

From: "Currin, John"
To: "Kavanaugh, Brett M.", "McGurn, William J.", "Thiessen, Marc A.", "Carson, Melissa M.", "Ward, Frank P.", "Drouin, Lindsey E."
Subject: RE: AbizaidCasey Statement #4
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Perhaps not for all 20. I just spoke to [REDACTED] They are looking at it, including General Casey. He said he will call be back shortly.

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can we say "have taken the lead in operations in major sectors of the city"

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I think we should say that they are conducting operations with minimal coalition support.

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John: Does that respond to the concern?

From: McGurn, William J.
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we'll put in "and some have taken operational control"

From: Currin, John
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Members of Congress will get the latest information on the progress we are making with the Iraqi Security Forces. At this moment, more than a dozen Iraqi battalions have completed training, and are conducting anti-terrorists operations in Ramadi and Fallujah. More than 20 battalions are operating in Baghdad and have taken operational control over major sectors of the city. In total, more than 100 battalions are operating throughout Iraq.

We got confirmed through BGEN David Heinz of the NMCC the following points in the remarks: 1. There are more than a dozen Iraqi battalions that have completed training and are conducting anti-terrorists operations in Ramadi and Fallujah. 2. There are more than 20 battalions are operating in Baghdad and have taken operational control over major sectors of the city. 3. There are more than 100 battalions are operating throughout Iraq. The exact number is 107 battalions.

One caveat, however, on the phrase "operational control." The Iraqi battalions in the Baghdad area are not conducting exclusive or independent military operations; they are conducting these operations with minimal coalition support. Do we need to make a clarification?