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| 03/20/10 - ET: 1425hrs -- A call was monitored from a phone linked to Aref Mu’ini (7001408055) to an unknown caller, who did not answer; after the third ring the call was terminated. Both caller and receiver cell phones were located at //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 4032 8427//, just outside the Green Zone. |
| 03/20/10 - ET: 1737hrs -- A Cell phone call was monitored between an unidentified male (7554309075) in Bayaa to Avi Umar (7678112233). The caller’s voice print matched that of a caller from the same cell number on 02/25/10. The caller said: “Tell me what happened today! Do not lie to me; I need to know if we were responsible.” Recipient: “I cannot lie to you, we were responsible.” Caller: “Do you understand what you have done?!” Recipient: “Don’t you see we were forced into it? We are free from them now and I will not be replaced. We can now continue our work without those dogs breathing down our necks.” Caller: “The next event draws near and I hope the results prove that you are right." The phone call lasted for 55 seconds. |
| 03/20/10 - Two Christian men detained for transporting weapons on 02/21/10 in Dora claim they purchased weapons from man named “Ghazi,” and that, “Ghazi actually sought us and other Christians out…he knew we needed to protect ourselves from the Shia.” According to their testimony Ghazi approached them sometime after the market attack in Abu Dasheer in December of last year. |
| 03/20/10 - HTT operating in Adhamiya report prominent Sunni elders have expressed concern for tension within the Iraqi Army leadership and that such a division may lead to increased violence. |
| 03/20/10 - RT: 1245hrs -- HTT in Adhamiya interview a neighbor of Ali Hussein Tikriti, former Bath’ist commander of the northern region of Baghdad. The neighbor claims General Tikriti is displeased with the direction of Iraqi Army leadership. The neighbor abruptly ends the conversation and says he can offer nothing further. |
| 03/20/10 - BCT Report summarizing the cordon and search operation of Palestine Meridian Hotel //MGRSCOORD: 38S MB 4587 8640// on 03/18/10, indicates several men conducted surveillance from hotel rooftop; evidence left on roof indicates 2-3 men over a period of several hours. |
| 03/20/10 - RT: 1945hrs -- East Rashid Tip Line caller says former Ba’athists are planning to establish a military and political base in the northern sectors of Baghdad. Caller claims former Ba’athist General is leading the campaign. |
| 03/21/10 - Handler for Informant Dhanun Ahmad receives text message stating, “I (Ahmad) have been shut out from the leadership; I have been demoted to supervising a small tactical cell and given menial tasks. I am being watched constantly. I have kept up my part of the bargain; if my trip to the border was a test of loyalty, you must admit I performed admirably.” |
| 03/21/10 - A group of technicians from the Iraqi-Net Computer Store arrive at the Antar Internet Café in Adhamiya to set-up the new computers and dispose of the old systems. They discover that all of the packing boxes have been opened and that each computer has had its case opened and tampered with. They complete the installation and provide Dahr with an e-mail address to the Iraqi-Net Computer Store’s computer help-line. |
| 03/21/10 - A website for The Rashid Social Movement (RSM) reports death of Rashid District Leader, Aref Mu'ini, but deny his connection to VBIED attack on the Green Zone that immediately preceded his death. The four-page diatribe also denies earlier reports that Mu’ini’ was a suicide bomber; claiming he was a civic leader that lived to serve the public good, especially the youth of Sadr City. |
| 03/21/10 - HTT in East Rashid are getting mixed reviews concerning the presence of al Qaeda; the differences of opinion appear to be on economic lines. |
| 03/21/10 - HTT in Adhamiya report a high level of Sunni concern over the expansion of Shi’a militia in neighboring Kadhamiya. Sunnis feel they are already being pressured on one side by Shi’a in neighboring Sad’r City and now from the other side by Shi’a in Kadhamiya. |
| 03/21/10 - BCT increase active presence in Adhamiya to determine veracity of recent reports that Shi’a militia in neighboring Kadhamiya are expanding across the Tigris into Adhamiya . |
| 03/21/10 - HTT report local Sunni’s in Adhamiya suspect that Shi’a Militia have infiltrated the Iraqi Police and National Guard. |
| 03/21/10 - Sunni and Christian Shop owners in Adhamiya report being harassed by Iraqi Police for minor infractions, while Shi’a merchants are able to conduct business without trouble. |
| 03/21/10 - HTT resumes interviews in East Rashid to gauge reaction to increased INP presence in the area. The more prominent property owners,’ who are mostly Shi’a, believe INP presence is justified due to the return of al Qaeda; whereas, the smaller shop owners, predominantly Sunni, and the poor on both sides claim al Qaeda is only an excuse being used by the INP to control the neighborhood. |
| 03/22/10 - Handler for Dhanun Ahmad receives a text message saying, “I am being tested again; I have been directed to contact a new supplier I have never used to purchase some insignificant munitions. Ahmad stated he was used to dealing in large weapons purchases; not these trivial transactions. |
| 03/22/10 - The Iraqi-Net Computer store receives a text message from Kaleed Dahr saying none of the computers are working. The manager says he will have someone there tomorrow morning to work on the computers. |
| 03/22/10 - A website for The Rashid Social Movement (RSM) decrees an all-out search for the assassins of Aref Mu'ini; who was martyred on 03/20/10 outside the Green while he was on the way to Youth Conference on Islam in Karkh. |
| 03/22/10 - Database search reveals, “Ghazi,” the name provided by two Christian detainees, is believed to be “Ghazi Husayn,” a member of Sunni Criminal Group in Rashid and a person on the BCT HVT List. Analysts say Ghazi Husayn is known to work with Sunni, Shi’a, and Christian fighters alike; his network routinely distributes arms to dueling groups. Thus, even though he is Sunni, he appears to have no sectarian loyalties of his own. |
| 03/22/10 - HTT in Rashid receive rumor of a recent meeting at the Sunni Ahmad Al-Mukhtar Mosque in East Rashid between several village elders and a contingent of Iraqi Army officials, many of whom are believed to be former Bath’ist members. |
| 03/22/10 - ET: 1545hrs -- Caller to Adhamiya Tip Line identifies himself as same caller from 03/20/10. Caller claims Ali Hussein Tikriti is key organizer of Kadhimiya Ba’athist movement. |
| 03/22/10 - CI personnel canvassing neighborhood in East Rashid interview the owner of the Rashid Café concerning the recent meeting at the Ahmad Al-Mukhtar Mosque. According to the café owner, he was outside his café on Tuesday evening awaiting a bakery delivery when he saw several persons enter the abandoned mosque after evening prayers and believes one may have been an Iraqi army officer. He said he was sure it was Tuesday the 20th because he pays his employees on Tuesday and he was angry at his helper for leaving after being paid and not unloading the bakery order. |