



## Oil Police exert increased control over protection of SOC.

### REPORTING PERIOD SUMMARY:

#### > Recent Intelligence 3

- ◆ Falak Al Maliki, a powerful force, holds significant influence in Zubayr and can influence many in the area.
- ◆ The Fadhila Party has considerable influence over workings of the Southern Oil Company (SOC).
- ◆ The SOC maintain strong ties with the Sada Al Badat tribe.
- ◆ All business in Zubayr and Rumaylah requires interaction with the influential families.
- ◆ The current security situation in Basrah is unlikely to alter in the near future.

#### > Incident Mapping 6

- ◆ MSR Tampa (route 1) remains at risk particularly from An Nasiriyah to Suq ash Shuyukh and from Basrah to Safwan.
- ◆ Typical operating patterns continues to be improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Explosively Formed Projectile (EFP) emplacements along major routes.
- ◆ Known 'hot' areas: Nasiriyah, Basrah (JAM areas), Al Amarah, Safwan, MSR Tampa (near Basrah and Az Zubayr).
- ◆ Known 'friendly' areas: Basrah (ISF controlled areas), Umm Qasr.

#### > Strategic Assessment 7

- ◆ Central government increases political and security control and influence after the recent Basrah military surge operation.
- ◆ Jaish al Mahdi (JAM) influence in Basrah reduces but will no doubt spread again in the coming months.
- ◆ Local population are currently appeased, after a recent government development programme.
- ◆ The Basrah police force are being extensively purged and re-staffed.
- ◆ Tensions remain high but Sadrist's current ceasefire is holding.

#### > Flash Points to Monitor 8

- ◆ October 2008 local elections.
- ◆ Replacement of SOC director.
- ◆ Confusion over who will serve key 'protection' contracts in the southern oil industry.
- ◆ Central government exercising influence in previously established local tribal areas.
- ◆ Increased Iranian influence.
- ◆ Mahdi Army/JAM possible transformation.
- ◆ Influence of the Sadr Al Badat tribe in local oil infrastructure and politics.

#### > Outlook 8

- ◆ **Short;** new legislation banning political parties with armed militias from participating in forthcoming local elections; Madhi Army will likely avoid the issue and attempt reintegration of militia members after the elections.
- ◆ **Medium;** possible division of Madhi Army into two groups - political group, concentrating on social activities and militaristic groups who continue to clash with MNFI and ISFs.

Region	Baghdad (comparison)	Southern Iraq
<b>Explanation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Very unstable political, economic and judicial systems - but improving.</li> <li>◆ The environment is conducive for all sorts of crime and domestic security forces are ineffective - but improving.</li> <li>◆ Terrorist groups are endemic and overt. Current and regular attacks occur. Activity is ongoing. Targets are widespread and indiscriminate. The situation is improving.</li> <li>◆ Incidents of kidnap are common, usually locally motivated on local citizens.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Unstable political, economic and judicial systems.</li> <li>◆ The environment is conducive for all sorts of crime and domestic security forces are fairly effective.</li> <li>◆ Militia groups exist and are widespread. There is a long history of activity and campaigns are ongoing. Government and international (western) targets exist, and are vulnerable. The government makes high profile arrests however, do not entirely prevent terrorist activity. Terrorists operate freely. Cross boarder warfare or insurgency occurs.</li> <li>◆ Incidents of kidnap occur.</li> </ul>
<b>Concept of Operations</b>	<b>A detailed concept of operations for both areas can be provided upon request. Please contact james.grimshaw@garda-world.com.</b>	
<b>AVERAGE THREAT</b>	<b>Extreme</b>	

Risk Scale:

Minimal

Low

Moderate

High

Extreme

NB: Risk Scale Definitions can be found at the rear of this document

High

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