

## **Multinational Division Center South [“Polish”] in Iraq**

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### **Divisional Troops**

Headquarter and staff, Camp Babylon,  
about 200 personel (ab. 100 Polish officers from command of 12 Mech. Div. from Szczecin – part of NATO Corps North - South, 25 or 11 Ukrainians, 31 Spanish, 9 Danish, 6 Norwegian, 6 Dutch officers and communication officers from USA & GB)

Command battalion; POL, Camp Babylon

(on the basis of 12 command bat. Of 12 Mech. Div., 15 Command Support Brig. from Sieradz and 100 Command Support Bat. from Command Support Brig. of Corps North – South from Szczecin).

Logistic battalion with National Support Element (NSE); POL, Al Hillah

Consists of 345 soldiers. TOE:

Headquarter and staff;

Command company ( with signal and staff elements, MP section, medical and supply platoon);

Supply Company;

Maint. Company;

Transport Company;

Material Support Company;

Fire guard platoon with 26 soldiers and six fire guard trucks;

Log.bat has 134 vehicles, 36 trailers

Transport Bat., HUN, Al Hillah

Consists of about 300(maybe 400) soldiers. (on the basis of logistic bat. of 64 logistic regiment from Kapochavar being part of 3 Mech. Div. and with platoon/company of 24 recon battalion with 4-13 BTR-80A APC's.)

TOE:

Headquarter and staff;

Four Transport Company's with Mercedes and Iveco trucks;

Protection (recon) platoon/company.

Combat Engineer Company, SLOVAKIA, Al Hillah

Consists of 85 soldiers, 2 engineer tanks and 2 unmaned Slovakian mine destroyers Bozena 4 from rapid reaction Combat Engineer Bat. from Martin.

Combat Engineer Battalion; ROM, Al Hillah

Consists of 140 soldiers from 96 Combat Engineer Bat. from Bukarest

Army Intel. Group, ROM, Camp Babylon

Consists of 56 soldiers, 3 HUMINT teams, 2 mobile electronic recon teams and 2 UAV's Shadow 600 from 93/1 escadrilla (sqd) placed in Timisoara-Giarmata.

CIMIC battalion; PHIL, Al Hillah

Consists of about 350 soldiers (medics, engineers, policemen etc.)

PSY-OPS team; POL; Camp Babylon ?, maybe partially added to polish battalion teams.

Consists of 18 soldiers and 2 Tarpan Honker utility cars(Psy Ops version called Perkun) from Central Psychological Operations Group from Bydgoszcz.

Mixed Battalion; THAILAND, Karbala (maybe part of 1BCT)

Consists of 886 soldiers (about 700 engineers, 186 soldiers medics and special forces). It's very possible that it would be only 400 people because financial and safety reasons.

Mixed Company, MONGOLIA, Al Hillah.

Consists of 190 troops (motorized inf. Company – 100 men, engineer troop – 50 men, medical platoon – 40 men).

### **1 Brigade Combat Team (BCT); Karbala**

The frame of this BCT is polish 12 Mech. Brig. from Szczecin.

Command battalion; POL, Karbala

Basis on Command battalion 12 Mech. Brig. In this bat. there is NBC platoon with 2 BRDM 2 RchS, Chemical-radiometric laboratory LChR1 on the truck chasis with trailer, field chemical laboratory PChl-54M and PChl 1 and some (3-6) decontaminating instalations IRS2M on the truck chasis.

1 Battalion Team (1BT), POL/LATVIA/LITHUANIA, Karbala.

Consists of 299 polish troops from 1 Mech. Bat./12 Mech. Brig. (which is part of UN rapid reaction Brigade – SHIRBRIG) for TO&E see 2BT; infantry company + support troops from Latvia consists of 145 soldiers; infantry platoon + support from Lithuanian motorized infantry battalion Grand Duke Birute from Alytus (which establish lithuanian part of international LITPOLBAT) consists of 45 men.

2BT; POL, Camp Babylon.

Consists of 299 troops from 10 Mech. Bat./10 Independent Armoured Cavalry Brigade from Swientoszow.<sup>1</sup> TO&E:

Headquarter and staff – about 20 men (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4 sections + admin. group) 2 command utility trucks ZWD-3 (Tarpan Honker chasis with VHF RRC 9500 and HF Harris RF 5200 radio) 1 Tarpan Honker utility truck, 1 command van truck WD-95 (Star 266 truck chasis).

Command company: 63 men, 7 utility trucks, 4 3-ton trucks

Command squad: 4 troops, 1 Tarpan Honker utility truck;

Combat engineers platoon: 36 troops; 1 Utility truck, 1 Honker Saper EOD truck, 3 Star 966 3-ton trucks

Signal platoon: 14 troops, 2 H-400 communication trucks (Tarpan Honker utility trucks with mobile HF/VHF radio Harris 5000/5200 ) 1 Tarpan Honker utility truck, 1 Star 266 truck;

Security and traffic regulation (MP) squad: 9 troops 1 Tarpan Honker utility truck, 2 9 mm para machine pistols Glauberyt, 1 RPG7, 1 7,62 mm MMG PK, 6 5,56 mm Beryl Mod. 96 assault rifle (new polish NATO version of Kalashnikov; one with 40 mm under barrel grenade launcher Pallad Mod.)

Recon company: 70 troops, 7 BRDM (3 Mod. A, 4 Mod. B), 9 Tarpan Honker utility trucks;

Command squad: 7 troops, 1 arm. scout car BRDM 2 Mod. 98 Żbik A (with MSTAR radar and STN ATLAS optronic device), 1 Tarpan Honker utility truck;

2x recon platoon: 31 troops, 1 arm. scout car BRDM 2 Mod. 98 Żbik A, 2 arm. scout car BRDM 2 Mod. 98 Żbik B (without radar and optronics), 4 Tarpan Honker utility trucks; 1

SAKO TRG-21 sniper rifle, 3 MMG's PK 7,62 mm, 3 RPG-7 AT, 3 assault rifles Beryl Mod. 96 5,56 mm with 40 mm under barrel grenade launcher Pallad Mod. 74

Mech. Company (truly motorized): 68 troops, 9 Tarpan Honker utility trucks

Command squad: 6 troops, 1 Tarpan Honker utility truck;

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<sup>1</sup> Polish Ministry of Defense (MON) says that this mech. Bats are standard not joined units. It seems to be impossible. Polish standard mech. Bat. consists of HQ, three mech. coys, mortar coy and communication, supply and medical platoons. For this reason some of the mech. Bat. soldiers aren't origin from 10 and 1 mech. bats.

2x mech. (mot.) platoon: 31 troops, 4 Tarpan Honker utility trucks; 1 SAKO TRG-21 sniper rifle, 3 MMG's PK 7,62 mm, 3 RPG-7 AT, 3 assault rifles Beryl Mod. 96 5,56 mm with 40 mm under barrel grenade launcher Pallad Mod.

Logistic support company: 65 (?) troops, 5 utility trucks (3 ambulance's), 33 (?) medium trucks.

Command squad: 3 troops, 1 Tarpan Honker utility truck;

Supply platoon: 35 troops, 1 utility truck, 28 3-ton medium cargo trucks ( 3 POL, 2 water), 2 trailers, kitchen; 3 trailers POL, 2 axle, 2 trailers water 1 axle;

Medical platoon: 16 troops, 3 SM 50/Iveco 40.10 ambulances, 1 medium hospital van; 1 truck

Maintenance platoon: 11 (?) troops, 2 Star 266 maint. Van trucks; 1 Star 266 truck

MP section: 9 troops, 1 utility truck (?)

Tactical psychological support team: 3-4 or 6 troops (?), 1 (?) utility psy-ops truck Honker Perkun.

Mech. Bat. consists of 299 soldiers, 7 arm. scout cars BRDM 2 Mod. 98 A/B, 35 utility trucks, 38 medium trucks

3BT,BUL, Karbala.

480 soldiers, 31 BMP 1 or BMP 23 (Bulgarian AICV on the MTLBu chasis), mortar battery (?); probably from 61 Mech. Brig. from Karlovo.

Combat engineer company, POL, Karbala

80 soldiers from 5 engineer reg. from Szczecin. TO&E:

HQ, combat engineer platoon (with 3 squads and maybe an EOD squad), technical platoon (with engineer machine squad, tech. squad, water purification squad and electric power squad), logistic platoon (with supply and maint. squads) and medical section. Equipment: 1 command car ZWD3, 3 Honker utility trucks, 1 Honker saper (EOD) truck, 9 STAR 944 trucks, 1 STAR 244 R101 crane, 1 STAR 244 K407C crane shovel, 1 loader SŁ 34, 3 2-axle trailers (1 water filter, 1 generator, 1 field kitchen) 13 mine detectors.

Medical support group (Field hospital and Medic. Coy.), POL, Karbala

About 80 soldiers from 10 Clinic Hospital from Bydgoszcz, Container hospital and 9 SCAM SM50 ambulances.

1BCT consists of about 1800 soldiers

Polish contingent to MDCS consists of 2224 soldiers, 622 vehicles (including 128 Tarpan Honker utility trucks, some Mercedes 290GW utility trucks, 16 BRDM2 Arm. Scout cars, 31 ambulances SCAM SM50 and IVECO 40.10, some M113 Amb. APC's, 110 3ton STAR 966 medium trucks, more than hundred 3ton STAR 266 medium trucks, some 10ton Jelcz 662 D-34 heavy trucks), 120 trailers, 10 helicopters (6 W3W, 4 Mi8T), 500 night vision devices, 130 radio relays (12 tropospheric R412, 16 comm. centers RWLC10T/K with 45 radio relays Ericsson RL432) , 300 HF/VHF radios (Harris 5000/5200, TRC 9200/9500, RRC 3501), 10-12 communication veh. H400 (with 400 W power Harris HF/VHF radio), 20 ZWD3 command veh., 20 Thuraya satellite cellular phones, 300 computers and 6 MSTAR surveillance radars.

2BCT; Al Kut

Headquarter and command troop, UKR, Al Kut

Recon coy, UKR, Al Kut (?), 11 BRDM 2, about 60 troops

CIMIC bat., UKR AL Kut (?)

Transport bat., UKR, Al Kut (?)

5 BT, UK, Al Kut

About 450-500 troops, 30 BTR 60 APC,s; 3 BRDM 2 RchS NBC recon cars

Independent Air Assault Group (SGP-SZ – Samodzielna grupa powietrzno – szturmowa)),  
POL, Al Kut

Battalion size, not really part of 2 BCT, stay with disposition of Division commander. Mostly consists of troops of 25 Air Cavalry Brig. from Tomaszow Mazowiecki. TO&E: 344 soldiers (272 from 25 Air Cav. Brig, 56 from 1 Special Commandos reg.16 from other units) 59 vehicles (mostly Honkers) 10 helicoters.

Headquarters and staff;

Safety of flying team;

Team

Logistic planning group;

Air engineer and maint. service coy. From Maint. service coy,s of 66 and 37 army air battalions;

Military air traffic controllers group (airport tower crew);

Command and logistic coy: headquarter, signal, medical, supply and maint. platoons, probably MP section and Tactical psychological support team; Troops from 7 Air cavalry battalion ( former 7 lubelski ulan reg.)

Mixed helicopter squadron, 45 pilots and crews, 10 helicopters: 6 polish W-3W Sokol (falcon) utility helicopters ( with pilot's NVG, 1xII 23 mm cannon and 57 mm rockets pods, crew of 2-4 and 10-12 troops); 4 Mi 8T utility helicopters; Consists of troops from 66 (W-3W) and 37 (Mi8T) army air battalions from Tomaszow Maz. And Leczyca;

Air cavalry sqd (light airmobile inf.) from 7 Air cavalry battalion. TO&E: 102 troops

Headquarter: 6 soldiers (Commander, deputy commander, logistic officer, sergeant chief, 2x RATELO/ drivers)

3x air assault platoon: 32 troops

HQ (commander, assistant commander, paramedic);

3x air assault squad (7 troops, 1 MMG PK, 1 Carl Gustav M3 AT, 1 Glauberyt SMG 9mm Para, 5 assault rifles Mod. 96, one with 40mm under barrel Pallad grenade launcher);

Weapon squad (8 troops,3 Carl Gustav M3 AT, 3 Glauberyt SMG 9mm Para, 4 assault rifles Mod. 96, 1 SAKO TRG21 sniper rifle)

Special forces coy from 1 Special Commandos Reg. from Lubliniec.

TO&E: 56 troops, 10 Honker utility trucks

HQ: commander and deputy commander with Honker utility truck

3x SF platoon of 18 soldiers (3x 6 person SF team)

SF team: leader assault rifle mod. 96, sniper SAKO TRG 21 sniper rifle, scout/RATELO assault rifle mod. 96 with 40mm under barrel Pallad grenade launcher, sapper assault rifle mod. 96 with NV sight PCS 5 Gabro, machine gunner MMG PK, driver SMG PM84P

Glauberyt and RPG7N with NV sight; Team has 3 VHF radios 1 RRC 9200, 2 Radmor 3501, one GPS, 1 Honker utility truck all team members has 9mm para pistol WIST94/L

4 BT, UKR, Kut Al Hayy;

Engineer platoon, KAZAHSTAN (?)

About 450-500 troops, 30 BTR 60 APC,s; 3 BRDM 2 RchS NBC recon cars.

Ukrainian forces in Iraq has 1647 troops (+ 11 in divison HQ), 60 BTR60 APC's, 17 BRDM2 armd cars and 217 other vehicles or in general 348 vehicles.

2 BCT consists of 1991 soldiers

### **3BCT (Plus Ultra Latin American Brig.) Ad Diwaniyah**

HQ, staff and command company, SPAIN / HONDURAS / SALVADOR / DOMINICANA / NICARAGUA; Ad Diwaniyah

180-190 soldiers, 120 Spanish from HQ and command bat. of VII Airmobile Brig. "Galicia" from Pontevedro, 60-70 troops from other countries;

Signal coy, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

121 troops, command bat. of VII Airmobile Brig. "Galicia" from Pontevedro;

Logistic Group, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

137 troops from VII Airmobile Logistic Group of VII Airmobile Brig. "Galicia" from Corma/ Pontevedro;

Combat engineer coy, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

77 Spanish soldiers from VII Airmobile Brig. (HQ and 3x engineer platoon + EOD platoon from NICARAGUA

National Support (logistic) Element (NSE), SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

153 troops from 41 Logistic Group from Zaragoza;

Army aviation group, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah (?)

66 soldiers, 4 AS 532UL (HU21L) Cougar utility helicopters from II and IV BHELMA (Maneuver Helicopter Bat.) from Betero, Valencia and El Copero, Sevilla;

Recon coy, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

56 troops from VIII light cav. Reg. "Lusitania" from Marines/Valencia:

Field Hospital, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

40 troops from Madrid;

Special Forces Troop; SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

22 soldiers from SF Command from Alicante; 4x SF teams maybe from BOEL counter terrorist bat. (?);

CIMIC troop, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

20 troops from Valencia;

Military intel. group, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

8 soldiers from Military Intel. Rapid Reaction Troop from Madrid

NBC section, SPAIN, Ad Diwaniyah

8 troops from NBC bat. of Maneuver Forces from Valencia

8 BT, HON, Ad Diwaniyah

346 troops probably from Special Tactical Group from Tamara/ FCO Marzan

9 BT, SAL, Ad Diwaniyah

360 soldiers, bat. "Cuscatlan"

6 BT, SPAIN, An Najaf

360 soldiers from Light Inf. Bat. of III Tercio de la Legia "Don Juan De Asturia" ( III reg. of Legion, former Foreign Legion) from Almeria, consists of HQ, command coy and 3x mech. coy;

7 BT, DOM, An Najaf

300 soldiers probably from 6 Mountain Inf. Bat. (SF) from Constanza and Presidential Guard Bat. from San Domingo;

Field Hospital and SF troop, NICARAGUA, An Najaf (?)

There is generally 111 soldiers from Nicaragua (39 in field hospital, the rest in SF troop and EOD platoon of engineer coy and in Brigade HQ)

- Spanish forces consist of 1340 or 1374 soldiers and use BMR600 APC's and Rebeco armoured utility trucks (similar to Humvee's)

- Brigade Plus Ultra (3BCT) consists of 2427 soldiers.

Official Polish Ministry of Defense (MON) data says that there is about 8200 soldiers in MNDCS but in above data there is about 8500-8600 soldiers.

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