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21 Jan 04	5	The New Iraqi Army (NIA) remain embryonic and I fear it will be a long way from functioning at anything above company level by the end of the year, and then only as light single-arm infantry. It will take considerable time to develop the capability and create effective all-arms groupings that can operate at battalion and brigade level, and counter external threats. It is important that perceptions of those unaccustomed to the provision of combat power are not seduced into believing that the NIA will be an effective guarantor in the short term.