

# MULTINATIONAL FORCE-IRAQ

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## Situational Update

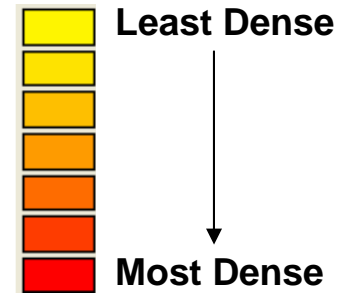


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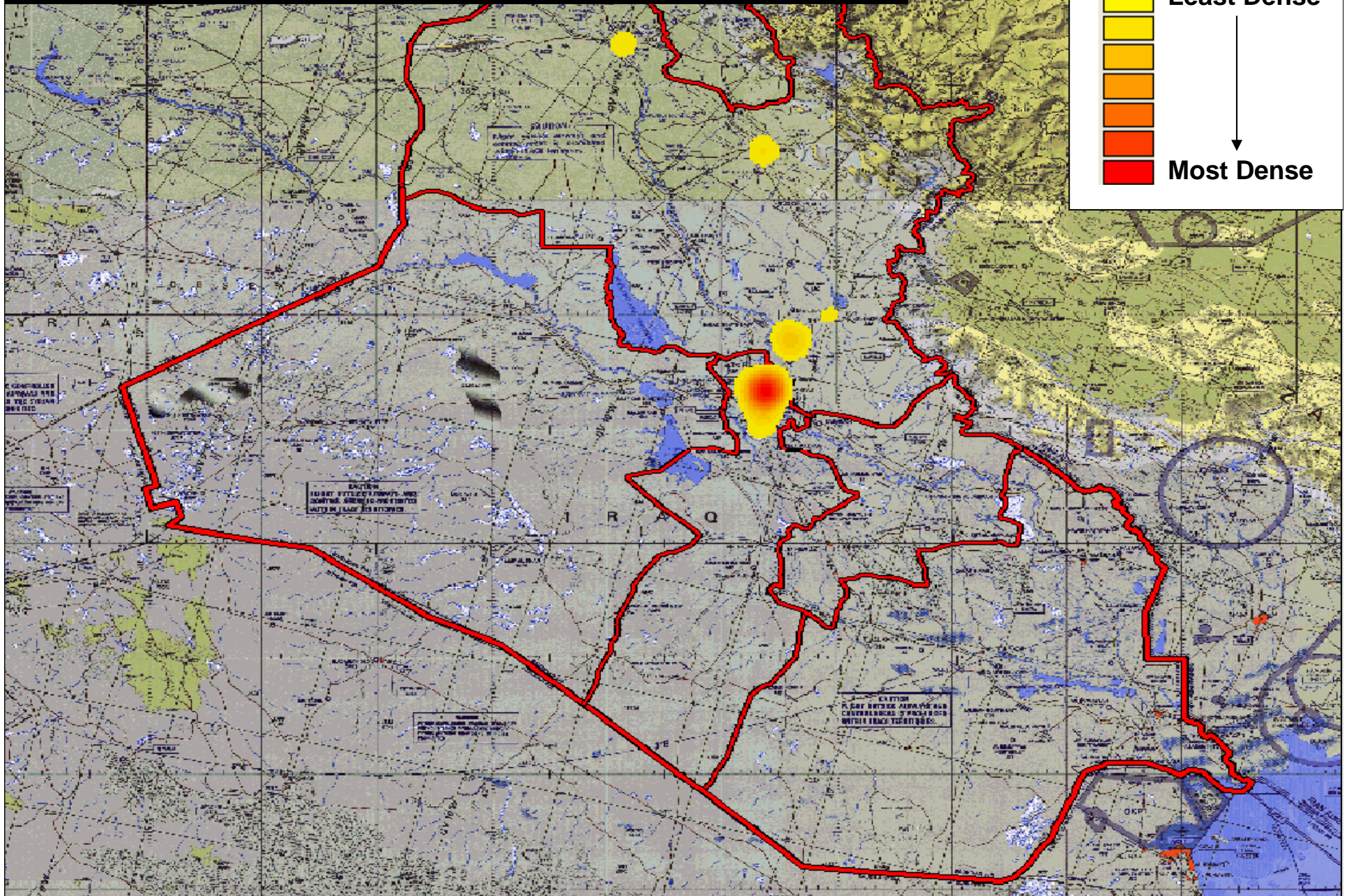
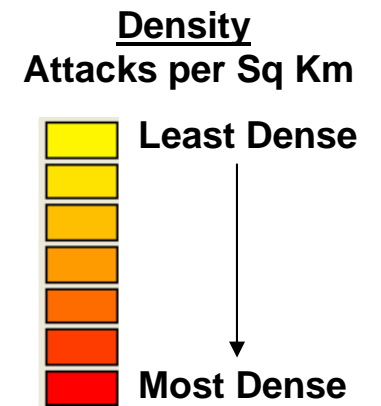


**Density**  
**Attacks per Sq Km**





# Weighted Density of Civilian Casualties 17 Jun – 14 Jul 06





# Cache Discovered

## *July 19, 2006*

**WHAT:** Large Weapons and Ordnance Cache Found

**WHO:** 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division

**WHEN:** 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad

### **SUMMARY:**

- 3/6 IA received a tip from an Iraqi citizen of a possible cache site.
- In the process of uncovering the cache site, 3/6 IA detained six personnel allegedly involved in storing the ordnance.
- Patrol secured and transported cache to the forward operating base, where the EOD disabled/destroyed the inventory.



### **CACHE INVENTORY:**

- (80) 60mm fuses
- (2) 52mm artillery shells
- 60mm mortar system
- (250) hand grenades
- (7) RPG launchers
- (14) RPG rounds
- (7) Katyusha Rockets
- (4-5) lbs HME
- Detonation chord
- (11) 120mm fuses
- (300) rounds PKC ammo 7.62
- (6) cell phones
- Artillery propellant
- Cluster bomb system
- Hand-held radio
- (15) washer machine timers
- Home-made rocket launcher
- Several switches connected to fuses
- 300 ft of time fuse
- IED made with 120mm fuses
- (1) PKC
- (1) RPK

# Cache Discovered and AIF Detained

## July 18-19, 2006

**WHAT:** IED Cache Discovered and AIF Detained

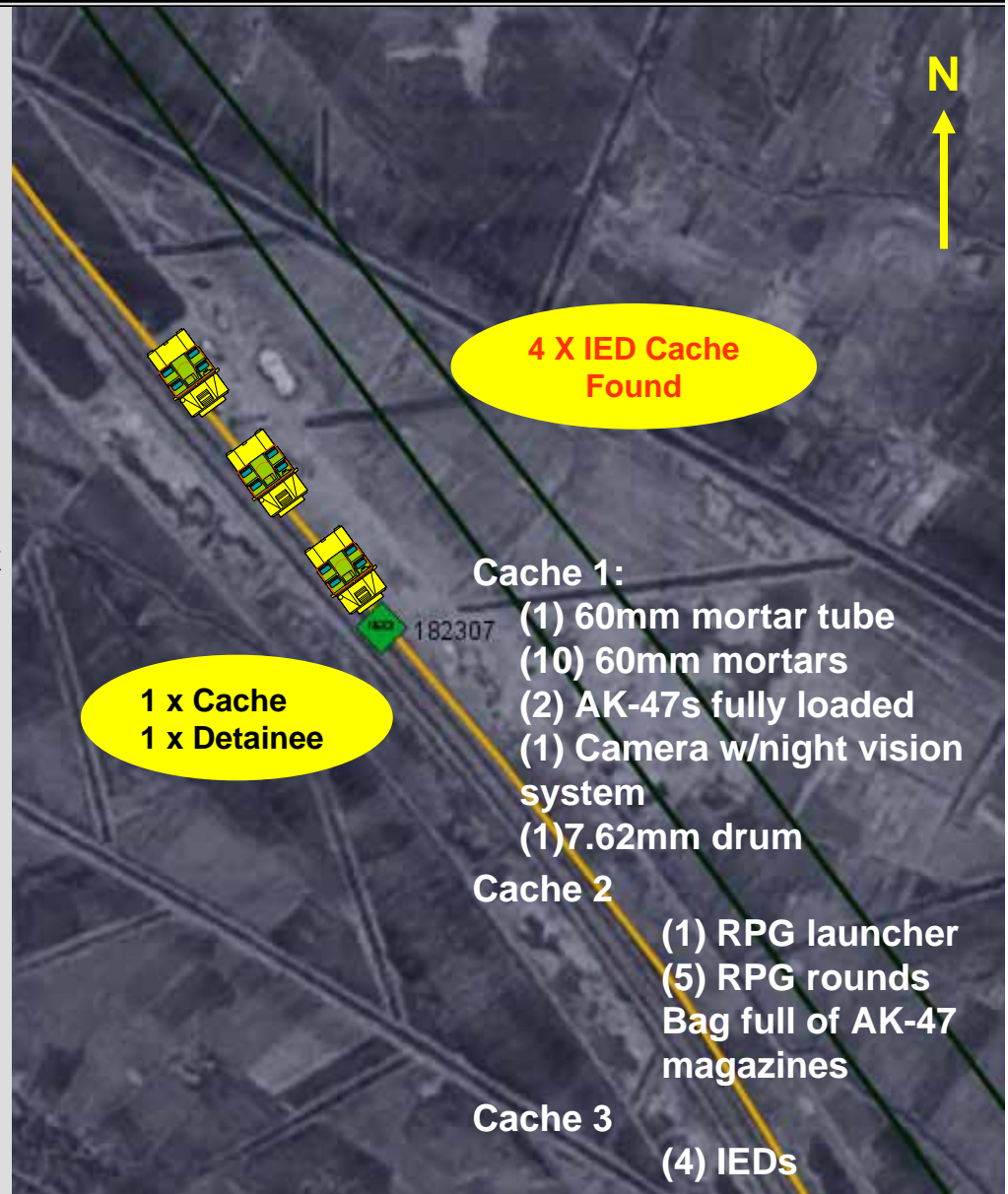
**WHO:** 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

**WHEN:** July 18-19

**WHERE:** West of Karbala

### SUMMARY:

- **July 18:** 2/4ID observes 2 x AIF emplacing an IED west of Karbala.
- 2/4BCT approaches the two, who upon seeing the patrol flee, and one escapes.
- 2/4BCT able to detain 1 x AIF.
- The unit on site receives intelligence from the detainee there is a vehicle in the area containing 3 x AIF and numerous mortar rounds.
- Route Security Team arrives to assist 2/4BCT with cordon and search.
- **July 19:** EOD arrives on site.
- **3:38 a.m.:** A total of 4 x IEDs were found.
- Receive a separate report there were two other caches as well.
- **6:14 a.m.:** Controlled detonation complete.



# Response to VBIED Attack

## *July 20, 2006*


**WHAT:** Response to VBIED / IP EOD disarms  
2nd large VBIED nearby

**WHO:** 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Rusafa District, Baghdad East

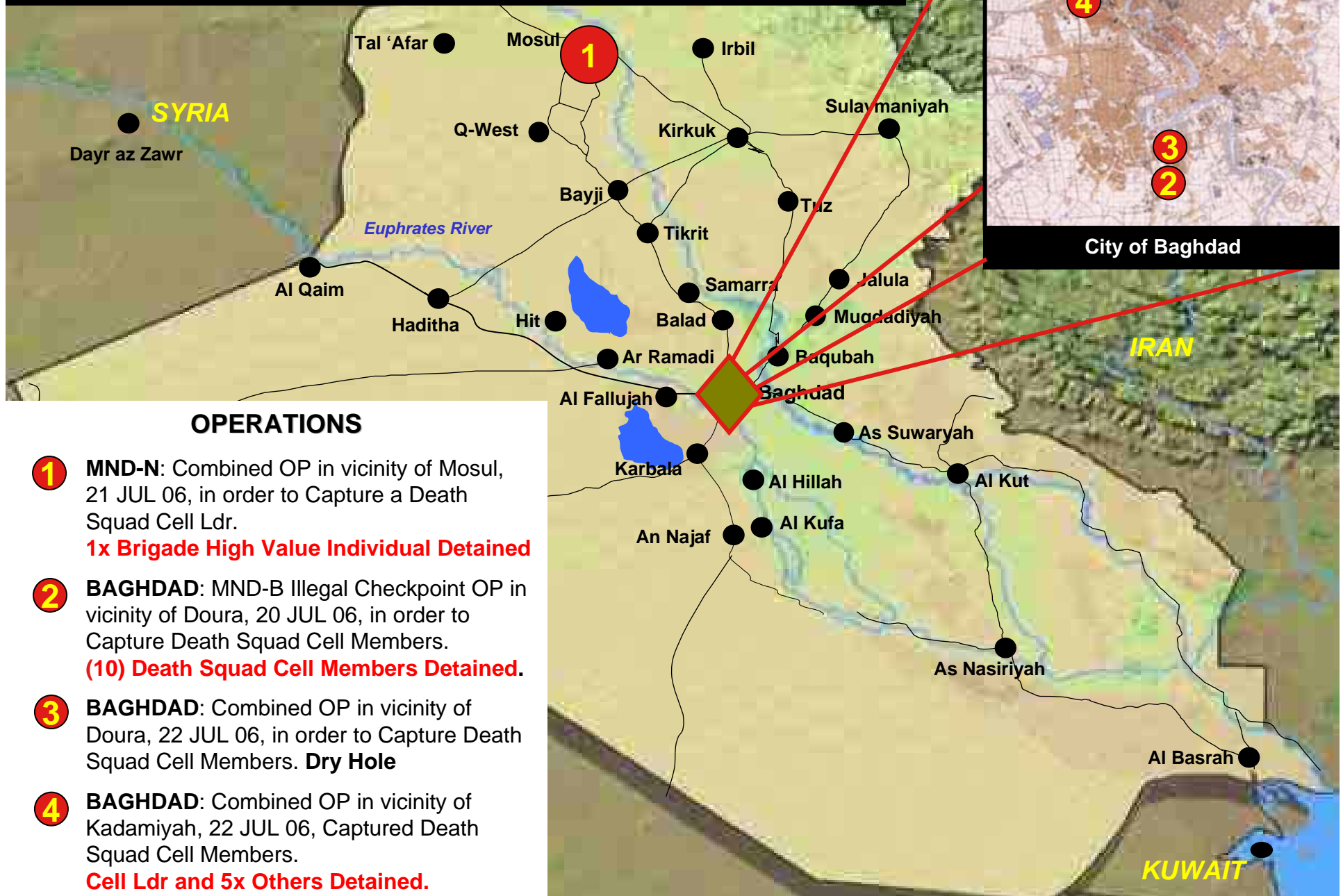
### **SUMMARY:**

- 2/6 reported an explosion, moved to investigate, and discovered a VBIED had detonated. 
- Iraqi Army and Police identified a suspicious-looking vehicle 25m from the initial VBIED.
- IP contacted IP EOD.
- IP EOD confirmed the suspicious vehicle was a VBIED comprised of (4) 155mm and (5) AT mines.
- IP EOD disarmed and took possession of the VBIED.
- The Civil Defense (Fire Dept) arrived on scene before the IA patrol and stated that there was an injured local national in a car that was the suspected VBIED. IA later confirmed the vehicle was an actual VBIED.
- IP and IA evacuated wounded-in-action individuals to the Al Kindi Hospital.





# Operations Against Death Squads July 23, 2006



# Death Squad Member Detained

*July 16-19, 2006*

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**WHAT:** Death Squad Member Detained

**WHO:** 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment

**WHEN:** July 17-19

**WHERE:** Baghdad East

## **SUMMARY:**

- **July 16:** Based on a call to Forces Tip Line, the 4th Inf. Div. reported an Iraqi family (Sunni) received a letter from a group warning the family to leave the area within 48 hours (extending into the a.m. of July 17).
- Family did not want CF to leave dismounts in their house, but the 3-67 AR returned the next morning to provide security for the family
- **July 17:** As 3-67 AR provided local security in the area around the house, numerous rockets hit a nearby CF operating base
- A patrol from 3-67 AR moved to inspect known points of origin sites.
- Upon returning to the home of the Sunni family, the 3-67 AR found a white SUV parked in front of the house with two males in the vehicle.
- The individuals had (1) unregistered pistol and numerous sealed documents. They were both detained for questioning.
- **July 19:** Sources confirmed one of the individuals detained was wanted in connection with a death squad.



# Illegal Armed Group Detained

## *July 20, 2006*

**WHAT:** Illegal Armed Group Detained

**WHO:** 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment,  
Multi-National Division-Baghdad

**WHEN:** 2:54 p.m.

**WHERE:** Doura District, Baghdad South

### **SUMMARY:**

- 2/506 Inf. detained 11 AIF elements, based on a report from Task Force 2/6 Inf. and Joint Coordination Center that Iraqi illegal armed group members were manning an illegal checkpoint with w/ unknown number of AK47s, 1x PKC, and 1 x RPG.
- The patrol found no illegal checkpoint but observed a dark-colored van moving north bound with 3 x AK-47s pointing out of the windows. The patrol pursued the van to a gas station in Doura district. Two individuals exited the van and fled to a nearby building.
- The van's roof, carrying a coffin with a body, was labeled "Kathamaya Husseiniya". Inside the van was lined with linoleum and contained multiple hidden compartments.



# Illegal Armed Group Detained (cont.)

*July 20, 2006*

## **SUMMARY (cont.):**

- While TF2/6 took control of the detainees, 2-506 pursued a Black Jeep Grand Cherokee allegedly containing men armed with heavy weapons near the suspected illegal checkpoint.
- 2-506 returned to the gas station from an unsuccessful pursuit and processed detainees and evidence then evacuated them for further questioning.
- The body in the casket had only recently been killed (murdered) as the blood from the body was dripping out of the casket onto the top of the van.
- Evidence will be processed, but it is possible the illegal armed group cell was using the casket on the van's roof as a way to move a body through checkpoints to a dumping ground.

## **RESULT:**

- (11) AIF detained
- (8) AK47s confiscated





# Illegal Armed Group Detained (cont.)

## July 20, 2006

**WHAT:** Illegal Armed Group Detained

**WHO:** 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment,  
Multi-National Division-Baghdad

**WHEN:** 8:40 p.m.

**WHERE:** Doura District, Baghdad South

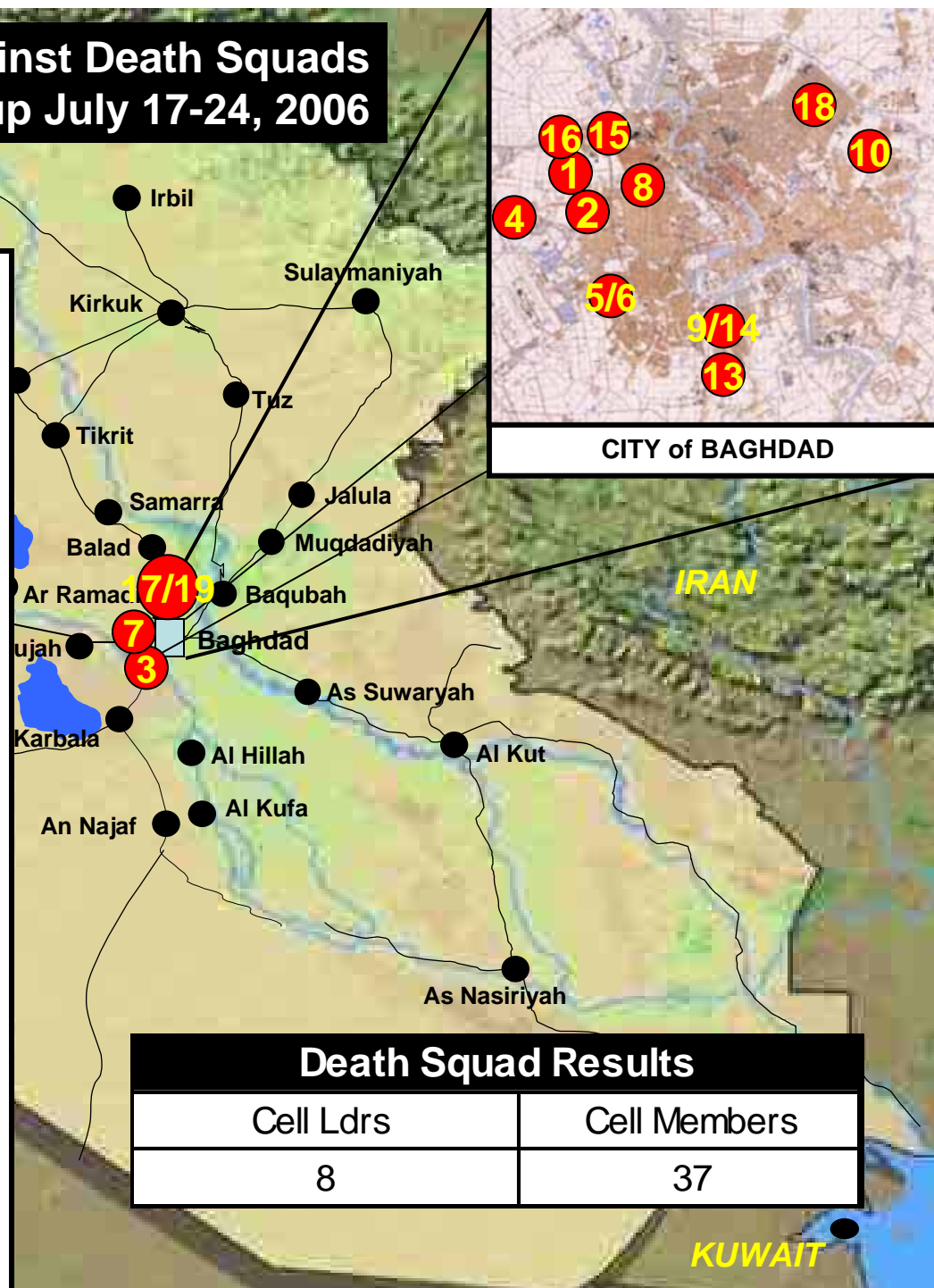
### SUMMARY (cont.):

- 2/506 Inf. Identified a vehicle matching the description of the black Jeep Grand Cherokee that evaded the patrol during a pursuit earlier in the day. Vehicle was parked at the Al Kathamayn Mosque.
- Patrol stopped at the mosque to investigate.
- The patrol searched the mosque and detained two suspected AIF elements.
- Evidenced garnered at the scene supported their detention.
- The patrol confiscated one pistol.
- Patrol detained owner of the jeep and his brother for tactical questioning.
- There is a possibility the two are directly tied to the 11 detainees taken into custody earlier who were part of an illegal armed group.



# Operations Against Death Squads Weekly Rollup July 17-24, 2006

- 1** BAGHDAD: MND-B Combined OP, 17 JUL 06, IOT Capture EJK Cell Leader. **1x Detained**
- 2** BAGHDAD: MND-B Combined OP, 17 JUL 06, IOT Capture EJK Cell Members. **4x Detained**
- 3** BAGHDAD: MND-B Combined OP IVO Nawar Khalil, 17 JUL 06, IOT Capture a JTJ Cell Leader. **1x Detained**
- 4** BAGHDAD: MND-B Combined OP IVO Abu Ghurayb, 17 JUL 06, IOT Capture EJK Cell Members. **3x Detained**
- 5** BAGHDAD: MND-B Combined OP IVO Al Jihad, 18 JUL 06, IOT Capture a Death Squad Cell Leader. **1x Detained**
- 6** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Bayaa, 20 JUL 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Cell Members. **3x Detained**
- 7** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Abu Ghurayb, 20 JUL 06, IOT Capture an AQIZ Death Squad Cell Leader. **NSTR**
- 8** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Mansour, 19 JUL 06, IOT Capture a Death Squad Cell Leader. **NSTR**
- 9** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF, Combined OP IVO Ad Dawrah, 20 JUL 06, IOT Capture a Death Squad Cell Leader. **1x Detained**
- 10** BAGHDAD: MND-B 4/101ST, Incidental Routine Patrol IVO NewBaghdad, 20 JUL 06, IOT Capture (ABU SEJAD) a Death Squad Cell Leader and Rusafa BDE Intel Leader. **1x Detained**
- 13** BAGHDAD: MND-B Illegal Checkpoint OP IVO Doura, 20 JUL 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Cell Members. **10x Death Squad Cell Members Detained.**
- 14** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Doura, 22 JUL 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Cell Members. **Dry Hole**
- 15** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Kadamiyah, 22 JUL 06, Captured Death Squad Cell Members. **2x Cell Leader/4 Others Detained.**
- 16** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Kadamiyah, 23 JUL 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Cell Members. **2X Detained**
- 17** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Taji, 23 JUL 06, IOT Capture a Death Squad Cell Leader. **Dry Hole.**
- 18** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Sadr City, 23 JUL 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Cell Leaders. **7X Detained, 2x Hostages Rescued.**
- 19** BAGHDAD: CJSOTF Combined OP IVO Taji, 24 JUL 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Cell Members. **1x Detained**



















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