

## Key Planning Assumptions -- Generated Start

- This operation will be the national main effort
- Opposition groups will work with us
- Co-opted Iraqi units will occupy garrisons and not fight either US forces or other Iraqi units
- Regional states will not challenge US military operations with conventional forces
- DoS will promote creation of a broad-based, credible provisional government -- prior to D-day
- Continued freedom of navigation for shipping and naval forces through the Suez Canal / Straits of Hormuz / Northern Arabian Gulf
- Operations in Afghanistan transition to phase III (minimal air support over Afghanistan)
- BCT(-) in Kuwait replaced by a full-up brigade
- US forces in Turkey (ONW and all other units) TACON at N-Day;
  SOF in Turkey OPCON to CINCCENT at N-day
- Iraqi regime has WMD capability

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