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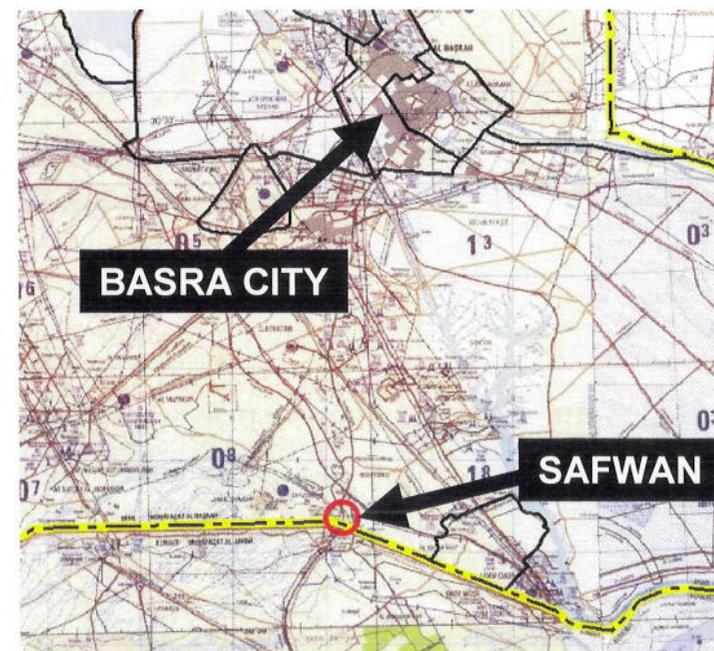
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Overnight, concerted efforts to locate the hostages have been unsuccessful despite support from high value ISTAR assets. Strike Ops in the city still require more specific intelligence before execution.

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MND(SE) remains firmly focused on the development of targets for strike operations in Basra City.

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PR 06-050 MNC-I DUSTWUN Update Crescent Security Group Convoy

DTG: 18 NOV 06

- Isolated Personnel Data
- Initial Event Details
- Latest Updates
- Running Storyboard
- Unit Actions
- Staff Actions
- Reintegration Plan

NOTE: Updated information will be highlighted with a star 

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Isolated Personnel

- **Status:**
 - US Citizens - DUSTWUN
 - TCN - Not yet designated
- **Branch:** Contractors (non-DoD)
 - Contracted by Italians to support Italian FOB near Tallil
- **Company:** Crescent Security Group Inc. (CS)
- **Company Manager:** (b)(6) (b)(6)
 - Based in Kuwait
- **Nationality:**
 - 4 x US Citizen
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 - 1 x Austrian (TCN)
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- **SERE Training:** Unknown

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Initial Event Details

- Isolating event in MND-SE – 35km SW of Basrah
- Crescent Security Group company convoy personnel kidnapped at checkpoint (MGRS 38S QU 50487 50966)
- Convoy (6 x security vehicles and 43 x empty flatbed trucks)
- Convoy stopped at CP by 30 individuals dressed in IPS uniforms
 - Suspected to be members of the Mogaiti Clan
- Personnel kidnapped and equipment seized:
 - 4 x US Citizen
 - 1 x Austrian Citizen (TCN)
 - 1 x Crescent security vehicle (Silver Chevy Avalanche, "CS" on doors)
 - 19 x Flatbed trucks (Al Hamava owned trucks)
 - Original report listed 14xPAX total (4xAMCIT, 10xTCNs)
- Convoy was traveling N on MSR Tampa from Safwan to Nasiriyah
- Event occurred at 161220NOV06

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Latest Updates

LAST 24 - 48 HOURS:

- 2 x Tornado QR4 (161300C)
- British 19 Light BDE dispatched - 1 x PLT from Rural South Brigade Group, Az Zubayr (161330C) arrived on scene (161530C) determined kidnapping/hijacking was possible and notified PJCC
- 1 x Lynx helo dispatched (161500C)
- P.I.C.C alerted all police stations (161710C)
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- Organic MND-SE Helo ISR on site - Broadsword
- Op planned and briefed vaguely by MND SE. Op set to launch at 0230.
- Recovery Operation initiated on Bait Mogaita Farm at 170430NOV06 - Dry Hole
- MNC-I provided CAS support (F-15/16 1130-1820Z 17Nov)
- ARCENT, MNF-I JPRC and FBI will be interviewing convoy personnel (18Nov)

NEXT 24 HOURS:

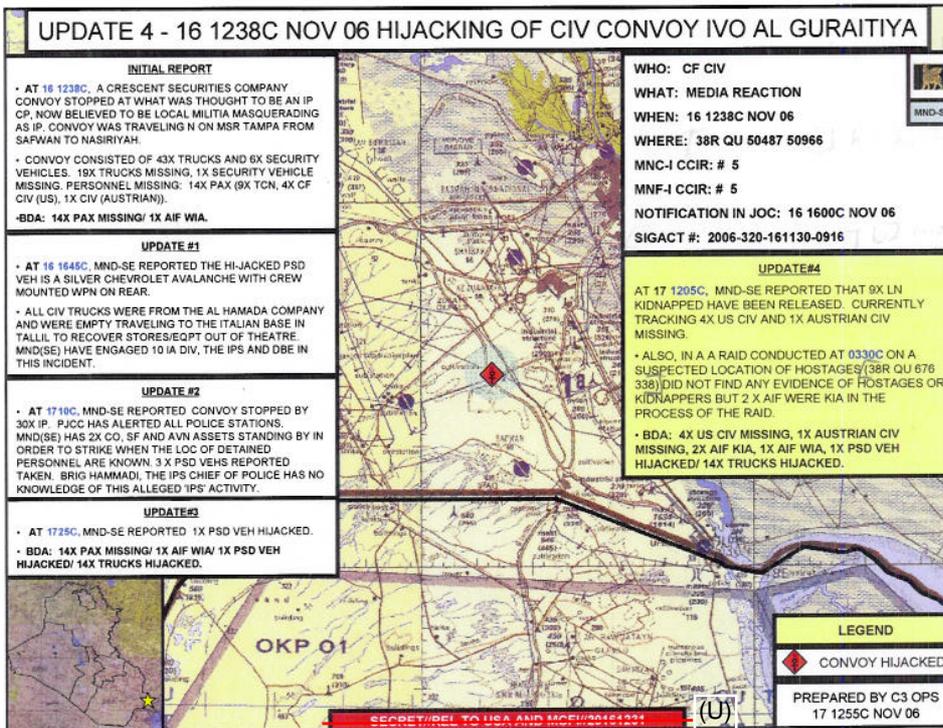
- MND-SE is prepared to execute an operation tonight (18Nov) if they can gain target fidelity

Current Assessment:

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<h2>Unit Actions Taken & In-Progress</h2>	
<p>MND-SE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged 10 IA DIV, IPS and DBE to investigate and assist efforts Prepared operations in the event of actionable intelligence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Op CHELSEA strike and detain operation if hostages held in the Hyall Shuala or Shrika Al Muforiyah districts Op PICADILLY strike and detain operation if hostages held in the Safwan 	
<p>CFLCC RCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating with Crescent Security Group manager Mr. (b)(6) Coordinating with ARCENT G2 to debrief personnel from the convoy Poised to conduct reintegration if required 	
<p>CJSOTF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postured to support MNC-I unconventional missions 	
<p>MNF-I JPRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating with OCF-I, OGAs (FBI, ORA, Hostage Affairs, CID, Defense HUMINT Service and EJK TF) Providing intelligence inputs to MND-SE and OCF-I G2 fusion cell Coordinating with FBI Dispatched JPRC and FBI representative to MND-SE <p style="text-align: center;">-SECRET//REL TO USA AND MCFW//20161231 (U)</p>	



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Staff Actions Taken & In-Progress

C1

- Validated US Citizenship
- Postured to assist with Casualty Reporting

C2

- Supporting MND-SE G2 with analyses and exploitation of kidnapped IPs related intelligence and targeting
- Managing EAD ISR assets to fully support IP operations with priority
- Corps ISR assets are prepared for retasking to support IP coverage

C3 Air

- Postured to coordinate with MND-SE for IPs airlift support to Kuwait Phase I Reintegration facility (if required)

Fires

- Will support Immediate Air Support Request (ASR) for MND-SE and CJSOTF that focus on raids/cordons/searches ISO IP operations

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C3 PRCC

- Supporting MND-SE RCC / MNC-I JOC / MNF-I JPRC / CAOC JPRC

C4

- Talil is the nearest US Mortuary Affairs Collection Point (MACP)
- Talil MACP and C4 is postured to support (if required)

Space

- Postured to provide national ISR availability & coordinate tasking

PAO

- US Department of State is lead agency for PAO support

SJA

- AMCITs are non-DoD contractors

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Reintegration Plan



- MNC-I PRCC has started preparations with CFLCC RCC to receive recovered personnel at the Kuwait Phase I Reintegration facility
- MND-SE will initially transport the IPs by air to their medical facility on Shaibi Log Base, SW of Basrah
- Participation is voluntary for US Non-DOD civilians and must be requested by Crescent Security Group Inc.

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Two types of operation are envisaged:

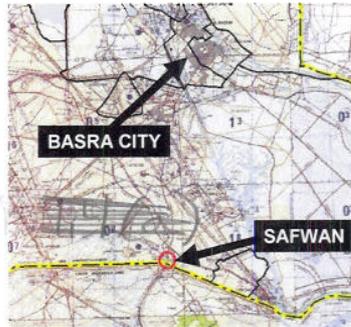
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The varying environments and lack of specific intelligence mean that detailed planning is not possible. However, significant preparation has been undertaken to ensure that the planning and execution of any operation, following the acquisition of specific intelligence, will be as rapid as possible.

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MND(SE) now believes that the SAFWAN option is much more likely and we are confident that better target definition at SAFWAN will develop this morning.



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Prepared Operations (1)

Op CHELSEA is a STRIKE and DETAIN operation planned for the eventuality that intelligence that the hostages are held in the HYALL SHUALA or SHRIKA AL MUFORIYAH districts, is correct. (b)(2) h/c will deploy to the target locations and (b)(2) h/c will (b)(2) h/c. (b)(2) h/c will (b)(2) h/c. The STRIKE force will deploy into target locations direct from COB using (b)(2) h/c. (b)(2) h/c will conduct the STRIKE, recover any hostages and suspect BRAVOs to (b)(2) h/c. In the event of a sequential STRIKE, (b)(2) h/c will remount and (b)(2) h/c will move them to the second target. The (b)(2) h/c at the initial target is to (b)(2) h/c. (b)(2) h/c. The (b)(2) h/c (b)(2) h/c. Any suspect BRAVOs detained on the targets will be handed over by (b)(2) h/c. (b)(2) h/c.



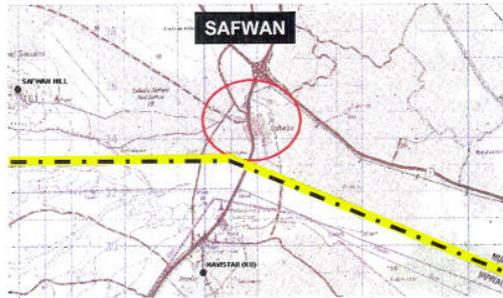
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Prepared Operations (2)

Op PICADILLY is a STRIKE and DETAIN operation planned for the eventuality that intelligence that the hostages are held in the vicinity of SAFWAN, is correct. (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high from COB to SLB or by (2) (b)(2) high to SAFWAN (b)(2) high and attached (2) (b)(2) high will be held at 1hr NTM. When there is sufficient intelligence to suggest a high likelihood of the hostages being held at either target location, the STRIKE will be authorized. (2) (b)(2) high will deploy to the target locations in the area of SAFWAN. The (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high will depend on the (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high CONOPS could range from an all (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high to a (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high followed by a (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high (b)(2) high Whatever the target set, (2) (b)(2) high will conduct the strike and recover any hostages and suspect BRAVOs to the (b)(2) high. Strikes could be (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high Any suspect BRAVOs detained on the targets will be handed over by (b)(5) (2) (b)(2) high



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MND (SE) J2 INTREP 715 – PSC KIDNAPPING

BACKGROUND OF EVENTS

1. This report should be read in conjunction with INTREP 714 which detailed the events of the hijacking of 16 Nov 06. In summary, at 161220CNOV06 A CRESCENT SECURITY convoy was travelling north from SAFWAN to CSC SCANIA (RON) on a routine security job. At GR QU 50487 50966 the convoy was stopped by several UKMs who had blocked the road. When the convoy tried to drive away shots were fired. Four Americans and one Austrian, along with 19 civilian flatbeds, one gun truck and nine LECs, were taken by the hijackers.

2. It is assessed that the hijackers initiated operations at SAFWAN. It was at this location that the first sign of the hijacking emerged. (b)(6) the Iraqi MOD representative in MND(SE), had reported that several of the (b)(6) were near the AL SHURAIKAT Mosque in SAFWAN. It was later confirmed from single source reporting that a large quantity of stolen vehicles were located in North SAFWAN. It is likely that this location was used as an initial holding area where other vehicles were waiting to move the hostages.

3. On the morning of the 17 Nov 06 it is assessed that the hostages were split up and moved to separate locations in BASRA. This is supported by Brig Aqil who stated that the hostages had been split up into two groups. The evidence of the hostages being moved to BASRA was further supported by reports emerging from the AEGIS Director of Operations stating he believed the hostages were in the Border Police Customs House (b)(6) A City. The evidence suggesting a move to BASRA was not, however, corroborated by (b)(6) who reported that the hostages were still in SAFWAN.

4. Further reporting on the hostages did not (b)(6) midday on the 17 Nov 06. It was reported that the hostages were handed over to (b)(6) and being held in the Shia flats area. This information shows a likely location for the hostages. JAM operating in SAFWAN have clearly shown the intent to kidnap US personnel. It is assessed that this JAM company would hand over the hostages as quickly as possible, and move them to an area where there is a low MNF presence and a high JAM tolerance. The Shia flats provide an ideal location for this. Subsequent reporting indicated that the hostages had been seen in the AL-AMNAL DAKHILY area near AZ ZUBAYR. It is possible that this information was reported before some of the hostages were moved to the Shia flats area. It is assessed that a group of hostages were moved through this location, possibly being temporarily held there, and then moved onto the Shia Flats.

5. The second group of hostages were reported at 1809 hrs on 17 Nov 06 (b)(6) located near a mosque and tomato farm IVO SAFWAN. This was confirmed by (b)(6) and MX reporting. It was later reported that hostages were being held on two farms (b)(6) Petrochemical Plant south of AZ ZUBAYR. Due to the varying strengths of reporting it is assessed that at this time the hostages have been separated into at least two groups, and constantly kept moving.

ASSESSMENT

6. It is assessed that the hostages have been split into groups and taken to varying locations in the same vicinity. Reporting has strongly indicated both SAFWAN and the Shia Flats as probable locations. AZ ZUBAYR has also had a level of reporting suggesting the hostages have been there. The general movement of the hostages is, however, assessed to be from the kidnap area to a holding area IVO SAFWAN and then into BASRA possibly via AZ ZUBAYR. The Shia flats would be an ideal holding location for the 5 hostages due to the high level of AIF support and the lack of MNF presence. It is possible that the hostages have now been moved to BAGHD----- where they would clearly be valuable bargaining tools. However, it is assessed as likely that (b)(3), (b)(6) (Comd of JAM in S Iraq) would want to keep them under his control IVO BASRA, possibly in----- to bargain for the release of JAM prisoners in SLB.

--- The point of contact for this report is (b)(3), (b)(6) who can be contacted on Syn Blue (b)(6) (b)(6)

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