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Cover Photo: An Iraqi Army soldier holds a little girl as Company B, 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment and Iraqi Army soldiers walk house-to-house asking questions about improvised explosive devices in the area during Operation Tropical Lightning, May 6, 2006. (Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Katrina Beeler)
I’d like to recognize everyone assigned to Multi-National Corps - Iraq for the heroic work you are doing to help the Iraqis bring unity, security and prosperity to their nation. The two year anniversary of the transfer of sovereignty to Iraq on 28 June and the formation of the four-year government under Prime Minister Maliki remind us of our primary mission to improve the Iraqi government’s ability to provide for the security, political and economic needs of its population.

We are making tremendous progress. For example, compared to January 2005, when no Iraqi Army Brigades were capable of leading combat operations, we estimate that 75% of all Iraqi Army Brigades will be in the lead by the end of this summer. Iraqi police forces have also achieved tremendous gains this year since we made their development a top priority. Additionally, the elimination of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the second most wanted terrorist in the world, on 7 June is a significant victory in our war against Al Qaeda. These successes are a direct result of teamwork, partnership and effort at all levels across the Coalition.

This is a long struggle, and many days remain before Iraq reaches complete self-reliance, but we are making a difference in this historic mission. Counterinsurgency can be the toughest form of conflict and I’m extremely proud of how you continually rise to its complex challenges. I understand this and thank you for all of your contributions and sacrifices.

Finally, congratulations to Lieutenant General Abdul Qadir, the former Iraqi Ground Forces Commander, for his selection as Iraq’s Minister of Defense. He is a great patriot who will serve the Iraqi people with distinction and we wish him the best in his new position.

Since I arrived in January, I’ve had an opportunity to visit just about every part of the MNC-I area of operations and I am continually impressed with the work noncommissioned officers do every day. Regardless of service, NCOs have stepped up to the tough challenge of helping the Iraqi forces take the lead in moving toward the goal of a successful transition to self security.

As we send warriors out the gates of our Forward Operating Bases, it is critical that we remain vigilant in conducting pre-combat checks on our people and equipment. I have observed numerous convoys preparing to depart our FOBs, and on far too many occasions I’ve seen windshields, windows and lights on vehicles that offer a limited field of view because of a buildup of dirt and grime. Warriors’ lives are predicated on their ability to see all the harmful things outside their vehicles, and we cannot let something as simple as not keeping our equipment clean negatively impact the mission. If we leave the camps/FOBs not enforcing standards, we needlessly increase our risk of casualties. Keeping windshields, windows and lights clean is simple, yet important. This is NCO-level work and what we are expected to do!

For the NCOs who step up everyday and do as you say, “thank you.” Continue to make safety a top priority on all missions both inside and outside the wire. As we continue our goal of handing over the security of Iraq to the Iraqi people, I just want you to know that I am very proud of you and the job you are doing.

Spearhead!
“For five years I felt my arm numbing and spasm and it was swelling,” said Hudda Kadhim, a 17-year-old Iraqi girl who has been in a long battle with a tumor on her left forearm. “My life was full of pain.”

“It was hurting me,” she said. “I was suffering year after year.”

Hudda described some difficulties in her life with the tumor.

“I couldn’t do normal things,” she said. “When I put my arm on the bed, it hurt me. I couldn’t wear tight sleeves, because it hurt me.”

She went on to describe the impact on her school work and her family.

“I was hiding my pain for five years,” she said. “I didn’t have motivation to complete my studies. My family felt my pain every time they looked at me.”

Kadhim Hussein, Hudda’s father, became concerned about his daughter. “We were very worried about her,” said Kadhim. “We were not comfortable.”

At first, Kadhim brought Hudda to Iraqi doctors for treatment. “We visited five Iraqi doctors,” he said. “The doctors performed an operation, but it was unsuccessful.” The tumor, identified as non-malicious (or not cancerous), grew back again.

Kadhim, following the recommendation of a close friend, decided to take Hudda to the Polish Army Medical Division’s Field Hospital at the Multi-National Division - Central South Camp Echo, Diwaniyah, Iraq. Kadhim said he heard many good things about the treatment Iraqis were
receiving there.

“Many Iraqis are talking about how good it is in the city and villages,” said Kadhim. “My friend told me about it. It is famous,” he added.

It is here, at the Polish Army Field Hospital, where Hudda received another operation, April 14.

Polish Army Lt. Col. Jacer Slyszy, the orthopedic surgeon who performed the operation to remove the tumor from Hudda’s arm, said the operation went well.

“The operation, over all, went well,” he said. “I was careful to remove the entire tumor and some of the surrounding tissue to make sure it won’t grow back again.”

“The tumor, which took up about half of the forearm, will be sent to Baghdad for testing to see if it is malicious,” he said.

Lt. Col. Slyszy also said previous tests from the Iraqi hospitals indicated the tumor was not cancerous.

He went on to describe some of the problems that could occur from a tumor like Hudda’s.

“A tumor, even if not cancerous, can put pressure on nerves and blood vessels, causing problems with circulation or feelings and movement,” he said.

Lt. Col. Slyszy said if the tumor was cancerous, there will be more treatments, such as chemo-therapy, in Hudda’s future.

Kadhim said he is pleased with the treatment his daughter is receiving at the Polish Hospital.

“I am very happy with Polish medical,” said Kadhim. “I thank all of the people involved in the operation and I wish them a happy stay in Iraq.

Hudda said she believes the surgery will change her life.

“Absolutely, it will change my life,” said Hudda. “First of all, it was hurting me. Now, I feel like something wrong has left me.”

Hudda said she believes life after the tumor will be much better.

“I feel better,” she said. “My family feels better.”
An Iraqi Army soldier talks to a child before preparing to perform a cordon and search of homes with Iraqi Police in Mosul, Iraq, while participating in Operation Lion, May 4, 2006. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. John M. Foster)

A member of the Iraqi Army fires an M-4 assault rifle during joint weapons training in Tal Afar, Iraq, May 18, 2006. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey)
A UH-60 Blackhawk gunner scans the terrain during a flight over Baghdad. (Photo by Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks)
An Iraq Special Operations Force soldier mounts a weapon on an armored vehicle during a Convoy Security Course graduation ceremony. The course teaches them basic marksmanship, weapons familiarization, Humvee operation and conduct a mounted tactical movement. (Photo by Spc. James P. Hunter)
Members of the Iraqi National Police joke around before heading out on patrol through Baghdad with Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division, May 17, 2006. (Photo by Sgt. Tom Conning)

Iraqi Soldiers march in formation during the pass in review section of the graduation ceremony for the first all Sunni class held at Camp Habbaniyah in the al Anbar Province of Iraq April 30, 2006. (Photo by Corporal Samantha L. Jones)
Potential Iraqi National Police recruits undergo a physical fitness examination during a day of recruitment, May 9, 2006. The recruitment station accepted applications from both men and women - who went through background checks and physical fitness tests before receiving a date to begin training. (Photo by Spc. Jason Jordan)
An Iraqi Army soldier provides street corner security during Operation United Fist. The IA and 8/10th Cavalry combined mission was conducted to rid a Baghdad neighborhood of heightened insurgent activity. (Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Peterson.)
Iraqi Army soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, devise make shift shooting platforms to get a better fix on enemy positions during a gun battle with insurgents in the city of Ramadi, May 13, 2006. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Samuel C. Peterson)

Private Danieleitto from Combat Team Courage, Al Muthanna Task Group, cleans his weapon after returning from a patrol in southern Iraq. (Photo courtesy of the Australian Defence Force)
An Iraqi family walks together in Kadamiyah. This area is where nearly 160 families congregated after receiving or perceiving threats to their safety during heightened sectarian violence. The Iraqis moved from their homes in Abu Ghraib to this area. (Photo by Sgt. Tom Conning)
It’s easy to spot a British soldier in line at Camp Adder’s dining facility — jokes British army Sgt. Maj. John Wilson — all you have to do is look for an Australian. The British soldiers comprising the Monitoring, Mentoring and Training Team have grown used to having U.S. servicemembers misidentify their uniforms. They have also become accustomed to the daily challenges of supervising the Iraqi army training at Camp Ur.

Since October, the team, pieced together from the King’s own Royal Border Regiment, has been the primary coalition presence at the Iraqi base. Though they only started out with about 35 soldiers, a number that was gradually reduced to about 20 as some were reassigned, the team continues to shoulder a large responsibility.

“We’ve got to build up the security forces for the Iraqi army, or for Iraq,” said British Maj. Phil Nathan, the team commander. “Once we’ve got a secure environment, they [the Iraqis] can take on a lot more of these responsibilities themselves and then turn their attention towards infrastructure. And so training soldiers, getting a credible army built up, is absolutely vital for the whole process.”

As the largest training installation in southeast Iraq, Camp Ur is a particularly important piece of the equation. When the team inherited responsibility from the King’s Royal Hussars, Iraqi instructors were teaching as many as 600 students at a time in a variety of essential military courses, including basic training, NCO training and job-specific training. The team later added a course retraining officers who served under the former regime.

Each morning after a physical training session and a routine safety briefing, the troops don their body armor, climb into vehicles, and leave Camp Mittica for the nearby installation of Camp Ur.

Throughout the day, the British troops do what they can to minimize intervention while ensuring the training is up to par. The troops eavesdrop on classroom instruction through the help of an interpreter and analyze the training from a distance. Whenever they have a suggestion for an improvement, they pull the instructor aside to keep the students from losing confidence in their teachers.

However, occasionally they will address the entire class to emphasis a particular point. The going has not always been easy. The team had intended to leave a self-sustaining base in January, but they found the installation was not ready to be completely autonomous when the time arrived.
Instead of moving on to new assignments, many of the troops in the team ended up spending their entire six-month deployment at Camp Ur.

“I think some of the greatest challenges have been coming to terms with the cultural differences,” Nathan said. “They have a different leave policy, which is very frustrating at times. Just when you think you’ve got key personalities up to speed in certain areas, they go off on leave for a week or two, then you have to start the process all over again with somebody different.”

Despite the slow pace and seemingly insurmountable problems, British and Iraqi leaders agree that the patience has paid off.

Nathan said the strides the Iraqis have made getting over bureaucratic “teething troubles” in the headquarters element is “probably our most significant result.”

“I think the overall quality of the training has improved a lot since we've been there,” Nathan said. “The headquarters is a lot more efficient than it was, the levels of communications through the organization are much better.”

An Iraqi officer who had spent about eight months at Camp Ur said through the help of a translator “a lot of things have changed for the better while I’ve been here, that’s because our friends from the British army help us.”

Further down the chain, Cpl. Keith Wilson, a communications specialist who helps train the Iraqis on equipment like Global Positioning Satellite systems, radio systems and reports, had positive things to say about the Iraqi training.

“Within the time that they’re working with and the resources that they have, they’re doing a reasonable job,” he said.

Even with the improvements, there is more work to be done. The team will hand over responsibility to the next group, which will be formed from the Grenadier Guards, an infantry battalion, next month. The next team will continue to mentor them until they start company collective training. The current team hopes to run four companies through the three-week program by early July.

Making Camp Ur autonomous turned out to be no picnic, but Nathan said he is proud of his troops for the progress they have made.
Operation: UNITED FRONT
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Spc. Jason Jordan,
1st Brigade Combat Team PAO, 10th Mountain Division
Iraqi Security Forces and units from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, a combined force totaling approximately 1,300 personnel, conducted Operation United Front May 6 in an effort to capture anti-Iraqi forces and seize weapons caches in the neighborhood of Ameriya in western Baghdad.

The operation was also designed to show the people of Iraq that forces are taking a stand against terrorism in light of a new government.

The Iraqi police cordoned off the neighborhood of approximately 150,000 people under the cover of darkness in the early morning hours while 10th Mtn. Div. engineers cleared routes in the area of suspected roadside bombs. Iraqi National Police from the 5th Brigade, 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and 1/10th Mtn. Div.'s 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, jointly searched large areas of the neighborhood.

Although the Soldiers were prepared to kill or capture terrorists during the operation, it was more specifically designed to show a strong presence in the area and to consult with the citizens to gather information about terrorist activities, living conditions and the overall security perceptions of the Iraqi people.

“The number of killings and improvised explosive devices used against the Coalition have increased in this area lately,” said Lt. Col. Brian Drinkwine, 1/10th Mtn. Div. Deputy Commander.

“So we decided to conduct cordons and knocks, take atmospheric surveys and enhance the security perceptions of the Ameriyah people.”

The forces conducted cordons and knocks while patrolling the streets with aviation support overhead.

The Soldiers conducted surveys and received feedback on the new government, violence in the area and feelings about the security forces. “The people were very perceptive and more than willing to invite us in for questioning, and I am pleased with the feedback,” said Drinkwine. “The people understand that in order to stop the violence and increase security, their homes may have to be searched and they do not object to that.”

The people expressed positive opinions about the new government and they are hopeful it is a strong beginning of an end to the constant violence.

U.S. forces patrol the Ameriya neighborhood of Baghdad.

The majority of the citizens stated that terrorists enter the neighborhood, conduct attacks and then leave the area. They also stated that the violence occurring in the area is not sectarian in nature, and the citizens believe that all Iraqis can live together peacefully.

The mission yielded more than just atmospheric feedback from the people, however, as the forces captured a total of seven suspected terrorists and destroyed a weapons cache. “This operation provided the citizens of Ameriya visible proof that Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces are concerned about their safety,” said Maj. James Crawford, a spokesman for the 1st BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. “We are committed to ridding the area of terrorists and criminal activity.”

The main concern of the people after security is the availability of essential services, such as garbage clean-up – which is a problem in the area. “The trash in the area has become a problem for the citizens in the area,” said Spc. Andrew Marlow, a member of the 1/10th Mountain Division’s Personal Security Detachment.

After assessing the concerns of the area, the Soldiers coordinate services to help better the living conditions. “The next step of our mission in this area is to conduct a massive garbage clean-up,” said Drinkwine. “Afterwards, we will stay in contact with the local council members to give and receive feedback on how to maintain a better quality of life for the Ameriya people.”
May 15

**CRRB releases 151 detainees**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Multi-National Force-Iraq released 151 male detainees from Coalition-run Theater Internment Facilities May 15. The Iraqi-led Combined Review and Release Board reviewed their files and recommended release. The CRRB was established in August 2004 and consists of members from the Ministries of Human Rights, Justice and Interior, as well as officers from the Multi-National Forces. To date, the board has reviewed the cases of more than 38,500 detainees, recommending more than 19,400 individuals for release.

May 13

**Al-Amarah fire station now fully functional**

ALI AIR BASE, Iraq — After more than 50 years of neglect and disrepair, the Al-Musharra Fire Station in the Al-Amarah Province is now a fully-functioning, integral part of the community. The station now provides vital fire detection and deterrence to more than 750,000 Al-Amarah residents. The renovation began on Nov. 28, 2004, and was completed recently at a cost of $110,000. The project was funded by the Iraqi Relief and Reconstruction Fund and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

May 8

**MND-B Soldiers uncover 6 weapons caches**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, discovered six weapons caches May 7 during a search in an area southeast of Baghdad. The caches consisted of four rocket-propelled grenade launchers, 15 rocket-propelled grenades, six rocket-propelled grenade motors, 46 anti-personnel mines, two 155 mm artillery rounds, 1,000 7.62 mm rounds, 100 .45-caliber rounds, eight AK-47 rifles, 37 AK-47 magazines, seven artillery boosters, blasting caps, fragmentation grenades, six unknown mortar rounds, eight ammunition vests, a 10-lb bag of high explosive materials, one-half pound of PE-4 explosive compound and various other bomb-making materials.

April 30

**Helicopters spray fields with insecticides**

Iraqi Government includes two thirds of the country in its wide-scale program to ward off pests threatening date-palm trees and seeds. A wide-scale program will soon be released to ward off the spread of insecticides and pesticides all over Iraq. This program is the first of its kind in Iraq since the downfall of the former regime.

Ministry of Agriculture gave its approval over spraying the date-palm trees and crops of wheat and barley with insecticides in eight provinces in response to the farmer’s requests.

April 28

**Al-Qaida terrorist leader of Samarra killed**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition forces killed the al-Qaida “Emir” of Samarra, Hamadi ‘Abd al-Tahki al-Nissani, April 28. Based on intelligence reports, they tracked the wanted terrorist and two others to a location approximately 15 kilometers north of Samarra. As the troops assaulted the house where the three men were known to be hiding, Hamadi ’Abd al-Tahki al-Nissani, who was armed, attempted to flee and was killed by the assault force.

April 26

**Coalition forces kill 12 terrorists**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition forces killed 12 terrorists during a raid April 25 in Yusifiyah at a safe house associated with foreign terrorists. Multiple intelligence sources led the troops to the specific structure located approximately 8 kilometers N/NE of the location where the U.S. Apache helicopter crashed April 1. Upon arrival, the troops took direct fire and immediately engaged the threat with small-arms fire as well as rotary wing aircraft machine gun fire. The troops initially killed five terrorists outside of the safe house, and then called for an air strike to neutralize the persistent direct fire coming from the safe house. After the precision air strike, the ground troops conducted a tactical search of the destroyed safe house and located the bodies of seven more terrorists and a woman. Every male who was found in the rubble was wearing an AK-47 vest with two loaded magazines and two grenades. The troops also discovered suicide notes on one of the terrorists, body bombs, weapons to include a shoulder-fired rocket and ammunition.

April 19

**Blast destroys Iraqi Police station in Yusafiyah**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Terrorists blew up a new police station under construction in Yusafiyah, south of Baghdad, at approximately 10 p.m. April 18. The explosion caused extensive damage as half of the building collapsed.

Iraqi Soldiers from 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, secured the site after the blast to prevent further damage. “Terrorists are attempting to prevent the rebuilding of the essential infrastructure,” said Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, MND-B spokesman. “The police station is a sign of progress for the Iraqi people.”
List of Names from the Iraqi Ground Forces Command and Subordinate Divisions

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Pvt. Hussein Ali Hussein, HQ, 4th Brigade
Pvt. Mohammad Abdullah Abdlkerim, HQ, 4th Brigade
Pvt. Muhsin Falah Farag, HQ, 4th Brigade
Pvt. Ahmed Musafir Ghazi, 2nd Bn., 1st Brigade

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Capt. Khalid Hassan Abdullah, 1st Bn., 3rd Brigade
Lt. Ayhab Nafie Abdullah, 2nd Bn., 1st Brigade
Lt. Fuad Alwan Mohammad, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Sgt. Jawdad Ziyad Hussein, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Pfc. Wali Almas Nasr alDeen, HQ, 4th Div.
Pfc. Talal Khalaf Mizban, 1st Bn., 1st Brigade
Pfc. Mishaan Ramadan Abdul Aziz, 11th Platoon
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Pfc. Raad Sadoon Abdul Kadhim, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Pfc. Koran Saoud Qadir, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Pfc. Abbas Hassan Ali, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Pfc. Basheer Musab Ali, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Sgt. Muthana Abdullah Ali, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Pfc. Fuad Adi Jassim Hayawy, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
Pfc. Mustafa Raheem Abbas Abed, 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade
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Pvt. Haider Neama, 4th Brigade
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Pvt. Ridwan Resmi

9th Division Command

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Operations conducted in Iraq between April 15, 2006 through May 12, 2006. This graph represents which command took the lead in the total number of missions.

Total: 2,242 operations in theatre.

189 Caches Found

880 I.E.D.s Found and Cleared

Note: These figures represent Multi-National Corps-Iraq IED and Cache statistics from April 15 until May 12, 2006.