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GLOBAL SCOUTS

U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
On order, JSOTF-N conducts Unconventional Warfare and other Special Operations in JSOA North to disrupt Iraqi combat power, IOT prevent effective military operations against CFLCC forces.
**1st RG Corps**
- 1 x Mech Div
- 1 x Inf Div

**V RA Corps**
- 1 x Mech Div
- 3 x Inf Div

**I RA Corps**
- 1 x Mech Div
- 3 x Inf Div

**II RA Corps**
- 1 x Arm Div
- 2 x Inf Div

**Iraqi Army in the North**

**Syrian Forces**

**Iranian Forces**

**Tribes**
Balancing Act

SOF

IRAQIS

TURKS

KURDS
Total JSOTF-N Force Structure

5,200
The Campaign Plan

**IZ Operational Center of Gravity**
Adnan RG, Neb RG, 3rd AD

**Air Interdiction**
- JSOTF-N TGT Priorities
- ISR, SR, Sensors
- CFC TGT Priorities

**Ground Ops**
- Defend key cities
- CAS/TGO Raids
- DC Management

**Information Ops**
- SPT Deception Plan
- PSYOP/IO Integration
- Capitulation/Local Cease Fires
- Prevent movement
- Limit Oil Infrastructure Damage

Disrupt IRAQI Operational Mobility
Exploit Operational Success
Deployed from Europe & CONUS, Operating, Sustained, & Jumped Forward prior to BOS

Base Camp: Constanta JOC
“Ugly Baby” Infiltration

Fuel Streaming Down Fuselage

Bullet Impact on Windshield

Pax, Shaken around but Unhurt

Punctured Engine Nacelle
Disrupting the Enemy Across the Greenline

- **Operation NORTHERN SAFARI**: 6 Apr
  - Liberation of MOSUL: 11 Apr
  - Liberation of KIRKUK: 16 Apr
  - Disrupting the Enemy Across the Greenline

- **Operation ISOLATE BAGHDAD**: 02-03 APR

- **Operation NORTHERN DELAY**: 26-31 Mar
  - Movement: 2 Apr
  - Liberation of MOSUL: 11 Apr

- **Operation VIKING HAMMER**: 2-3 Apr

- **Movement 10-11 Apr**: 31 Mar-1 Apr
- **Disruption**: 2 Apr
- **ISOLATE**: 02-03 APR

- **As Sulaymaniya**: 28-30 Mar
- **Irbil**: 2 Apr
Viking Hammer Slams Ansar al Islam

Sniper Hgts on Green Prong

Assault on Yellow Prong

Peshmerga on Blue Prong
Prep Fires & Close Air Support

TLAMs, Bombers, Fighters, & Gunships all Work Ansar al Islam wTACs

- Sensitive Sites Exploitable
- Ansar al Islam Severely Damaged
- PUK Rear Area Secured
- Iran Denies Sanctuary to Ansar al Islam
- Peshmerga Morale Skyrockets
- Combat Power Shifts to Greenline
The Greenline: CAS & AI

A B-1 Strike near Badryam in FOB 102’s Sector

Iraqi Positions on the Chamchamal Ridge Hit by CAS for ODA 083
Greenline Fight: Into Kirkuk & Mosul

Massed for Rush into Mosul

Iraqi Rearguard Bites Back

The Government Building in Kirkuk, 10 April
Base Camp: Irbil

Preparations

Construction

Operations
Stabilization & Transition

Arabs Voice Concerns to CA

SF & Mech Coordinate a Patrol in Kirkuk

26 MEU Assess Civil, Medical, and Cultural Sites in Mosul

USSF & TUSF w Turkomen
What Worked, What Didn’t

Worked:
- People
  - Mission Focussed
  - Determined
  - Flexible
  - Expert
- Combat Penetrators
- Joint Interoperability
- Light & Lean Comms
- Unconventional Warfare

Didn’t:
- Army Comms
- JCSE
- BOS Construct
- Inter-Command Ops
- CAS & ISR (early)
Accomplishments

• Accomplished Diverse Missions while Balancing Rival Factions
• Infiltrated Forces in to One of the World’s Most Heavily Defended Battlespaces
• Defeated and Destroyed 700 Member Terrorist Organization
• Defeated Three Brigade Size Counter-attacks
• Disrupted & Defeated Three Corps
• Captured Two Major Urban Areas
• Built 1500 man Base Camp in Three Weeks during Combat Ops w/o BOS
• Restored Civil Order and Generated Trust for US Forces
• Long-term Stability Operations Transitioned to Conventional Forces