

Iranian Support for Lethal Activity in Iraq

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EFPs and Implications for Coalition Forces

“Iran is providing material support for attacks on American troops. We will disrupt the attacks on our forces. We’ll interrupt the flow of support from Iran and Syria. And we will seek out and destroy the networks providing advanced weaponry and training to our enemies in Iraq.” President Bush, January 10, 2007

- MNF-I will take the necessary steps to protect its forces, the Iraqi Security Force, and Iraqi civilians
- The use of EFPs has dramatically increased since its introduction in 2004

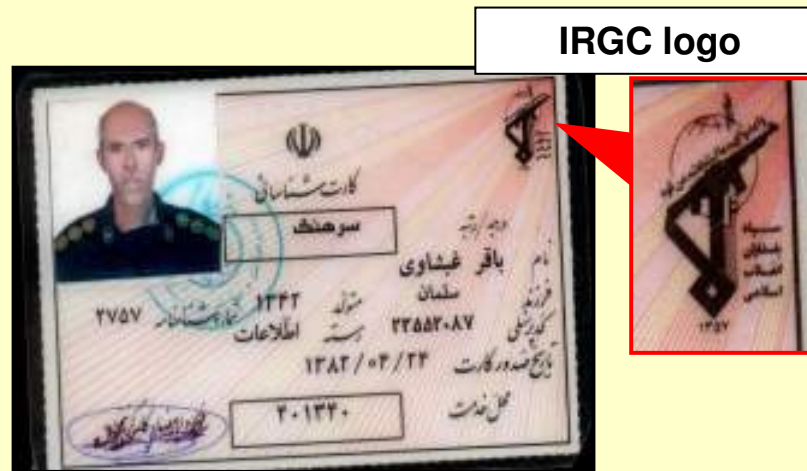
Iranian Activity in Iraq

- Iran is a significant contributor to attacks on Coalition forces, and also supports violence against the Iraqi Security Force and innocent Iraqis
- There is a growing body of evidence pointing to Iranian supply of EFPs to Iraqi extremist groups
- Additional evidence suggests that Iran is also providing training and other forms of weaponry to extremist groups
- The purpose of this brief is to present some of the evidence that supports our assessment that Iran is involved in the supply of EFPs and other materiel to Iraqi extremist groups

Iranian Qods Force Activity in Iraq

- The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Qods Force is the primary Iranian vehicle for this activity in Iraq
- The Qods Force trains extremists and insurgents in terrorist tactics and guerilla warfare
- The Qods Force supports terrorism by providing advice, training, and weapons to insurgents and terrorist groups

January 2007 Irbil Raid on an IRGC-QF Office



ID card identifying individual as
IRGC officer

Detainees did not possess passports
IDs did not match detainees' names
Facility is not a consulate

EFP Attack January 14, 2007

EFP attack on U.S. M1114 vehicle January 14, 2007
Occurred in the al-Mansour district of Baghdad



EFP Attack on Iraqi Police June 10, 2006



Hillah SWAT vehicle destroyed



Right side vehicle, EFP entrance



EFP through back seat



Remnant of copper slug

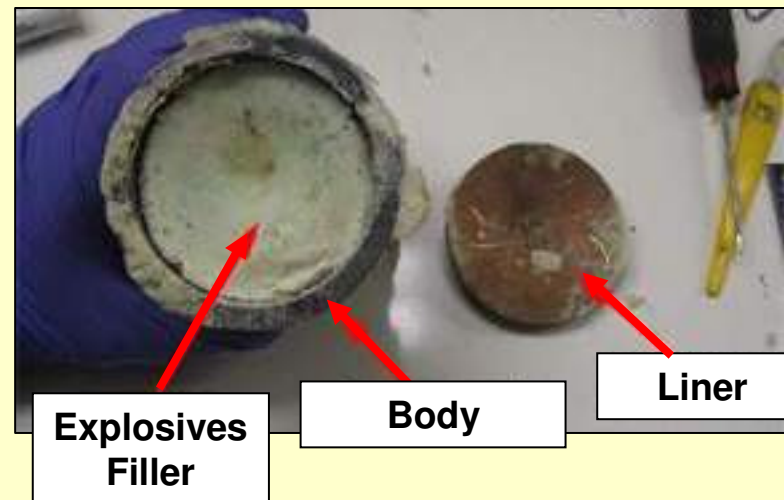
Multiple EFP Cache Recoveries



Recovered from cache
September 15, 2005
Diwaniyah



Recovered from emplaced EFP
arrays on January 20, 2006 in
Baghdad



Passive Infrared (PIR) Trigger Tied to Iran

The PIR trigger detects a change in thermal (infrared) energy. The sensors are wired to an arming device.

Fully Operational, Camouflaged Passive Infrared EFP



Found in Basrah
area on
May 27, 2006

PIR window

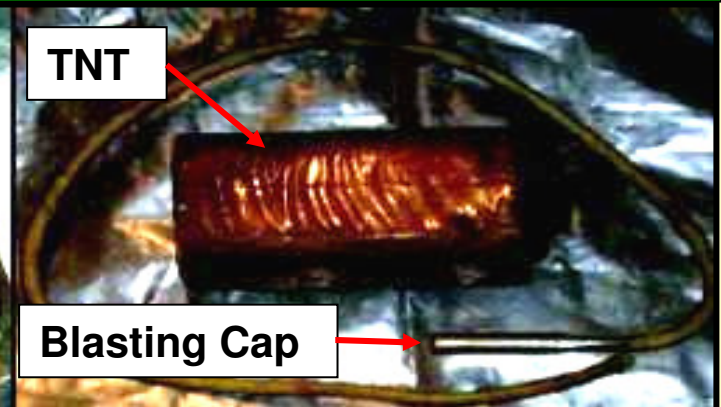
TNT from Iran

Iranian TNT blocks removed from their packages have been seen on numerous occasions as IED components

Iranian TNT Blocks with Outer Packaging Removed



Seized by Iraqi border guards
December 26, 2005



Part of an IED recovered in
southern Iraq on May 23,
2006

Iranian Farsi Marked TNT Seized in Iraq



Seized by Iraqi border guards
December 26, 2005

81mm Mortar Round Shipping Containers

81mm Mortar Rounds in Shipping Containers



81mm Mortars in containers



81mm Mortar Round Shipping Container



Seizure of known Iranian munitions

Fuze "AZ111-A2" is assessed to be of Iranian production. "9-2006" indicates 2006 production

Seized in central Iraq September 9, 2006

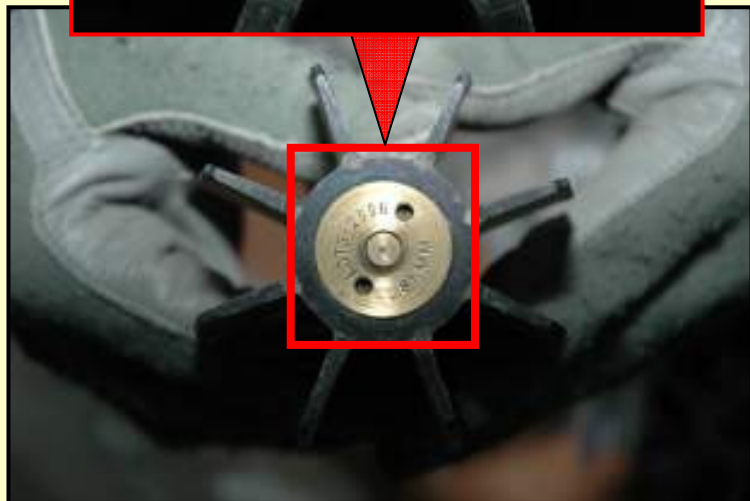
Comparison of the seized mortar container markings to known Iranian samples indicates they are of Iranian production

81mm Mortar Round



**81mm high explosive mortar
Seized by Iraqi Police southeast of Baghdad January
13, 2007**

81mm Mortar Tail Assembly Fragments



Recovered from attacks in New Baghdad
November-December 2006

Iranian Man Portable Air Defense System

Iranian Produced Misagh-1 Man Portable Air Defense System (MANPADS) Missile



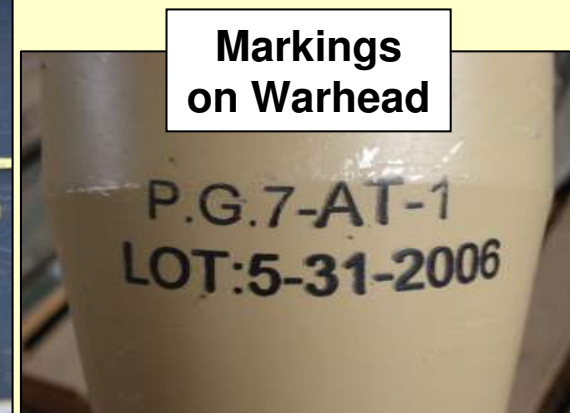
Misagh-1 MANPADS missile recovered following the failed August 16, 2004 attack near Baghdad International Airport

Iranian Anti-Tank Rocket Propelled Grenades



2006 Production Date

New PG-7AT-1 rounds seized November 24, 2006 in Baqubah

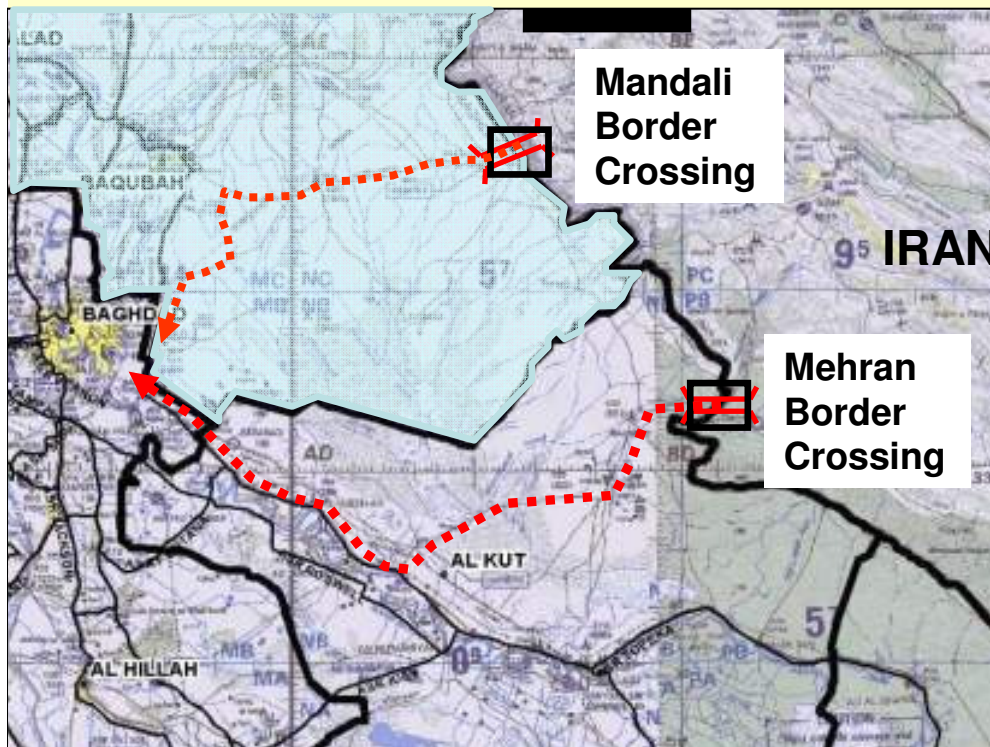


Markings
on Warhead

Seized in al-Bayaa district of Baghdad January 23, 2007

Highlights from Detainee Interviews Within the Last 60 Days

Over the last 60 days, Iranian and Iraqi detainees have told us that the Qods Force provides support to extremist groups in the form of money and weapons. Their information included references to Iranian provision of weapons to Iraqi militants engaged in anti-Coalition violence, as well as weapons and training to these same militants.



- Money and weapons are escorted across the border using different vehicles that only travel at night
- Transportation of money and weapons happens regularly
- The money is transported through Mehran, Iran
- Named individuals provided two of the IEDs from Iran that can go through armor
- Extremist group members are crossing at Mehran to go to Iran for training
- Extremist group members are responsible for smuggling weapons
- Qods Force provides support to extremist groups in Iraq by supplying money, training, and propaganda operations