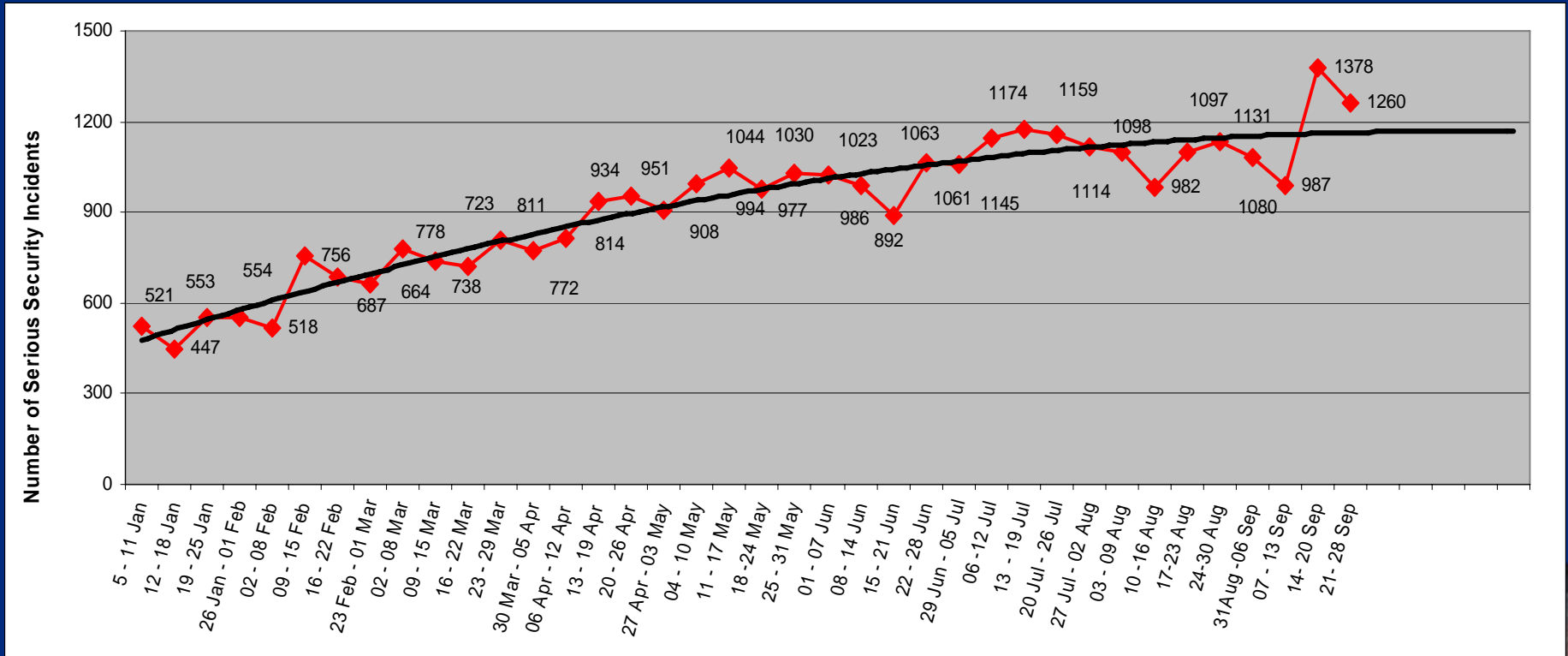


IRAQ THREE MONTH TREND OVERVIEW

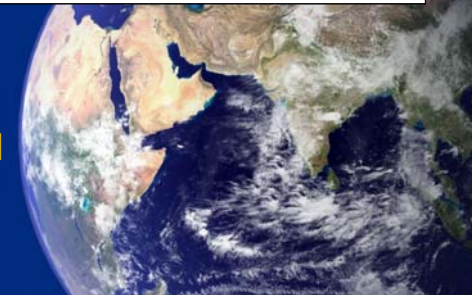
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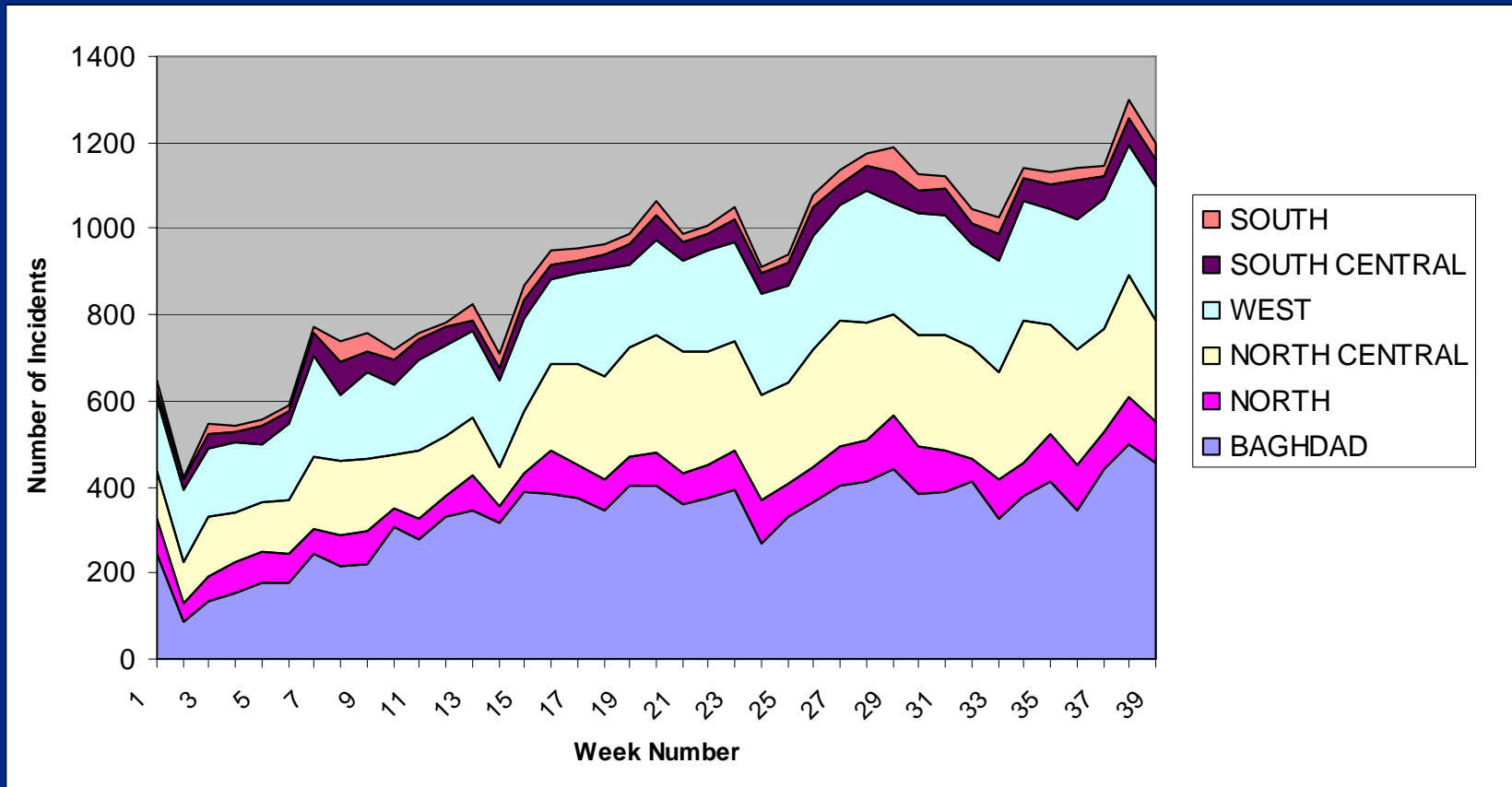
NUMBER OF REPORTED SECURITY INCIDENTS SINCE THE START OF 2006, COUNTRYWIDE, WITH TRENDLINE



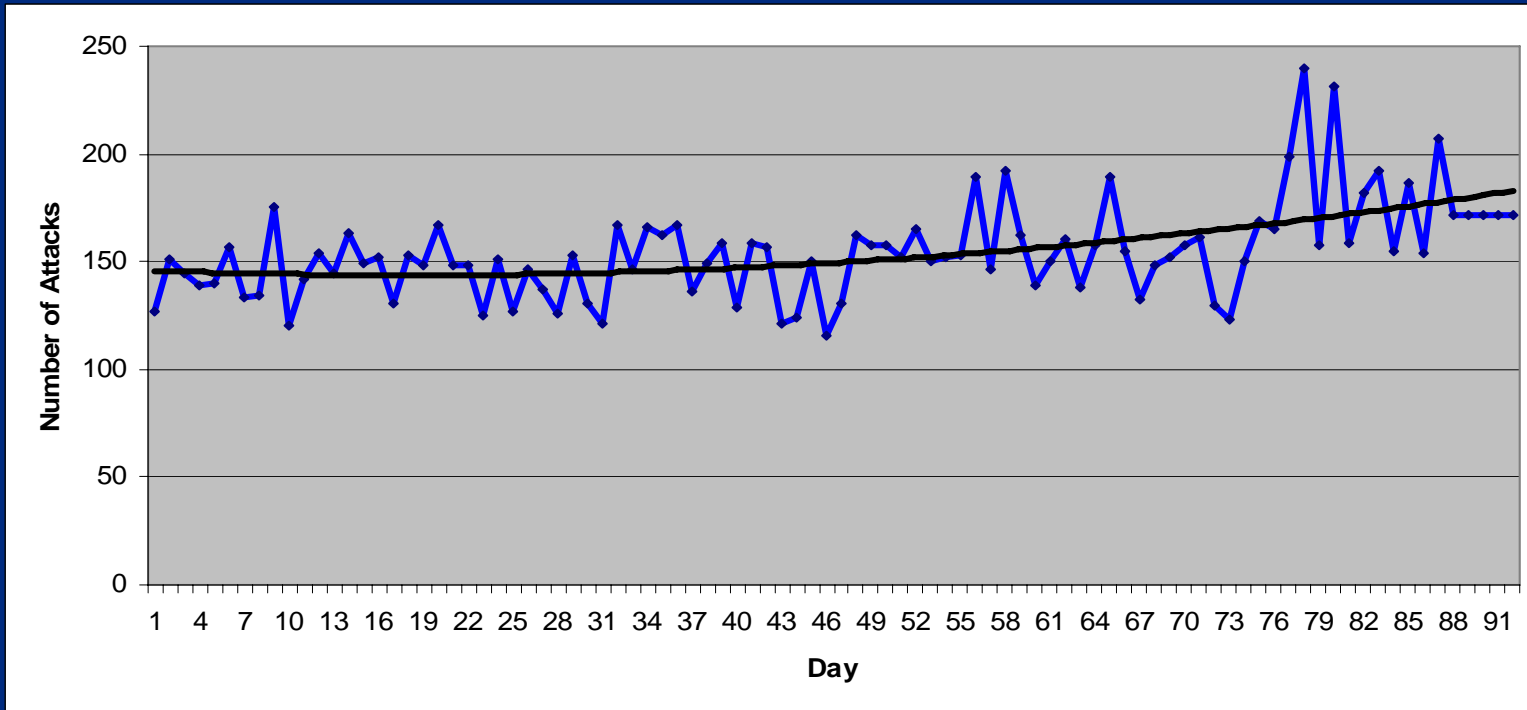
The number of reported security incidents across Iraq has continued to rise in the 3rd Quarter of 2006. Despite a little stability following specific security initiatives in BAGHDAD and elsewhere, the latter part of September saw significant rises in violence. This partly related to Operation TOGETHER FORWARD, where Iraqi and MNFI forces carried out operations in an attempt to secure known trouble spots in BAGHDAD. However most indications suggest that both militia and insurgency activity are also now at record levels.



COMPARATIVE WEEKLY VOLUME OF REPORTED SECURITY INCIDENTS BY REGION IN 2006



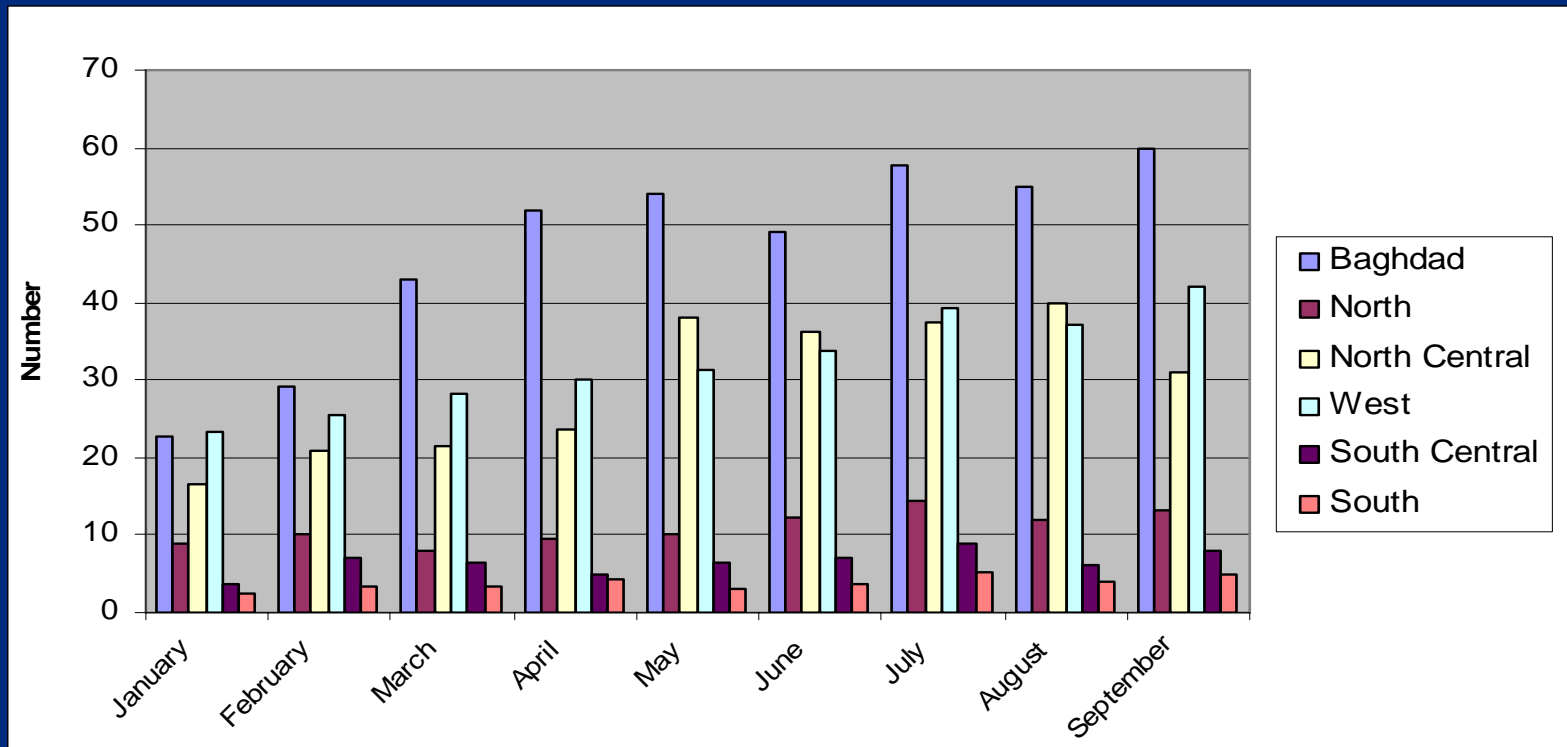
NUMBER OF COUNTRYWIDE DAILY REPORTED ATTACKS BETWEEN 01 JULY & 30 SEPTEMBER, WITH TRENDLINE



- The previous three month period between 01 April – 30 June showed a slightly reducing trend in the number of reported attacks across Iraq, despite an overall increase since the start of 2006.
- Since 01 July, this has changed with an increasing trend now evident over the three month period.
- Note – figures for the last four days of September are missing due to a shortfall in reporting. The average figure for the month of September has been used to make up for this shortfall.



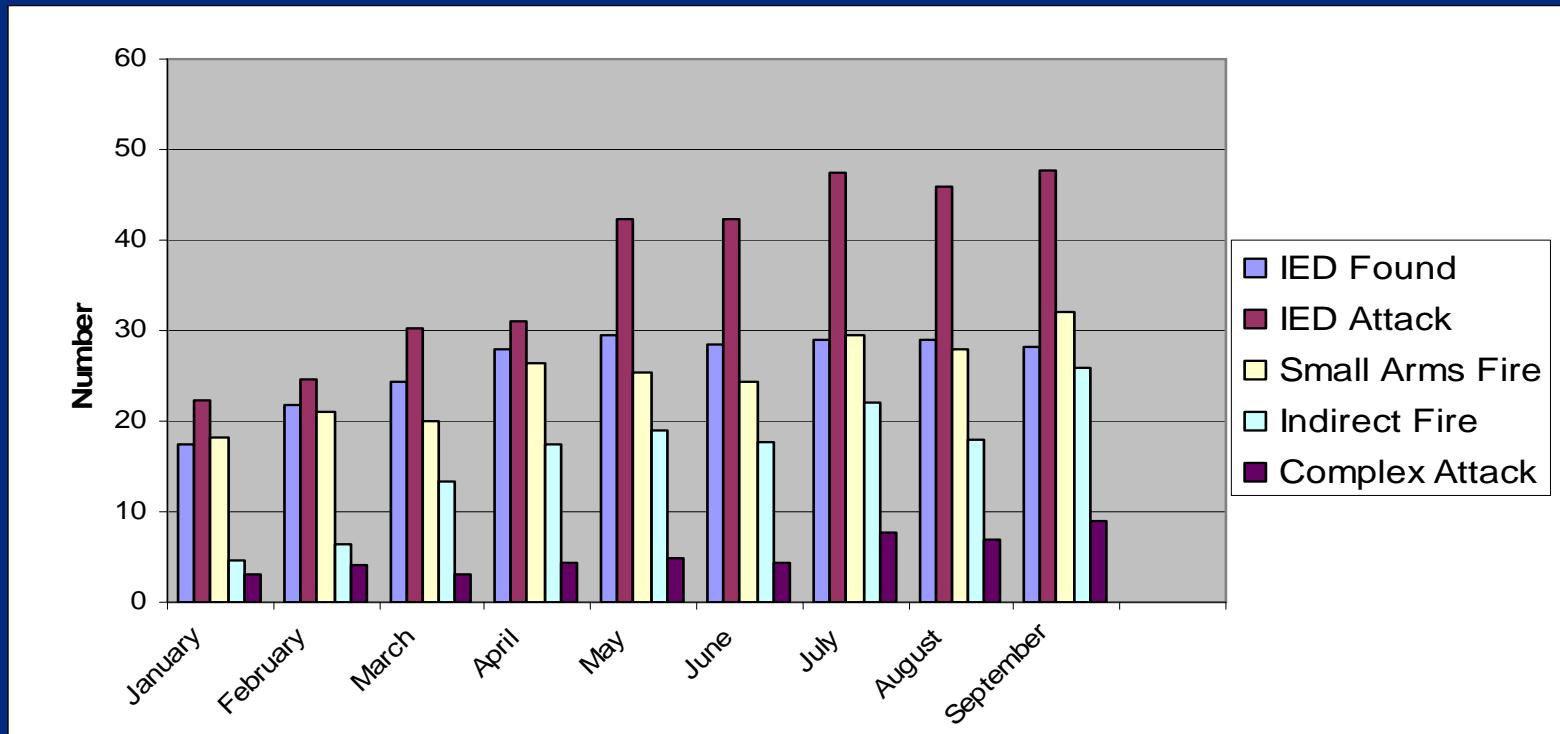
DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF REPORTED SECURITY INCIDENTS BY REGION AND MONTH IN 2006



- All regions showed consistently higher levels of daily security incidents in the 3rd Quarter when compared to the two previous Quarters. The rises in BAGHDAD indicate that the high profile initiatives taken to secure the city have yet to generate positive results. The West Region is now experiencing almost double the number of daily incidents reported at the start of 2006.



DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF REPORTED INCIDENTS BY TYPE, COUNTRYWIDE, IN 2006



- Numbers of reported IEDs found and detonated, and numbers of small arms attacks per day across Iraq have generally remained stable in the last quarter. However as the graphs indicate these levels are similar to or higher than the previous quarter, and substantially higher than the 1st Quarter.
- There is on average three times more complex attacks now than in January – perhaps a sign of increased coordination and confidence amongst insurgent and militia groups. Though not marked on this graph, the rates of suicide attacks have doubled between August and September.



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