# Iraq Reconstruction Report

## A Weekly Construction & Sustainment Update

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### Progress in a Lonely Place

*Iraqi railroad workers clean sand-covered tracks near Bayji. Due to lack of resources and inability to provide security after the war, the railroad tracks had become impassable due to drifting sand dunes. The project is now complete and trains will utilize this line as permitted by Coalition forces. (Photo by Gary Anderson, PCO/GRD Logistics Movement Control Center)*

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## News Conference

Maj. Gen. William H. McCoy, Jr. Commander, Gulf Region Division and Director Project & Contracting Office speaks to the news media ata joint press briefing in Baghdad on July 10, 2006.

Watch the video:
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/Press_briefings/Jul/060710.wmv

## Project Dispatches

### Upgrades to Central Criminal Court of Iraq Completed

Construction is complete on renovations to the Central Criminal Court of Iraq in Baghdad Province. The $3 million renovation project installed bulletproof glass and steel lattice work, and improving prisoner transportation and judge security measures. This second renovation project at the facility concentrated on making prisoner movements more secure and offered judges and witnesses better protection.

### Basrah Province Road Construction Begins

Construction began on two road projects in Basrah Province – Al Quba and Haji Sfeih. The estimated completion date is early December. The $367,000 project will construct and pave two kilometers of Al Quba street and one kilometer of Haji Sfeih street. The road projects will increase motorist use by providing a two-lane paved asphalt roadway in place of dirt roads. This also will provide vital access to businesses and essential services throughout Basrah.

### Renovated Health Center to Serve 35,000

Renovations were completed on the Al Yusufiyah Health Clinic in Baghdad Province. The $98,000 renovation project repaired the plumbing system, the roof and the interior of the facility. Air conditioning units and a 100kW backup generator were also installed.

### Electrical Network Project Completed

The $2M Al Salam-Al Hurriyah electrical network in Kadamiyah, Baghdad Province has been completed. The project assessed and repaired the existing electrical system to bring it into full operation which included replacing poles, insulators, conductors and transformers.

### News of Note: Iraqi Film Festival

*Unimaginable during the reign of Saddam Hussein, Iraqi filmmakers have recently competed in their own, first-ever Iraq Short Film Festival held in Baghdad. About 120 directors submitted 136 films, ranging in length from five to thirty minutes. Of those submitted, 53 were dramatic films, 36 were documentaries, and 11 others were animated. Some of the films will later be shown in Egypt and European countries.*

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## Quality Maternity and Pediatric Care Now Available in Erbil

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MOSUL, Iraq — First-rate inpatient and emergency care is now available to the local Erbil population of 900,000. The modernization of the Erbil Maternity and Pediatric hospital is now complete.

Lowering the infant mortality rate is the main priority for the Iraqi Ministry of Health over the next five years. To assist in this effort, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Northern District will complete the Erbil hospital and will manage the renovation of seven other existing pediatric and maternity hospitals in northern Iraq. These health centers will provide both maternity and pediatric care as well as education facilities.

*The hospital delivers quality services using modern techniques and equipment. (USACE Photo)*

The two-story Erbil Maternity and Pediatric Hospital renovation began in December 2004 and was recently completed at a cost of $6,830,887. Major repairs and renovations were needed to meet the acceptable standards of functionality and cleanliness set by the International Health Code Standards.

Renovations included the installation of a reverse osmosis potable water treatment system as well as an incinerator to keep medical waste from entering into the solid waste and water systems.

Repairs were made in many areas, including: mechanical, electrical, water, sewer and structural systems. Generators were also added to provide power to the hospital regardless of the local power supply. The Erbil Maternity and Pediatric Hospital has 672 employees includeing doctors, nurses, administrators and other staff members. A doctor's residence attached to the hospital was also part of the rehabilitation and 39 apartments were modernized.

### Iraq Health Sidebar:

Birth rate:
31.98 births/1,000 population (2006 est.)

Death rate:
5.37 deaths/1,000 population (2006 est.)

Source – CIA Factbook

## Project Coordination Cell Opens in Multaka

Story & Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Cassandra Groce
133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

HAWIJA, Iraq — A Project Coordination Cell, an outlying branch of the Kirkuk Regional Government's engineer board, recently opened in Multaka, Iraq. It will handle all project concerns for the citizens living in the Hawija region. "It's a substantial step for the Sunni Arabs in this country," said Maj. Kelly Kendrick, the operations manager for 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

*Col. David Gray, commander of 1st Brigade Combat Team, speaks with one of the Iraqi dignitaries who attended the grand opening of the Project Coordination Cell in Multaka, Iraq.*

Prior to the Project Coordination Cell opening, Iraqis in the Hawija region sent project recommendations to Kirkuk, which increased the overall length of time for a project to be completed. "It was a combination of us starting and then realizing the substantial hurdles of working within the system the way it existed," explained Kendrick. "Between standing up this branch of the PCC and doing some refinements on what the standards are on these projects, it's increased the number and dollar amount that has come into the area."

The cell handles water projects such as wells and irrigation systems, upgrading hospitals and clinics, as well as schools and local courthouses. There are currently $3.9 million worth of projects under way or pending in the Hawija district, almost a 60 percent increase in the last three months.

Mayor Habusayf, members of the Kirkuk provincial council and Arab Sunni provincial council, and Col. David Gray, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, all attended the opening. "The people of this district will see that their needs are being met much more rapidly than in the past," explained Gray. "This was an important step in improving the life of Iraqis in the western province."

## Sector Overview: Current Status – End State

Compiled By: John Daley, PCO Washington *As of: July 7, 2006*

- ***Over $9.0 billion of the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) has been disbursed by DoD, representing 67% of total funds allocated to DoD***
- ***3,022 projects starts (out of 3,412 planned projects). This number includes covers the DoD projects funded by the IRRF ( including MNSTC-I) and the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI)***
- ***2,426 projects are complete***

| Sector | Current Status | End State |
|---|---|---|
| **Electricity** | 1,459 MW capacity added*<br><br>Increased power generation to 1.3 million homes*<br>Improved Electricity Distribution<br>to approximately 280K Homes* | 1,970 MW capacity added* (2,927 for all USG projects)<br>Increased power generation to 1,400K Homes*<br>Improved Electricity Distribution to approximately 720K Homes* |
| **Oil** | 2.5 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD) production capacity<br><br>2.3 MBPD actual production<br><br>Natural Gas Production Capacity of 600M standard cubic feet/day | 3.0 MBPD crude oil capacity<br><br>Natural Gas Production Capacity of 800M standard cubic feet/day |
| **Water & Sewer** | Added 226,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (benefits an estimated 1.4 million Iraqis)* | Additional 1,245,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (will benefit approximately 5.8 million Iraqis*. All USG projects will benefit 9.2 million Iraqis) |
| **Health** | Six IRRF funded Primary Healthcare Centers (PHC) completed (two of these are open) and 10 DFI funded centers completed | Population of 5 to 6.5 million Iraqis served by completed primary healthcare centers |
| **Education** | 833 schools providing classrooms for 325,000 students* | 846 schools providing classrooms for 330,000 students* |
| **Security & Justice** | 339 police facilities completed<br>26 courthouses completed<br>247 border forts completed | 400 police facilities<br>37 courthouses<br>253 border forts |
| **Transportation** | 197 Kilometers (KM) of planned improved village roads<br><br>Provided emergency response dispatch system ('911' service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities | 424 KM of improved village roads<br><br>157 KM of improved major roads<br><br>Provided emergency response dispatch system ('911' service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities |

**** GRD-PCO Contribution (does not include impact of other agencies' projects unless stated otherwise)***

*Source: Multiple GRD-PCO Management Reports*

## Pediatric Wheelchair Donation

*Sgt. Jason Foy and a local Iraqi man gently lower Abdul Karim Salman into his new pediatric wheelchair. Foy, a combat medic with 4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, participated in a mission to deliver and fit wheelchairs for Iraqis, donated by charitable organizations in the United States. (Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Rachel A. Brune)*

## Eight New Classrooms for Adya School

*Iraqi officials cut the ribbon for the newly renovated Adya School in north Baghdad Province nearTaji. The $136,000 project added 70% more classroom space and other structural improvements. Adya serves 300 primary and secondary school students. (Army Corps of Engineers Photo)*

## Workers Remove Litter from Iraqi Streets

By U.S. Army Spc. Cassandra Groce
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HAWIJA, Iraq — Piles of trash and litter, the scourge of many Iraqi cities, are being removed from the street and alleys of Hawija, Iraq by local workers.

Sanitation has been a continual concern for Coalition forces and the Iraqi leadership. The street-cleaning project currently cleans the busiest streets, but will soon move to residential areas.

The project employs many civilians. “This was a good project because there are a lot of poor people that need jobs and this provides them with work,” said Hussein Allawy Jathel, the mayor of Habasy, one of the cities coordinating the project.

*Iraqi children from Hawija work on cleaning the streets of their village. (Army Photo)*

Each city has approximately 20 workers as well as truck drivers and managers. The project started about a month ago. “Right now there are four cities in the project,” said Capt. Eric Canaday, B company commander, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

“We start with the larger towns, and as those are cleaned up and the funding becomes available for more cities, we’ll keep moving out to more cities. The projects also should help combat health concerns caused by the waste in the streets. These are the kind of projects that the city council and provincial council will have to work on by going into each city as they can and improve the sanitation,” explained Canaday.

The project is currently funded by Coalition forces, but will soon be handled by the Iraqi government.

“We hope as we leave that funding will be given over to the city council so they will continue to run this project on their own without any coalition assistance,” said Canaday.

## *Iraqi Government – A Who's Who Profile*

**Part 5 of a Five-Part Series**

### Minister of Defense
### Abdul Qadir Mohammed Jasim

Graduate of Military College 1969 – worked in armored division until assuming post of Armored Division Commander

Commander of armored brigade during Iran-Iraq war

Opposed invasion of Kuwait in 1991. Stripped of all posts and responsibilities and was referred to retirement in 1992. Arrested and tried by special court martial in 1994 and sentenced to seven years imprisonment with all properties confiscated. Personal house was returned after coalition toppling of regime in 2003.

Participated in the New Iraqi Army as head of the Ground Forces.

Currently unaffiliated with any political party

### Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bolani

Born in Baghdad 1960 with family origins in Diwaniya

Graduate of Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Technology

Worked as an engineer in the Iraqi Air Force until 1999

Acting member of the Governing Council

Member of the water committee in previous parliament

Not currently a member of any political party

*Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's speaking to the Council of Representatives.*

### Minister of State for National Security Shirwan al-Waili

Born in Thi-Qar 1957

Graduate of Military Engineering College 1979

Worked in the Military Works Division in building military camps and other military construction mission. Did not participate in any military operations

Detained during the 1991 uprising

Retired as a Brigadier General. in 2000

Studied law at Basra University

Acting member of the Governing Council

Served as an advisor for regional affairs for the National Security Portfolio

Served as member of the Constitutional Committee in the previous parliament

Not currently a member of any political party

## *What's New in Capacity Development*

As part of the Capacity Development Initiative, five women's development workshops were conducted in Baghdad from May through June for 70 junior, mid-, and senior-level women from the Ministry of Water Resources, and Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works. The workshops topics included: strategic planning and organization, leadership, management skills; and public communications.

**Learn More -- Pamphlet**

*Capacity development is central to the Iraq reconstruction effort and provides the first step in building a foundation for the transfer of completed facilities to Iraqi Download here:*

http://www.rebuilding-iraq.net

*Compiled by Sheryl Lewis, Director, Capacity Development, PCO - Washington*

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## Iraqi Army Takes Over $18 Million Maintenance Contract

Story & Photo by Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

NUMANIYAH, Iraq — In another sign that it is increasingly ready to take control over its forces, the Iraqi government took control of an $18 million annual maintenance contract from the Coalition nations recently.

Since March 2005, Coalition forces have controlled the maintenance contract for 10 maintenance sites around Iraq, five of which are co-located at Regional Support Unit sites. The An Numaniyah RSU site was the first of five RSUs to transfer responsibility the Iraqi Army.

The contract was initiated to give a bridging mechanism for maintenance, said Lt. Col. Jeff Beecham, a maintenance officer with the Multi-National Security Transition Command Iraq. “Meaning…the Coalition built combat units first and then logistics or support units later. The contract was to provide that capability until the maintenance units were built.”

This was primarily for direct support and some general support maintenance until the Iraqi Army was able to conduct its own training. “The transfer is possible because the Iraqi Army and Coalition Military Assistance Training Team trained enough mechanics to move the mechanics under the control and operation of the Iraqi Army,” said Beecham.

Three hundred organizational-level mechanics within the Iraqi Army signed up for the training, which included completing repairs on all the Ministry of Defense vehicles that were brought to the site. Of the 300 mechanics, 100 of them are now certified. “Our biggest challenge was getting enough quality mechanics into An Numaniyah,” Beecham said.

He said many of the mechanics hired through the contract will continue to work for the Iraqi government at the An Numaniyah site and about 70 contractors volunteered to join the Iraqi Army. Coalition forces will still maintain minimal support at the An Numaniyahsite. “We will still provide supply and spare parts to them,” said Beecham. “We will continue to run a direct exchange for communications equipment and night vision devices until March 2007.

The remaining RSU sites are expected to transfer their contracts by the beginning of October. “We are transitioning more and more capabilities to the Iraqi Army which allows us to turn more battlespace over to them,” Beecham said.

*Mechanics listen to dignitaries during a transition ceremony. The RSU at An Numaniyah was the first site to transfer its maintenance contract to the control of the Iraqi Army.*

“It was a very cooperative effort between MNSTC-I, the contractor and the Iraqi Army and that is what made this transition so successful.”

“We would like to thank the Coalition forces for all their help,” Iraqi Army Col. Bader, An Numaniyah RSU commander said through an interpreter. “These transfers are important to help Iraq regain control. Forces here helped us to build a new workshop, provided a lot of equipment and training and now our mechanics have been well trained and are able to function on their own.”

## Polish Military Installs Generator in Nurfar Health Care Center

*The Polish military concluded several outreach projects which supplied medical and dental equipment for three newly established primary health centers. In the above photo at a heath clinic in Nurfar City, Diwaniyah Province, Polish soldiers installed a generator which will provide electricity for the entire clinic. (Photo by Multinational Division Central – South)*

***Snapshot of Projects Shaping a Nation***

# Rebuilding Iraq

**Projects that are shaping a nation**

## Ninawa Province

**About 450 students will benefit from a school renovation.**

## Mosul dam community revitalized

Story by Claude D. McKinney
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**MOSUL** — Far upstream on the Tigris River, a large dam forms a 50-mile-long lake. The dam has an electric power generating plant that provides most of the electricity to Mosul, a city of about 1.5 million, 25 miles away.

A community of about 4,000 is just north of the dam. Workers from this community service the dam and provide security for the area.

A school is being built there and a police station has been renovated.

"The completion of this police station goes a long way to engendering confidence in the local Iraqi government's ability to protect its citizens," said Sheryl Leeper, an engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Mosul.

The police station is one of more than 30 police stations receiving upgrades within Iraq's seven northern provinces.

Other improvements to roads and the dam's foundation are ongoing.

## Baghdad Province

### Water
**About 120,000 residents of Doura have an improved water and sewer network.**

### Electrical
**About 60,000 people in Karkh have improved electrical service with the installation of an overhead electrical distribution network in two different neighborhoods.**

### Public Buildings
**About 35,000 people have basic medical care with the rehabilitation of the Husseinya Public Health Clinic.**

### Roads
**About 15,000 Taji residents will benefit from about a mile of paved road.**

### Services
**Iraqi Soldiers at Camp Victory will benefit from the installation of 38 workstations with telephones, laptop computers and back-up power.**

## Najaf Province

**Residents of Header will benefit from the paving of about 10 miles of road.**

## Maysan Province

**Residents in Al-Amarah are safer with a new Iraqi Highway Police headquarters.**

## A Reconstruction Partnership

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