UNDERSTANDING THE NEW WARS: AN AFGHAN CASE STUDY
PRESENTATION PLAN

• The evolving security environment

• The Face of the Insurgency

• New Concepts and Paradigm Shift

• Some Strategic Challenges

• Way ahead
The Evolving Security Environment
Environment
Counter Insurgency Actors

GIRoA

Consent of
Population

Insurgents
Outside Influences
ISAF, IC, NGOs
The Insurgents
The Insurgents
The Population
(Average Afghan Family)
Population

Tribal Dynamics
GOVERNANCE

“The Taliban are filling a gap in the South created by a weak Government rather than a strong Insurgency.”

Asif Rahimi

Former Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
Government Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Governance Dynamics?

Nimruz, Helmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, DayKundi

Gov Azad, Gov Wafa, Gov Khalid, Gov Hamdan, Gov Arman, Gov Uruzgani
International Actors

UN Humanitarian Agencies

UN High Commissioner for Refugees

EUPOL

UN Development Programme

WORLD BANK
Campaign Design Operation

Security Line of Operation (Main Effort)
- Assist GIRoA achieve secure and safe environment.
  - Employ ISAF manoeuvre forces
  - Disbandment of Illegally Armed Groups
  - ANSF capacity building

Governance Line of Operation
- Assist GIRoA in the sustainment of a capable and accountable government in control of Afg.
  - Effects related to the legitimacy and the commitment of GIRoA

Development Line of Operation
- Support the development of Afg in conjunction with GIRoA and the IC.

Conditions adequate for the continued consolidation of stability in Afg without the need for an ISAF presence
Campaign Design - Realities

Security LOP
ANSF capable of countering remaining security threats.
- ANA progressing well IAW Afg Compact desire effects
- ANP has a ways to go, reqr for institutional reforms and formal trg (0-5 yrs away)

Governance LOP
Elected representative legitimate government in control of Afg recognized by the Afg people and the IC.
- LNs C-I-G initializing, legitimacy and anti-corruption (10+ yrs away)

Development LOP
Afg is developed to such a standard that continued development is self-sustaining
- (Generations)
New Concepts

• Effect based operations
• Comprehensive approach
• Provincial Reconstruction Team
• Operational Monitoring & Liaison Team
PARADIGM SHIFT
Land Warfare Environment

Battlefield Survival
- Def
- C&I
- Convoy
- C-IED

Battle Winning
- Atk
- C&S

War Winning
- IO
- JIMP
- PsyOps
- IC\MIC
- PRT
- OMLT

Kinetic

Non-Kinetic
Strategic Challenges
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Greater coherence
Comprehensive alliance strategy

School of Nursing and Handicap International
ANA Bde HQ Garrison

Female Education
Kandahar University
Strategic Challenges

Strategic Messaging
Strategic Challenges

REGIONAL INFLUENCES

IRAN

Pakistan
Strategic Challenges
GOVERNANCE
Strategic Challenges

CN & Corruption
Way Ahead for achieving success?