

CAG Actions/Areas of Interest

CENTCOM GWOT Conference

- Solicit panel membership early to allow time for paper presentations
- Lock in Conference Dates
- Arrange for filming/distro into the HQ

CENTCOM Symposium Series

- Judith Yaphe, possibly the November time frame. Possibility of a joint Iraq visit with Pollack may be workable.

CENTCOM Outreach Program

- Working Draft Calendar, out to FEB 2005
- Council on US Foreign Relations, Hoover Institution, Houston Forum, etc.
- Standard stump speech as start point
- Coordinate with PAO on contacts/media linkages

Central Asia

- Begin development of a series of strategic assessments on the Central Asian states. Use the existing Iran assessment as a model.
 - An overall regional overview with separate assessments for each country's particular concerns.
 - Emphasis on expansion of radical Islam, extremist views/groups, CENTCOM engagement goals/objectives.

Levant

- Syria & Lebanon strategic appreciation—use of Iran model
 - Syrian relationship with Iran
 - Possibility of military-to-military contact with Lebanon
 - Reality of developing insight on a complex political environment within Lebanon-- Hizballah, other Shi'a movements, Christian political movements, general parties, Palestinian intentions, etc.
 - Iran's defacto patronage of Hizballah

Economic Considerations

- Examination of Oil and Extremists—impacts/models/assessments/linkages
- Economic linkages in our AOR and the impact on regional and global economy. What military actions are going to be required to prevent economic problems?
- What crop to substitute for Poppies in Afghanistan? Economic diversification?
- Possible topics include:
 - Impact of the re-introduction of Iraq onto the oil market.
 - Water and agriculture—predictive analysis--can Iraq can become a regional net food producer/exporter?
 - Impact of catastrophic terrorist attacks on regional and global oil production.
 - Impact of natural gas exports from Qatar and influx of money.
 - Central Asian States and energy market.

STRATCOMs Assessment

- With reorganization, will need to do a working assessment of effectiveness on a bi-monthly basis.

Academic Outreach Initiatives

- War Colleges/SAMs/SAS, etc.
- Thesis Questions revamp/reissue

Dufur Watch

- Conops with J5/3
- Impact on CENTCOM/CJTF HOA mission

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