

US Special Operations Command



Warfighter's Vision Conference Joint and Coalition Operations

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Joint and Coalition Special Operations Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 2007

- **Standard Joint Combined Special Operations Task Organization**
- **Personnel**
 - Iraqi Special Operations Force Commando Company (100-200)
 - USSF Combat Advisors (12-20)
 - Coalition (UK) Route Security, Cordon and Quick Reaction Force (100-150)
- **Ground Tactical Vehicles**
 - Tactical Troop Vehicles (20-25)
 - Coalition (UK) Armored Tanks and Fighting Vehicles (30-40)
- **Air Support**
 - ISR Manned or Unmanned
 - Coalition (UK) ISR Manned and Unmanned
 - Electronic Warfare Aircraft
 - Close Air Support



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- **Operational After-Action Review**
 - **Seven month period ~100 operations at the SF Company level**
 - **Operations conducted in an extreme environment in limited visibility (NVD) as a standard**
 - **Detention of ~ 500-800 mid to high level insurgents**
 - **70-80% conviction rate in Iraqi Criminal Court averaging 8-10 year sentences**
 - **Iraqi Special Operations Force Brigade is self trained and supported with limited USSF Combat Advisors**



Joint and Coalition Interoperability Issue 1

- **Issue: Tactical Satellite Communication (SATCOM)**
- **Discussion:**
 - Tactical on the move SATCOM was unreliable
 - Coalition (UK/US) Tactical Communications were not compatible
 - Environmental conditions and constant use impacted reliability
- **Recommendations:**
 - Improved on the move SATCOM Systems supported by improved bandwidth
 - Communication Systems with better Coalition and Joint interoperability
 - Communication Systems that have been tested in the harshest environments with extended use



Joint and Coalition Interoperability

Issue 2

- **Issue: Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below (FBCB2)**
- **Discussion:**
 - **Vehicle mounted FBCB2 were invaluable**
 - **The ability to send information when SATCOM Systems are down**
 - **The ability to send and receive operational graphics**
 - **The ability to send specific information, i.e. cache reports**
 - **With incapable communications information could be sent to Coalition Forces as long as a base station was available**
- **Recommendations:**
 - **Continue to advance and improve FBCB2 System capabilities taking into account: ease of use, size, and, limited visibility operation**
 - **Systems must be tested in the harshest environments with continued use**

A night-vision photograph showing a group of soldiers in a dark, cluttered environment. The soldiers are wearing tactical gear, including helmets and vests. The scene is illuminated by a green night-vision filter. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in white text in the center of the image.

Questions?



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