

ANNEX 1 - STRATEGIC CITIES IN IRAQ

The USG has begun a program entitled “Focused Stabilization in Strategic Cities,” which is centered on 10 cities. The intent of focused stabilization as a strategy is to synchronize security, and political and economic development activities in strategic cities that have significant insurgent activity, to achieve secure, sustainable, and democratic environments. Activities building focused stabilization will be implemented through PRTs, and INMA's activities will reinforce those of Focused Stabilization.

Multi-National Forces in Iraq (MNFI) have organized Iraq into seven military districts. These districts and the provinces they incorporate (populations in parentheses) are shown below. Strategic cities are indicated in the column to the right. This table underscores the important interconnectedness between the continuing military operations and the civilian affairs of the provinces. INMA will be deployed in this dynamic and complex environment and must work effectively within it.

Military District/Provinces:

Strategic Cities:

Multi-National Force – Northeast

- Erbil (1,345,000)

Multi-National Force – West

- Anbar (1,280,000) Falluja (245,000)
Ramadi (360,000)
- Najaf (946,000) Najaf (472,000)
- Karbala (756,000)

Multi –National Force – Baghdad

- Baghdad (6,386,000) Baghdad (5,192,000)

Multi-National Force – South Central

- Babil (1,444,000) North Babil (875,000)
- Qadissiya (887,000)
- Wasit (942,000)

Multi-National Force – Northwest

- Dahuk (462,000)
- Ninawa (2,474,000) Mosul (1,160,000)

Multi-National Force – North Central

- Diyala (1,374,000) Baquba (293,000)
- Salah ad Din (1,078,000) Tikrit (156,000)
- Sulaymaniyah (1,660,000)
- Tameem (839,000) Kirkuk (506,000)

Multi-National Force – Southeast

- Basrah (1,761,000)
- Maysan (743,000)
- Muthana (743,000)
- Thi-Qar (1,427,000)

Basrah (1,300,000)