

**Figure 5.1**  
**Map of al Anbar Province and Vicinity**



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Coalition. But they posed a longer term threat to law and order in Iraq.” The third threat included terrorist groups, especially jihadists from Saudi Arabia, Syria, or Yemen. Bremer noted that there were clear indications that Ansar al-Islam, a terrorist group associated with al Qa’ida, was operating inside Iraq and actively surveying coalition targets.<sup>1</sup>

An early 2006 report by the International Crisis Group observed, “The insurgency is built around a loose and flexible network [and] feeds on deep-seated family, tribal and local loyalties with allegiance to cause rather than to specific individuals.” Legitimacy, which was of

<sup>1</sup> Paul Bremer, director of reconstruction and humanitarian assistance, “Message for SecDef,” email to Jaymie Durnan, special assistant to the deputy defense secretary, June 30, 2003.