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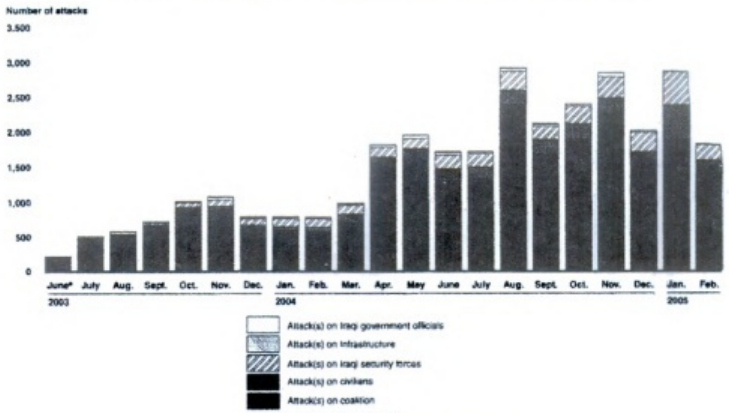
Figure 1: Violent Incidents Against the Coalition and Its Partners, by Month, June 2003 Through February 2005



Source: MNC-I SigActs, 050006CMAR05

*According to DIA officials, June 2003 data are incomplete.

Insurgents have demonstrated their ability to increase attacks around key events, according to the DIA Director's February 2005 statement before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. For example, attacks spiked in April and May 2004, the months before the transfer of power to the Iraqi interim government; in November 2004 due to a rise in violence in Sunni-dominated areas during Ramadan and MNF-I's operation against insurgents in Fallujah; and in January 2005 before the Iraqi elections. The DIA Director testified that attacks on Iraq's election day reached about 300, double the previous 1 day high of about 150 during last year's Ramadan. About 80 percent of all attacks occurred in Sunni-dominated central Iraq, with the Kurdish north and Shia south remaining relatively calm.

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"Tell KBR to get off their butts and conclude deals with Kuwait NOW! Tell them we want a deal done with Altanmia within 24 hours and don't take any excuses. If Ambassador Bremer hears that KBR is still dragging its feet, he will be livid."

E-mail from Ambassador Richard Jones (December 2, 2003).

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Al-Humaidhi asserts that he and his employees were pressured to provide unnamed KBR executives with "kickbacks" on the humanitarian fuel contract.

It is "common knowledge" in Kuwait that … KBR officers are on the take; that they solicit bribes openly; that anyone visiting their seaside villas at the Kuwaiti Hilton who offers to provide services will be asked for a bribe.

Kuwaiti Firm Altanmia Alleges Kellogg, Brown & Root Contract Improprieties, **Memorandum by Economic Advisor, U.S. Embassy Kuwait (June 29, 2003).**

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Mr. SHAYS. Well, I think that we are in a very important mission in Iraq. You have my support. I even ran during the last election on that issue and said, you know, if my constituency doesn't agree with it, then on that grounds find someone else. But, you know, Nicholas Palarino has been with me on all our trips, and obviously organized them—but when you meet someone who was literally locked in her house for 10 years, literally, not allowed to go outside because her parents thought she was very beautiful and would attract the attention of Saddam's two sons, you know—and when you visit the killing fields—and, thank goodness Saddam is no longer in power.

Thank you all very, very much. With that, the hearing is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:37 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.]

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