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RESULTS OF PRIOR TROOP INCREASES IN IRAQ

Prior increases in troop levels have been followed by surges in insurgent attacks. The average troop build up has been approximately 19,000 troops and after each troop build up, both the number of daily attacks by insurgents and enemy initiated attacks increased. Each build-up was met with stiff resistance, increasing putting our troops in the line of fire.

TROOP BUILD-UP #1

Initial Iraqi Elections: From November 2004 to January 2005, U.S. troop levels in Iraq increased by approximately 18,000 boots on the ground. The troop level increases were in advance of the Iraqi election held on January 30, 2005. [Congressional Research Services; U.S. State Department, www.state.gov]

Attacks Increased in January 2005. The number of daily attacks by insurgents in January 2005 rose to 61 from 52 in the previous month, an increase of 17%. It was the second highest total of daily attacks during the period starting in September 2004 through April 2005. The number of enemy initiated attacks on the coalition also rose that month to a total that would not be surpassed until October 2005. [Brookings Institute, www.brookings.edu]

HEADLINES

CBS NEWS: Surge of pre-election violence erupts in Iraq. [CBS News, 1/4/05]

ABC NEWS: Increasing Violence Troubled Iraq. [ABC News, 1/9/05]

TROOP BUILD-UP #2:

Second Iraqi Elections: From June 2005 to October 2005, U.S. troop levels in Iraq increased by approximately 21,500 boots on the ground. The troop increase was to secure Iraq ahead of its referendum on a new Iraqi constitution on October 15, 2005. [Congressional Research Services; U.S. State Department, www.state.gov]

Attacks Increased in October 2005. The number of daily attacks by insurgents in October 2005 rose to 90 from 70 just two months earlier, an increase of 29%. It was the highest total of daily attacks yet, and would remain so until May 2006. The number of enemy initiated attacks on the coalition also rose that month to a total that would not be surpassed until April 2006. [Brookings Institute, www.brookings.edu]

HEADLINE

LA Times: U.S. Military Deaths In Iraq; A Deadly Surge. [Los Angeles Times, 10/26/05]

TROOP BUILD-UP #3:

Baghdad Security. From May 2006 to November 1, 2006, U.S. troop levels in Iraq increased by approximately 17,500 boots on the ground. [Congressional Research Services]

Attacks Increased in October 2005. The number of daily attacks by insurgents in October 2006 rose to 180 from 100 just four months earlier, an increase of 80%. It was the highest total of daily attacks yet, and marked the seventh straight month were the level of violence had failed to diminish. The attacks would continue to rise in the following month. The number of enemy initiated attacks on the coalition also rose that month to an all time high. [Brookings Institute, www.brookings.edu]

HEADLINES

NBC News: US military says effort to crush recent surge of violence in Iraq is falling short. [NBC News, 10/20/06]

ABC News: Sectarian Violence Increased; Iraq Conflict Has Reached New Levels. [ABC News, 10/17/06]

Ft Wayne Journal Gazette: U.S. Troops in the Crossfire; GI Deaths Reach 69 For Month As Iraq Sectarian Violence Surges. [[Ft Wayne Journal Gazette](#), 10/19/06]