Al Ramadi Hospital to Serve 150 -180,000 People

Construction and repairs began recently on the Al Ramadi Hospital in Ramadi, Al Anbar Province. The $462,000 project will repair the elevator and the sewer system, install a new incinerator and a reverse osmosis potable water treatment system, and renovate the doctors’ residences. The Al Ramadi Hospital is a gynecology, obstetrics and children’s hospital with 260-bed inpatient capacity, and a staff of approximately 500. The hospital is designed to deliver inpatient and outpatient services to approximately 150,000 to 180,000 people annually.

Washash Electrical Substation Complete

Construction is complete on the Washash Electrical Substation in the Kadhamiyah district of Baghdad Province. Construction was completed last month. The $20.3M project constructed and rehabilitated the transmission lines and substations across the Kadhamiyah district. The 132kV substation will benefit more than 500,000 area residents by ensuring they receive safe, more reliable power.

Ninevah Water Project to Benefit 215,000 Residents

In the Ninevah Province in northern Iraq, a major water project is currently underway that will benefit around 215,000 citizens living in the towns of Sinjar and Baaj and also benefit 109 villages surrounding Sinjar Mountain. This water project is needed because of 300 existing wells, only 67 supply potable water to the district and 30 percent of them are out of order. The majority of the remaining wells are privately used for irrigation.

Port of Call: Umm Qsar

The U.S.-flagged vessel, “Thunder & Lightning” delivers hundreds of vehicles to the Port of Umm Qsar, Iraq. Once off-loaded, the vehicles will then be transported to various Iraqi ministries by the Gulf Region Division/Iraq Project & Contracting Office Logistics Movement Control Center. (Photo by Lt. Col. Melvin A. Wilson, GRD/PCO LMCC)
Iraq Reconstruction Report

Reconstruction and Security Working in Tandem Throughout Iraq
Compiled from DoD News Sources

BAGHDAD — Combined operations by Iraqi and Coalition forces continue to target al-Qaida terrorists at the same time as reconstruction projects continue throughout Iraq, Coalition officials told reporters on Thursday.


Since August 30th, over 150 operations have been conducted in Iraq, Caldwell said. The operations resulted in 66 terrorists killed and over 830 suspected terrorists detained, as well as discovering multiple weapons caches. About 60 percent of the operations were carried out in Al-Anbar province.

The generals also reminded that security operations do not take place in a vacuum. As combined forces work to secure Iraq, thousands of reconstruction projects under way are providing another critical contribution to the country’s long-term success, McCoy said.

The United States has contributed almost $22 billion toward a massive rebuilding effort that is critical to the Iraq’s progress toward democracy, he said.

Understanding the extent and impact of these projects is important to assessing conditions in Iraq, McCoy explained. He noted the American public is bombarded with news about violence in Iraq, but also needs insight into successes of the reconstruction program to get “a balanced view of how we are making a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people every day.”

McCoy told reporters about an ambitious reconstruction plan that’s helping address health, education, electricity, water, sewer, transportation, communications and other needs around the country. The plan includes short-term, relatively easy fixes like trash removal to an ambitious effort to increase power generation around the country.

“We are making incredible headway in Iraq and in Baghdad,” he said. As of Sept. 12, more than 2,800 of more than 3,800 projects planned under the Iraq Reconstruction Program had been completed. Work has started on another 600.

Another Police Station Project Completion

Lt. Col. Patrick Donahoe, Commander, 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, and Maj. Gen. Qais Hamza, Babil provincial police chief, cut a ribbon to celebrate the opening of the Jurf As Sakhr Iraqi police station. (U.S. Army Photo)

Bayji Public Works Dept. Receives New Vehicles

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SUMMERALL, Iraq — Members of the Bayji City Council and other government officials, including Mayor Huessein Ahmed Majjhub, met with Lt. Col. Scott Harris, commander, 1st battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, for a public works meeting recently, at FOB Summerall.

Following the meeting, Harris presented the Bayji officials with five maintenance vehicles totaling $670,000. Vehicles given to the government of Bayji included two waste disposal vehicles, two dump trucks and one 25-ton crane.

Two waste disposal trucks, two garbage trucks and one 25-ton crane were presented to the mayor of Bayji.

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**Sector Overview: Current Status – Final Effects**

*Compiled By: Katie Wall, PCO Washington  
As of: September 22, 2006*

- Over $9.5 billion of the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) has been disbursed by DoD, representing 70.6% of total funds allocated to DoD
- 3,016 projects starts (out of 3,308 planned projects). This number includes the DoD projects funded by the IRRF (including MNSTC-I) and the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI)
- 2,432 projects are complete

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| 1,420 MW capacity added* | 1,879 MW capacity added* (2,555 for all USG projects)  
Increased power generation to 1.3 million homes*  
Improved Electricity Distribution to approximately 340K Homes*  
Hours of Power: 11 Iraq, 6 Baghdad (last week average)  
1,879 MW capacity added* (2,555 for all USG projects)  
Increased power generation to 1.7 million homes*  
Improved Electricity Distribution to approximately 820K Homes*  
Hours of Power: 10-12 Iraqi, 10-12 Baghdad |
| **Oil**               |                  |               |
| 2.5 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD) production capacity  
2.37 MBPD actual production  
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) production capacity of 1,200 Tons per Day | 3.0 MBPD oil production capacity  
LPG production capacity production capacity of 3,000 Tons per Day |
| **Water & Sewer**     |                  |               |
| Added 417,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (benefits an estimated 2.0 million Iraqis)* | Additional 1,125,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (will benefit approximately 5.0 million Iraqis*. All USG projects will benefit 8.2 million Iraqis) |
| **Health**            |                  |               |
| Seven IRRF funded Primary Healthcare Centers (PHC) completed (six of these are open). 142 PHCs under contract.  
21 hospitals renovated | 142 PHCs serving a population of 5 to 6.5 million Iraqis  
32 hospitals renovated |
| **Education**         |                  |               |
| 834 schools providing classrooms for 325,000 students* | 847 schools providing classrooms for 330,000 students* |
| **Security & Justice**|                  |               |
| 342 police facilities completed  
245 border forts completed | 389 police facilities  
252 border forts |
| **Transportation & Communications** |                  |               |
| 221 Kilometers (KM) of village roads  
Provided emergency response dispatch system (‘911’ service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities | 424 KM of improved village roads  
157 KM of improved major roads and five bridges  
Provided emergency response dispatch system (‘911’ service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities |
Iraq 101 — Knowledge Brief

The date palm is fundamental to Iraqi culture and history. Mentioned 21 times in the Koran, Muslims eat dates to break the fast during the holy month of Ramadan. The fruit has been a symbol of daily life since the times of Babylon and Sumer, more than 5,000 years ago and is revered by all groups of Iraqis: Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds. From a horticulturalist's standpoint, the trees are essential as shade for other crops such as oranges and vegetables.

Source: Daily Western Media Analysis, SCORPION

Story Continued...Reconstruction and Security Working in Tandem

McCoy described how an initiative called “Iraqi First” is ensuring as many contracts as possible for this effort go to Iraqi-owned businesses.

“This empowers the citizens of Iraq to play a major role in rebuiding their nation and helps boost the nation's economy,” McCoy said. “Likewise, in virtually every project that we are working on today, we work hand-in-hand with the (Iraqi) ministries at the national level and the local director generals.”

“By teaming with our Iraqi partners, we are building the foundation for continued success,” he said, “and helping build a brighter future for Iraq.”

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Baghdad Project Update

Baghdad Reconstruction Projects by Status (as of 12 Sep 06)

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Story Continued...Bayji Receives Vehicles

The five vehicles will assist the Iraqis in completing overdue projects as well as begin new projects within the city, said Harris. “This ceremony is to show the Iraqi people that the public works officials are working for the good of Bayji,” said Harris.

“We are very optimistic of the future” added Maijhub. “With these vehicles, we can begin a new period for Bayji. We can use this equipment in Bayji and we thank everyone who was involved in getting it.” Maijhub exclaimed, “We will use the vehicles right away!”

Web Resources: Iraqi-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Established in June 2003, the IACCI is a non-profit association that maintains offices in the U.S., Jordan and Iraq.

Visit their website: http://www.i-acci.org/
For Kirkuk Businesses, Micro-Finance Brings Hope

Story compiled by Multi-National Force-Iraq Office of Public Affairs

KIRUK, Iraq — It was only a few months ago that a terrorist incident in this northern Iraq city destroyed most of the stock of a local pharmacy, leaving a family-owned business in tatters and depriving the community of much needed medication.

In a spark of hope for moving beyond the insurgency, however, the pharmacy and the services it provides to the community will soon be fully restored. In mid-July, the family took out a loan – the equivalent of $3,000 in Iraqi Dinars – to replenish the stock and rebuild their business.

Small as it may sound, the amount means a lot in Iraq. The loan was the first to be disbursed by Al-Aman, a new, indigenous micro-finance organization established through a partnership between the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. military and the U.S. State Department-led Kirkuk Provisional Reconstruction Team.

Al-Aman’s customers will be small business owners from Kirkuk and the neighboring area who require small amounts of money to finance their operating expenses or purchase new equipment, and have difficulties obtaining alternate sources of capital.

Banks in Iraq generally require real estate as collateral, whereas Al-Aman will disburse loans based on cash flow.

USAID provided a $250,000 grant to form the initial loan capital for Al-Aman and provide training for its staff. The loans, typically in the range of $2,000 to $5,000, will especially target female entrepreneurs and are expected to create several hundred new jobs.

In its first week of operation, the staff of Al-Aman interviewed 13 applicants, approved three loans - one for a business owned by a woman - and disbursed funds for two of them, which may generate up to nine jobs.

Al-Aman will serve as a model for two similar microfinance institutions about to begin operating soon in Baghdad and Fallujah.

If successful, the offices could inspire the banking sector to gradually move towards cash flow lending.

Coalition News: Displaced Basra Families Receive Help for Ramadan

By LCpl Michael Swales

British forces in Iraq are helping to distribute two thousand gifts of rice, flour and oil to displaced families in Basra, providing food during the religious period of Ramadan.

The gifts are a joint initiative between Iraq's Department for Displaced People and Migrants, the Red Crescent and the British Forces who are funding the venture with reconstruction money.

Nearly 2,000 families are registered as “displaced” with the Iraqi Department for Displaced People and Migrants. They will each receive 50 kilograms of rice, 50 kilograms of flour, a bottle of oil and a Low Pressure Gas bottle.

The amount of food that will be given to each family was donated by (left to right): The Director for the Department for Displaced People and Migrants in Basrah, Hussein Al Sayedi; Captain Luke Conway; and the Manager of The Red Crescent for Basrah, Haytharn Essa Ali.

The first of four bulk deliveries was made to the Red Crescent on Sept. 12th said Captain Luke Conway, a reconstruction project officer with the Multi-National Forces in South East Iraq.

"It is very satisfying to know that we have the ability to help the poorest families in Basra," said Conway.

During Ramadan, which runs from about 24 September to 22 October, Muslims will fast during the day and gather at night for one main family meal.

Dept. of Agriculture Radio News Report

Hear the latest USDA news report concerning the restoration of Iraqi agriculture:

Iraq Reconstruction Update

An Iraq Reconstruction Report Extra: Iraqi Currency
Compiled by Ron Eschmann
Iraq Reconstruction Report

25,000 Dinar Note
FRONT Kurdish farmer holding sheaf of wheat. Tractor in background.

BACK King Hammurabi. Credited with writing the first code of law in human history he founded the First Dynasty of Babylon in 1700 BC, leading Babylonia into a period of great prosperity.

10,000 Dinar Note
FRONT Abu Ali Hasan Ibn al-Haitham. Wrote a seven volume series on optics in which he gives the first correct explanation of vision, showing that light is reflected from an object into the eye. Also, an eminent physicist and mathematician he developed analytical geometry by establishing linkage between algebra and geometry.

BACK Hadba Minaret, at the Great Nurid Mosque, Mosul, built 1172 A.D by Nurridin Zangi, the then Turkish ruler.

500 Dinar Note
FRONT Ducan Dam: The dam is located within As-Sulaymaniyah province.

BACK Winged Bull : A huge statue, it's length (4.42 M) and weighs more than ten tons.

250 Dinar Note
FRONT The astrolabe is an ancient astronomical computer relating to time and the position of the sun and stars. It was further developed by medieval Arab astronomers, who used it to help determine the time for fasting during the month of Ramadan.

BACK The Spiral Minaret in Samarra, built 848-849 A.D.

50 Dinar Note
FRONT The grain silo at Basrah. Working at full capacity the facility can off-load and process 60,000 tons of grain per hour.

BACK Date palms. At one time, Iraq was the world’s largest producer and exporter of dates. Over 600 varieties are grown in-country.

1000 Dinar Note
FRONT A gold dinar coin, used in this region until superseded by more modern coins and notes.

BACK Al-Mustansiriya University, Baghdad. Built in the mid-thirteenth century it was the most prominent university in the Islamic world in the Middle Ages.

Source: Central Bank Of Iraq.

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