Iraq: Policies and Practices in Urban War

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Challenges

• 1.5 million in Mosul when operations began
• Civilians fleeing at height of fighting
• Civilians entrapped with ISIS
• Pattern of life changing
• Intelligence sharing/ISR
• ISIS tactics
• Tempo of operations
Good Policy & Practice

- Guidance on POC
- Guidance on heavy explosive weapons
- Forward observers
- Verification of civilian presence
- Tactical patience and alternatives
- Use of smaller munitions and PGM
Challenges in Practice

- Implementing guidance
- Munitions & impact
- UXO/IED
- Assessments
- Competencies
QUESTIONS

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