

AL QAIM CURRENT SITUATION SUMMARY 18NOV03



- Attacks against US Forces have decreased substantially in Al Qaim over the past five days.
- Anti Coalition Forces are planning intense attacks against US Forces to include rocket attacks against FOB TIGER by the end of Ramadan.
- The Detainment of MG Abed Hamed Mahowish and the Escalation of Force by 1/3 ACR Forces (Destroying Enemy Anti Tank Firing Positions with 120mm Main Gun and Countering Enemy Mortar Fire with 155mm Howitzers) may have caused the Anti Coalition group leaders to reassess their operations.
- HUMINT reports that Anti Coalition Forces may have originally been organized under the Al Quds Army and are loosely organized under a similar structure.



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- AS OF MID-NOVEMBER 2003, AN UNNAMED ANTI-COALITION GROUP IN AL-QA'IM HUSAYBAH, IRAQ, WAS PLANNING TO ATTACK A 1/3 ARMOR CAVALRY REGIMENT COMMAND POST (TIGER BASE) AND COALITION FORCES AT THE AL-QA'IM RAILROAD STATION.
- WHILE THE TIME AND DATE FOR THE ATTACK WERE NOT KNOWN, THE ATTACK WAS CONSIDERED IMMINENT. AN UNNAMED ANTI-COALITION GROUP IN AL-QA'IM/HUSAYBAH HAD ARRANGED FOR THE TRANSPORT OF ROCKETS OR MISSILES, DESCRIBED AS THREE TO FOUR METERS IN LENGTH. THE MISSILES WERE ORIGINATING FROM ABU GHURAYB AND WOULD BE SENT TO FALLUJAH, BEFORE MOVING ON TO AL-QA'IM/HUSAYBAH. AN UNIDENTIFIED FORMER IRAQI ARMY OFFICER WAS PLANNING ON TRAVELING TO AL-QA'IM/HUSAYBAH TO MET WITH THE UNNAMED ANTI-COALITION GROUP. THIS OFFICER WAS TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON THE EMPLOYMENT AND FIRING OF THE ROCKETS/MISSILES. THE GROUP INTENDED TO ACQUIRE A WEAPON SYSTEM CAPABLE OF REACHING THE U.S. COMMAND POST AND THE AL-QA'IM RAILROAD STATION. THE GROUP WAS ALSO LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE ROCKETS/MISSILES

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- ON 13 NOVEMBER 2003 DURING THE AFTERNOON PRAYER, THE MUJAHADEEN USED THE MAIN MOSQUE IN AL UBAYDI //MGRSCOORD:37SGU0512// TO CALL FOR A JIHAD AGAINST US FORCES. SINCE THAT TIME, THE MUJAHADEEN HAVE BEEN PATROLLING THE STREETS OF AL UBAYDI ON FOOT AND IN NEWER WHITE NISSANS 2400 WITH RED STRIPS ON THE SIDES. THE TRUCKS ARE BOTH TWO AND FOUR DOORS. THEY SWITCH TRUCKS, BUT THEY ARE ALWAYS THE SAME COLORS. THERE ARE TWO WHITE PICKUPS WITH RED STRIPPING THAT ARE TRANSPORTING WEAPONS FOR MUJAHADEEN UNDER A LOAD OF HAY OR ANIMAL FEED, NFI. THE PICKUPS ARE LINED WITH EXPLOSIVES WITH A HAND DETONATOR. THE DRIVERS WILL DETONATE THE EXPLOSIVES IF EVER STOPPED AND SEARCHED.
- THERE IS A NEW HIZ'B ISLAMI OFFICE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE POLICE OFFICE IN AL UBAYDI //MGRSCOORD:37SGU0512//. THE BUILDING USES A ONE BY THREE FOOT SIGN WITH WHITE BACKGROUND AND BLACK OR DARK BLUE LETTERING TO IDENTIFY THE BUILDING
- Mayor RAJAH MAWAF has a strong connection with Hizzbillah, and is one of the biggest Terrorists in Al-Qaim. A while back Coalition Forces gave him an amount of money for him to distribute among the poor, but he gave half of the money to Fedayeen and bought weapons for them, as well as grenades. He has a house in Baghdad that he uses for these purposes, and now he uses cars from his administration at night to move Fedayeen from one place to another, as well as any operations they might have on the way, and he supports them with money and arms, and he thinks it would be just to kill the leader of Coalition Forces in Al-Qaim, and a while ago he sent two people to Falujah that are connected to Al-Queda

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MG Abid Hamid Mahaush is a member of the Mahalowi tribe and his Sheik is Sabah Sattam Aftan. Abid remains in detention in the Holding Facility in al Qaim. He had been in an isolated area, sharing one room with one other detainee. Previous interrogations were strictly non-threatening; Abid was being treated very well. Not anymore. I suspected that Abid was involved with an al Quds sub-element called the Golden Division; an organization composed of very trusted loyalists and armed with mortars, RPGs, sniper rifles, machine guns, and various other small arms. These weapons resemble the types of weapons used on anti-Coalition attacks.

Golden Division. Abid admitted right away that he was the commander of the al Quds Golden Division. The previous commander was Atta Nimr Sadoon who now lives in Basrah. The Division headquarters was in Amara. Abid stated he became the commander in January 2003 and was commander until Baghdad fell to Coalition forces. He claims that at the time, he issued the command to disband and not fight the Coalition Forces. I believe no such order ever happened. The Golden Division mission's was to maintain internal security and protect the Regime. As such, why disband the Division when it was needed the most.

Connection to al Qaim activities. The interrogation session lasted several hours and I took the gloves off because Abid refused to play ball. From the detainee holding area, the detainees could watch the entire interrogation; just not hear the conversation. Prior to a stress position, the detainees stood and watched with rapt attention. After the stress position, the entire population stood with heads bowed and solemn looks on their faces. It was obvious that everyone knew who was in the interrogation booth. I asked Abid If he was strong enough a leader to put an end to the attacks that I believed he was behind. He did not deny he was behind the attacks as he had denied previously, he simply said because I had humiliated him, he would not be able to stop the attacks. I take this as an admission of guilt.



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D Company reports observing 4 illegal border crossers attempting to go from Iraq to Syria at vicinity FU81060724. D Company fired warning shots with small arms and sent a 2 tank QRF to apprehend the suspects. N Troop was on the scene providing aerial observation. They detained 6 individuals and found a large quantity of Syrian money, Saudi Arabian passports, and airline tickets to Saudi Arabia upon searching them. 1 of the detainees attempted to charge a soldier as they were trying to zip-tie him. Another soldier threw sand in his face and knocked him back down onto the ground. The detainee got up again and attempted to to charge the D Company soldier for a second time. The soldier noticed he had a knife in his hand and shot the detainee, killing him. The detainees are being transported to the border crossing point where they will be interrogated by Cl assets located there. The KIA will be handed over to local police.

All men were dressed in dark clothing and were wearing running shoes.

Out of the 5 living personnel still living, there was 1 x Yemenis, 1 x Jordanian, 3 Saudis

Items confiscated from the individuals:

- 1 x Nokia Cell phone w/a list of numbers in the address book
- 1 x paper list of names and numbers
- Airline Tickets paid in cash though BEIRUT / JETTA (could be JENNA (NFI)). The plane tickets had a return flight of

NLT 12FEB04.

- Mujahadeen Story Book (NFI)

There were passports to:

The Yemenis passport has a stamp for Iraq from APR

The Jordanian passport has a stamp for Iraq from JUL

The Saudis passport had no stamps for Iraq

