



## *Combat Ops During Ramadan*

### Issues

- Islamic forces have not paused combat ops during Ramadan
- Hostilities continued/increased because of religious tenets

### Discussion

- Religious Significance--Similar to Christian Lent
- Key Dates During Ramadan:
  - 17th Day (3 Dec 01)-- Almighty Allah separated truth from falsehood at the Great Battle of Badr, Islam's holiest battle
  - 27th (13 Dec 01) -- “The Night of Destiny,” the anniversary of the Revelation of the Quran. Martyrdom seekers, have since the beginning of Islamic history, sought martyrdom on this night

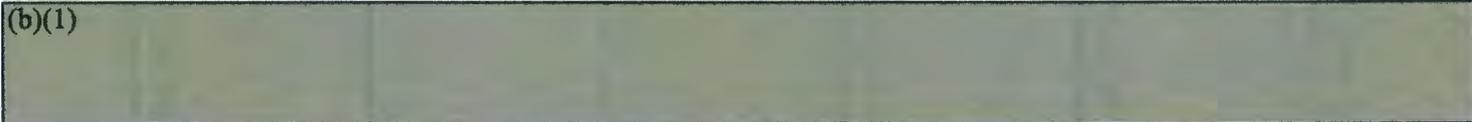


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### Way Ahead:

- **Continue Combat Ops during Ramadan, as required by military necessity**
- **SecDef /CJCS to discuss the military necessity of combat ops during Ramadan with:**
  - **MOD/CHOD counterparts**
  - **US/Coalition country politicians**

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- **Global War against terrorists/terrorism, not Islam**
- **Host governments trading the welfare of their citizens to protect terrorists**
- **Humanitarian objectives to prevent famine and re-establish sovereign nation stability**



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### Way Ahead continued:

- Establish refugee camps within Afghanistan before the onset of winter weather, under coalition control

– Reasons:

- Afghans are IDPs, not refugees
- Sets the conditions for:
  - UN led humanitarian operations
  - NGO/PVO re-involvement

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