

Attack the Network - Defeat the Device - Train the Force

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## Conventional Wisdom Today's Planning Assumptions



- U.S. will face hybrid threats employing both conventional and asymmetric capability
  - "An era of persistent conflict"
- U.S. will fight as part of a Coalition Force
- Threats will be from Non-State actors that do not recognize boundaries or warfighting conventions
- U.S. will have to react rapidly to emerging threats and battlefield reality

"Our conventional modernization programs see a 99 percent solution in years. Stability and counterinsurgency missions – the wars we are in – require 75% solutions in months."

Secretary Robert Gates, National Defense University, 2008



## **IEDs are <u>Tactical</u>** Weapons





"IEDs remain the number one cause of casualties in Afghanistan. And let there be no doubt that, as long as out troops are in harm's way, the Department will do everything it can to destroy these IED networks and protect those heroes in the fight."

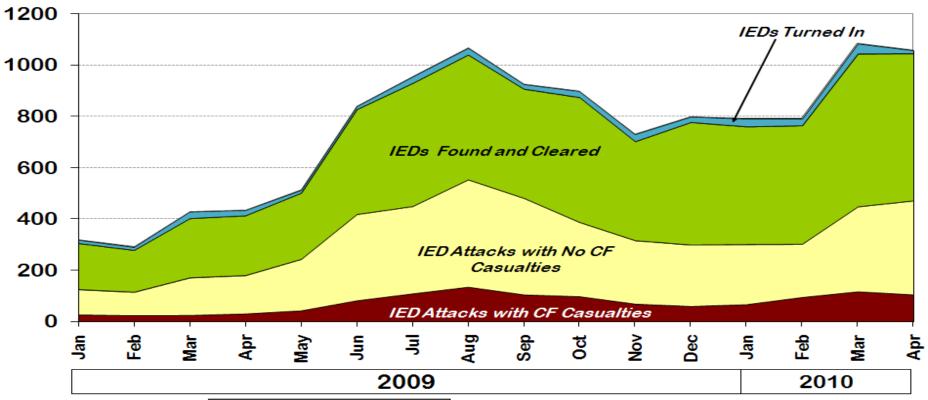
Secretary Robert Gates, AUSA, October 2009



#### Afghanistan - Recent IED Incident Trends: All Targets



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	Totals				
	CY 07	CY 08	CY 09	CY 10	
IED Incidents	2,677	3,867	8,204	3,724	
IED's Turned in	177	118	237	107	
Found/Cleared	1,158	1,892	4,218	2,091	
Ineffective IED Attacks	1,136	1,470	2,929	1,138	
Effective Attacks	206	387	820	388	
CF KIA	77	183	322	100	
CF WIA	415	790	1,813	803	

Trends (in month of Apr '09 vs Apr '10)

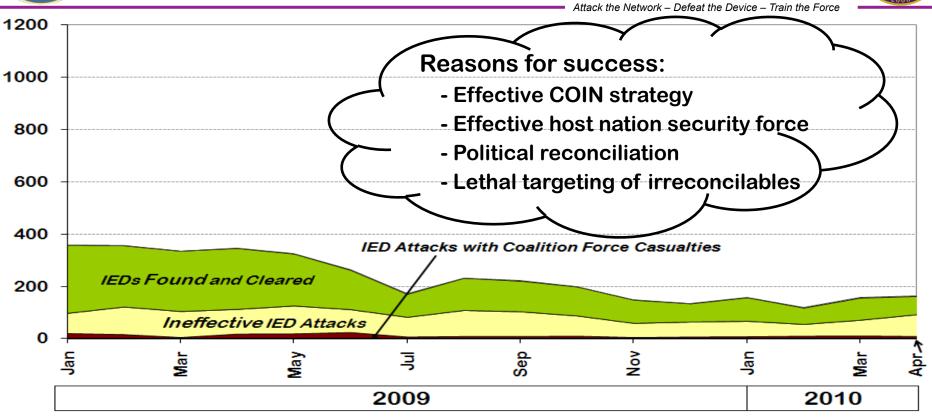
- Total IED incidents increased 143%
- Effective Attacks increased 231%
- Found/Cleared increased 146%

All incident categories more than doubled from 2009 to 2010



#### Iraq - Recent IED Incident Trends: Coalition Force





	Totals			
	CY 07	CY 08	CY 09	CY 10
IED Incidents	23,914	9,036	3,087	609
Found/Cleared	13,074	5,845	1,890	314
Ineffective IED Attacks	8,897	2,634	1,024	249
Effective Attacks	1,943	557	173	46
CF KIA	575	142	48	5
CF WIA	4,227	1,180	403	90

Trends (in month of Apr '09 vs Apr '10)

- Total IED incidents decreased 51%
- Effective Attacks decreased 45%
- Found/Cleared decreased 68%

The fight in Iraq continues to shift from Coalition Forces to the Host Nation (Iraq Army, Iraq Police)



## **Technology Challenges**



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**Predict and Prevent** 



Social and Dynamic Network Analysis
Tagging, Tracking, & Locating
Detect/Prevent Pre-Emplacement Activity
Persistent Surveillance Technologies
Sensor Enhancement and Data Exploitation

Detect



Command Wire Detection
Buried IED Detection
Detection of Pressure Initiation Devices
Standoff Explosives Detection & Confirmation
Explosively Formed Projectile Detection

**Neutralize** 



Passive Infrared Defeat
Blasting Cap Defeat
Counter Radio-controlled Electronic Warfare

**Mitigate** 



Vehicle and Crew Protection
Dismounted Personnel Protection
Pre-empt Use of New Technologies & TTPs
Medical Initiatives for Post-Blast Injury



### **Institutionalizing C-IED**



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#### Changing how we think about Counter-IED

#### What is Counter-IED?

C-IED is the organization, integration and synchronization of capabilities that enable offensive, defensive, stability, and support operations in order to defeat IEDs as operational and strategic weapons of influence

#### **Counter-IED** is Commander's Business

- How do we organize for the C-IED fight?
  - What are the C-IED Enablers available to Commanders?
    - What are the processes that leverage C-IED enablers?
      - How do units prepare and train for the current fight?
        - How should we prepare for the next fight?



#### **How We Will Institutionalize**



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- Develop Joint C-IED Doctrine Campaign support
- Integrate C-IED organization, enablers, and processes in operations and exercises
- Standardize education and training in the institutional domain
- Investigate potential for establishment of C-IED equipment sets for issue to forces deploying to areas with an IED threat
- Establish key C-IED enabler governance guidelines (Biometrics, Forensics, Weapons Technical Intelligence)

"In light of the hard lessons of recent years, however, the U.S. military has reshaped and reformed itself to meet new threats. We have struggled to adapt our institutions and practices to the messy realities of counterinsurgency and irregular operations – where tactical victories can easily lead to strategic setbacks – where civilian casualties present unprecedented difficulties for warplanners."

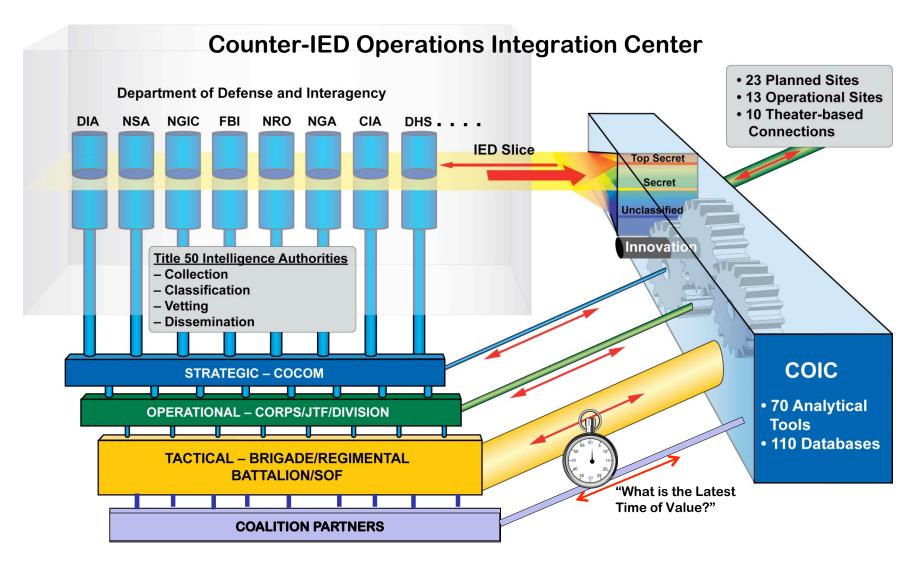
Secretary Robert Gates, Pakistan Military Academy, January 2010



## **Operations & Information Fusion**



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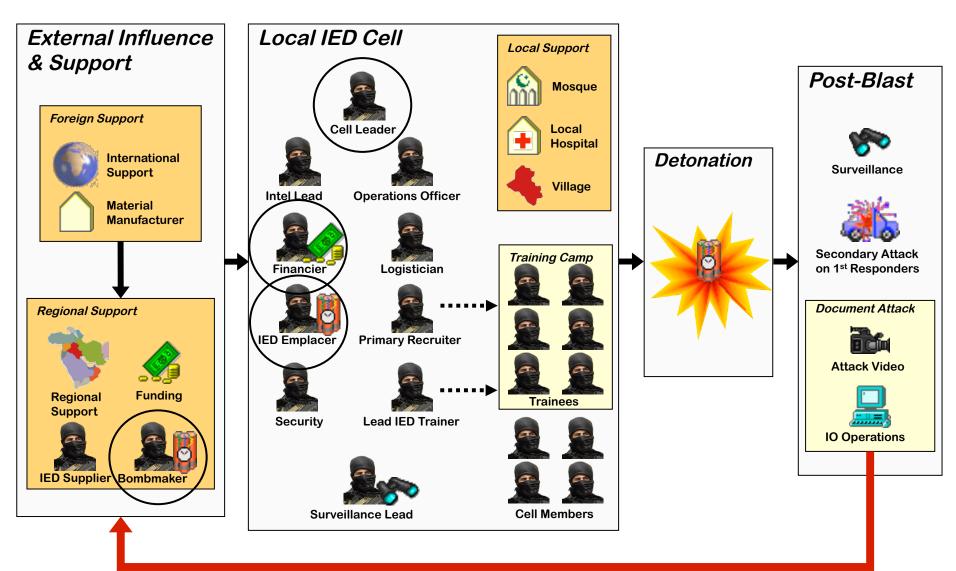




#### **Attack the Network**

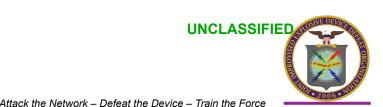


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## **Training**



**Facilitates Training On Attack** The Network Using A Common **JIEDDO Training Support Plan** 

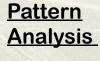


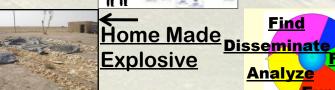


<u> Weapons</u> <u>Intelligence</u> **Teams** 









**C-IED Ops** Integration Center



Law **Enforcement Program** 



Intel. Surveillance Recon

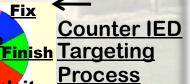














We need To Train Attack the Network



#### **Lessons Learned**



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- There is NO SILVER BULLET!
  - Technology is part of the solution, but only part.
- The ENEMY adapts quickly
- Training is where we get our HIGHEST PAYOFF
- Attack the Network is where we WIN
- C-IED fight is a joint and combined arms effort
- Information MUST be shared with the right people in a timely manner
- We will never prevent all IED attacks, but we can reduce their effects to a level that doesn't constrain our ability to operate



## The Way Ahead



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- Improve information fusion of multiple databases focus on analysis
- Implement timely sharing of information and analysis with allies/interagency
- Identify and rapidly acquire C-IED capabilities (material and non-material)
- Develop an agreed approach for Attack the Network
- Standardize education and training in the institutional domain, assess frequently to remain current