

TIPS

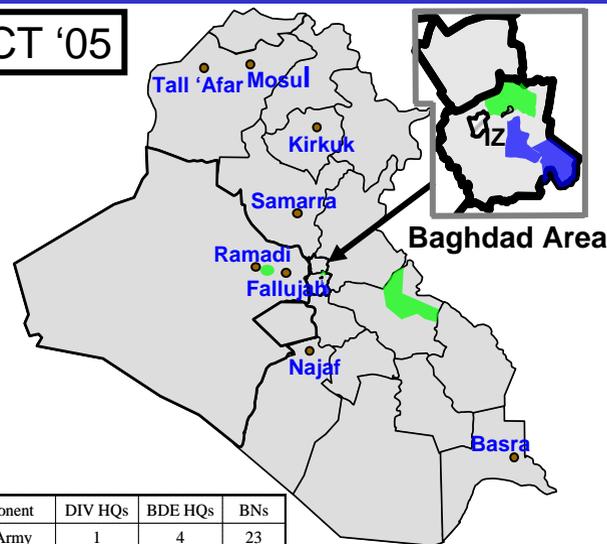
- April had a record high in tips - 12,334.
- The direct impact of Joint Security Stations and Combat Outposts is the steadily increasing number of citizen tips, finding and clearing IEDs, uncovering weapons caches and capturing/detaining individuals involved in the attacks against innocent Iraqis.
- Many Iraqis view the tips program as a valid mechanism to provide information about possible terrorists or criminal activity.



**TRAINED & EQUIPPED
IRAQI SECURITY FORCES**

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE	~ 152,300
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR	~ 194,200
TOTAL	~ 346,500

OCT '05

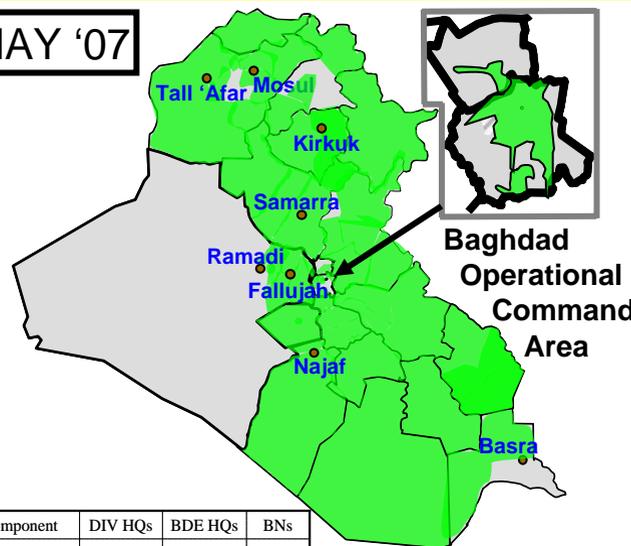


Component	DIV HQs	BDE HQs	BNs
Iraqi Army	1	4	23
National Police	0	2	6
Total	1	6	29

Source: MNC-1, C3 as of 30 OCT 2005

In October '05, the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) had 1 division, 4 brigades, and 23 battalions that controlled areas of responsibility.

MAY '07



Component	DIV HQs	BDE HQs	BNs
Iraqi Army	9	31	95
National Police	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	9	31	95

Source: MNC-1, C3 ISF as of 14 MAY 2007

In May '07, the ISF has 9 division headquarters (HQ), 31 brigade HQs, and 95 battalions that control their own areas of responsibility.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

A unified democratic federal Iraq that can govern itself, defend itself, and sustain itself, and is an ally in the War on Terror.

- Defeat al-Qaeda and its supporters and ensure that no terrorist safe haven exists in Iraq.
- Support Iraqi efforts to quell sectarian violence in Baghdad and regain control over the capital.
- Ensure the territorial integrity of Iraq and counter/limit destructive Iranian and Syrian activity in Iraq.
- Help safeguard democracy in Iraq by encouraging strong democratic institutions that impartially serve all Iraqis and prevent the return of tyranny.
- Foster the conditions for Iraqi national reconciliation but with the Iraqi Government clearly in the lead.
- Continue to strengthen Iraqi Security Forces and accelerate the transition of security responsibility to the Iraqi Government.
- Encourage an expanding Iraqi economy, including by helping Iraq maintain and expand its export of oil to support Iraqi development.
- Promote support for Iraq from its neighbors, the region, and the international community.

“In order to provide security, we must do more than just clear neighborhoods of terrorists and extremists. We must then help our Iraqi counterparts hold these neighborhoods and help build them back up to a sustained, visible presence of Iraqi and coalition forces. And if you're going to ensure security for a neighborhood, you have to live in it. You can't commute to this fight.”

General David H. Petraeus
Commanding General, Multi-National Force - Iraq
5/8/07

JOINT SECURITY STATIONS AND COMBAT OUTPOSTS

These neighborhood security posts give security forces a foothold in flashpoint areas in Baghdad and other cities in Iraq. The return on this investment is fewer episodes of sectarian violence and a growing return toward “normal” life.

JOINT SECURITY STATIONS

- There are 34 Joint Security Stations planned for Baghdad.

COMBAT OUTPOSTS

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AL ANBAR UPDATE

There have been notable changes in Anbar province. The security improvements have been brought about by a groundswell of opposition to al-Qaeda.

Al Anbar is still a dangerous place but there are significant signs of improvement.

Young men have stepped forward with the encouragement of municipal and tribal leadership and are joining the police in very large numbers.

Just in a year, the police forces in Al Anbar have grown from about 2,000 to about 14,500.

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
for Legislative Affairs
May 23, 2007

A partnership exists today in the Anbar province between coalition forces, the Iraqi police and the Iraqi army, the provincial security forces, as well as the tribal sheikhs, municipal governments, and also the provincial governor.

“Since January of this year, attacks and murders against civilians and Iraqi and Coalition security forces in Ramadi have decreased significantly, from a high of 108 in the week beginning February 23rd to just seven in the week ending May 11th.”

Major General William Caldwell
5/16/07

Decrease in Attacks and Murders in Ramadi

