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Iraq: I&W of Civil Conflict

CENTRAL COMMAND

Key Reads:

- Political / religious leaders increase public hostile rhetoric
- ▲ Political / religious leaders lose moderating influence over constituents
- ☒ Provocative sectarian attacks / assassinations
- Unorganized spontaneous mass civil conflict

Additional Indicators:

- ▲ Militias expand security role
- ▲ Governance
- ▲ Police ineffectual
- ☒ Army ineffectual
- ☒ Neighbors enable violence
- ▲ Sectarian tensions / violence displace populace
- ☒ ↑ Sectarian conflicts between/within ISF forces
- ☒ ↓ ISF refuse to take orders from central government, mass desertion
- ☒ Kurdish accelerate moves toward secession / annexing Kirkuk
- ◆ Low level violence motivated by sectarian differences

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↓ CHANGE SINCE LAST WEEK
 ● ROUTINE
 ☒ IRREGULAR
 ▲ SIGNIFICANT
 ◆ CRITICAL

Urban areas experiencing "ethnic cleansing" campaigns to consolidate control ... Violence at all-time high, and spreading geographically. (S)

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- (U) Political / religious leaders increase public hostile rhetoric – No change
- (U) Pol/Rel leaders lose moderating influence over constituents – No change
- (U) Provocative sectarian attacks / assassinations – No change
- (U) Unorganized spontaneous mass civil conflict – No change
- (U) Militias expand security role – No change
- ~~(S/REL to USA, MOFI)~~ Governance – Status quo update: 11 Oct, CoR passed the Regions law, which specified mechanics for forming federal regions ... federalism opponents walked out of the CoR session and boycotted the vote ... Sunnis bloc members later contend the law is invalid due to the lack of a quorum and are challenging the law in court ... law passage reinforces Sunni perceptions of marginalization within the central government.
- (U) Police ineffectual – No change
- (U) Army ineffectual – No change
- (U) Regional Nations Incite / Support Violence - No change
- (U) Sectarian tensions / violence displace populace – No change; status quo update: UN report alleges 364k displaced since 22 Feb; number much higher than MODM, which estimates ~290K.
- ~~(S/REL to USA, MOFI)~~ Sectarian conflicts between/within ISF forces – Increase reflects general atmospherics between ISF forces ... CF see IA as a viable force against militia due to their loyalty and levels effectiveness ... IP is mostly considered infiltrated by militiamen and less trustworthy ... this is highlight most recently in Diwaniyah where conditions remained tense following 8 Oct confrontation between ISF, CF and JAM ... 9 Oct, a joint CF, IA patrol on a routine mission in Diwaniyah stopped to speak with IP at a checkpoint when they were attacked by a group, some of which were wearing IP uniforms.
- (U) ISF refuse to take orders from central government, mass desertion – Decreased due to no recent events, but conditions remain for another event to occur.
- (U) Kurdish moves toward secession / annexing Kirkuk – 8 Oct, Qadir Aziz, Kurdistan Toilers Party leader stated Kirkuk Shia Arab leaders had a list of 700 families willing to relocate to southern Iraq if compensated with land and \$10,000 per family ... Shia will not be forced to leave, but encouraged.
- (U) Low level violence focused on sectarian differences – No change ... status quo update: majority of violence continues to be within Baghdad although there has been an increase in southern Salah ad Din province, along with the Baghdad Southern belt.

Assessment: ~~(S/REL TO USA, MOFI)~~ Violence levels are at an all time high ... majority of violence still located in Baghdad but there has been an increase in the outlying areas outside of Baghdad and Diyala such as the Baghdad Southern belt (Mahmudiyah, Iskandariyah, Suwayrah) and Southern Salah ad Din province (Balad)

Sources: MNC-I Sigacts, 8-9 Oct; MNF-I BUA, 12-17 Oct; Reuters, 13 Oct 06, "Thousands Fleeing Iraq Daily in Silent Exodus" 111957ZOCT06; Reuters, 11 Oct 06, "Iraqi Parliament Approves Federal Law"; REO Kirkuk, 161225ZOCT06;

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Sir,

We just wanted to give you a heads up that we did move the overall indicator to the right one click on the I&W slide for tomorrow morning. The main contributing factor to the move was due to the continual increase in the critical violence levels.

If you have any questions please let us know and have a great day!

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