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Assriya Women's Center



A woman from the village of Assriya, takes advantage of a new \$230,000, 400-square-meter Women's Center. Local residents have sewn dozens of dresses, sold many in the local market, and are now looking to expand their business enterprise. (Gulf Region Division Photo)

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U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility Map



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Gulf Region Division Project Dispatches

Latest Project Totals... Out of 3,437 planned Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund reconstruction projects, 3,367 have been started and 2,748 have been completed.

Reverse Osmosis Project Completed... The Hamdan Reverse Osmosis Compact Unit project (\$521,000) in the Basrah Province was completed on Jan. 10. The project designed and built a water treatment plant with reverse osmosis unit. This project provides domestic drinking water to more than 30,000 residents of Hamdan village of Abu-Al Khaseeb District.

Teaching Hospital Phase III Completed... Construction on the Najaf Teaching Hospital Phase III (\$10.1M) was completed on Jan. 26. Work began on Aug. 25, 2005.

Oil Production Snapshot... Weekly average oil production was over 1.8 million barrels per day (MBPD) and was back over 2.1 MBPD on Jan. 31. Production has been climbing back after it was reduced for the shutdown phase of the metering project at Al Basrah Oil Terminal. The average daily production in 2002 was around 2.0 MBPD.

Water Treatment Project Update... As of Jan. 28, there have been 5,419 Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) projects completed out of 6,658 planned. **[NOTE: The CERP is designed to enable local commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan to respond to urgent humanitarian relief and reconstruction requirements within their areas of responsibility by carrying out programs that will immediately assist the local population. The CERP may be used to assist the Iraqi and Afghan people in the following representative areas: water and sanitation; food production and distribution; agriculture; electricity; healthcare; education; telecommunications; economic, financial and management improvements; transportation; rule of law and governance; irrigation; civic cleanup activities; civic support vehicles; repair of civic and cultural facilities; and other urgent humanitarian or reconstruction projects.]**

Iraq 101 — Knowledge Brief



The Iraqi flag has three equal horizontal bands of red, white, and black with three green five-pointed stars in a horizontal line centered in the white band; the phrase ALLAHU AKBAR (God is Great) in green Arabic script - Allahu to the right of the middle star and Akbar to the left of the middle star - was added in January 1991. It is similar to the flag of Syria, which has two stars but no script, Yemen, which has a plain white band, and that of Egypt which has a gold Eagle of Saladin centered in the white band.

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Village Builds Women's Center

Story by Norris Jones
Gulf Region Central District

BAGHDAD — A small town in north Baghdad Province provides a positive glimpse of Iraq's future. Assriya Village, located outside Camp Taji, has about 4,600 residents representing all sects.

"Assriya" in Arabic means "modern" and its name exemplifies the way residents treat each other. They worked together to build a Women's Center that officially opened in August and today that facility is producing apparel for children. "To provide port security and harbor defense at the port of Umm Qasr, we [USACE] installed a 9.7 kilometer chain link security fence around the perimeter of Umm Qasr North Port and South Port, built 19 observation posts, two points of entry, and interior and exterior truck staging areas," she said.

The \$230,000, 400-square-meter facility includes 12 sewing machines and 12 computers to encourage female business opportunities. Local residents have sewn dozens of dresses, sold many in the local market, and are now looking to expand their business enterprise.

They are working with Camp Taji to open a store there. They also are contacting Baghdad merchants about the possibility of selling their apparel.

Col. Debra Lewis, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Gulf Region Central District, recently visited the facility and talked to those operating it. "It's great to see the community's positive outlook and pride in what the Center represents," she said.

Lewis brought with her 16 boxes of fabric, thread and other sewing items donated by Americans wanting to help. (The Daughters of the American Revolution and Seattle churches are among those supporting the effort.) Six of the local women who are part of the work force expressed their sincere appreciation.

Lewis plans to continue seeking stateside support for this facility, and doing whatever else she can, after seeing the impact this is having on the community, she said.

After his father was killed, Sheik Luqman Raheem stepped in and is continuing his work at the center. The 414th Civil Affairs Battalion at Camp Taji was responsible for getting the project funded through the Commander's Emergency Response Program. USACE oversaw the construction. Capt. William LeFever with the 414th said Luqman has done a good job getting the Women's Center going and also has plans to open an internet cafe there to generate even more revenue for the facility.

Support to Sustainable Electricity for Iraq

Story Sheryl Lewis
Director, Capacity Development, ASA(ALT)

WASHINGTON — The reconstruction efforts of the US and Iraqi Government are increasingly focused on sustainability. Reliable, functioning, and sustainable infrastructure is the planned goal for facilities, systems, and equipment constructed or rehabilitated using Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds (IRRF). CD is one of the pre-requisites for sustainability and encompasses a wide range of activities, from training on how to repair specific pieces of equipment to standing up the new Iraqi Government. Operations and maintenance (O&M), a complementary activity to CD, is also a necessary component for sustainability.

To support the sustainable operations of thermal and gas turbine power facilities, the Gulf Region Division awarded the Nationwide Long Term Operation and Maintenance Support Contract. Through this contract, assistance is provided to the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity to develop, implement, and sustain an effective operations and maintenance (O&M) plan while also performing O&M services at select generation facilities. As of January 2007, over 100 ministry personnel have been trained for 2,300 hours through a combination of classroom and on-the-job techniques.

Included in the total training hours was a two week training program provided in November 2006 to 13 Iraqi management personnel at the Baghdad South Power Plant on operations of Frame 9E Gas Turbines. Through this program, Iraqis learned the history of turbine theory as well as how to effectively operate equipment and trouble shoot operating and maintenance issues.



WII Training Supervisor, Vivan Phillips, explaining gas turbines at the Baghdad South Power Plant. (Gulf Region Division Photo)

Frame 9E Gas Turbine at the Baghdad South Gas Plant. (Gulf Region Division Photo)



Other Capacity Development in the News: Backhoes Delivered; Operators Trained

Backhoes were delivered to water departments in Babil, Wasit, Maysan, Nassriya, Najaf, and Baghdad. Training was later provided to operators. The new backhoes will improve the ability of the local water districts to make repairs to existing and to install new water distribution lines in service areas.



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Sector Overview: Current Status – Final Effects

Compiled By: John Daley, Emily LaMarsh, PCO Washington

As of: February 6, 2007

•\$10.5 billion of the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) has been disbursed by DoD, representing 77.6% of total funds allocated to DoD

•3,367 projects starts (out of 3,437 planned projects). This number includes the DoD projects funded by the IRRF and the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI)

•2,754 projects are complete

Infrastructure Sector	Current Progress	Final Effects
Electricity	1,420 MW capacity added* Increased power generation to 1.3 million homes* Improved Electricity Distribution to approximately 372K Homes* Hours of Power: 8 Iraq, 5 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 822K Homes* Hours of Power: 10-12 Iraqi, 10-12 Baghdad
Oil	2.5 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD) production capacity Approximately 2.1 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 433,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (benefits an estimated 2.2 million Iraqis)*	1,136,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (will benefit approximately 5.2 million Iraqis*. All USG projects will benefit 8.4 million Iraqis)
Health	Nine IRRF-funded Primary Healthcare Centers (PHC) completed (seven of these are open). Remaining 131 PHCs under contract. 16 IRRF-funded hospitals rehabilitation projects completed	140 PHCs serving a population of 5 to 6.5 million Iraqis 26 IRRF-funded hospital rehabilitation projects
Education	808 IRRF-funded schools providing classrooms for 323,200 students*	811 IRRF-funded schools providing classrooms for 324,000 students*
Security & Justice	3 Training Academy Projects 92 Fire Station Projects 263 Border Forts	5 Training Academy Projects 97 Fire Station Projects 266 Border Forts
Transportation & Communications	42 IRRF-Village Road Projects 91 Railway Station Renovations 14 Aviation Projects Provided emergency response dispatch system ('911' service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities	95 IRRF-Village Road Projects 98 Railway Station Renovations 19 Aviation Projects

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UK Defense Secretary Sees Reconstruction Progress

Taken from UK Defense News

BASRAH, Iraq — The Iraqi Government is making encouraging strides in its efforts to curb violence in the country, the Defense Secretary Des Browne said on a recent visit to Basrah.

Browne began his visit to Iraq with a series of meetings in the capital Baghdad. He then landed in Basrah where he paid tribute to the work of British troops involved in Operation Sinbad, a successful joint Multi National Forces and Iraqi Army reconstruction program. The operation has helped to regenerate key infrastructure and civic services in Basrah City while also providing valuable mentoring for the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police Service.



Speaking during his visit, Browne said, "Every time I visit Iraq, and this is the fourth time I have been here, I am struck by the progress the Iraqi Government is making. Of course there remain

Defense Secretary Des Browne in Basrah. serious challenges, especially in Baghdad. However, after meeting with senior Iraqi and US officials, I am confident that the Coalition is helping the Iraqi authorities to deal with them."

He added that in Basrah, in particular, he was pleased with the early assessments of Operation Sinbad and the positive effect it has had on this city and its people. Operation Sinbad has seen a total of \$77 million invested in the Basrah area.

The project includes the laying of new water pipes, improved distribution of electricity to tens of thousands of people, the provision of equipment to schools, the planting of 70,000 date palms and the creation of more than 20,000 short to medium term job opportunities. Day to day control of Operation Sinbad has now been handed over to the Iraqi authorities, with Multi National Forces providing a supporting role where required to ensure projects are completed.

Iraq in Negotiations with Chevron and Exxon Mobil



Iraq is currently in negotiations with the Chevron Corp. and Exxon Mobil Corporation to build a new \$3 billion petrochemical facility. Iraq's Minister for Industry and Minerals Fowzi Hariri said the discussions are at an early stage. Read the Mercury News story:

http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/breaking_news/16554925.htm

Other Developments in the News

Iraqi Minister Meets with Syrians to Discuss Water Issues

The Iraq Minister of Water Resources met with his counterparts in the Ministry of Irrigation in Syria last week to discuss bilateral and regional cooperation on trans-boundary water issues. During the meetings, Ministry of Water Resources representatives reviewed data on the releases from Syria and confirmed that Syria had complied with its obligation to release to Iraq 58% of the flows received at their border with Turkey. The two countries also discussed the proposed construction of a large irrigation pump station near the Iraq border on the Euphrates River; the pump station will have a capacity of 100 cubic meters per second to be used to ultimately irrigate 400,000 hectares.

Oil Update Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending January 26 closed with the following prices: Basrah Light at \$47.32/barrel; Dated Brent at \$55.57/barrel; WTI Cushing at \$53.10/barrel; Oman/Dubai at \$50.95/barrel

USAID Hosts Business Conference for Women

USAID's Izdihar Private Sector Development Project organized the "Women in Business Conference: A promise for Economic Progress". Over 60 women representing NGOs, businesses and government agencies engaged in lively discussions of issues facing Iraqi women entrepreneurs, such as access to small business loans, NGO registration processes, gender equality, business planning, and microfinance.

Prison Officials Tour US Prison Iraqi prison officials looking to rebuild their nation's jail system toured a South Carolina state prison to gather ideas - including electronic door locks and an onsite license plate plant - to take back to Iraq.

Information Taken from "Iraq Weekly Status Report" Compiled by Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, US Department of State

Road to Connect Southern Iraq with Kuwait



A steamroller sits on a stretch of the Aspen Road highway. When completed, the road will be a two-lane paved surface, 180 kilometers in length, stretching from northwest Basrah to the Kabari police station at the Iraq-Kuwait border. (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Photo)

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World Bank Iraq Trust Fund Project Update:

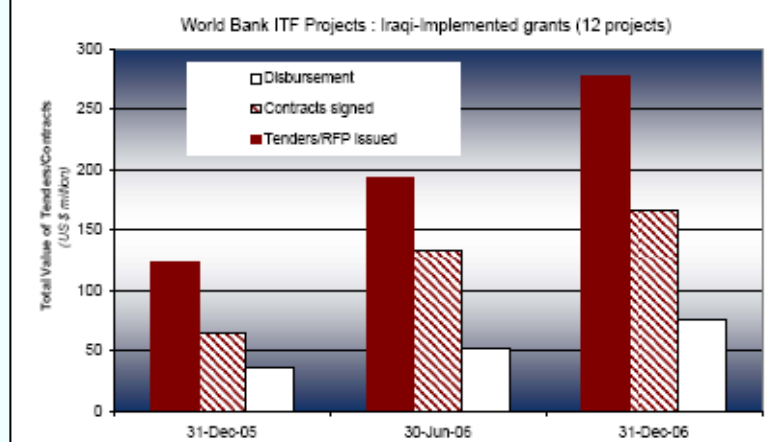
As of December 31, 2006

World Bank Iraq Trust Fund Financed Projects	Project Amount (US\$ mln)	Approval/ Effective Date	Implementing Agency
Project Completed			
Capacity Building I	3.6	Feb-04	World Bank
Projects Underway			
Textbook Provision	40.0	May-04	Ministry of Education
School Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	60.0	Oct-04	Ministry of Education
Capacity Building II	7.0	Nov-04	World Bank
Baghdad Water Supply & Sanitation	65.0	Dec-04	Municipality of Baghdad
Water, Sanitation & Urban Reconstr.	90.0	Dec-04	Ministry of Municipalities & Public Works
Health Rehabilitation	25.0	Nov-04	Ministry of Health
Private Sector Development	55.0	Nov-04	Ministry of Planning & Development Cooperation and ITPC
Community Infrastructure Project	20.0	Dec-04	Ministry of Water Resources
Disabilities Project	19.5	Nov-05	Ministry of Health
Social Protection Project	8.0	Jun-06	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
Household Survey & Policies Technical Assistance	1.5	May-06	World Bank
Household Survey & Policies Grant	5.1	Jul-06	Ministry of Planning & Development Cooperation
Environment Management Project	5.0	Dec-06	Ministry of Environment
Additional Grant for School Construction in the Marshlands	6.0	Oct-06	Ministry of Education
Total Iraq Trust Fund Projects	410.7		

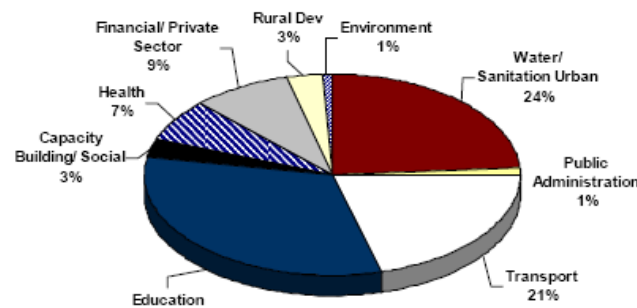
World Bank IDA Lending Financed Projects	Project Amount (US\$ mln)	Approval Date	Closing Date	Implementing Agency
Third Emergency Education Project	100.0	Nov-05	Jan-09	Ministry of Education
Emergency Road Rehabilitation Project	135.0	Jun-06	Jun-10	Ministry of Construction & Housing / General Directorate for Roads & Bridges of KRG
Dokan and Derbandikhan Emergency Hydropower Project	40.0	Dec-06	Dec-10	Ministry of Electricity of the Kurdistan Regional Government
Total Iraq IDA Lending Approved	275.0			

Disbursements and Status of Contracting

About 69% of the value of Iraqi-implemented grants have been tendered or contracted (US\$278 million). Projects disbursements stand at US\$76 million. The value of signed contracts has more than doubled since January 2006 and now totals US\$166 million.



Active World Bank Iraq Program (ITF and IDA-financed Projects) Sectoral Distribution of Projects Funded



World Bank Iraq Trust Fund Donor Pledges, Commitments, and Deposits (in US\$ million)

Donors	Pledges	Commitments	Deposits
Australia	16.4	16.4	16.1
Canada	22.3	22.3	22.3
European Commission ¹	150.0	150.0	150.0
Finland	2.6	2.6	2.6
Iceland	1.0	1.0	1.0
India	5.0	5.0	5.0
Japan ¹	130.6	130.6	130.6
Korea	4.0	4.0	4.0
Kuwait	5.0	5.0	5.0
Netherlands	6.2	6.2	6.2
Norway	6.7	6.7	6.7
Qatar	5.0	5.0	2.5
Spain	20.0	20.0	20.0
Sweden	5.8	5.8	5.8
Turkey	1.0	1.0	1.0
United Kingdom	71.4	71.4	71.4
United States	5.0	5.0	5.0
Total Iraq Trust Fund	458.0	458.0	455.2

Nb : US\$ equivalency estimated for pledges and commitments. Deposits reflect actual conversion rate. Includes investment income earned while deposit was held in temporary holding account, as per admin. agree.

Background: To ensure coordinated donor financing for priority investments in Iraq, the World Bank and the United Nations created the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRRFI). The Facility helps donors channel their resources to the Iraq reconstruction effort. So far 25 donors have committed about \$1.6 billion to the Facility. The Facility has two trust funds for donor contributions, each with its own characteristics and procedures:

The World Bank Iraq Trust Fund, administered by the World Bank Group, and the UN Development Group Iraq Trust Fund administered by the United Nations Development Program on behalf of itself and participating United Nations organizations.



For more detailed information visit : www.irffi.org and www.worldbank.org/mena/lq

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Command Spotlight: U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility

Command Mission Statement: The United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) is one of the five geographically defined unified commands within the Department of Defense. Today it is responsible for planning and conducting United States military activity in a region consisting of 27 countries in Northeast Africa, Southwest and Central Asia, and the island nation of the Seychelles.



USCENTCOM conducts operations to attack, disrupt and defeat terrorism, deter and defeat adversaries, deny access to WMD, assure regional access, strengthen regional stability, build the self-reliance of partner nations' security forces, and protect the vital interests of the United States within the area of responsibility. For more information on USCENTCOM, visit <http://www.centcom.mil>



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Chronology of Significant Iraq Reconstruction Events: Part V of a Series

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2003

Nov 8 The International Red Cross announced that it would temporarily close offices in Baghdad and Basrah under growing security concerns. Operations will still continue in northern Iraq.

Nov 19 The Bush Administration indicated that it will seek an additional U.N. security resolution in mid-December to approve the time line and design for transferring sovereignty to an internationally recognized Iraqi government.

Nov 20 Taiwan pledged an additional \$8.5 million in aid for reconstruction in Iraq.



Nov 21 The UN officially transferred administration of the Oil-For-Food Program to the Coalition Provisional Authority.

Dec 5 A directive issued by Deputy Secretary of Defense Wolfowitz announced a list of 63 countries eligible to bid for the 26 primary reconstruction contracts appropriated under Public Law 108-106, which allocated \$18.4 billion in appropriations for these contracts. Countries eligible to bid were identified as either Coalition partners or force contributing nations.

Dec 6 Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III was appointed as a special presidential envoy to persuade other countries to reschedule or forgive Iraq's sovereign debt



Dec 9 The Japanese Cabinet approved a dispatch of up to 1,000 troops. Within the plan, 600 Ground Self-Defense Force troops would provide medical services and supply water in southeastern Iraq.



Dec 10 UN Secretary General Kofi Annan announced that the United Nations would operate its mission for Iraq, UNAMI, in either Jordan or Cyprus.

Dec 17 Acting as a special presidential envoy, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III obtained assurances from France, Germany, and Italy to reschedule Iraq's debt through Paris Club mechanisms. France, Germany, and the United States issued a joint statement on the agreement the day earlier.

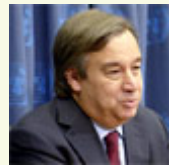
UN: World Must Help in Easing Plight of Displaced Iraqis

Source: UN News Service



KUWAIT CITY - The support of the international community is vital in easing the suffering of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) as well as the increased pressure on countries like Syria and Jordan, which together host more than 1 million Iraqis, the head of the United Nations refugee agency has said.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) António Guterres was in Kuwait on Feb. 6, on the second leg of a weeklong Middle East mission that has taken him so far to Saudi Arabia, where he urged the authorities to take an active part in a UNHCR conference on the Iraqi humanitarian crisis due to be held in Geneva in mid-April.



António Guterres

In talks with King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz and other top Saudi Arabian officials in Riyadh, the capital, over the weekend, Mr. Guterres cited the need for a strong partnership between UNHCR and the Muslim world.

He stressed the plight of some 15,000 Palestinians in Iraq, calling on the Saudi leaders to use their influence to help find a solution for this tragedy and noting Saudi Arabia's long tradition of protecting asylum seekers and refugees.

Palestinians in Baghdad have faced mounting intimidation and violence, and hundreds have fled to border areas, where they live in desperate conditions unable to cross the frontier. UNHCR in January issued a \$60 million appeal to fund its work for uprooted Iraqis within their country and in neighboring States, and for non-Iraqi refugees in Iraq.

Mr. Guterres outlined his vision for a strategic partnership with Saudi Arabia on a political, humanitarian and financial level and proposed that Saudi leaders take part in regular high-level consultations with UNHCR.

He invited the Saudi Red Crescent chief, Prince Faisal, to visit Geneva to discuss joint activities.

He also said UNHCR was keen to forge closer relations with the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). "Some 5 million refugees cared for by UNHCR originate from Organization of the Islamic Conference member or observer States, and most of them are cared for in OIC countries," he told his Saudi hosts.

Mr. Guterres met with the Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as well as with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was expected to travel to Jordan and Syria.

For further UN news: <http://www.un.org/News/>

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A Reconstruction Partnership

	Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (ASA) for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ALT) https://webportal.saalt.army.mil/main/aae.htm Assistant Secretary: <i>The Honorable Claude M. Bolton, Jr.</i> Principal Deputy to the ASA (ALT)/Director of Iraq Reconstruction and Program Management: <i>Mr. Dean Poppo</i>
	 US Army Corps of Engineers - Gulf Region Division http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/index.html Commanding General: <i>Brig. Gen. Michael J. Walsh, USA</i>
	Joint Contracting Command – Iraq/Afghanistan http://www.rebuilding-iraq.net JCC-IA provides responsive operational contracting support to the Chief of Mission and Multi-National Corps - Iraq to efficiently acquire vital supplies, services and construction in support of the Coalition Forces and the relief and reconstruction of Iraq. Commander: <i>Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Scott, USAF</i>
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U.S. Department of Commerce: <http://www.export.gov/iraq>

U.S. Embassy in Iraq: <http://iraq.usembassy.gov>

U.S. Central Command: <http://www.centcom.mil>

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