$46/barrel). However, the budget appears to have a \$4.7 billion deficit and may still underestimate security expenditures with only \$5.3 billion total for MOD and MOI. The budget also shows a reduction in expenditures for the Public Distribution System of about 25 percent, and possibly for fuel import expenditures as well (Finance Minister 'Allawi had promised such cuts). IMF staff earlier indicated to us they are aware that earlier MoF estimates on security expenditures were low and said this will be a priority topic in the Oct. 17 Stand By Arrangement discussions. USG input on expected security expenditures and potential burden sharing will have a significant impact on the final shape of the budget, and thus Iraq's ability to finalize an SBA deal.
- **Special Analysis (Economic/Assistance)**
Telecommunications Update: Police officers in Baghdad are now using 5,000 radios as part of the Advanced First Responders Network (AFRN); all tactical units will have a sufficient number of radios for the Oct. 15 referendum. Over 300 Iraqis have been trained as watch commanders, dispatchers, and operators in the Baghdad Dispatch Center. When completed in January 2006, the AFRN (\$200 million in IRRF funding) will provide emergency communications for police, fire and emergency medical personnel in up to 16 strategic cities.
- **Electricity Update:**
~~(SBU)~~ Oct. 13 electricity supplied: 94,800 MWh, peak generation: 4,270 MW. Average hours of power: 8 in Baghdad, 18 in Basrah, and 13 nationwide.
~~(S&M)~~ ~~to USCIB~~ reports that an Al-Qa'ida in Iraq cell is targeting the Daura power plant in Baghdad (up to 210MW) for an attack on Oct. 14 as part of a plan to disrupt voting on the constitution.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\14 Oct](#)

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SECURITY:

- **Spike in Attacks on Ministers:** There have been only five assassination attempts on Iraqi Ministers this year, all unsuccessful, but three were in

the past ten days. On Oct. 12, insurgents conducted two assassination attempts on the same day, targeting Minister of State for Provinces al-Hardan and Minister of Baghdad Provincial Affairs al-Haditha.

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- **Allies Generally Supportive of Iraqi Constitutional Process:** Bahrain, the UAE, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman and Tunisia have responded favorably to Oct. 13 demarche. The UAE and some others made clear that their encouragement would be in the form of quiet words to Iraqi leaders, rather than public announcements. The Saudis made no commitment to a public statement, but have run at least one TV ad urging support for the Constitution. The Egyptian Foreign Minister was less positive, arguing that the constitution, as drafted, would lead to divisions among Iraq's Sunni, Shia, and Kurds. The Arab League was non-committal. Japan pledged its continued support for the Iraqi people and plans to issue a press release welcoming the referendum once voting ends.
- **Early October Polling Says Referendum is Too Close to Call:** The last opinion poll before the referendum continues to suggest that the draft constitution will likely get more than 50 percent support nationwide, but whether it will fail because of a 2/3 "no" vote in three provinces is unclear. The election will come down to two mostly Sunni provinces, Ninewa and Salah al-Din. The result will depend on who turns out. (Sunni- dominated Anbar is almost certainly more than 2/3 against.)

ECONOMIC:

- **Blackout Hits Most of Country:** The Ministry of Electricity has mobilized a crisis team to react to a blackout covering most of the country that began at 1830 Iraq time. The blackout is the belated result of an Oct. 10 attack that damaged a transmission tower on the Bayji-Kirkuk line; the tower collapsed today. The damage caused circuit breakers to trip off nationwide. Some parts of the north still have power, as do households that rely on private generators, which provide significant amounts of power nationwide. The Ministry reports a plan to restore power nationwide by 0600 on Oct. 15.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\OCTOBER\16](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051016 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 96 combat actions (70 Insurgent-initiated, 26 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 18 WIA (one of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in zero combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 27 combat actions (25 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering seven KIA and 37 WIA (zero returned to duty).

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\OCT\20051017 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 81 combat actions (47 Insurgent-initiated, 34 US-initiated), suffering 2 KIA and 13 WIA (none returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in zero combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 10 combat actions (8 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering 8 KIA and 13 WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Referendum Violence Significantly Lower Than January:** There were seven suicide attacks during the January elections, but none during the referendum. Attacks during the referendum -- primarily small arms fire and IEDs -- targeted CF and ISF, while 50 percent of attacks during the elections targeted civilians. No insurgent group has claimed responsibility for any of the attacks.

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- **IECI Delays Announcement of Referendum Results:** The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) announced that constitutional referendum results would be delayed two or three days while it investigates reports from IECI field offices that 12 governorates showed an exceptionally lop-sided vote.
- **International Diplomatic Support for Iraqi Constitutional Process:** In Kuwait, the Prime Minister congratulated the Iraqi people on the constitution in remarks to the opening session of the National Assembly. In Bahrain, the Prime Minister called the referendum an important step toward stability, security and prosperity. The Egyptian MFA issued a press statement calling on parties “to participate and engage in dialogue.”

ECONOMIC:

- **Second Blackout in Four Days Hits Iraq:** Two days after repair, one of the two Bayji-Baghdad transmission lines failed, for reasons unknown, causing circuit breakers to trip off nationwide. The Ministry of Electricity has already restarted all of Iraq’s power plants, which are expected to reach full power by Oct. 18. Baghdad’s electricity supplies will not exceed four to six hours until this critical transmission line is repaired once again.
- **Kurdish Avian Flu Not Deadly Strain:** A US Navy medical research unit in Cairo determined that Kurdish chickens are dying from a low-pathogenic strain of avian influenza (H9). This is not the dangerous H5N1 strain, found in western Turkey. The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture are working on a coordinated national response plan and have closed international borders to poultry trading.
- **Arrears to Turkey on Fuel Imports:** Officials in Iraq’s State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO) report that only 35 percent of scheduled Turkish fuel deliveries have been completed in the last three months, owing to Iraqi failure to pay Turkish suppliers. The Turkish MFA reminded Embassy Ankara on Oct. 17 about the increasing arrears, which the MFA claimed totaled \$820 million. Embassy Baghdad is working with the Ministries of Oil and Finance to clear the arrearages, especially since Turkish imports are a key source of winter heating fuel.
- **Electricity Update:** Before this evening's blackout, electricity supplied: 84,050 MWh, peak generation: 3,510 MW. Average hours of power: five in Baghdad, 15 in Basrah, and 11 nationwide.

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- **IECI/UN Review of Referendum Irregularities:** UN adviser Perelli told the Embassy she had no reason to believe that any irregularities discovered in the course of the IECI/UN review would determine the outcome of the referendum. However, Perelli underscored the need for international backing for the IECI and asked for a USG statement. The Embassy believes the Department Spokesman's remarks in the Oct. 18 briefing met her request. The Embassy is pressing the IECI to release preliminary results as soon as possible to ensure the political process stays on schedule.
- **International Support for Iraqi Constitutional Process:** Albania, Poland, Spain and Turkey released public statements hailing the successful conduct of the referendum.

Security

~~(SBU)~~ **Cash Payout Strategies in Conflict Areas:**

- Tal Afar - Ministry of Finance has allocated \$50 million in reconstruction funds for Tal Afar, with \$3 million to be paid out as \$100 cash payments to families; distribution to begin later this week.
- Fallujah - Much of the over \$200 million promised 18 months ago has been distributed (including \$100 cash for residents), though many locals remain frustrated with the program.
- Greater Euphrates River Valley - MNF-I is seeking approximately \$118.5 million for compensation, including from the ITG (though nothing has been formally committed). Haditha, where operations ended Oct. 11, is the first area where compensation (\$100 cash as in other areas) would begin.

~~(S)~~ **Kuwaiti and Iranian Indictments of Saddam:** MNF-I reports that the Kuwaiti Minister of Justice has announced an indictment for crimes associated with 1990-91 Iraqi invasion and occupation, calling for Saddam's death and "judicial cooperation" with Iraq regarding Saddam-era crimes. Iran's indictment, under review by Iran's judiciary, is for crimes from Iran-Iraq war.

ECONOMIC:

- **Iraq Recovers from Second Blackout in Four Days:** The Ministry of Electricity installed a temporary tower on one of the two damaged Bayji-Baghdad transmission lines and restarted Iraq's power plants, ending the national blackout that began on Oct. 17. The Ministry confirms that sabotage of a transmission tower near Samarra precipitated the blackout.
- **Donor Meeting in Canada:** Canada has called an informal one-day meeting of major donors (US, UK, Japan, EC, UN, World Bank, plus an Iraqi rep.) the week of Nov. 14 or 21 in Ottawa to prepare for Chairman Bell's January trip to Western Europe and the Middle East. The trip aims to encourage current donors to speed disbursements, and potential donors such as France and Germany to make significant pledges. Bell's staff has agreed to an Iraqi representative accompanying him.
- **Iraqi Oil Official Reaches Out to American Oil Companies:** Dathar al-Khassab, Director General of Iraq's Doura refinery, implored American oil executives to "be brave enough to go back to Iraq" at the American Petroleum Institute's annual conference in San Antonio.

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SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 100 combat actions (71 insurgent-initiated, 29 US-initiated), suffering four KIA and 17 WIA

(two returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in four combat actions (four insurgent-initiated, zero coalition-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 15 combat actions (14 insurgent-initiated, one ISF-initiated) suffering four KIA and 29 WIA (one returned to duty).

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- **Further Worsening of Fuel Situation:** Northern Iraq is the region most affected in the ongoing fuel shortage. Gasoline stations in the Mosul area were reported to have only one day's supply. Local media reported that official gas stations across Kurdistan closed. The Embassy reports that the government-owned oil products distribution company has decided to ration gasoline in Ninewa, Irbil, Sulaymaniyah, and Tameen provinces starting Oct. 22.

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- **Saddam Trial Defense Counsel Killed:** Sa'adoun Sughaiyer al-Janabi, defense counsel for Awad Al-Bandar was found dead at Firdos Mosque in the Ur section of Baghdad on Oct. 20, one day after his abduction. According to preliminary reports from his son and wife, there were signs of torture. He was shot four times: twice in the head and twice in the chest. In response, Laith Kubba of the Office of the Prime Minister and Deputy Minister of Interior Ali Ghalib pledged the full support of the government as the Higher Criminal Court of Iraq (HCCI) continues to make security arrangements with defense counsel.

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- **Tally Counting Complete and Preliminary Turnout Figures Announced:** The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) has announced that vote counting is complete and is awaiting the conclusion of its audit before announcing results, as soon as Oct. 24. IECI continues to indicate that any irregularities found would not affect the outcome. The IECI announced preliminary voter turnout percentages from all provinces except Baghdad and Anbar, the former because of the large number of polling stations and

the latter because of security issues that have complicated counting and transport of voting materials. IECI figures show that turnout in Shia-dominated areas tended to be lower than in mixed or Kurdish areas and lower than in the Jan. 30 elections. In the probably decisive province of Ninewah, IECI figures show 58 percent turnout, which is more than three times higher than in January.

- IIP Suspects Referendum Fraud in Ninewa: An Iraqi Islamic Party (IIP) statement claimed that citizens have been terrorized into voting “yes”. The IIP urged the IECI to investigate all allegations and to release preliminary conclusions of the review before releasing final results of the referendum.

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SECURITY:

- MNF-I Combat Snapshot: US Forces participated in 59 combat actions (45 Insurgent-initiated, 14 US-initiated), suffering one KIA and 16 WIA (three of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action suffering no casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 12 combat actions (nine insurgent-initiated, three ISF-initiated) suffering two KIA and five WIA (zero returned to duty).

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 149 combat actions (92 Insurgent-initiated, 57 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 24 WIA (four of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering zero casualties. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 14 combat actions (12 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering one KIA and 14 WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **VBIED Attack on Palestine Hotel:** 11 people were killed when three very large VBIEDs exploded close to Baghdad's Palestine Hotel. Blasts appear to have been sequenced to allow media cameras to train on the site and AP footage shows that one of the vehicle bombers had penetrated the hotel's blast walls before exploding. MNF-I recently assessed that Al Qaida may increasingly employ media-centric attacks to reverse the momentum of the political process.

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- **Iraqi Constitution Approval Likely to be Announced Oct. 25:** Audits by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) have uncovered irregularities in four provinces, with the most significant irregularity taking place in Ninawa, the "swing-governorate". None of the irregularities was significant enough to bring into question the constitution's approval, but may strengthen rejectionist portrayal of the referendum as illegitimate. UN Headquarters has agreed, at our urging, to allow its Baghdad-based electoral advisors to refute unfounded fraud claims and pushing the IECI to defend vigorously its conclusions.
- **Moussa Obtains Sistani Support for Arab League Reconciliation Efforts:** Following a meeting at Sistani's house in Najaf, Moussa told reporters that he had won Ayatollah Sistani's support for holding a national reconciliation conference. A USG Iraqi employee who was in the meeting reported that Sistani: emphasized the ongoing political process; urged that those with blood on their hands be kept out of the conference; and stressed that the Iraqis must decide their own fate.
- **Talabani Chief of Staff Comments on PUK/KDP Merger, Makhmour:** Kamiran Karadogi, President Talabani's Chief of Staff, announced that the KDP-PUK Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) administrations must

be combined, but warned that forcing the issue would be destabilizing. Karadogi acknowledged that both the PUK and KDP knew the PKK was operating out of Makhmour refugee camp, but cautioned that neither Kurds nor Americans could afford to take on this issue; Kurdish support for the US in Iraq would evaporate if the Americans went after the PKK. He offered his own solution to the PKK issue: a Turkish general amnesty to the PKK and a quiet conference between Turkish military and political leaders, Iraqi Kurds, and the United States.

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- **Electricity Update:** The Ministry of Electricity repaired the Bayji-Kirkuk transmission line on Oct. 21, one day ahead of schedule. However, looters downed six more towers on the damaged Bayji-Baghdad line, bringing the total to 34; the new damage may delay the scheduled Nov. 7 completion date for that line. Available hours of power have recovered to pre-blackout levels as a result of declining demand from lower seasonal temperatures. Oct. 22-24 electricity supplied: 94,500 MWh, peak generation: 4,200 MW. Average hours of power: ten in Baghdad, 13 in Basrah, and 15 nationwide.

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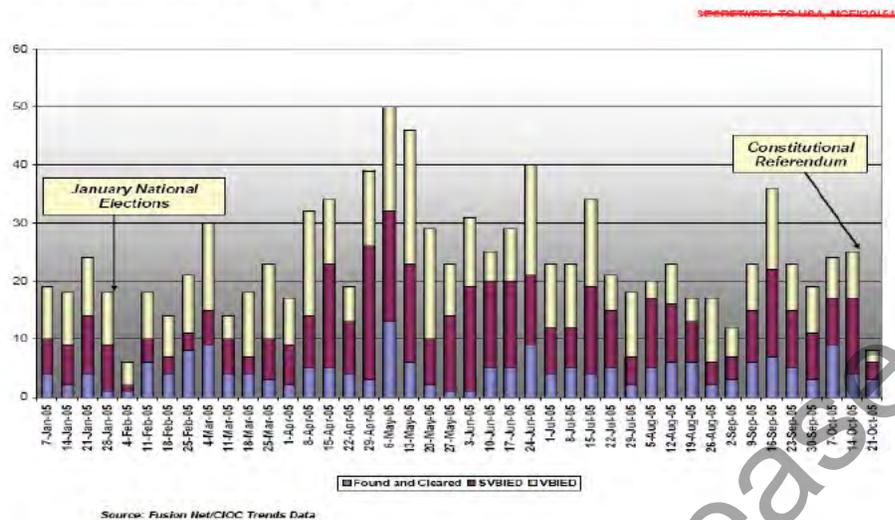
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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 105 combat actions (75 insurgent-initiated, 30 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 19 WIA (four returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (one insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 15 combat actions (13 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering nine KIA and 11 WIA (zero returned to duty)
- **VBIED Trends:** MNF-I reports that vehicle bomb usage is at its lowest point since just after the January 2005 elections, but expects attacks to resume (with a surge from Oct. 25 thru Nov. 7 due to the “Night of Power,” end of Ramadan and ensuing Eid al-Fitr celebration). However, in the long-term, attacks will be characterized by spikes rather than a steady rate.

Figure 1 - VBIED Attack Trends from 1 Jan-21 Oct 05



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- **Referendum Results Announced and Certified:** The Independent Electoral Commission for Iraq (IECI) certified that the constitution was approved by 78.59 percent of voters. Salah al-Din and Anbar provinces voted “no” by 81.75 percent and 96.96 percent, respectively. Ninawa/Mosul, the “swing-governorate” voted “no” by 55 percent, less than the two-thirds needed to defeat the constitution. The IECI discovered some electoral irregularities; the most significant in Ninawa. The UN stated the number of irregularities is well within the normal range, and none brought into question the result. There will be complaints from some Sunni Arab politicians about the credibility of the referendum, but they are using those claims to rally supporters to participate in the Dec. 15 election rather than to advocate a boycott of the election. The IECI and the UN, are publicly asserting the validity of the referendum results.
- **Allawi’s List:** Former PM Ayad Allawi continues to prepare his coalition list in advance of the Oct. 28 registration deadline. Allawi’s current list of 24 names to run from Baghdad includes Assembly Speaker Hajim al-Hasani, senior statesmen Adnan al-Pachachi and Naseer al-Chaderchi (who are reportedly unhappy about their relatively low positions on the list) and MOD Sa’doun al-Duleimi among others. Allawi has set up a campaign operations room headed by former Iraqi representative in the United States, Rend Rahim.

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- **Al Qaida Condemns Referendum:** In its first website posting since the referendum, Al Qaida condemned the Iraqi constitution and promised a new wave of attacks. Al Qaida called democracy an “illusion” and the constitution a “new Dayton plot,” apparently referring to the 1995 Dayton Accords. The posting claimed a media campaign, which misled Iraqis and demeaned the image of the Mujahidin, resulted in a “cheap constitution.”

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- **Shia United Iraqi Alliance May Live to Fight Another Day:** Kareem Musawi, Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq’s (SCIRI) a representative here, stated that the most likely outcome of the ongoing coalition-formation talks in Baghdad would be another united Shia list. Musawi said SCIRI would be unwilling to make many concessions to achieve this result, especially to the Sadrists, and was confident it would do well if it chose to run on its own. The overall strategy of any Shia alliance would be to determine which Shia party was strongest in each province and run that party’s representatives at the top of the alliance list in that province. Deciding in which province national-level politicians should run is a complicating factor in the coalition negotiations, said Musawi.
- **Concerns About the Status of Turcoman Detainees:** Turcoman Kirkuk Provincial Council members raised concerns to REO Kirkuk about the status of Turcoman detainees held in Kirkuk, Erbil, and Suleimaniyah, saying a lack of transparency and abusive behavior by Kurdish authorities has caused major concern among their constituents. Provincial council members said that, although MNF-I intervention has greatly reduced illegal detentions and transfers by Kurdish security services, an estimated 100 detainees remain in prisons in Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) territory.

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- **Iraqi Participation in Pakistan Earthquake Relief:** The Iraqi Ministry of Defense has offered to send an Iraqi Army engineering company of approximately 140 men to Pakistan to assist in earthquake relief. A letter was passed to the Iraqi MFA for formal transmission to the Government of Pakistan. MNF-I is making arrangements via CENTCOM to assist the Iraqi Army to deploy to Pakistan if the offer is accepted. In Pakistan, the Iraqi company will team up to operate with a detachment of US Seabees. All transportation, supplies, and security will be provided by the US.
- **Iraqi Cabinet Approves Draft Letter of Intent for IMF Program:** The Iraqi Council of Ministers approved the draft Letter of Intent for a Stand-

By Arrangement. The letter lays out three prior conditions for IMF board approval:

1. IMF concurrence with an approved 2006 budget. (The letter contains bracketed language concerning the size of the 2006 budget deficit and projected security costs. The IMF would like to see the deficit limited to \$3.6 billion, versus the \$5 billion in the draft Iraqi budget).
2. Implementation of fuel price increases. (The letter contains a commitment to raise fuel prices nationwide, by Dec. 16 -- the day after elections. The IMF has also requested that the cabinet-approved liberalization of fuel imports be submitted to the Transitional National Assembly and that the Ministry of Oil be given more freedom in setting domestic fuel prices.)
3. Significant progress on an audit of the Central Bank of Iraq.

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 77 combat actions (57 Insurgent-initiated, 20 US-initiated), suffering five KIA and 24 WIA (three of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in two combat actions (both insurgent-initiated), suffering zero casualties and three WIA (zero of whom returned to duty). Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 14 combat actions (ten insurgent-initiated, four ISF-initiated) suffering one KIA and ten WIA (zero returned to duty).

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- **Political Parties Submit Election Lists:** The Embassy reports that Iraq's major parties have submitted coalition registrations and at least partial candidate lists as required. The rest of the candidate lists should trickle in this weekend. In a meeting with the Charge, SRSG Qazi and Independent Electoral Commission for Iraq (IECI) international adviser Craig Jenness said they would press the IECI to refrain from any extension of the Oct. 28 deadline. Jenness noted that there could be a few days flexibility on submission of candidate lists, but stressed that the IECI must not be subjected to manipulation by parties that miss the deadline. The Dec. 15 election date cannot be put in jeopardy.
- **Candidate Lists Confirm Identity Politics in Iraq:** As the Oct. 28 deadline closes for political parties to register electoral alliances and candidate lists, the shape of the Dec. 15 national election is clear. A broad Shia Islamist unity list, a Kurdish unity list and a Sunni Arab unity list will head the political groups competing for power in the next national assembly. Some political lists will cross sectarian and ethnic lines, most notably Ayad Allawi's Iraqi National List, but identity politics will again be the main determinant of this election.

ECONOMIC:

- **Imminent Refinery Shutdown Adds to Fuel Woes:** In the wake of damage to pipelines that cut off its crude supply, Iraq's largest oil refinery at Bayji scaled back production in an attempt to continue operations for as long as possible. However, its storage tanks are empty, and the refinery will have to cease production, probably on Oct. 29. Once that happens, it will take at least ten days to restart the units. Repair of the two crude oil pipelines feeding the refinery will not be completed until Nov. 7 and 15. This will exacerbate the fuel crisis as Iraq is delinquent on payments to Turkish and Kuwaiti companies for fuel imports.

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-333 [ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE] (SBF)]	ROTATION OF 1ST AND 2ND BNS, SPECIAL BORDER FORCE IN AL WALID
MOD 1 to MNF-I FRAGO 05-251 [IRAQI ARMY FORCE GENERATION SUPPORT AND COORDINATION]	FORCE GENERATION SUPPORT AND COORDINATION

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- **MNF-I Reported Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 107 combat actions (79 Insurgent-initiated, 28 US-initiated), suffering two KIA and 25 WIA (seven of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (Insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 11 combat actions (ten insurgent-initiated, one ISF-initiated) suffering one KIA and 16 WIA (zero returned to duty).

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MNF-I FRAGOS

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 114 combat actions (87 insurgent-initiated, 27 US-initiated), suffering seven KIA and 13 WIA (three of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in zero combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in ten combat actions (eight insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering three KIA and 21 WIA (one returned to duty).
- **Exploiting the Composition of Insurgent Groups:** MNF-I assesses that exposing the criminal activity of some terrorist and foreign fighter groups would highlight their un-Islamic activities and counter propaganda that they are working for the Iraqi people. The growing Iraqi, and hence non-ideologically motivated, composition of Al-Qaida in Iraq has increasingly put the Iraqi rank and file at odds with the jihadist foreign Al-Qaida leadership. Iraqi non-ideological motivations for joining include nationalism, resentment for Coalition, money and advancing criminal activities.

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- **Iraq UNSCR Letters Delivered:** The Iraqi Mission to the UN delivered to the Security Council the letter from PM Ja'afari requesting a new resolution to extend the mandate of MNF-I and the arrangements for the Development Fund for Iraq and its monitoring board. USUN then delivered to the Council the US response to the Iraqi letter.

ECONOMIC:

- **Iraq's Refinery Woes:** The Baiji Refinery is operating at a bare minimum level using crude trucked in, and will not return to 100 percent capacity before mid-November (at the earliest). On Nov. 8, Basra Refinery will shut down for essential maintenance for two months. With these refineries essentially out of commission, Iraq's largest dependence on imports will increase. Iraq has paid \$500 million to Turkey and \$150 million to Kuwait to cover existing arrears for fuel imports, but it is

uncertain whether new shipments will be able to compensate for the decreased domestic production.

- **Electricity Update:** The limited availability of cranes is slowing repairs by Ministry of Electricity contractors to the 34 downed towers on one of the two Bayji-Baghdad transmission lines; the scheduled completion date of Nov. 7 is in jeopardy. Oct. 29-31 electricity supplied: 95,500 MWh, peak generation: 4,350 MW. Hours of power: 9-14 in Baghdad, 13-17 in Basrah, and 17 nationwide.

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SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 104 combat actions (77 insurgent-initiated, 27 US-initiated), suffering two KIA and 16 WIA (two returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering no casualties or WIA. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 20 combat actions (18 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering four KIA and 23 WIA (four returned to duty).
- **Ramadan Detainee Release:** As a gesture of Ramadan good will, MNF-I released 450 Iraqi detainees from Abu Ghraib Prison. All had been judged by the Combined Review and Release Board not to pose a significant security threat to Iraq or to Coalition Forces. These releases follow 1000 similar releases made at the end of August. As planning proceeds for the transition of security detainees to Iraqi authority and control, MNF-I wants to reduce the number of detainees, so as not to overwhelm Iraqi legal and correctional institutions.

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- **Shi'a Coalition Narrows:** The Shi'a coalition of political parties is different than the slate that competed in January. Instead of an umbrella group of tribal sheikhs, clerics, and westernized businessmen, the list for the Dec. 15 election has a narrower Islamist cast and is dominated by Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI) and Sadrist groups. It has little moderate and secular influence, and demonstrates a decline in the strength of PM Jafari's Dawa party.
- **Preparations for December Election:** Reports show a preliminary count of 307 entities running alone or as part of 20 coalitions. The Independent

Electoral Commission for Iraq (IECI) does not expect to issue a regulation on the system for allocating 45 compensatory seats until next week at the earliest. Senior Iraqi officials have also pressed for Out-of-Country Voting (OCV); the IECI is receptive, but discussion involves fewer than 14 possible countries and there has been no decision on how the process will be managed. Time constraints are likely to mean a much smaller OCV system than on Jan. 30. It is not clear whether there will be any OCV in the US.

ECONOMIC:

- **Kurdish Prime Minister Asserts Right to Oil Deals:** KRG Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani told a conference and reporters in London that the KRG holds the authority to negotiate and award contracts in its territory. He claimed that existing oil fields will remain in control of the central government, but that unexploited fields will be under the control of the regional government in cooperation with the central government. He stated that negotiations were ongoing with oil companies for stakes in future exploration and production deals, although he declined to elaborate.
- **Contractors Threaten to Walk at Key Tigris River Pipeline Crossing:** The subcontractor on the US funded al-Fathah project has threatened to walk off the job citing poor security and insurgent attacks. The al-Fathah project will reconnect 12 pipelines that cross the Tigris. These pipelines feed the largest refinery in Iraq and also send crude up to Turkey. In response to the complaint, MNC-I has ordered a permanent coalition military presence on the project site until it is completed.
- **Electricity Update:** The Ministry of Electricity reported that six more towers were down on the damaged Bayji-Baghdad transmission line, bringing the total to 40 towers. The Ministry plans to accelerate repairs by Iraqi contractors to minimize delays beyond the originally-scheduled Nov. 7 completion date. Power supplies decreased nine percent from the levels of Oct. 29-31 due to unscheduled outages at the Daura power plant and other plants. Nov. 1 average electricity supplied: 87,000 MWh, peak generation: 4,100 MW. Hours of power: nine in Baghdad, 14 in Basrah, and 14 nationwide.

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SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 110 combat actions (76 Insurgent-initiated, 34 US-initiated), suffering eight KIA and 10 WIA (one returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent initiated). Iraqi Security Forces participated in 18 combat actions (14 Insurgent-initiated, four ISF-initiated) suffering one KIA and 11 WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Helicopter Crew Fatalities:** MNC-I and CENTCOM report that two US Marines were killed today when their AH-1 “Cobra” helicopter was downed reportedly by a rocket-propelled grenade 14 km east of Ramadi.
- **Iraqi Former Officer Recruitment:** Iraqi Defense Minister Dulaymi invited former officers to rejoin the Iraqi armed forces. Embassy Baghdad’s analysis is that the recruitment is unlikely to turn up many “bad apples” since candidates cannot have held a rank above Major. Press reports point out that this effort does not constitute a change in requirements as there has been nothing preventing former officers from joining the new army until now
- **South Africa Considering Anti-Mercenary Law:** The South African parliamentary defense committee was scheduled to hold hearings today on a proposed bill that would outlaw South Africans from providing security services in an “area of armed conflict,” including enlisting in foreign armed forces or working for security contractors unless granted government permission. J2 estimates there are 66 South Africans in the US military, at least 350 in the British military, and 7,000 to 10,000 South Africans in Iraq providing personal security services. Embassy Pretoria is engaging the Foreign Ministry to convey concern about how passage of this law could undermine international efforts to rebuild Iraq.

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- **UNSCR:** The US and UK began circulating the draft UNSCR text in New York, Washington and capitals Nov. 1. USUN hosted P5 and “C5” (the coalition partners in the UNSC: UK, UN, Japan, Romania and Denmark) expert-level discussions; a meeting of experts of the full Council is scheduled for this evening. C5 countries expressed interest in co-sponsorship. A French MFA official told Embassy Paris on Nov. 2 that he believed France would not seek confrontation on the one-year length of the extension of the MNF’s mandate. In Baghdad, FM Zebari convoked UNSC members Nov. 1 to urge support for PM Ja’afari’s letter requesting the extension of the MNF mandate and the financial arrangements that ensure transparency in the use of Iraq’s revenues.
- **IECI to Remove Fraudulent Names from Kirkuk Voter Registry:** The IECI announced that it would be removing approximately 86,000 names found to have been wrongfully added to the Kirkuk voter list. The attempt did not have any impact on the outcome of the referendum.
- **Differences in UIC:** Fadilah, a relatively moderate Shi’a Islamist party, publicly attempted to defect from the United Iraqi Alliance. The IECI rejected Fadilah’s application to run separately, citing the expiration of the

Oct. 28 deadline, the precedent it would set, and the possibility of delaying the election. The U.S. Embassy had urged maximum flexibility in a Nov. 2 meeting with IECI and its UN advisers. Fadilah was reportedly displeased by Muqtada al-Sadr's claims that they would dominate UIA decision-making. Fadilah announced it would "unwillingly" continue to be a member of the UIC, but its reaction to Sadr overreaching indicates the fragility of UIA unity, both pre and post-election.

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- **Belgium and Iraq Sign a Bilateral Debt Deal:** The agreement (the fourth such under Paris Club terms) provides forgiveness of 80 percent of Iraq's \$312 million debt to Belgium. Outside the Paris Club, Malta and Romania have signed relief agreements on PC terms.
- **Bayji Refinery Shutdown Will Force Increased Imports of Refined Products:** Estimates are that additional fuel imports needed to offset sharply reduced domestic refined production will cost \$700 million through end of 2005. This will cut into the previously anticipated 2005 budget surplus of around \$3.3 billion, which the Iraqi government and IMF had assumed would carry over to cover the \$3.3 billion gap between 2006 expenditures and revenues.

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\3](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051103 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 92 combat actions (61 insurgent-initiated, 31 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 13 WIA (zero of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in two combat actions (both insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in ten combat actions (nine insurgent-initiated, one ISF-initiated) suffering one KIA and 11 WIA.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\3](#)

- **UNSCR Update:** Romania, Denmark and Japan have definitively indicated their interest in becoming co-sponsors when the US and UK circulate the next draft of the UN Security Council resolution. USUN and UKUN are working to achieve as much agreement as possible on Nov. 3-4 as any remaining language issues may become more difficult to resolve

during the absence (in Africa) of nine of the 15 UNSC member PermReps from Nov. 4-11. U.S. aiming for passage by Nov. 9.

- **“Resistance” Group Justifies Insurgents’ Actions:** The Iraqi Patriotic Alliance, an organization of overseas Ba’th Party sympathizers, has posted on the internet power point slides justifying the activities of the Iraqi insurgency. The slides assert that the “resistance” is the only legitimate representation of the Iraqi people and that their means are legitimate as they are fighting the US-led occupation. The slides also note a number of the resistance’s “achievements,” including “liberating” 30 cities, having defeated “the Spanish imperialism in Iraq” (thus apparently endorsing the March 2004 Madrid bombings), and forcing nine “occupying” countries to leave. The slides are available for review.

ECONOMIC:

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- **Gasoline Lines and Fuel Shortages:** As the Eid holiday begins, Embassy reports long lines at gas stations throughout the country, occasioned by sharply-reduced domestic refinery production and payment arrears on fuel imports. The Ministry of Oil is taking steps to allocate available fuel to areas with the greatest need, but the holiday period shortages are likely to raise tension and spark public complaints.
- **Electricity Update:** The Ministry of Electricity reports that local government officials and armed groups are forcing substation operators to maintain local electricity levels, leaving less power for Baghdad. This lack of “load shedding,” particularly in the south, contributes to the relatively low hours of power in the capital city. Nov. 3 average electricity supplied: 90,100 MWh, peak generation: 4,150 MW. Hours of power: nine in Baghdad, 14 in Basrah, and 15 nationwide.

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MNF-I Battle Update: [BUAs\November\20051104 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\4](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051104 INTSUM\[1\].PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **South African Mercenary Legislation Delayed:** Parliament has taken no action on the Regulation of Mercenary Activities Bill which could potentially criminalize thousands of South Africans providing security in Iraq, despite earlier plans to fast track. There may be no action on the draft legislation before the end of South Africa's 2005 legislative session scheduled for Nov. 18.

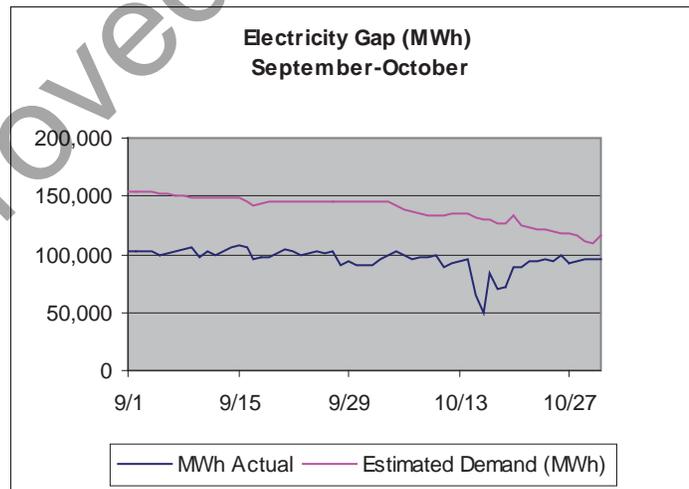
- **Global at BIAP Through Nov. 11 at Least:** Embassy Baghdad is confident that Global Risk Strategies will continue providing security at Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) at least through Nov. 11, even if it receives no further payments. Deputy Prime Minister Chalabi has acknowledged that the ITG owes Global some money, but not the \$18 million Global claims. The Embassy continues to urge ITG officials to keep Global in place through the elections, but the Minister of Transportation remains opposed.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\4](#)

- **UNSCR Update:** USUN and UKUN distributed a revised draft of the UN Security Council resolution. The Iraqis object to several Russian-proposed amendments to the draft UNSCR. The U.S. is encouraging the Iraqis to talk directly with the Russians and aim to finalize a text Nov. 7.

ECONOMIC:

- **Electricity Trends:** With seasonal declines in temperature, average electricity demand dropped 25 percent from September to October. However, supply declined 10 percent due to scheduled maintenance on power plants and the impact of insurgent attacks and looting on transmission lines to Baghdad. As a result, during October, the average hours of power in Baghdad dropped from 11 to nine, but increased from 13.6 to 14.3 nationally. During the winter months, we expect demand will reach a new peak (approximately 10 percent above summer 2005); additional generating capacity to be added in November and December is unlikely to close the demand gap.



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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\06 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\5](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051105 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY: **OPERATION STEEL CURTAIN**

- **Operation Steel Curtain:** Coalition Forces and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) launched a major offensive in Western Iraq. The goals of Operation Steel Curtain include disruption of insurgent freedom of action, denial of insurgent sanctuaries in the Euphrates River Valley, restoration of Iraqi control of the Syrian Border, and prevention of Al Qaida intervention in the December elections.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\5](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [MNC-BUA\NOV\5](#)

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\06 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\6](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051106 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 108 combat actions (67 insurgent-initiated, 41 US-initiated), suffering three KIA and 14 WIA (two of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. ISF participated in 20 combat actions (15 insurgent-initiated, five ISF-initiated) suffering one KIA and five WIA (zero returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\6](#)

ECONOMIC:

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MNF-I Battle Update: [BUAs\November\20051107 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\7](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051107 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\7](#)

- **UNSCR Likely to Be Adopted on Nov. 8:** The text went “blue” on Nov. 7 and will likely be approved unanimously on Nov. 8. Facing Iraqi opposition, the Russians backed down on their call for an international conference of national reconciliation. On MNF-I withdrawal, compromise language states that the stand-up of Iraqi security forces would “(allow) the completion of the multinational force mandate.”
- **Three Scenarios for First Long-Term GOI:** US suggests that five broad competing blocs – the Shi’a Alliance, Allawi’s list, Sunni Arab parties, Kurdistan Alliance, and independent Shi’a groups – will shape the post-Dec. 15 parliament and predicts three scenarios. In “more of the same,” the Shi’a Alliance and Kurds join with some independent Shi’a, with Sunni Arabs left out. “The center ascends” has Allawi’s list, the Kurds, and the Sunnis, with some renegade Shi’a, forming a diverse moderate cabinet with a volatile Shi’a Islamist opposition. Last would be a “unity government,” which could come about if Allawi performs well and Sistani keeps the Shi’a Alliance inside the government.

ECONOMIC:

- **TNA Passage of 2006 Budget, Fuel Import Liberalization Essential for IMF Stand-By:** In a briefing on Nov. 4, IMF staff underlined that, in addition to fuel price increases, the TNA must pass both the 2006 budget and legislation permitting private sector importation of refined fuel products before the IMF Executive Board will consider a Stand-By Arrangement for Iraq. The Board is tentatively scheduled to consider the SBA on Dec. 23; the TNA would need to pass the budget and legislation before it adjourns on Nov. 28. Visiting ex-Minister of Oil Thamer Ghadhban told us on Nov. 7 that conveying the urgency of this issue to the Speaker of the TNA is crucial to getting the legislation passed.
- **Domestic Fuel Supplies Plummet:** The nationwide supplies of petroleum products has reached perilously low levels, including only three days of supply of diesel and gasoline. As a result, the Ministry of Oil has decided to defer long overdue but critical maintenance to the Basrah refinery until the Bayji refinery is back in operation. Repairs to the 26-inch Kirkuk to Bayji pipeline should be completed by Nov. 15.
- **Electricity Update:** On Nov. 5, insurgents damaged the natural gas pipeline for the Taji power plant (40MW), which will remain out of service for five days during repairs. The Ministry of Electricity is also repairing the damaged Bayji-Baghdad transmission line, but inclement weather could delay the scheduled Nov. 25 completion date; insurgents originally interdicted this line on Sept. 5, and subsequent looting and attacks have downed a total of 40 towers. Nov. 5-7 electricity supplied:

90,500-95,400 MWh; peak generation: 4,150-4,400 MW. Hours of power: 10-15 in Baghdad, 14-17 in Basrah, 15-16 nationwide.

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\8 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\8](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051108 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\8](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\8](#)

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\9 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\9](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051109 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Reported Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 91 combat actions (56 insurgent-initiated, 35 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 13 WIA (one returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (one insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 14 combat actions (12 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering four KIA and nine WIA (none returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\9](#)

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- **PM Ja'afari Requests Delay in High-Value Detainee (HVD) Releases:**

At a meeting with the Chargé, General Casey, and the Deputy Commanding General – Detainee Operations, PM Ja'afari objected strongly to MNF-I's plans to release 24 HVDs (primarily former Ba'athists and Saddam associates) whom MNF-I assessed as safe to release from a security perspective and against whom the Iraqi High Tribunal has presented no credible evidence of criminal culpability. The ITG claimed that it has been given insufficient time to investigate these cases. (The IHT has been given full access to these individuals for more

than one year.) Ja'afari argued that the ITG needed time to assess the political as well as the legal implications of the releases. MNF-I and Embassy agreed to a series of intensive meetings from Nov. 10 until Nov. 17-Nov. 20 to address the ITG's concerns, but repeated our stance that the releases are legally and ethically necessary and cannot be delayed further.

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\10 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\10](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051110 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\10](#)

ECONOMIC:

[IRMO\IRMO Weekly Mgt Rpts from CMO\All\20051110 All](#)

- **Oil Ministry Official Responsible for Fuel Price Increases Replaced:**
The Director General of the Oil Ministry's domestic distribution and sales company, Zuhayr Shakir, was replaced. No reason was given, but Zuhayr has told the Embassy in the past that he initiated many of the recent fuel price increases on his own initiative.
- **Fuel Crunch:** Reports that gasoline and diesel stocks in country are under four days of supply. Baghdad is relatively well supplied with kerosene (heating fuel), but the rest of the country is running low. A key pipeline that feeds the Bayji Refinery will not be repaired on schedule due to contractor intimidation, which means Iraq's largest refinery will need to shut down completely until at least mid-December. On the positive side, fuel import shipments from Turkey doubled on Nov. 9 to over 800 trucks, and two ships with imported fuel from the Gulf arrived in the southern port of Khor al-Zubair

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\11 NOV.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\11](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051111 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\11](#)
ECONOMIC:
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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\12](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051112 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\12](#)
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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051113 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:
GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\13](#)
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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\14 NOV.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\14](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051114 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 100 combat actions (49 insurgent-initiated, 51 US-initiated), suffering two KIA and 18 WIA (two of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in two combat actions (both insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 19 combat actions (12 insurgent-initiated, seven ISF-initiated) suffering two KIA and 11 WIA (zero returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE:
ECONOMIC:
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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\15](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051115_INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **Operation Steel Curtain Update:** Operation Steel Curtain continued with military operations in the Ubaydi and Ramana area, northeast of Husaybah. These actions included several air-strikes that resulted in the deaths of a number of insurgents. MNC-I reports the operations have generated approximately 1,000 internally displaced persons; a camp is being established to care for their needs
- **MOI's Bunker Detainees:** PM Ja'afari publicly announced the formation of a committee to investigate the Nov. 13 discovery of abused detainees at a Ministry of Interior (MOI) detention facility and report its findings within two weeks. He also announced the formation of another committee to examine the treatment of all prisoners in Iraq and to ensure their well-being. Embassy Baghdad and MNF-I have issued a joint statement welcoming PM Ja'afari's expression of concern and his announced actions. FM Straw issued a similar statement. The Iraqi government has the lead in the investigation, and the Embassy and MNF-I are providing assistance.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\15](#)

- **Ja'afari Withdraws Delegation to Damascus:** Prime Minister Ja'afari withdrew his "unofficial" delegation to Damascus after Asad suggested in public remarks that the Iraqi government was not in charge of its country.
- **Ja'afari to Attend Arab League Conference:** PM Ja'afari has stated that despite concerns about the Arab League initiative, he will attend the Nov. 19-21 Cairo preparatory conference, recognizing that he could not prevent the meeting from taking place. Ja'afari said that his concerns had also been addressed by a more satisfactory list of Sunni Arab participants described to him by Arab League SYG Amre Moussa in conversations on Nov. 15. The Arab League list now excludes Sunni hardliners Saleh Mutlak, Harith al-Dhari, and Mish'an al-Jaburi. Ja'afari needs to be as

inclusive as possible, but the need to appear tough for his electoral base may outweigh this.

ECONOMIC:

- **Karbala Officials Cite “Essential Services” as Main Election Issue:** The Governor and Provincial Council Deputy Chairman of Karbala told REO Hillah that essential services are the main election issue in Karbala. Unemployment and poverty are other major concerns. Both government and non-government sources throughout South-Central Iraq cite widespread concern among residents that the national and provincial governments are failing in their efforts to deliver essential services.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\15](#)

- **Ba'ath Party Information Operations:** Ba'ath Party media efforts have increased in volume and sophistication since June, including the addition of a Cairo-based satellite TV station called al-Baghdadiyyah. MNF-I Intel reports that Al-Baghdadiyyah transmits Ba'athist and anti-Coalition themes consistent with former regime media. Exiled Ba'ath leaders also send messages by courier to adherents in Iraq who then disseminate the messages via pamphlets, handbills, television and the internet. In Sunni-dominated areas, Ba'ath Party newspapers are published with anti-Coalition messages and threats to individuals participating in the political process.

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MNF-I Battle Update: [BUAs\November\20051116 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\16](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051116 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 84 combat actions (56 insurgent-initiated, 28 US-initiated), suffering six KIA and 20 WIA (two returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (one insurgent-initiated), suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 14 combat actions (eight insurgent-initiated, six ISF-initiated) suffering zero KIA and ten WIA (none returned to duty).
- **Latest Developments in “Bunker” Abuse Case:** The investigation into the abuse of detainees discovered on Nov. 13 at the MOI “Bunker” is underway. US Army MPs transferred the detainees to Abu Ghraib Prison’s Coalition-controlled section, pending transfer to the Iraqi Ministry of Justice-controlled section. On Nov. 16, bunker detainees accused the investigative judge leading the review of their cases of collaborating with their torturers. The President of the Higher Juridical

Council has replaced the investigative judges with new judges, who have begun reviewing the detainees' files. Chargé Satterfield, General Casey, and Rule of Law Coordinator Yellin told Minister of Interior Bayan Jabr that the USG was unhappy with his public comments minimizing the severity of torture at the Bunker and said they hurt the credibility of the Iraqi Government. In a separate meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Rowsch Shaways, who will head the investigative committee, the Chargé, Casey, and Yellin promised US support for the investigation.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\16](#)

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\17](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051117 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **Jabr Asserts Few Tortured at "the Bunker":** In a meeting with the media, Interior Minister Jabr condemned torture and said he will punish anyone found to have abused detainees, but also said reports of torture at the Bunker were exaggerated, emphasizing that the detainees were all "dangerous terrorists" arrested by orders of a judge, and that "no one was beheaded or killed." Jabr also claimed that only five to seven of the detainees showed any signs of possible torture. According to US military screening, 101 of the 168 detainees showed signs of abuse.
- **Murtha Calls for Withdrawal:** Representative John Murtha [D-PA], ranking minority member of the Defense Appropriations Committee, publicly urged the withdrawal of troops from Iraq saying: "The US cannot accomplish anything further in Iraq militarily. It is time to bring them home."

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GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\17](#)

- **IECI Changes Approach on Candidates Vetting:** IECI Chairman al-Mohammady said that the IECI would begin submitting candidate names directly to the de-Ba'athification Commission to more effectively enforce IECI registration regulations. In January, the burden was on the Commission. This change in vetting procedures increases the risk of politicized charges against candidates, particularly Sunni Arabs. The Embassy told the IECI and International Commissioner Jenness that the politicized use of de-Ba'athification in the December election would damage the credibility of the election.
- **AL Meeting Politicking in Full Swing:** NEA officer in Cairo reports that the Arab League and the UN have prepared an agenda for the meeting that includes discussion of "confidence building measures" such as non-use of mosques for military operations/no attacks on mosques and no attacks on election activities. Iraqi government officials in Cairo have not cleared on this agenda. US representatives have emphasized to the UN and Iraqis that there must be no implication of parity between Coalition Forces and terrorist actions. The Iraqis have undertaken to engage with the UN and the AL.

ECONOMIC :

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- **SOMO Asks Coalition to Pay Iraqi Fuel Arrears:** Representatives of Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO), Turkey's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and US military officials (EUCOM and CENTCOM) met on Nov. 9 to discuss issues surrounding the Habur Gate border crossing between Turkey and Iraq. SOMO announced it had reached agreement with the Turkish State Petroleum Company for construction of a short pipeline at the gate to pump fuel from trucks on the Turkish side to trucks waiting on the Iraqi side. SOMO reps said the Iraqi Finance Ministry did not have the \$350 million to pay the remaining arrears for Iraqi import of Turkish fuel, and that SOMO would ask the Coalition to pay.
- **Electricity Update:** Insurgents damaged a tower on one of the two Bayji-Baghdad transmission lines; the Ministry of Electricity plans to install an emergency tower and restore power on the line within 24 hours. The Ministry plans to complete repairs to the 40 towers on the second non-operational Bayji-Baghdad line by Nov. 25. Nov. 17 daily electricity supplied: 86,200 MWh; peak generation: 3,950 MW. Hours of power: ten in Baghdad, 18 in Basrah, 12 nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\17](#)

Special Analysis:

Militias Exert Control Over Basrah: The U.S. Head of Station-Basrah told NEA/I that the city was now effectively under the control of party militias. This assessment tracks with that of REO Basrah and other agency reporting. The Head of Station estimated half of the Basrah police owe allegiance to either Sadr's Jaysh al-Mahdi (JAM) or the Badr Organization SCIRI.

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larger number carry out assassinations, kidnappings and are involved in organized crime. The central government has so far been unable or unwilling to get control of the militias. Militias control who gets jobs, and summon local government officials to their headquarters for intimidation. CF efforts to win hearts and minds in Basrah have lost ground in the past year because Basrans assume the US and UK have acquiesced in the militias' takeover. The only solution, the SIS official said, would be to detain key militia leaders, accepting the potential for short term violence, and to replace senior police officials with officers not loyal to the militias. Even then, however, finding replacements not susceptible to the same political pressures would be difficult.

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MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051118 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

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MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\19](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051119 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\19](#)

ECONOMIC:

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\20 NOV 05.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-315 [FORMER REGIME AND HVC TRIALS AT THE IRAQI SPECIAL TRIBUNAL (IST) COURTHOUSE]	SECURITY OF THE HVC'S AND THE COURTHOUSE DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD

MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-279 [MOVE IRAQI PRISONERS IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE (MoJ)]	SUPPORT THE TRANSFER OF CONVICTED IRAQI CRIMINALS FROM BAGHDAD CENTRAL CONFINEMENT FACILITY (BCCF) TO BADDUSH PRISON, IVO MOSUL
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-340 [MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (MOWR) TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY ESCORT TO NASIRIYAH]	MOWR REQUIRES TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY TO INSPECT A CRITICAL PUMPING STATION IN NASIRIYAH
MNF-I FRAGO 05-357 [COMBINED MOI / MNF-I COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE]	[COMBINED MOI / MNFI LEADERS' CONFERENCE]

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\19](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051120 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 76 combat actions (50 insurgent-initiated, 26 US-initiated), suffering nine KIA and 29 WIA (one returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in six combat actions (all insurgent-initiated) suffering zero KIA and one WIA (one return to duty). Iraqi Security Forces participated in 16 combat actions (14 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering five KIA and 20 WIA (one returned to duty).

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ECONOMIC:

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 16 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [DETAINEE VOTING PROCEDURES]	DETAINEE VOTING PROCEDURES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-358 [COIN CFE CLASS 06-02]	TASKS SUBORDINATE UNITS FOR SUPPORT TO COIN CFE CLASS 06-02 AT PHOENIX ACADEMY VIC TADJI FROM 29 NOV - 05 DEC 05
MNF-I FRAGO 05-359 [C2X PORTAL TRANSITION TO COMBINED INFORMATION DATA NETWORK EXCHANGE (CIDNE)]	C2X PORTAL TRANSITION TO CIDNE HUMINT TOOL

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\21](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051121 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\21](#)

- **Arab League Precon:** Most speakers at the opening of the Cairo preparatory meeting were supportive of a democratic, pluralist, federal, united Iraq, but the leading Sunni Arab speaker linked the presence of MNF-I to terrorism. The conference statement notes that “terrorism is not legitimate resistance,” calls for the release of innocent detainees, and advocates the withdrawal of foreign troops according to a conditions-based “timetable” and pertinent UNSCRs. The lack of condemnation of violence against MNF-I and use of the word “timetable” are problematic for us, but we are working Iraqi leaders to see that the statements are put in context publicly. The Iraqi National Reconciliation Conference is being planned for late February or early March, 2006, in Baghdad.
- **DRL Moving Forward on OCV Support in the US:** The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL), kicked off interagency USG coordination for the Iraqi mission’s request for out-of-country voting support. (The US is one of 15 countries selected by the IECI for OCV, against the advice of UN advisors.) Among the concerns raised in the discussions was reimbursement funding for security at each venue as well as a possible funding source for election support.

ECONOMIC:

- **2006 Budget Update:** US reported that the Council of Ministers approved the 2006 budget with changes. The budget and the draft petroleum products law now go to the TNA, which must approve them before Nov. 28 adjournment to meet IMF requirements for a Stand-By Arrangement.
- **Interfax Says Iraq Will Review Russian Oil Contracts:** Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari reportedly told Russian media in Moscow that Iraqi authorities plan to set up a joint Iraqi-Russian commission to resolve issues surrounding the renewal of Russian oil contracts. Zebari was cited as saying said the Iraqi government was “responsible” for contracts concluded during Saddam Hussein’s rule. Saddam cancelled the Lukoil contract for the West Qurna oilfield (the only major Russian concession of which we are aware) in January 2003.
- **Attacks on Moored Tankers:** Two oil tankers were attacked at anchorage at the Basra oil terminal in the early hours of Nov. 20. These are the first such reported incidents since four attacks in May 2005.
- **Electricity Update:** The Ministry of Electricity repaired and reenergized the Bayji-Baghdad transmission line that was damaged by insurgents on Nov. 17. Separately, USAID completed repairs on a gas turbine at the Kirkuk power plant, adding 55MW to the electricity grid. Nov. 19-21 daily electricity supplied: 86,500-89,000 MWh; peak generation: 4,050-

4,200 MW. Hours of power: eight in Baghdad, 14-15 in Basrah, 13 nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\21](#)

22 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\22 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\22](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051122 INTSUM.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 74 combat actions (43 insurgent-initiated, 31 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 11 WIA (none returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in three combat actions (all insurgent-initiated) suffering zero KIA and one WIA (none returned to duty). Iraqi Security Forces participated in 23 combat actions (13 insurgent-initiated, ten ISF-initiated) suffering seven KIA and nine WIA (four returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\22](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\22](#)

23 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\23 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\23](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051123 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **More on Detainee Abuse in Iraq:** An Iraqi investigative panel interviewed 167 of the 168 detainees who had been moved to an MNF-I facility at Abu Ghraib from the Ministry of Interior (MOI) "Bunker". (One detainee is quarantined with tuberculosis.) The panel is determining: (a) whether detainees had suffered abuse or torture, and (b) whether the detainees were held legally at the Bunker. While many claimed they had been abused in the Bunker, others said they had been abused elsewhere in MOI custody. The Chief of the Higher Juridical Council wishes to facilitate the investigation by transferring the detainees to a Ministry of Justice prison in Baghdad. Post notes that the investigative panel was well-prepared and efficient.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\23](#)

- Adnan Pachachi Visit: At Ambassador Khalilzad's recommendation, senior Sunni statesman Adnan Pachachi will visit Washington next week. We will provide him parity of treatment with other senior visitors, notably Chalabi and Abd al Mahdi. The Embassy sees him as a unifying figure who could be useful in the government formation bargaining after the Dec. 15 election.
- Iraq's Smaller Contenders Strive for Seats in December Elections: While a few key blocs will dominate the next national assembly, a wide range of minority and independent slates are also competing for seats. These candidates are locally-based, such as a secularist Najaf-based party. Some minority groups have candidates on lists of the major blocs and candidates running as independents. Most of the recognizable independent slates appear to be led by senior former government officials or tribal leaders, and are likely to emphasize stands against corruption and sectarianism.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\23 Nov 05.ppt](#)

- Finance Minister's Policy Statement on the 2006 Budget: Finance Minister Allawi's statement on the 2006 budget, presented to the TNA on Nov. 20, projects total revenues of \$30.2 billion (56 percent higher than 2005) and total expenditures of \$33.9 billion (41.6 percent higher than 2005). He projected oil exports of 1.65 million barrels per day (marginally more optimistic than our projections) and an export price of \$46.61 per barrel (the current price for Iraqi crude). The projected carry-over of \$5 billion from 2005 would more than cover the \$3.7 billion deficit. The document lays out a goal of raising fuel prices to actual recovery costs over a two-year period and sets aside \$333 million for a social safety net program to be implemented in 2006. The statement also notes that the new constitution's provisions on regionalism will have a fundamental impact on the country's fiscal and budgetary processes which has not been discussed.
- Electricity Update: The Ministry of Electricity reported that 13 more towers require replacement on the non-operational Bayji-Baghdad transmission line; to date, the Ministry has replaced 24 of the 54 towers damaged by insurgents and subsequent looting and mechanical failure. Separately, electricity generation in Baghdad was critically low, contributing to the low hours of power in the capital. Daily electricity supplied: 81,800 MWh; peak generation: 3,800 MW. Hours of power: five in Baghdad, 15 in Basrah, 11 nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\23](#)

24 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\24 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\24](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051124 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\24](#)

ECONOMIC:

[IRMO\IRMO Weekly Mgt Rpts from CMO\All\20051124 All](#)

- **Japanese Debt Relief:** Japan and Iraq signed an agreement in Tokyo to cancel 80 percent of Iraq's \$7.6 billion sovereign debt to Japan, in accordance with Paris Club terms.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\24](#)

25 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [MNC-BUA\NOV\25](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\25](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051125 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\25](#)

ECONOMIC:

- **Jordan Says Iraq Can Have Six Planes Grounded Since 1990:** The head of Jordan's Civil Aviation Authority said that Iraqi Airways may retrieve six planes grounded at the Amman airport 15 years ago, when sanctions were imposed on Iraq. However, the question of \$5.5 million in Jordanian "storage fees" for the planes still must be resolved. The planes likely would require millions of dollars in refurbishment costs to fly again, and could be affected by a Kuwaiti legal claim against Iraq's Saddam era state-owned airline for pillaging Kuwait's planes during the 1990 invasion. Given the costs and legal claims, it is unclear when, if ever, the planes will fly again.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\25](#)

26 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update: [BUAs\November\20051126 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\26](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051126 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\26](#)

- **Four Members of Peace Activist Group Kidnapped:** Four members of the Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT) were kidnapped by armed men on near the mosque associated with the Sunni Muslim Ulema Council (MUC). The CPT members, including AMCIT [redacted b 6] one British national, and two Canadians, had just met with a MUC representative at its headquarters. There have been no claims of responsibility. The CPT is a religious peace activist group that sent volunteers to Iraq as human shields during Phase I of OIF. CPT representatives reluctantly briefed the Embassy after making initial notification to the UN. The FBI confirmed that the CPT has made next-of-kin notification to [redacted b 6] and [redacted b 6] in the US. The Hostage Working Group believes that Canada or the UN should take the public lead to diminish the value of the hostages as Coalition-related. An investigation is ongoing with attention focused on the CPT driver and interpreter.

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\26](#)

27 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update: [BUAs\November\20051127 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\27](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051127 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 83 combat actions (58 insurgent-initiated, 25 US-initiated), suffering five WIA (none returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated) suffering zero KIA and zero WIA. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 18 combat actions (14 insurgent-initiated, four ISF-initiated) suffering three KIA and 13 WIA (none returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\27](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\27](#)

28 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update: [BUAs\November\20051128 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\28](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051128 INTSUM.ppt](#)

SECURITY:

- **High Value Detainee Release:** MNF-I plans to proceed with the imminent release of 24 High Value Detainees (primarily former Ba'athists and Saddam associates). The Embassy has consulted with the Prime Minister's office and the Iraqi High Tribunal to address their concerns--the IHT has issued its own arrest warrants for most of the 24. However, US officials have informed the IHT that we will only assist in the execution of warrants backed by credible evidence; so far credible evidence has been lacking. S/I and NEA have raised several concerns about this planned release.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\28](#)

- **De-Ba'athification Commission Submits Names of Alleged Ba'athists to IECI:** The De-Ba'athification Commission submitted to the IECI a list of 86 names (perhaps the first tranche of up to 200 names) of candidates with alleged Ba'athist ties, asking IECI to take appropriate action. The IECI will ask the individuals to submit letters responding to the allegations. The Embassy notes that few of the names submitted are from Shia lists which could pose a credibility problem for the IECI. The Embassy is pressing the Commission for submission of evidence, or withdrawal of the names absent such evidence.

ECONOMIC:

- **TNA Moving on Budget, Stalled on Fuel Import Liberalization:** The TNA had its first reading of the 2006 budget; a final vote is expected by Dec. 7. Finance Minister Allawi believes there is majority support for the budget, but prospects for passing a fuel import liberalization law before the end of the current sessions are much poorer. Passage of the budget is a required "prior action" for an IMF Stand-By Agreement; on fuel liberalization, the IMF may accept simple referral to the TNA. The government also must implement fuel price increases by Dec. 18 in order for the SBA to be considered by the IMF board on Dec. 23.
- **Electricity Update:** Three critical transmission lines are now non-operational. On Nov. 25-26, insurgents damaged two towers both on transmission lines from Bayji-Kirkuk and from Mussaib-Baghdad. The Ministry of Electricity has repaired 31 of 54 towers on one of the two Bayji-Baghdad transmission lines, originally damaged on Sep. 5. The Ministry plans to complete repairs to all three lines on or before Dec. 10. Nov. 26-28 daily electricity supplied: 88,300-93,400 MWh; peak

generation: 3,700-3,900 MW. Hours of power: seven in Baghdad, 13-15 in Basrah, 12 nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\28](#)

29 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\29 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\29](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051129 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Reported Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 85 combat actions (57 insurgent-initiated, 28 US-initiated), suffering two KIA and eight WIA (three RTD). Other MNF-I forces participated in two combat actions (insurgent-initiated) suffering zero KIA and two WIA (zero RTD). Iraqi Security Forces participated in 18 combat actions (12 insurgent-initiated, six ISF-initiated) suffering one KIA and ten WIA (zero RTD).
- **Members of Assyrian Democratic Party Assassinated:** Four Ninewa members of the Assyrian Democratic Party (ADM) were assassinated while distributing campaign literature in Mosul.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Nov\29](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\29](#)

30 November 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\November\30 NOV 05.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\NOV\30](#)

MNC-I INTSUM: [MNCI-INTSUM\NOV\20051130 INTSUM.PPT](#)

SECURITY:

- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 77 combat actions (55 insurgent-initiated, 22 US-initiated), suffering two KIA and eight WIA (five RTD). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering two WIA (none of whom returned to duty). Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in 12 combat actions (seven insurgent-initiated, five ISF-initiated) suffering two KIA and nine WIA (one RTD).
- **Corrupt Iraqi Border Guards Allow Vehicles to Enter without Inspection:** ~~no~~ ^{to} ~~USC~~ ^{USC} reports that border guards were accepting bribes to

allow vehicles to cross the Syria-Iraq border without inspection. Smugglers were paying guards approximately \$10,000 per car, and these vehicles might have carried explosives in tire inner tubes. If so, the vehicles were possibly intended for use as vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices. The guards allowed the vehicles across the border at night when Coalition Forces were not present.

GOVERNANCE:

- Changes to Citizenship Law: Ambassador Khalilzad told President Talabani that a TNA bill specifically excluding Iraqi Jews from reclaiming their Iraqi citizenship was unwise, pointing out its incompatibility with the constitution. Talabani vowed to reject the bill. The Embassy is working to also secure the rejections from the two Deputy Presidents needed to ensure a Presidency Council veto.
- De-ba'athification Commission Names Members of Allawi's List: The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) has notified former PM Ayad Allawi (head of the Iraqi National List) that seven candidates on his electoral list would be affected by the recommendations of the De-ba'athification Commission, meaning they would be banned from the Dec. 15 election. The IECI asked Allawi to respond to the accusations. Allawi reportedly asked the seven to get legal advice and respond to the IECI.
- Anbar Security Conference Draws Support: Two-hundred Anbari technocrats, ex-military officers, tribal sheikhs, provincial officials, and other citizens gathered for an unprecedented conference in Ramadi where they agreed to build Iraqi capacity to take over security in Anbar's cities. Senior Iraqi Security Forces commanders and Coalition Forces commanders sat side-by-side with imams and senior provincial officials during a four and half hour session on establishing sufficient security to permit the withdrawal of the coalition from Anbar's cities.

ECONOMIC: [IRMO\30 Nov 05.ppt](#)

- International Donor Update: Iraqi Minister of Planning Barham Salih spoke with members of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility - Iraq (IRFFI, which includes the UN, World Bank, US, Canada and other donors). He said Iraq will submit electricity project proposals to the Saudis and Kuwaitis and that several Iraqi delegations will travel to "activate" Iraqi engagement with Gulf Countries in the coming weeks. He wants the next donor conference to be scheduled for March 2006 to allow the new government time to organize its assistance priorities. Salih committed to keeping the current donor coordination mechanisms operating during the transition to a new government. The Canadian chair of IRFFI Amb Michael Bell reiterated his plan to tour capitals, particularly in the Gulf, early in the year to seek new IRFFI donations.

- **Al-Fathah Oil Pipeline Project Update:** Parsons “pulled” the second 40 inch pipeline across the Tigris River at the al-Fathah River Crossing. This increases the number of pipelines that cross the river from five to six, which increases the flow capacity of crude oil from the Kirkuk fields. There is no estimated completion date owing to insurgent intimidation of repair crews and their families.

INFORMATION: [INFO\November\30](#)

1 December 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Dec\1 DEC.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-358 [COIN CFE CLASS 06-02]	TASKS SUBORDINATE UNITS FOR SUPPORT TO COIN CFE CLASS 06-02 AT PHOENIX ACADEMY VIC TADJI FROM 29 NOV - 05 DEC 05
MNF-I FRAGO 05-376 [RATIONING FOR UNAMI ERBIL AND BASRA PERSONNEL AND THEIR INNER-RING SECURITY]	RATIONING FOR UNAMI ERBIL AND BASRA PERSONNEL AND THEIR INNER-RING SECURITY

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\DEC\20051201 MNCI BUA.ppt](#)

SECURITY: [SITREPS\Dec\01 DEC 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

- [CJSOTF INTSUM\Dec\20051201 CJSOTF-AP Intsum.ppt](#)
- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 95 combat actions (55 insurgent-initiated, 40 US-initiated), suffering eleven KIA and 14 WIA (zero RTD). Other MNF-I forces did not participate in any combat action. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 19 combat actions (eleven insurgent-initiated, eight ISF-initiated) suffering two KIA and five WIA (zero RTD).
- **Election Threat Assessment:** MNF-I intelligence assesses that insurgents retain the capability to surge in order to disrupt the Dec. 15 election. Current attack levels are comparable to pre-January 2005 election levels. To date, insurgent efforts have focused on a series of assassinations, acts of intimidation, and abductions, and these efforts are expected to continue. Insurgent propaganda threatening participants in the political process is significantly lower than in the weeks preceding the Referendum. Election day attack levels are likely to drop, as was the case in the Oct. 15 constitutional referendum.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Dec\1](#)

- **IECI Will Not Act on CPI Recommendation:** IECI Commissioner Farid Ayar said that a CPI letter challenging certain candidates provided little evidence of confirmed criminal activity that would justify exclusion from the election. The CPI's list includes Minister of Municipalities and Public Works Nasreen Berwari, former Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Leila Abdulatif, and former Minister of Defense Hazim al Sha'alan.

ECONOMIC:

- **Mixed Progress on Economic, Assistance Issues during FM's Paris Trip:** During FM Zebari's Nov. 29-30 visit to Paris, French officials offered no new assistance but the GOF does expect to finalize a bilateral agreement implementing debt relief shortly. Foreign Minister Douste-Blazy told Zebari that the Ministry of Finance was finishing draft legislation required to permit transfer of approximately \$10 million in frozen Iraqi assets to the Development Fund for Iraq.
- **Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) Staff Outline Focus of Future Audits:** On Nov. 29, SIGIR staff told NEA-I-ECON that the next SIGIR report will be published in January 2006 and will focus primarily on the transition from US-funded reconstruction projects to Iraqi administration of these projects. Future investigations will likely cover Iraqi ability to sustain US-funded reconstruction projects as well as revisiting and assessing projects completed in 2003-2004. SIGIR will host the second of its "Iraq Lessons Learned" forums on Dec. 5, focusing on contracting in Iraq.
- **Turkey Approves Flights to Northern Iraq:** On Nov. 30, the Turkish Foreign Ministry announced at a press conference that Turkish authorities have approved direct commercial air service by private airline Fly Air from Turkey to Erbil and Sulaymaniyah in northern Iraq. We have not confirmed whether Iraqi civil aviation authorities also have approved the flights.
- **Electricity Update:** USAID successfully tested a new combustion turbine in Kirkuk. This turbine will add approximately 260 MW of generation capacity to the electricity grid when it becomes fully operational in three days. Dec. 1 daily electricity supplied: 83,500 MWh; peak generation: 3,925 MW. Hours of power: six in Baghdad, ten in Basrah, 12 nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\Dec\1](#)

2 December 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Dec\20051202 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\DEC\20051202 MNCI BUA.ppt](#)

SECURITY: [SITREPS\Dec\02 DEC 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

- [CJSOTF INTSUM\Dec\20051202 CJSOTF-AP Intsum.ppt](#)
- **Operation Shank in Ramadi and Insurgent Media Ops:** Media reports to the contrary notwithstanding, our understanding is that there was no “siege” much less a “takeover” of Ramadi. On Dec. 1 there were 12 total attacks in the vicinity of Ramadi (below the daily average of 19 per day). As MNF-I spokesman MG Rick Lynch has said publicly, “the idea that there’s this mass uprising and the insurgents took control of the city is incorrect.” Insurgents probably seek to divert attention from ongoing local political events, including: meetings between Anbar provincial government, coalition forces, and sheikhs/imams; visits by Electoral Commission officials; and preparations for the elections. Operation Shank is the fifth in a series of operations by the Iraqi Army and Coalition Forces conducting combined clearing operations to disrupt the insurgency and set the conditions for a successful Dec. 15 election in Ramadi.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Dec\2](#)

- **Christian List Begins Campaign:** Christian list member Amjed Abdulahad told the Embassy that the six-party list to which he belongs has begun actively campaigning, primarily in Ninewa and Baghdad and receives the majority of its financial support from abroad. The Christian list, a mix of Assyrians and Chaldeans, hopes to increase the total number of Christian representatives to 10 members in parliament.

ECONOMIC:

- **Water Minister Rashid on Water Sharing Issues with Neighbors:** Abdul Latif Rashid, who also is a senior PUK official, noted the need for Iraq to establish a regular dialogue with Turkey, Syria and Iran on water use and development plans. He said Turkey has reacted positively, and temporarily increased flow from the Euphrates by 200 million cubic meters in 2005 to allow Iraq to generate more hydroelectricity. By contrast Iran is restricting the flow of rivers feeding the Tigris.
- **Government Checks are in the Mail:** US reports that the Ministry of Trade plans to distribute more than four million checks to Iraqi households to make up for shortages in Public Distribution System food rations between January and August. The Embassy expects distribution before the Dec. 15 elections.
- **Electricity Update:** The Ministry of Electricity is repairing three critical transmission lines; two lines are priorities in the Embassy’s “Critical Infrastructure Integrity Plan.” During Nov. 2005, daily electricity supplied was 6% higher and peak generation 14% higher than Nov. 2004. Because of a 16% increase in demand, however, hours of power decreased in Baghdad from 13 to nine, and from 14 to 13 nationwide. Dec. 2 daily

electricity supplied: 84,550 MWh; peak generation: 3,800 MW. Hours of power: five in Baghdad, 11 in Basrah, 11 nationwide.

INFORMATION: [INFO\Dec\2](#)

3 December 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Dec\3 DEC.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-378 [DEC CURRENCY MOVEMENT] SIPR	SIPR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-379 [ACCOUNTING OF IRAQI DETENTION FACILITIES]	ACCOUNTING OF IRAQI DETENTION FACILITIES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-380 [RETURN OF MINISTRY OF TRADE FPS WEAPONS]	RETURN OF MINISTRY OF TRADE FPS WEAPONS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-381 [SRSG VISIT TO NAJAF]	SRSG VISIT TO NAJAF
MNF-I FRAGO 05-382 [COIN CFE CLASS 06-04]	TASKS SUBORDINATE UNITS FOR SUPPORT TO COIN ACADEMY CFE, CLASS 06-04 VIC TADJI FROM 06 - 12 DEC 05

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\DEC\3 Dec 05 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

SECURITY: [SITREPS\Dec\03 DEC 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

- [CJSOTF INTSUM\Dec\20051203 CJSOTF-AP Intsum.ppt](#)

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Dec\3](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\Dec\3](#)

4 December 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Dec\4 DEC.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\DEC\4 Dec 05 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

SECURITY: [SITREPS\Dec\04 DEC 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

- [CJSOTF INTSUM\Dec\20051204 CJSOTF-AP Intsum.ppt](#)
- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 97 combat actions (62 insurgent-initiated, 35 US-initiated), suffering two KIA and nine WIA (two of whom returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in one combat action (insurgent-initiated), suffering no KIA or WIA. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 18 combat actions (12 insurgent-initiated, six ISF-initiated) suffering three KIA and three WIA (one returned to duty).

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Dec\4](#)

ECONOMIC:

- **TNA passes 2006 Budget:** The TNA approved the 2006 budget. There were no major changes from the version approved by the Council of Ministers (which included, inter alia, \$5.3 billion for the Ministries of Defense and Interior). The TNA also expanded the Finance Minister's discretionary authority to reallocate between agencies (but within the overall expenditure limit) up to 10 percent of the budget as needed (for 2005, the limit was 5 percent).

INFORMATION: [INFO\Dec\4](#)

5 December 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Dec\20051205 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\DEC\5 Dec 1730 BUA.ppt](#)

SECURITY: [SITREPS\Dec\05 DEC 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

- [CJSOTF INTSUM\Dec\20051205 CJSOTF-AP Intsum.ppt](#)
- **Ja'afari Signals Shake-up of Security Ministry and Military Leadership:** PM Ja'afari is considering decrees that will lead to a major reorganization of the Ministry of Defense and the Iraqi Joint and Army Land Forces Headquarters. The new leaders he plans to bring in are all Shi'a. Despite strong objection on the part of MNF-I and the Embassy outlining the dangerous implications of such a move, Ja'afari insisted that, unless illegal, he would proceed ahead in the interest of achieving more politically balanced administration. The Embassy and MNF-I will continue to weigh in strongly.
- **Al-Qaeda Issues Guidance on Baghdad Civilians:** In late November, Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) leadership instructed Baghdad insurgent cells to engage Coalition Forces outside of Iraqi residential neighborhoods, to warn residents prior to any attack, and to not target election centers during the elections out of concern for Iraqi casualties and in order to strengthen Iraqi support of its operations. Separate reporting indicated that AQI leadership instructed cells to avoid conducting meetings in Mosques and

to focus attacks on high-value CF targets. In order to improve attack effectiveness, insurgent cells were instructed to ensure at least two sources of inside information on the CF target.

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Dec\5](#)

- **Attack on Allawi Convoy Exaggerated:** Press reports that former PM Ayad Allawi and party were attacked while visiting the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf were exaggerated. An angry mob threw rocks and footwear at Allawi's party as they were exiting the shrine in Najaf; small arms fire was heard in the vicinity, but was not believed to be directed at Allawi. Allawi was uninjured; some of his staff suffered minor injuries.
- **De-Ba'athification Commission Submits 181 Candidate Names to IECI:** To date, 24 candidates have been withdrawn by themselves or their parties. IECI Commissioners must make a decision by Dec. 8 whether to reject the remaining 157 candidates. Embassy has raised concerns that the vetting process is heavily politicized and in some cases lacks evidentiary findings and is engaging with UN and UK colleagues to persuade the IECI to reject the improper removal of candidates.

ECONOMIC:

- **Steps to Ensure Adequate Fuel Supplies for the Election:** At a Dec. 1 National Energy Council (NEC) meeting, DPM Chalabi directed the stockpiling of almost four million gallons of gasoline and 2.6 million gallons of diesel in Baghdad in preparation for the Dec. 15 elections. The NEC also agreed to minimize crude oil exports via the northern pipeline to ensure sufficient supplies for domestic refining and to increase security around the Bayji refinery. Currently, no northern crude is being exported.
- **Electricity Update:** The Ministry of Electricity completed repairs to the Bayji-Kirkuk transmission line, but after one hour of operation, the line tripped off again due to unknown causes. Electricity generation in Baghdad remains low due to interdictions on three critical transmission lines. Dec. 3-5 daily electricity supplied: 86,000 MWh; peak generation: 3,800 MW. Hours of power: five in Baghdad, 14 in Basrah, 11 nationwide.
- **Maersk Concerned About Negative Press:** Officials of Danish shipping giant Maersk contacted Embassy Copenhagen about reports in the Danish press quoting former CPA officials criticizing Maersk's management of Iraq's Khor Az Zubair port. Maersk withdrew in March following threatening demonstrations, and disputes between the Ministry of Transportation and Maersk are not yet resolved. We have advised Embassy Copenhagen that the comments do not reflect USG views.

INFORMATION: [INFO\Dec\5](#)

- **Most Iraqis Want "Every Hour" of Saddam Trial Broadcast:** According to the latest Office of Research survey, the Iraqi public is very interested in the televised broadcast of the Saddam Hussein trial. Eight-

four percent support the broadcasting of the trial on television, with 77 percent “strongly supportive.” While there is a strong public desire to see the trial, the public is not likely to be unified in how it understands it. Survey shows that 44 percent of Arab Sunnis view Hussein somewhat (7 percent) or very (37 percent) favorably and 37 percent view him somewhat (4 percent) or very (33 percent) unfavorably (14 percent do not know). Less than two percent of either Shia or Kurds view Hussein favorably, while more than 80 percent view him very unfavorably (7 percent of Shia and 15 percent of Kurds say they do not know).

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MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Dec\20051206 FBUA.ppt](#)

MNC-I OPERATIONS: [MNC-BUA\DEC\20051206 MNCI BUA.ppt](#)

SECURITY: [SITREPS\Dec\06 DEC 05 MNC-I SITREP.doc](#)

- [CJSOTF INTSUM\Dec\20051206 CJSOTF-AP Intsum.ppt](#)

GOVERNANCE: [Cables\Dec\6](#)

ECONOMIC:

INFORMATION: [INFO\Dec\6](#)

7 December 05

MNF-I Battle Update Assessment: [BUAs\Dec\07 DEC.ppt](#)

TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-385 [REPORTING ON ISF]	REPORTING ON IRAQI SECURITY FORCES
MOD 1 to MNF-I FRAGO 05-354 [HIGHLIGHTING MOSUL SUCCESSES]	MOSUL ONE YEAR LATER
MNF-I FRAGO 05-386 [COMBINED COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE]	COMBINED MNF-I / MoI / MoD COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE 10 DEC 05

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-387 [DESTRUCTION OF CANISTERS THAT MAY CONTAIN SARIN] LIMDIS	LIMDIS

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-388 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR MOS 301 GRADUATES - 08 DEC 05]	CONVOY ESCORT FOR MOS 301 GRADUATES - 08 DEC 05

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MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 638 [EXPANSION AND CLARIFICATION OF THE DoD PORTION OF THE MNF-I REWARDS PROGRAM]	EXPANSION AND CLARIFICATION OF THE MNF-I REWARDS PROGRAM
MNF-I FRAGO 05-389 [COIN CFE CLASS 06-05]	TASKS SUBORDINATE UNITS FOR SUPPORT TO COIN CFE CLASS 06-05 AT COIN CFE VIC TAJI FROM 09 - 15 DEC 05
MOD 20 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [IRAQI DETENTION CENTER AND HOSPITAL SPECIAL VOTING PROCEDURES]	CONCEPT OF VOTING PROCEDURES FOR IRAQI SECURITY FORCES UNDER MNF-I OPERATIONAL AND TACTICAL CONTROL
MNF-I FRAGO 05-390 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR RAMADI DPN SWITCH TEAM]	CONVOY ESCORT FOR RAMADI DPN SWITCH TEAM

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-392 [TEMPORARY TACON OF 2ND BATTALION (ARMOR), 2ND BRIGADE, 9TH DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS TO MNC-I FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTION PERIOD]	2ND BATTALION, 2ND BRIGADE, 9TH DIVISION, ATTAINS ELECTION SECURITY MINIMAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY (MOC)
MOD 4 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-142 [INTERIM RESTRICTED INDIVIDUAL AND RESTRICTED LOCATION LISTS]	ADDITIONS TO RESTRICTED INDIVIDUALS LIST
MOD 24 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI NATIONAL ELECTION]	POLLING CENTERS WITH ACCESS FOR ELECTRONIC MEDIA
MNF-I FRAGO 05-393 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR SBF ROTATION 20-22 DEC 05]	CONVOY ESCORT FOR SPECIAL BORDER FORCE ROTATION
MOD 3 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-251 [IA FORCE GENERATION SUPPORT AND COORDINATION]	FORCE GENERATION SUPPORT AND COORDINATION

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-394 [SCREENING DETAINEE FILES]	SCREENING DETAINEE FILES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-395 [OPERATION DAHIR] SIPR	SIPR

MNF-I FRAGO 05-396 [COIN CFE CLASS 06-06]	TASKS SUBORDINATE UNITS FOR SUPPORT TO COIN CFE CLASS 06-06 AT COIN CFE VIC TADJI FROM 13 - 19 DEC 05
MNF-I FRAGO 05-397 [SECURITY SUPPORT FOR AMBASSADOR KHALILZAD AND CODEL BIDEN]	SECURITY SUPPORT FOR AMBASSADOR KHALILZAD AND CODEL BIDEN

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-398 [BULGARIA WITHDRAWAL]	SUPPORT TO BULGARIA CONTINGENT WITHDRAWAL
MNF-I FRAGO 05-399 [REGIONAL EMBASSY OFFICE (REO) BASRAH SECURITY PERSONNEL MOVEMENT]	REO BASRAH SECURITY PERSONNEL MOVEMENT
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 682 [COMBINED EXPLOSIVE EXPLOITATION CELL- IRAQ (CEXC-I)]	CEXC-I ATTACHMENT TO MNC-I

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-400 [22D/13TH MEU (SOC) DEPLOYMENT/REDEPLOYMENT]	DEPLOYMENT/REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 22D/13TH MEU (SOC) AS THE MNC-I OPERATIONAL RESERVE (OPRES)

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MOD 25 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [UPDATE TO MOD 21 MNF-I SPT TO IECI AUDIT TRIPS]	MNF-I SPT TO IECI AUDIT TRIPS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-401 [PACING ITEM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTABILITY SUPPORT FROM MNC-I]	PACING ITEM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL WEAPONS, VEHICLES, AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED FROM THE CF TO THE IRAQI MOI CIVIL SECURITY FORCES
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-383 [ASSESSMENT OF PROVINCES AND SELECT URBAN AREAS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF FULL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY BY IRAQI CIVIL AUTHORITIES]	DEFINITIONS OF IRAQI ARMY LEAD AND PROVINCIAL IRAQI CONTROL
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-336 [SECURITY ESCORT FOR MOE GENERATORS FROM JORDAN TO SAMARRA]	SECURITY ESCORT FOR MOE GENERATORS FROM JORDAN TO SAMARRA
MNF-I FRAGO 05-402 [ARMORED TACTICAL VEHICLE REQUIREMENT OFF BASE CAMPS]	ARMORED TACTICAL VEHICLE REQUIREMENT OFF BASE CAMPS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-403 [MAP DISTRIBUTION FOR IRAQI ARMY (IA) UNITS]	MAP DISTRIBUTION FOR IRAQI ARMY UNITS

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-410 [TRANSFER OF JUVENILE DETAINEES TO THE MOJ]	TRANSFER OF JUVENILE DETAINEES TO THE TOBCHI JUVENILE CENTER

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MOD 2 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-324 [ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNTERINSURGENCY CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE (COIN CFE) IN IRAQ]	MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNTERINSURGENCY CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE (COIN CFE) IN IRAQ

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-412 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR IRAQI INSTRUCTOR COURSE GRADUATION]	CONVOY ESCORT FOR IRAQI INSTRUCTOR COURSE GRADUATION

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MOD 1 MNF-I FRAGO 05-325 [POST-ELECTION TIER 1 PSD SUPPORT]	POST-ELECTION TIER 1 PSD SUPPORT

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-413 [DEPARTMENT OF STATE POST-ELECTION AERIAL MEDIA TOURS - IRAQ]	DEPARTMENT OF STATE POST-ELECTION AERIAL MEDIA TOURS - BAGHDAD, IRAQ
MOD 26 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [UPDATE TO MOD 21 MNF-I SUPPORT TO IECI AUDIT TRIPS]	MNF-I SUPPORT TO IECI AUDIT TRIPS

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TITLE	SUBJECT
MNF-I FRAGO 05-414 [CONDUCTING THREAT WARNING]	THREAT WARNING
MOD 1 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-384 [IRMO WATER RESOURCES TRANSPORTATION]	IRMO WATER RESOURCES TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY

AND SECURITY]	
MNF-I FRAGO 05-415 [SIPR]	SIPR
MNF-I FRAGO 05-416 [LIMDIS]	LIMDIS - CENTRIXS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-417 [PORT OF ENTRY ASSESSMENT OF MUNThERIA]	POE JOINT ASSESSMENT OF THE MUNThERIA PORT OF ENTRY 27 DEC 05
MNF-I FRAGO 05-418 [MOS 92F AUGMENTAION AND CAPABILITIES TO TF <input type="text" value="1.4a"/>	AUGMENTATION OF MOS 92F PERSONNEL TO TF <input type="text" value="1.4a"/>

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- **MNF-I Reported Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 82 combat actions (53 insurgent-initiated, 29 US-initiated), suffering zero KIA and 13 WIA (four returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in zero combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 19 combat actions (17 insurgent-initiated, two ISF-initiated) suffering four KIA and 19 WIA (one returned to duty).
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MOD 27 TO MNF-I FRAGO 05-179 [MNF-I CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO IRAQI CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM]	AFTER ACTION REVIEW PROCESS
MNF-I FRAGO 05-419 [CONVOY ESCORT FOR SPECIAL BORDER FORCE ROTATION]	CONVOY ESCORT FOR SPECIAL BORDER FORCE ROTATION
MNF-I FRAGO 05-420 [RADIO EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTABILITY]	ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED TO THE IRAQI MINISTER OF DEFENSE (MOD) ARMED FORCES
MNF-I FRAGO 05-421 [SECURITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT SITES]	SECURITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT SITES

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- **MNF-I Combat Snapshot:** US Forces participated in 97 combat actions (66 insurgent-initiated, 31 US-initiated), suffering three KIA and 11 WIA (three returned to duty). Other MNF-I forces participated in zero combat actions. Iraqi Security Forces participated in 14 combat actions (ten insurgent-initiated, four ISF-initiated) suffering four KIA and ten WIA (zero returned to duty).
- **Detainee Escape Attempt in Baghdad:** On the morning of Dec. 28, at least 18 detainees, armed with weapons, attempted escape from a detention facility operated by the Iraqi Correctional Service at a US base in Baghdad. Iraqi troops joined US forces to put down the disturbance and located all detainees who had been hiding on the base. Three Iraqi Correctional Service members, four detainees, and one civilian interpreter were KIA. One US soldier, one Iraqi Correctional Service member, and five detainees were WIA.
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- **Statements Welcoming International Observers:** UN representative Qazi, the UNSYG's spokesman, Allawi's coalition and the major Sunni Arab coalition released statements welcoming the International Mission for Iraqi Elections (IMIE) trip to Iraq. The IMIE team is expected to arrive on Jan. 3. The IMIE report, however, may come after the final results of the election are announced, although there is a challenge period that may allow IMIE to make its report before the results are legally final.
- **Moving Toward Government Formation:** Sunni Arab leaders told US that they are headed towards a government coalition alliance with the Allawi and Kurdish coalitions, and eventually the Shi'a Islamists. Allawi gave contradictory media interviews today, arguing at one point that government formation should be based not on "democracy," but on "national unity" (where all major parties have an equal say in the government), and in another interview that he would support either as the basis of a government.
- **Baby Noor:** Preparations are on track for a Dec. 31 departure from Iraq for "Baby Noor" (infant suffering from spinal bifida and a grantee of Significant Public Benefit Parole), sponsored in part by the Georgia National Guard. The US military will transport Noor and accompanying family from Baghdad to Kuwait; Embassy Kuwait will assist with the transition to commercial air travel. An NGO is prepared to greet the party upon arrival in Atlanta.

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- **Intimidation Keeps Fuel Supplies Critically Low:** US reported that intimidated drivers had not resumed trucking fuel to Baghdad from Bayji Refinery and the Latifiyah depot. With the Bayji-Baghdad product pipeline still inoperative, only imports from Turkey kept Baghdad's diesel inventory from falling below 0.6 days of supply. DPM Chalabi requested MNF-I support, expects some MNF-I presence near Bayji Refinery by Jan. 2.
- **Top Exporters to Iraq:** In the first half of 2005, the three largest exporters to Iraq were Turkey, the US, and China. China's ranking jumped from tenth during the same period in 2004. Turkey's largest export was fuel products, but it also shipped more agricultural products to Iraq than any other country. Electric machinery, TV equipment and general machinery were major exports for all three top suppliers.

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- **Challenges to Al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) in Ramadi:** AQI continues efforts to intimidate locals in Ramadi from cooperating with MNF. At the same time, AQI's foreign fighter leaders are reportedly departing because recent MNF/ISF operations, clashes with local tribes, and Iraqi Army units have rendered the area unsuitable for their activities. Shaikhs and prominent locals reportedly met to discuss means to improve security, foster stability, and defeat AQI in Ramadi.
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- **Election Commission Proceeding with Complaints:** Less than 25 serious, unresolved or "red" complaints remain to be addressed by IECI before it can issue final certified results of the elections. The IECI completed work on Baghdad complaints, disqualifying controversial ballot boxes, and is beginning work on complaints from Baqubah, Mosul, and Kirkuk. The International Mission for Iraqi Elections (IMIE) representatives will arrive shortly to conduct their review. The US does not expect that IMIE's findings will conclude significant violations occurred, and the IMIE's role may provide a face-saving way for groups who have protested IECI's preliminary results to reconsider their position.
- **Shia Islamist Fadhila Leader Throwing Hat in Ring:** Fadhila Party members Muhammad Ismail al-Khazali and Hassan al-Shimry said that Dr. Nadeem al-Jabiri, the party's Secretary General, is one of four

candidates for Prime Minister within the Shia Alliance: the others being PM Ja'afari, VP Abd al-Mahdi, and TNA Deputy Speaker Shahrastani. Two months ago, Fadhila's dissatisfaction with its position in the Shia Coalition fueled a public desire to leave the coalition. Now, however, given the intense competition between PM Ja'afari and VP Abd al-Mahdi, Nadim al-Jabiri might be a viable alternative.

- **American Youth** (b)(6) **Departs Baghdad:** US Consul General Richard Hermann announced that the young Arab-American citizen who had been in Iraq for the past few days had safely departed Baghdad. The boy is now on his way back to his family in the United States. (Note: Because of (b)(6) status as a minor, his name was not used publicly.)

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- **Gasoline Shortages:** Intimidation of fuel truck drivers and gasoline station owners by insurgents and black marketers has halted fuel shipments from the Bayji refinery, causing increasingly severe fuel shortages in Baghdad. Fuel imports from Turkey continue to reach Baghdad by truck. MNF-I and the Iraqi Army plan to increase security patrols around Bayji refinery in the next few days to discourage interference with fuel shipments.
- **Paris Club Confirms Second Tranche of Debt Relief:** On Dec. 26, the Paris Club sent a letter to Finance Minister Allawi confirming that the IMF's Dec. 23 approval of a Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) for Iraq completed the conditions necessary for the second tranche of Iraq's Paris Club debt relief to enter into force. The 2004 Paris Club agreement called for 80% debt relief in three tranches – 30% immediately, 30% upon approval of an SBA, and a final 20% upon successful completion of the SBA.

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MNF-I FRAGO 05-422 [LOGISTICS OPT EXAMINING LOGISTIC FORCE STRUCTURES AND CAPABILITIES REQUIRED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2007 TO DECEMBER 2009]	LOGISTICS OPT EXAMINING LOGISTIC FORCE STRUCTURES AND CAPABILITIES REQUIRED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2007 TO DECEMBER 2009

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