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| 01/23/10 - VBIED attack on the Ala’ima bridge on 01/21/10 has been linked to a bomb-making facility on Abu Tajara Street //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 43655 78909// that was raided on 01/04/10. |
| 01/23/10 - Sunni man complains he was forced off a bus at gunpoint by off-duty policemen along with all of the other Sunnis. The man said the gunman exclaimed, “Only the Shi’a will ride this bus from now on.” |
| 01/23/10 - After speaking with a member of a church helping displaced Christians, a source told HTT that Christians in the Assyrian Mu'alimeen market in Dora feel they are being forced out of their homes by armed Sunnis. "They called the Christians infidels and told them: 'If you don't convert to Islam or leave your homes in 24 hours, we will kill you.' " |
| 01/24/10 - Ground-based surveillance system trained on the IED assembly point discovered along the Hila Rd on 01/21/10 has detected activity confirming the likely target as the Hila Road overpass //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 4038 8118//. Just before twilight on 01/23/10 a white van was observed pulling to the side of the road near the intersection. While two men got out and pretended to conduct repairs under the vehicle, three others were seen placing devices under the Hila Road overpass. The two men with the van were apprehended, however their identities could not be confirmed as they each had both Shi’a and Sunni papers. |
| 01/24/10 - HTT return to Adhamiya and Maghreb to survey sense of security of locals after numerous complaints of Shi’a interference and brutality. |
| 01/24/10 - ET: 0945hrs -- Hotline call from Maghreb complains, saying, “What you are doing is not working, there is a complete lack progress; surveys and questionnaires will not bring back our brothers; we had little before you came and now have much less; leave us at least our dignity.” |
| 01/24/10 - MNC-I have directed an increased Coalition presence in the Assyrian Christian area //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 4456 7962// of Dora in response to threats by a Sunni militia. |
| 01/25/10 - Iraqi Domestic Counter-Intelligence passes the names of six prominent Sunni criminal leaders operating in Rashid to Coalition Forces. This group controls most of the criminal activity across Rashid; little happens without their knowledge. They have been known to cross sectarian boundaries when they can turn a profit. They have both Shi’a and Assyrians on the payroll. |
| 01/25/10 - WIT confirm electronic components used in VBIED attack on the Jisr al a Immah bridge //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 40028 93028 on 01/21/10 were Iranian design and were assembled at an ISG facility on Abu Tajara Street//MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 43655 78909// in Baghdad. |
| 01/25/10 - VBIED explodes in Maghreb marketplace killing 24 shoppers; most were Sunni. |
| 01/25/10 - Blog on Bath’est Website claims, “…today’s attack in Maghreb will be met by force.” |
| 01/25/10 - Increased Coalition forces presence for a second day kept violence to a minimum in the Assyrian Christian area(s) of Dora and East and West Rashid. While there was no sectarian violence, there were several incidents of verbal harassment of Christian shop-keepers. |
| 01/26/10 - The names of four members of the Rashid Criminal Group (all Sunnis) have been added to the BCT HVT list are: Dhanun Ahmad Mahmud, Mu'adh Nuri Khalid Jihad, Sattar 'Ayyash Majid, Abd al-Karim, and Ghazi Husayn. |
| 01/26/10 - Coalition forces in the Shi’a neighborhood of Abu T’Shir arrest a man after he was observed directing the offload on heavy weapons from a van parked next to a warehouse in Abu T-Shir //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 43826 78793//. |
| 01/26/10 - HTT warns of growing anti-coalition sentiment in Abu T’Shir neighborhood. |
| 01/26/10 - Coalition forces in the Shi’a neighborhood of Abu T’Shir arrest a man after he was observed directing the offload on heavy weapons from a van parked next to a warehouse in Abu T-Shir //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 43826 78793//. |
| 01/27/10 - Man arrested Shi’a neighborhood of Abu T’Shir //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 38S MB 43826 78793// has been identified as Abdul Jabar. Jabar claims he lives in the neighborhood and sometimes works as a common laborer in a construction site; but since there is no construction work he does anything he can to feed his family including moving weapons from place to place. |
| 01/27/10 - BCT forces detained a Sunni munitions trafficker after search of his car nets IED trigger devices. Ahmad Mahmud was placed in custody after his arrest along the Dour’a Expressway //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 47959 80868// in East Dora. |
| 01/27/10 - The devices found under the Hila Rd overpass //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 4038 8118// on 01/24/10 used a sophisticated design most likely of Iranian design and manufacture. |
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| 01/27/10 - Shi’a market in Rabi (east Adhamiya) was attacked just after morning prayers; 75 died in the blast that took out an entire block of buildings. |
| 01/27/10 - ET: 1705hrs -- St. John the Baptist Chaldean Church //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 44721 79090// in Dora was attacked today by Sunni extremists, causing major damage to the building and killing several Christians. Following the attacks, many bystanders, thought to be Muslim, joined in, and removed the cross from the top of the Church. |
| 01/28/10 - Shi’a militia member Abdul Jabar, arrested by BCT forces in the Shi’a neighborhood of Abu T’Shir //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 43826 78793// on 01/26/10, has been identified by the Iraqi National Police (INP) as Shi’a Abdul Jabar Wahied, an affiliate of the Iranian Special Group (ISG). |
| 01/28/10 - ET: 0935hrs -- Al’athamiya bridge hit by massive VBIED attack closing the span. One week after a multi-car VBIED attack hit the Ala’ima bridge, insurgents strike again; this attack involved a coordinated attack in both east and west-bound lanes of the span; over sixty cars were involved. |
| 01/28/10 - U.S. Embassy issues report on Iranian Special Group. “The special groups are Shi’a militia cells that receive funding, training, and weapons from Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards. |
| 01/28/10 - Shi’a militia member Abdul Jabar, arrested by BCT forces in the Shi’a neighborhood of Abu T’Shir //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 43561 78531// on 01/26/10, has been identified by the Iraqi National Police (INP) as Shi’a Abdul Jabar Wahied, an affiliate of the Iranian Special Group (ISG). |
| 01/28/10 - RT: 1350hrs -- HTT operating in Christian neighborhood of Mu’alimeen //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 44990 79757// in Dora were told that yesterday's attack was facilitated by the ING, who replaced Coalition forces on 01/26/10. In addition, Christians responding to HTT questions, claim the neighborhood has now become a haven for Sunni and Shia Jihadists who often clash with Iraqi and American forces. |

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