Displaced Civilian (DC) Camp Operations

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Purpose:

To coordinate Government of Kuwait / IO – NGO support for Displaced Civilian (DC) Camps in the Iraq-Kuwait demilitarized zone and Southern Iraq in the event of coalition hostilities with Iraq, and to present the concept for a Humanitarian Operations Center (HOC)
Displaced Civilian Threat

• Estimates Vary Significantly
  – UNHCR estimate 200K
  – ICRC estimate 40K
  – CFLCC Estimate 10-15K

• DC’s caused by Coalition action - minimal:
  – Precision munitions
  – Restrictive Targeting (minimize collateral damage)

• DC’s Caused by Iraqi action – potentially large group
  – Flooding
  – Massacre of repressed minorities (Shia)
  – Use of WMD
DC Camp support requirements

- Accomodations
  - Tents and cots
  - Latrines
  - Bath and laundry facilities

- Life Sustainment
  - Ready supply of potable water
  - Feeding facilities
  - Medical facilities (treatment, evaluation, evacuation)

- Morale/Recreation
  - Communal center
  - Religious center (Mosque)

- Support
  - Camp administration facility
  - Camp security force
  - Camp detention facility
DC CAMP ESTABLISHMENT
PLANNING PRINCIPLES:

• Will have to be synchronized with coalition ground operations
  – Timing of establishment
  – Use of Main Supply Routes (MSRs)
  – Position of DC camp assets in battle-space

• DC Camps will have to be rapidly constructed
  – 5,000 person camp erected in four (4) days
  – Dedicated labor / transportation / logistical and security assets

• DC Camps must be rapidly expandable.
  – Build initial capacity
  – As that camp nears 50 % capacity, build additional camp(s)

• Each DC camp must have a dedicated Support Organization and all
  camps must report to a central HQ that coordinates operations
DC CAMP REQUIREMENTS

The following are capabilities required for the support of DC Camps in the event of hostilities with Iraq:

- Establish an initial DC Camp capacity of 5K personnel no later than 4 days from execute order.

- Be prepared to expand DC Camp capacity by 5K increments every 4 days up to 50K.

- Be prepared to further expand camp capacity to 100K within an additional 30 days.

- Provide logistical and administrative support for up to 90 days.

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Humanitarian Operations Center
HOC Concept

The Humanitarian Operations Center is a coordination facility staffed by Civil Affairs Personnel. It provides interface between US military forces, coalition partners, International Organizations, and Non-governmental Organizations with the shared interest of providing humanitarian assistance to a populace in need.
HOC STRUCTURE

- Staffed with representatives of Civil Affairs, functional areas and other special staff
- Easily accessible – civilian site
- Center for coalition partners, International Organizations, and Non-Governmental Organizations for interaction and coordination to match resources with identified needs
Functions

- Coordinate humanitarian assistance efforts with coalition partners and regionally focused IO/NGOs to limit impact of combat operations on the populace

- Coordinate with IO/NGO/USG to synchronize Dislocated Civilian operations

- Share civil affairs assessments with interested organizations

- Provide unclassified intelligence and operational update ISO Humanitarian Assistance Operations

- Work to provide security for humanitarian assistance resources operating in semi-permissive areas
HOC Manning Requirements

- HOC Chief
  - Deputy
    - Logistics
      - Transportation
      - Storage
    - Kuwait LNO
    - Operations
    - Special Staff
      - Legal
      - Medical
    - Coalition Partners
WAY AHEAD

- CFLCC CMO in association with Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior will conduct VA (Vulnerability Assessment) prior to establishment of HOC-KU

- Assess options for HOC-KU establishment

- Identify key Humanitarian Assistance organizations for representation in HOC-KU

- Continue to refine resource requirements for HOC-KU