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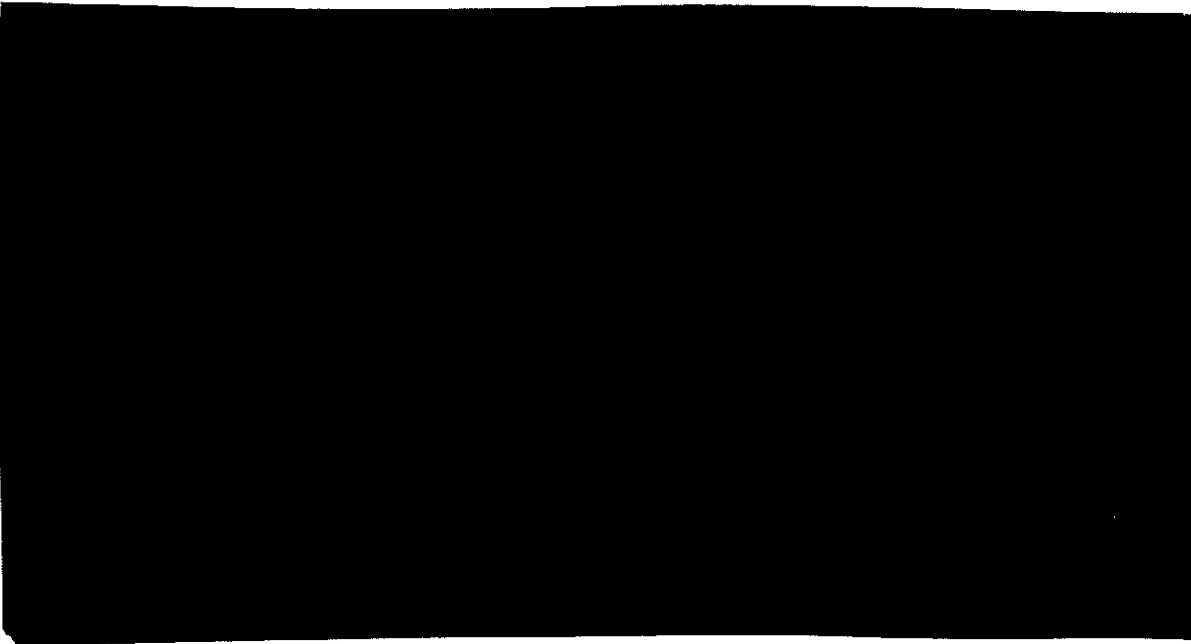
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Security Update: Situation in al-Anbar

MNF-I will brief. *No brief provided.* From Embassy, military, and intelligence reporting, we note the following:

- ~~(S)~~ Anbar continues to be the most contested province. Reporting on the situation in Anbar is mixed.
 - USG reporting suggests that Anbar tribal leaders are leading resistance against al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI).
 - Press reports indicate that AQI fighters paraded openly in the principal cities of Anbar last weekend.



Key Points:

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- ~~(S)~~ Is there anything that the USG can do to help publicize any helpful declarations by Anbar Sheikhs (e.g. Coalition Forces are "friendly forces")?
- ~~(S)~~ Is there anything that the USG or the GoI can do to make this current tribal engagement effort more successful than the tribal engagement efforts in 2005?



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