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Iraqi Force Development and the Challenge of Civil War

The Critical Problems and Failures the US Must Address if Iraqi Forces Are to Do the Job

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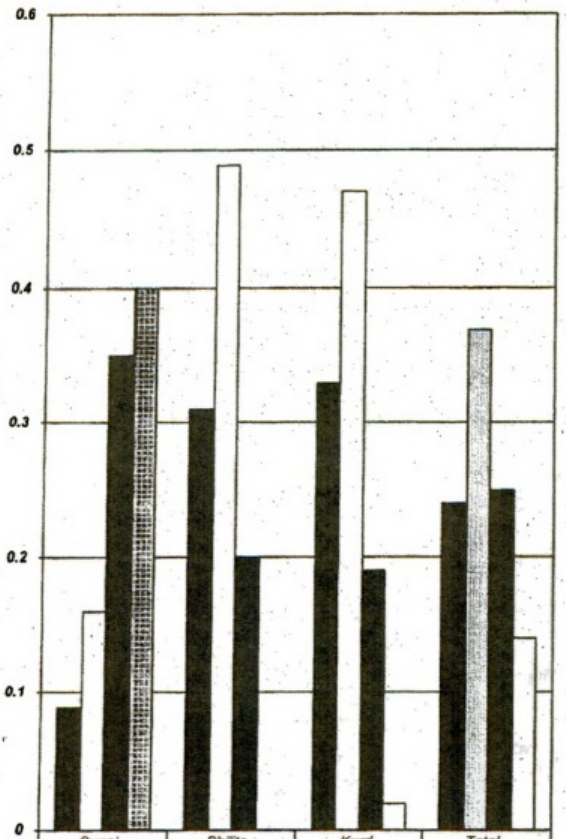
Figure One

Ethnic and Sectarian Confidence in the Iraqi Army among Shi'ites, Sunnis, and Kurds



	Sunni	Shi'ite	Kurd	Total
■ A great deal of confidence in the Army	0.09	0.31	**0.33**	0.24
□ A lot of confidence in the Army	0.16	0.49	0.47	0.37
■ Not very much confidence in the Army	**0.35**	0.2	**0.19**	0.25
□ No confidence in the Army	0.4	0	0.02	0.14

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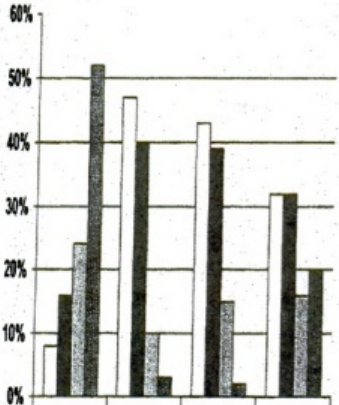
Figure Two

Ethnic and Sectarian Confidence in the Iraqi Police among Shi'ites, Sunnis, and Kurds



	Sunni	Shi'ite	Kurd	Total
A great deal of confidence in the Police	0.08	0.47	0.43	0.32
A lot of confidence in the Police	0.16	0.4	0.39	0.32
Not very much conficdence in the Police	0.24	0.1	0.15	0.16
No confidence in the Police	0.52	0.03	0.02	0.2

Source: "Ebbing Hope in a Landscape of Loss Marks a National Survey of Iraq" ABC News/USA Today/BBC/ARD Poll. March 19, 2007. Pg. 24

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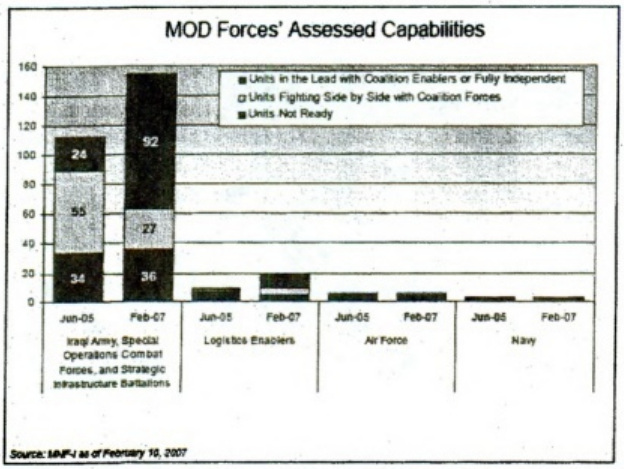
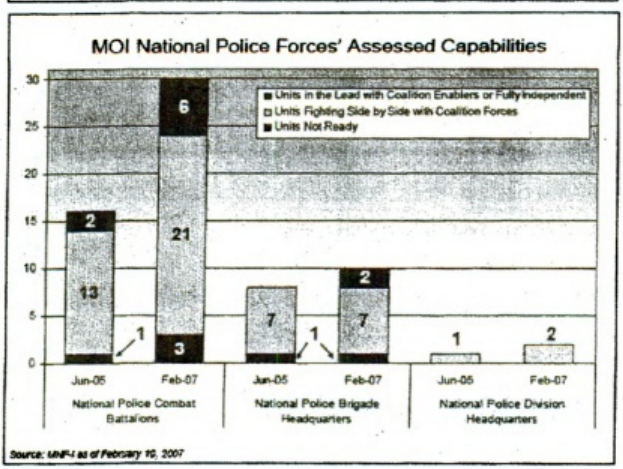
Figure Four

MOD Forces' Assessed Capabilities





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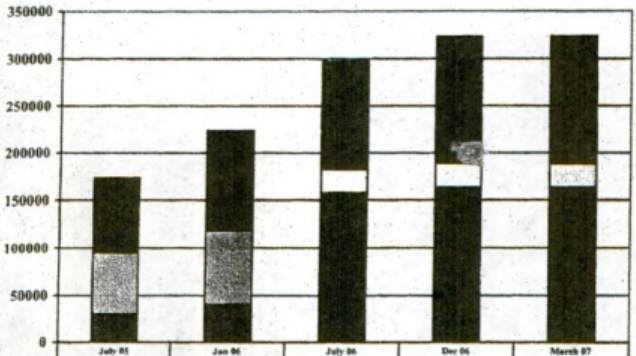
APPENDIX ONE: IRAQI FORCE DEVELOPMENT – A GRAPHIC SUMMARY

Trained and Equipped Manpower for Major Branches of MOD and MOI Forces: July 2005 to March 2007



	July 05	Jan 06	July 06	Dec 06	March 07
Ministry of Defense					
Army	78200	104400	113200	132700	132856
Navy	700	800	1100	1100	1135
Air Force	200	500	700	900	929
Total MOD	79100*	105700*	115000*	134700*	134920*
Ministry of Interior					
National Police			24300	24400	24400
Regular Police/Highway	64106	77500			
Regular Police			135000	135000	135000
Other Forces	30700	40500	23400	28900	28860
Total MOI	94800*	118000*	160100*	188300*	188260*
GRAND TOTAL	173900*	223700*	275100*	323000*	323100*

Note: These figures only show the number of men trained and equipped and have nothing to do with the manpower and equipment actually in active service in the unit.

-- Unauthorized absence personnel are said not to be included in MOI figures, and to be included in MOD figures, but the reality is that the MOD figures do not reflect actual manning and are all shown as approximate.

--Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces.

--Does not include various Facilities Protection Forces, which had an authorized strength of some 144,000 men working in 27 ministries on March 5, 2007

Source: US State Department

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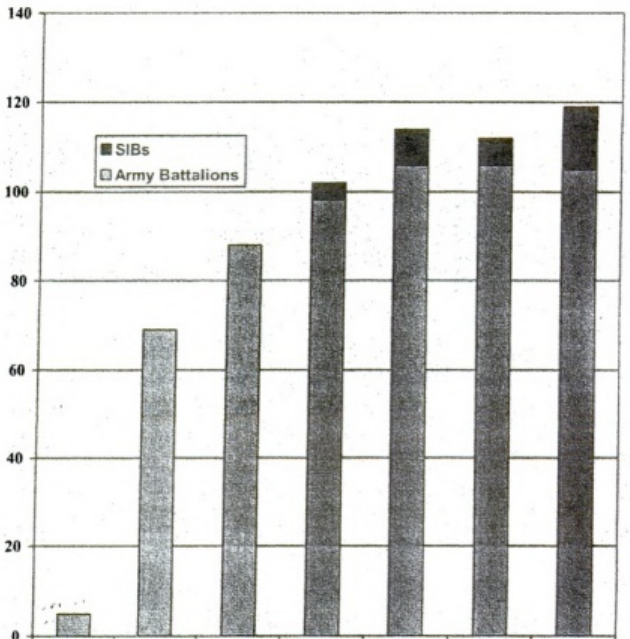
Iraqi Army Battalions in Combat: August 2004-February 2007



	Aug-'04	Feb-'05	Sep-'05	Jan-'06	Aug-'06	Nov-'06	7-Feb
SIBs	0	0	0	4	8	6	14
Army **Battalions**	5	69	88	98	106	106	105

NOTE: Army Battalions Includes special operations battalions but does not include combat support and combat service support units.

Data as of November 13, 2006

Source: Adapted from: US Department of Defense, *Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq*, March 2007 Report to Congress, p.25; Note: +/-5% margin of error

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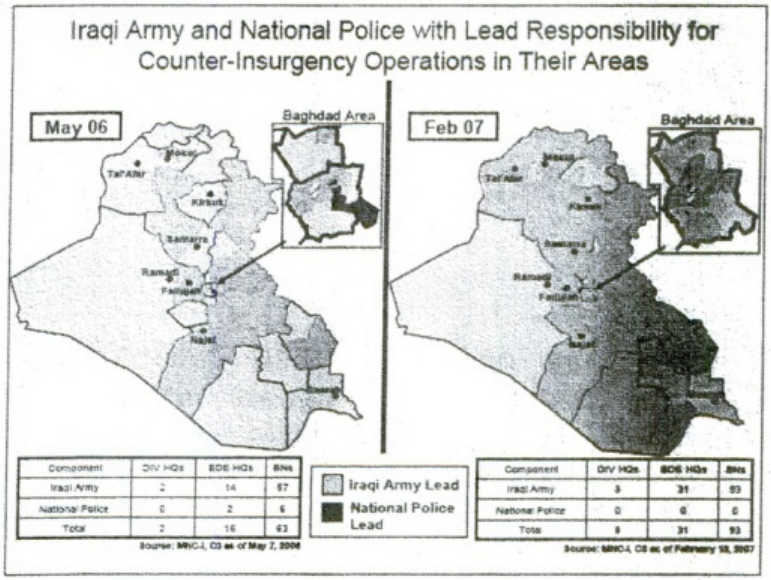
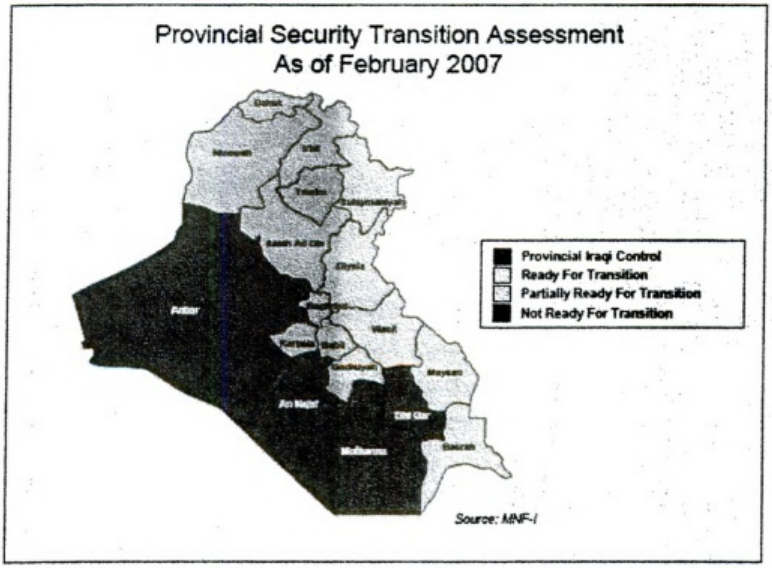


Component	DIV HQs	BDE HQs	BNs
Iraqi Army	2	14	57
National Police	0	2	6
Total	2	16	63

Source: MNC-I, CS as of May 7, 2006

Component	DIV HQs	BDE HQs	BNs
Iraqi Army	3	31	93
National Police	0	0	0
Total	3	31	93

Source: MNC-I, CS as of February 18, 2007



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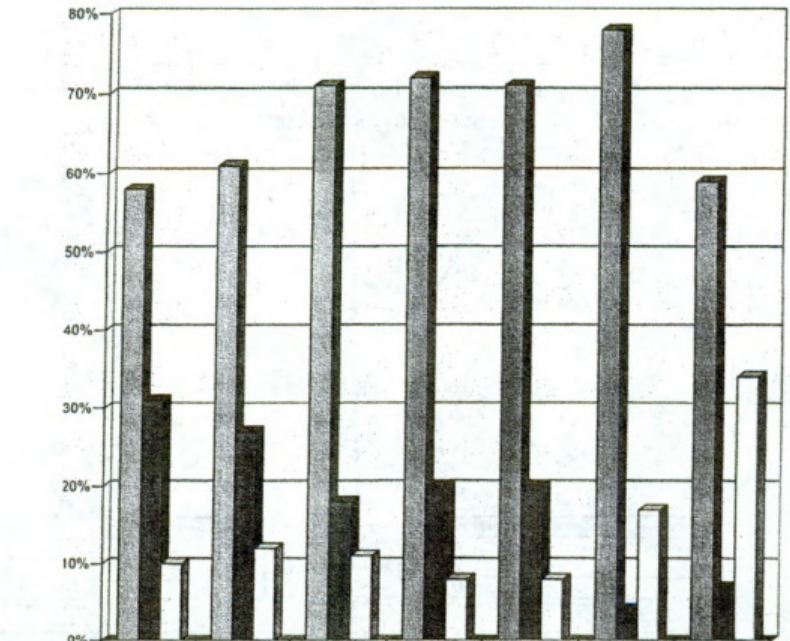

	Jul-'06	Aug-'06	Sep-'06	Oct-'06	Nov-'06	Dec - '06	Jan - '07
Combined	0.58	0.61	0.71	0.72	0.71	0.78	0.59
ISF	0.31	0.27	0.18	0.2	0.2	0.04	0.07
Coalition	0.1	0.12	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.17	0.34

* Includes MOD and National Police units; data includes only those ISF independent operations that are reported to the Coalition
Data as of March 2, 2007.
Source: US Department of Defense, *Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq*, March 2007 Report to Congress, p.38.

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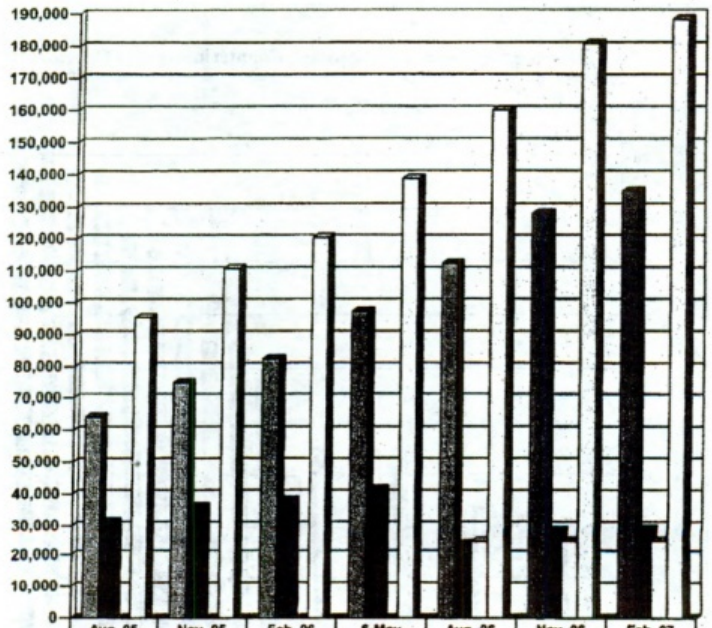
MOI Manning Levels: August 2005 to February 2007*



	Aug. 05	Nov. 05	Feb. 06	6-May	Aug. 06	Nov. 06	Feb. 07
Police	64,100	74,800	82,400	97,300	112,400	128,008	135,000
Other MOI Forces**	31,300	36,000	38,000	41,400	23,400	28,428	28,900
National Police					24,300	24,400	24,400
Total MOI Forces	95,400	110,800	120,400	138,700	160,100	180,836	188,300

Note: * Does not include Facilities Protection Service

** "Other MOI Forces" includes Border Protection forces, Dignitary Protection Forces. The National Police were taken from these forces to form a separate force.

Source: Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State Weekly Status Reports, August 2005-February 2007.

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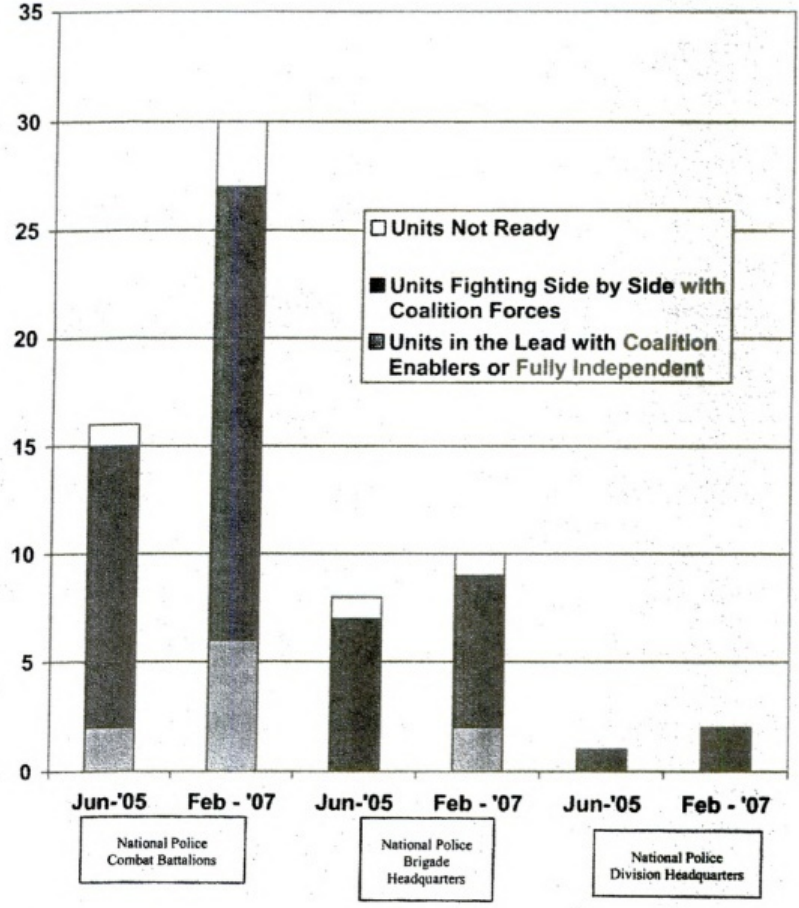

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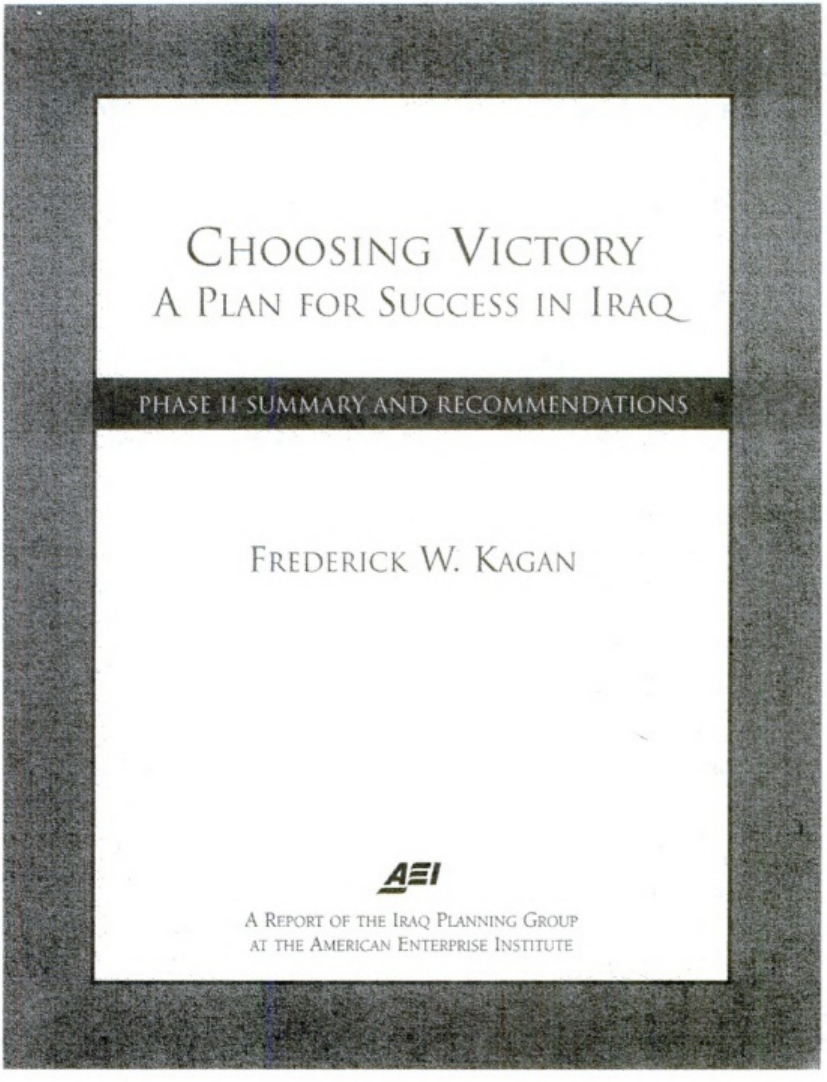

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