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**Appendix G – 2009 Notes**

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- Jan01: "Baghdad Brigade"?
- Jan01: Basrah Riverine SWAT formed.
- Jan01: "Baghdad Brigade"? (New IA formation.)
- Jan01: 3rd ISOF Battalion received convoy training. (1st ISOF Brigade BSB)
- Jan02: RFI response by CPT Charles Calio MNF-I MOC Press Desk - "The Baghdad Brigade is different from the Presidential Brigade. The Iraqi Army's Presidential Brigade is used primarily for the President's Office protection. It consists of three battalions, one for the president and one for each his two deputies. The Presidential Brigade was established after the collapse of the previous regime. The Baghdad Brigade reports directly to the Prime Minister and its commander are Brig. Gen. Emaad Yahseen Al Zuhary." (IA Security/MP Brigades.)
- Jan02: 1-36/9 "Mechanized" Battalion in Basrah during Dec08. (Mech Battalion? That was a T55 equipped Armor Bn. Did they trade in their T55s?)
- Jan03: 5-44/11 Battalion in Sadr City. (First report of a 5th Battalion or the inferred 4th Battalion in 44th Brigade.)
- Jan03: New year's graduation of 41/10 IA Brigade from initial training at Besmaya. (elements have been training in south since at least Oct08.)
- Jan04: RFI response from GoI National Media Center - "Baghdad Brigade belongs to Iraqi Army under the supervision of the office of the General Commander of Armed Forces."
- Jan08: 1797 new graduates for INP 3rd Division. Most to the Abu Risha Brigade in Mosul. (Expansion or gap filling?)
- Jan09: Kut AB under renovation for operations. "Future mission plans include stationing Iraqi Air Force Mi-17 helicopters at the FOB, as well as an Intelligence-Surveillance-Reconnaissance ground station for downloading data from ISR aircraft. The IqAF is in the process of procuring fuel trucks to support aircraft and generator requirements." (5th IZAF AB to be made operational.)
- Jan09: "A force from the Iraqi interior ministry's Quick Response Department..." (Separate Department in MoI for Emergency Police?)
- Jan11: "The courses provide the basic technical skills for each career field and prepare NCOs to contribute to the mission when they report to their Communications Squadrons. The graduates will be stationed at Taji, New al-Muthanna, Kirkuk, Basrah, and Al Kut Air Bases, and the Iraqi Air Operations Center." (Battalion sized communications units at the airbases and AOC.)
- Jan11: 8th IAD receiving mortar training. (Recent emphasis on mortar training indicates they will be first Div to receive heavy Mortars.)
- Jan12: Rebuilt T72s for Iraq? (False, see RFI response below. Numbers/prices are wrong. This is a repeat of the 2 year old Defense Solutions proposal and is not a finalized deal.)
- Jan12: RFI response by LCDR David Russell, USN, Press Desk Officer MNF-I CJ9 COMMS DIV to Defense News story on 2000 rebuilt T72s for Iraq - "DJ, We are pushing back on this story because, as you have stated, it is full of false information and misquotes. Thank you for pointing this out to us. We picked it up this morning and are in full push back mode. R/LCDR Russell"
- Jan13: "Al-Maliki also ordered to form a special force to protect the region, including women to search female visitors." (New unit in Kadhimiyah?)
- Jan13: 34/9 Brigade in QRF training course.
- Jan15: The 8,500 HMMWVs are to be transferred by July vice end-year.
- Jan15: T/A-50 and co-production with KS? (also mention of armored vehicles and artillery as part of tour.)
- Jan15: Armored vehicle assembly facility for Iraq as part of KS deal? (155mm SP Howitzers? AFV/IFVs? Wheeled APCs? Tanks?)
- Jan16: RFI response by SSG Susan James, MNF-I Press Desk, Media Operations Center - Current bases include Taji, Basra, NAMAB, Kirkuk and Kut. The Iraqis service plan indicates they will expand as soon as they have the personnel, funding and equipment to the following bases: Ali, Suwayrah, Al Asad, H2, Irbil, Habbaniyah, and Shaiba. Basra may or may not remain a permanent base after Shaiba opens and H3 is not currently in the service plan.
- Jan17: "This is one of several humanitarian events the National Police, 1st Battalion, Basra Brigade, 4th Division have..." (First Report of a 4th INP Div)
- Jan17: 3rd Contingent (Battalion) of Telecom Security in Mosul. (FPS)
- Jan18: RFI response by Cpt. Jeffrey A. Johnson, 123rd MPAD, US Support Element PAO Basra - "Good evening, I

have spoken with my journalist and he said the following: "Sir, I have the unit "NP 1BN, Basra BDE 4th Div" written down in my notes by both the Iraqi LTC and the unit's XO." Please let us know of any specific questions that you may have and we will try and get the information to you.

- Jan18: 2nd report from MND-SE of the "1st Battalion, Basra Brigade, 4th Division". (No data on other planned components of 4th INP Div.)
- Jan19: RFI response by SSG Aaron Thacker, MND-SE, PAO NCOIC - "I called the unit to triple check their name and ask about your questions. Here is what they told me: 1) Are there any other components to the 4th INP Div or is the still building Basrah Brigade the only element so far? They are still building the brigade. The third battalion is in the planning stages. The 1st Bn., at Basra Palace; and 2nd Bn., outside of the city; are QRFs. They will be renamed later on. 2) And what adjacent province(s) is the 4th Div also planning to own? We don't know at this point what other province they will control. The permanent headquarters hasn't been identified as of yet."
- Jan25: RFI response by 1LT John A. Brimley, MNF-I Press Desk, Media Operations Center - "According to the commanding general of the Iraq Air Force, MOD is only in discussions with South Korea on the purchase of TA-50 aircraft. There is no agreement, no quantity, and no schedule at this time."
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- Jan25: "At approximately the same time, IA soldiers serving with 2nd Battalion, 55th Brigade, 17th IA Division, found three 60 mm mortars in East Rashid." (2nd Battalion of 55th operating in Bayaa; Adjacent to 54th; 15th Div forming in west Baghdad?)
- Jan28: First 30 M1A1M instructors start training at Besmaya. "...the instructor candidates will serve as assistant instructors when the initial crews begin arriving in April 2009, building basic M1A1 skills prior to the arrival of the 140 Iraqi M1A1 tanks in the fall of 2010." (3 months to train trainers, then 18 months to train before they get their first purchased M1s. Lend/lease?)
- Jan28: 4,000 HMMWV transferred.
- Jan30: Serbian Lazar APC proposal to Iraq.
- Jan30: SIGIR Quarterly Report. ISFF construction projects. ISFF funding. PIC order is Salahadin/Kirkuk, Diyala, Ninawa, then Baghdad. MoI has limited training facilities while MoD has hiring freeze due to budget. Completion dates on select LCs and other facilities. (26th Brigade facilities in Ramadi complete 25 Feb 2009; explains why 26th is still in Basrah & 53rd is still in Baghdad; they are awaiting 26th's new facilities.)
- Feb02: Taji RTC finally getting barracks for students.
- Feb03: 2/1 INP Brigade elms AAslt.
- Feb04: First mention of 5-36th Bn. (asked if this was an error. Response was that it was the 1-5-6. That is also an error. 1-54th is the current designation of former 1-5-6.)
- Feb05: First mention of "Habbenayah SWAT".
- Feb07: "The 2009 Force Generation Plan calls for: The completion of the last 4 Location Commands; The fielding of 20 81mm Mortar Platoons and 10 120mm Artillery Batteries; The fielding of 2 Tank Battalions (T72); The fielding of key enable capabilities; 12 Service Regiments; 6 Engineering Regiments; 1 MP Company; 1 Fuel Transport Company; 13 Signal Tactical Operations Centers (TOCs); 13 Divisional Low Level Voice Interceptor and Light Motor Recon Platoons."
- Feb07: 5th ISOF Battalion redesignated from training to Recon. Budget problems.
- Feb07: USMC Force Recon training elements of 1-1/1 IA Battalion at Ramadi.
- Feb08: INP Academy at al Amarah.
- Feb10: Baaj Emergency Battalion.
- Feb10: 4-18/5 Bn. (1st report)
- Feb11: Oil Police Northern Regional Training Academy in Kirkuk. 200 cadets. 8 week course.
- Feb11: 2nd Sq still at Taji and getting Night Vision Training in their Hueys. (It is becoming obvious that the report of "2nd Sq" getting Jet Rangers and moving to Kirkuk was wrong and that that was 12th Sq despite the assertions to the contrary...)
- Feb11: "Gen. Helmick said the Iraqi military had already ordered 140 M1 Abrams tanks, up to 24 Bell Assault Reconnaissance helicopters and 6 C130-J transport airplanes. The tanks will not be delivered until 2011, and the helicopters and transport planes will not arrive until the end of 2012 or possibly in 2013."
- Feb11: "...third Brigade of the Quick Intervention Corps (QIC)..." (First mention of a corps. No number, just name...)
- Feb11: Lasta-95s first flight test. Still expect to deliver 20 to Iraq.
- Feb12: RFI response by Lt. Col. Bill Gazis, USA, MoD PA Action Officer MNSTC-I - "DJ - From the Deputy Director of our SAO... - I would say the MoD is working to prioritize their budget and would not make any assumptions about individual programs that they may delay. On MoI- They do not have all the same budget issues as MoD and I would not make any assumptions about delays in fielding any forces. On other programs impacted

by budgets...too early to speculate how their prioritization will turn out and if they will get a supplemental from cash reserves to pay for equipment, but it is safe to say their current funding levels need to be significantly increased or many programs will need to be stretched out. No plans that I have heard regarding transfer of M113s. The Iraqis have not asked for them which would be the start of a process to release them. As an aside, the Iraqis have not been real interested in tracked vehicles." (Budget crunch effects undetermined.)

- Feb12: "Each Iraqi route clearance team consists of 3 M1151 (up armored HMMWV) and one Badger route clearance vehicle with Ferret Arm."
- Feb12: "Quick Intervention Corps (QIC)'s 3rd Brigade" (Second mention of QIC.)
- Feb13: 533 members of 1-6/2 INP graduated Phase III training on 12 Feb. Next class will be 900 pers. (Expanding to 2xBns; M1117s in 1-6/2 INP Battalion)
- Feb13: SWAT competition for Al Qaim, Anah, Hadithah, and Rawah SWAT at Rawah. (SWAT elements of the four ERUs of 2nd PSF Brigade meeting at Brigade HQ.)
- Feb13: 2nd Sq completes NVD training 8 Feb.
- Feb12: Taqaddum surveyed for Training and/or logistics AB.
- Feb14: Growing Diver Force.
- Feb14: Iraqi Navy Diving Squadron receiving RHIB training at Basrah. (First report of Iraqi Navy Diving Squadron.)
- Feb15: RFI response by TSgt Chris Stagner, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center - "There has been some discussion by the GoI about creating Corps, but there is no timeline."
- Feb15: "Quick Intervention Department (QID) forces ....south of Tikrit," (4th IAD AOR.)
- Feb16: 6th Battalion in Fallujah Brigade?
- Feb18: Raid by Baghdad Brigade? (is supposed to be IZ security...)
- Feb18: "Quick Intervention Corps" (third mention)
- Feb19: New Iraqi Army Artillery School at Besmaya. Fielding 81mm and 120mm Mortars starting in Jun09. Light Artillery Wing is for the mortar training. (The "Light Artillery Wing" infers that there is a "Heavy Artillery Wing" planned for howitzers.)
- Feb19: Slide 1-"Iraqi Special Forces" patch on chest of 8th IAD soldier in the photo training. (Is this only a part of 8th Division or is it "8th Special Forces Division".)
- Feb20: 38/10 IA Brigade receiving 120mm mortar training. (First IA Brigade to be reported receiving 120mm mortar training.)
- Feb22: 6th Emergency Battalion in Dhi Qar? (1st report of more than 3 battalions there.)
- Feb23: e-mail - "I would like mention that the 16th Brigade was never moved to Tikrit. They went from Sulaymaniyah to Tuz in June 08. I was an advisor to the brigade during that time frame. The 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Divisions are due to stand up in the Sulaymaniyah province somewhere. From visiting the Sulay recruiting station it is my understanding that the divisions have been fully recruited against but the central gov't will not activate them. The 49<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the 12<sup>th</sup> Div will be activated in Kirkuk as well.
- Feb24: Mr. Mark Bangsboll, JHAATT M1A1 Project Officer/Advisor, stated, "Currently, the first four American tanks are at Besmaya Range Complex, with another 18 to be delivered within the next month. The 22 tanks will be used to train 11 Iraqi tank crews in each of thirteen future 45-day rotations. Iraq has purchased 140 M1A1 Abrams tanks, scheduled for delivery in August 2010." Salazar added, "We currently have 30 Iraqis in the M1A1 Train-the-Trainer course for the first phase of the process. The second phase will involve these new instructors training the new crews. They are committed to providing the best possible training to the Iraqi Army before they receive the first new tanks." (This sounds more like delivery completion of the first 140 in Aug 2010.)
- Feb25: Tikrit reviewed for possible air base location by IZAF. (Supporting 4th IA Div?)
- Feb26: MNSTC-I PAO - These two Divisions did form on their own, but are not supported with money, equipment, or personnel through the IA system nor by the US. They are basically the two Kurdish Divisions in the North/Northeast, and are totally self-sufficient as far as we can tell. Occasionally we hear rumors they may join the IA, but almost immediately the MoD disavows those rumors. There certainly is nothing official out, nor, as far as I know, are there any U.S. individuals invited to the inner discussions (if any are happening) on such a merger.
- Feb26: Redesignating the Emergency Battalions as Emergency Security Units? (New name to distinguish the differing units?)
- Mar01: "Iraqi Army Field Engineer Regiments began receipt and training with the Symphony electronic counter-measure system in Jan. 2009. Produced by U.S. defense contractor Lockheed-Martin, the Symphony Improvised Explosive Device jammer is a vehicle-mounted, programmable, radio-frequency IED-defeat system that emits radio interference to prevent remote triggering of roadside bombs."
- Mar01: RFI response by Naething, Robert R COL MNSTC-I JHAATT - We recognize 13. They recognize 14 [Divisions]. (the old 17IA issue again). We do know it exists though. We/they are calling a 6-tube 81-mortar unit a mortar platoon, and the 6-9 tube 120 mortar unit a battery. They had some old 82s around, but what they are buying now are 81s. Hope that clears it up.

- Mar05: "Yeah, on the intel side, we've built an intelligence academy at Taji. Their throughput is about 400 students per class. They run approximately three classes a year, along with intermediate and advanced courses. But, you know, we're trying to -- I think we have a requirement to train, you know, 40,000 intel folks, and to date, we've trained maybe 2,500 of them. So the throughput is increasing significantly, but clearly the capacity isn't there to train as many as we would like all at one given time."
- Mar08: RFI response from CDR Mark Escoe, USN, MNSTC-I, CNATT Chief of Staff, Naval Logistics Plans Officer - Q-I am seeing mentions that the Malaysians were unable to deliver the 15 patrol boats for the Iraqi Navy. 1. Is this correct? 2. If so, then is the FMS notice from 9 Dec the replacements? A- 1. yes. 2. yes.
- Mar08: DR. AL-DABBAGH (GoI Spokesman): (Speaks in Arabic.) INT: "I want to say that we have problems with the budget because of the oil. We -- The Iraqi (inaudible) the Council of Representatives are trying through -- by restructuring the, the budget, to, to fulfill all our needs. There are -- certain sectors are not going to get affected. One of them is the purchasing of equipment and the expansion of the Iraqi Security Forces because it's a big responsibility, which we have a big responsibility which is taking over the security responsibility after the American forces leaving Iraq. And we have to have the right number of equipment in order to have -- be self-reliant and self-sufficient -- and after 2011." (ISF is being shielded from Iraqi government budget cuts.)
- Mar09: Iraqi SF patch. (8th Division's Commando Battalion.)
- Mar09: AAstt training for "The Dhi Qar province's 5th Tactical Security Unit..."
- Mar09: 3-41/10 Commando Bn.
- Mar10: Q: Corps structure and development? 14 Divisions and only IGFC, IA recognizes they need intermediate structure. IA still looking at options since 14 does not fit neatly into standard structure. They will probably study/plan thru this year and might start forming in 2010 and later. CTB place in this? Currently under the PM. Troops are payed by MoD. Plan to pass CT law in 2009. Arguably CTB could belong to MoD or MoI; ownership debate. Doing excellent work. Q: Kurds? Relationship? MNSTC-I does not have a relationship with KRG. There is a dialogue with counterparts in MoD/MoI, KRG, and MNF-I.
- Mar10: "...6th Iraqi Army Division's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Battalion." (First report of a divisional ISR battalion. This could explain the 8th Div personnel training with SF patches and the 7th Div personnel being trained by USMC Force Recon.)
- Mar10: Taji National Maintenance Depot to be completely Iraqi by 1 Jan 2010.
- Mar11: Maintenance element DBE Region IV.
- Mar11: "General Dynamics Land Systems, a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), has been awarded a contract worth \$33 million to purchase long-lead materials for the production of 140 M1A1 SA (Situational Awareness) tanks for the Iraq program. The SA enhancements to the M1A1 for Iraq include a second generation FLIR thermal site, Tank Urban Survivability (TUSK) enhancements and a driver's vision-enhancing thermal viewer. The tanks will also be equipped with the TIGER engine, the Pulse Jet System, and embedded diagnostics. The TIGER engine has a monitoring system that is able to identify and alert the crew if there are potential issues with the tank." (Lead items for second buy of 140 M1A1s for Iraq.)
- Mar11: 2nd Unity Battalion. (Gave Unity Battalion a number. It is the QRF Battalion in 2nd INP Div. Probably the other two Div QRF Battalions are also numbered for their INP Div.)
- Mar11: Saqlawiya PSF located NW of Fallujah (Fallujah Provincial Security Force Brigade becoming two Brigades? Named "PSF" is usually a Brigade.)
- Mar14: "...6th Emergency Response Battalion, Iraqi national police headquarters building to conduct a training class and discuss the training and material needs of the battalion." (New Emergency Battalion in Basrah. Notice they are listing them with INP.)
- Mar14: 2nd Basrah INP Battalion is former IV DBE Region Commando Bn. Re-flagged in March 2008. (Explains the speed of fielding the BPPF in March 2008.)
- Mar14: 3-15 IA Battalion graduated War fighter training at K1 on 12 Mar 2008. (Report has wrong Div listed.)
- Mar15: T-50 contract. NFI.
- Mar15: "There has been a hiring freeze by the Government of Iraq as I understand it regarding security forces, primarily tied to their budget."
- Mar16: SAO has both M1126 and LAV-25 FMS case paperwork standing by for decision on APC buy. 24 Bell 407 with option for 26 more.
- Mar16: "Quick Response Department (QRD)" in Babil. (Reorganizing ERBs and ERUs?)
- Mar18: Aviation support for OPD? (IZAF or MoI getting helicopters?)
- Mar19: Hillah IP K9 Unit. (First report)
- Mar19: GENERAL DYNAMICS LAND SYSTEMS, INC., Sterling Heights, Mich., was awarded on Mar. 5, 2009, a \$33,182,318 a no Fee cost contract for material for the Iraq program to purchase 140 M1A1 Abrams vehicles, with an estimated completion dates of Sept. 1, 2009.
- Mar20: "Participating in the shooting course were members of the 7th Division's commando battalion, engineer regiment, and military police company." (7th ISR Battalion)

- Mar25: 6th IA Engineers receiving equip Aug 2009.
- Mar25: M1A1 training at Besmaya. First 140 to be delivered by August 2010. "Each student is trained in a variety of skills on the Abrams including how to drive, load, fire and perform basic maintenance. To be proficient in all areas of the Abrams the students will rotate between the four different positions on the M1A1 to learn the different skills needed to run the tank. Previously Iraqi soldiers were only trained on their primary position and knew little to nothing about the other soldiers' skills."
- Mar25: 24 EC635 sold to Iraq by France.
- Mar25: "They have on contract four patrol ships, 53-meter patrol ships, that they have contracted with Italy, the first of which is due to sail mid this year, due for arrival in Umm Qasr later in the year with the remainder following in about two or three month intervals. And the first of the Iraqi crews are currently undergoing training." "Currently, they don't have any organic naval aviation that's dedicated to the Iraqi navy. They have plans to deliver both a maritime surveillance capability and support helicopter lift capability. At present, that's at the requirement stage. And it may be that the most cost-effective way of delivering that is in partnership with Iraqi air force which, as you know, is currently growing as we speak." "The new pier and seawall will allow them to berth all of the existing craft and the forward-looking equipment program with no problems at all." "In terms of Seabees or what we would have anything that you would recognize as that. We still provide a level of support in that. But there are aspirations to deliver an (N-7 ?) piece. One of the difficulties we have is that the Iraqi navy is relatively small. And there are obviously competing demands on what we need the personnel for. So areas such as intelligence, engineering, construction support, they are very much in the embryonic stage, but they are target headlines for us to achieve in 2009, 2010." "Yes, they're taking on very much what you and I would understand as a traditional, albeit smaller naval organization. There is a head of the navy, there is a headquarters -- (inaudible) -- type staff that's based here in Baghdad. There is a base and an operations commander down in Umm Qasr. The naval activity is organized into Iraqi marines, Iraqi navy personnel. The Iraqi navy will be ultimately delineated into a series of squadrons, whether they're patrol ships, patrol boats, and then there will be a logistics and support squadron which will be made up of the two offshore support vessels and the requisite support organization, logistics organization down in Umm Qasr. And as I said, they are growing things like the enabling functions into intelligence, there's very much a very active personnel branch up here in Baghdad that's started to get its head around how it makes this a long-term, sustainable activity."
- Mar25: RFI response by Van N. Williams, Public Affairs Specialist, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq - 1. Q-The schedule of Iraqi naval vessels delivery.(Especially the replacement PB order.) A-There is no firm delivery timelines for the 15 PBs/2 OSVs as no contract has been signed. 20 more Defenders are due to arrive before the summer and 24 more small FABs will arrive before the end of the year. The first Italian Patrol Ship is due early summer with the remaining 3 following at 3 month intervals. 2. Q-The planned size of the Iraqi Marines. A- The IqM will consist of 2 Battalions - the first is formed and is conducting OPLAT protection and other maritime security duties. The 2nd is forming and will be trained to conduct similar roles and port security. It is hoped to have both at full strength before the end of 2009.
- Mar26: Tactical Commanders Course at Taji. "On March 22, the Iraqi Army held the opening ceremony for the new Battalion and Brigade Command Level Training Course. The course is designed to provide commanders and prospective commanders with a "toolkit" for success that addresses unit operations, staff functions, administrative suspenses, and training all of which will be compulsory for newly designated battalion and brigade commanders in the Iraqi Army." (Mandatory course for field command.)
- Mar26: Seconded 5-36/9 Battalion person training in M1A1s. (Second report of 5-36th. Temp designation? Training Battalion? Building new battalions in 9th pending adding BSB/BSTB for new Brigades? T72 tanker, which means 5-36th could be future recipient of NATO donated T72s. First report was on Feb4. That was corrected to 1-5-6. Currently 1-54th Bn. Could 1-54th be reconfiguring as Armored. Or used as a source of personnel for a new battalion?)
- Mar26: RFI response by Lt. Kathy Ferrero, MNC-I PAO - "Tactical Security Unit" is another term for an emergency brigade.
- Mar26: "Iraqi Special Forces VIII" shoulder patch noted on unit member trng in Diwaniyah. (Probably 8th ISR Bn.)
- Mar26: "ICTF" Patch in Diwaniyah. (ISOF Iraqi Counter Terrorism Task Force assisting training 8th Div Commando Bn.)
- Mar26: "Iraqi Special Forces" Patch in Diwaniyah. (8th or 9th time this patch noted in photos of training in Diwaniyah, it is ISR Battalion for 8th Div. ISOF is providing Cadre/Trng for 8th Division's ISR/Commando Bn.)
- Mar27: First mention of an IA Off-site Training Team. Civil Affairs Class for 10th Div provided by instructors from Taji's Counter-Insurgency Academy.
- Mar27: "The members of Military Transition Team 7, working with the Reconnaissance Platoon of Regimental Combat Team 8, recently launched a month-long training course designed to hone the skills of the 7th Iraqi army division's Special Operations Battalion." (This makes the potential association of ISOF with the ISR Battalions even more likely. They are referring to them as commandos...)

- Mar27: Contract for the procurement and delivery of (22) Mi-17CT helicopters in support of the Iraqi Government. Work is to be performed at Warner Robins, Ga., (15 percent), Dubai, United Arab Emirates, (20 percent), and Ulan Ude Russia, (65 percent) with an estimated completion date of Aug. 31, 2010. 3-year indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract for 18,390 M16 A4 rifles for Iraq. estimated completion date of Mar. 8, 2010. (New Special Operations Squadron and additional M16s.)
- Mar28: RFI Response by LTC Gary Kolb, MNSTC-I Public Affairs - "I double checked with our advisors working with the ISOF and they said there is not a unit being stationed in Diwaniyah." (ISOF Patches noted are probably ISR Cadre/training.)
- Mar28: Six-week Mortar Training Course for 8th IA Division ended on March 24. (The photos indicate this was 120mm mortar training.)
- Mar29: MNSTC-I's April 2009 Advisor - "The American advisors have trained five squadrons of 55 pilots and 6 gunners."
- Mar30: First graduation from Northern Oil Police Directorate's Kirkuk Regional Training Center. 200 OPF personnel graduates.
- Mar31: March 2009 9010 Quarterly report to congress released.
- Mar31: Russian company confirms deal for 22 Mi17s to Iraq.
- Mar31: 17th Division receiving 120mm mortar training.
- Mar31: DBE using UAVs.
- Apr01: "Officials said the U.S. military has transferred surplus UAV systems to the Iraqi military and security forces. They said U.S. advisers have helped operate the UAVs and trained Iraqi personnel."
- Apr01: "Lt. Gen. Anwar Ahmed said he hoped to sign a contract for 18 advanced F-16s as the centerpiece of billions of dollars Iraq is expected to spend on arms in coming years. "This is very important to us," he said in a telephone interview while visiting Washington. "It is a priority." Provided funds are made available by Iraq's Parliament, he said his goal was to acquire up to 96 F-16s through 2020. He cited the F-16C/D Block 50/52 models now being produced for Poland, Israel, Greece and Pakistan. (This is a reduction in the initial order. The original plan from November 2008, as briefed by the same officer, was for an initial purchase of 36 F16s. Two Squadrons. By 2011. Now they are talking one F-16 Squadron by 2012. And they are talking fewer trainers than the 20 in the FMS notice. The budget crunch. They are stretching out the buys of high cost items...)
- Apr02: K9 training of Tikrit IP.
- Apr02: At least 12 122mm howitzers in video article segment about salvaging equipment for IA. Battalion ID noted is 2-34 which indicates this is the 34th Brigade. Renewed emphasis on salvaging equipment in the bone yards. (Listing 1-9FA.)
- Apr03: 28 M1A1 trainers graduated train the trainer course on 31 March.
- Apr03: First report of the 4th Dhi Qar Emergency Battalion.
- Apr04: "Thi-Qar Police Department (TQPD)'s al-Sadeq Division....south of the city of al-Nassiriya" Col. Radi Niema commanding. (Battalion?)
- Apr09: 1-46/12 Battalion training on 120mm mortars in Diyala Province. (If 12th Div is already training, then all IA Divisions are training on 120mm. In Diyala? Reinforcing? Tracked mounted 120mm mortar from battalion in Kirkuk in Diyala. What is 12th Div to be when complete?)
- Apr10: Wassit IP K9 training at FOB Echo. (Babil, Dhi Qar, Salahadin, and Wassit IP receiving K9 training. Priority this spring.)
- Apr10: Basrah Emergency Police Brigade is now Tactical Support Unit. (All IP Paramilitary Brigades in Region V are now being called TSU.)
- Apr12: "Taji National Maintenance Depot, now known as the Joint Base Factory (JBF)" (New name for enlarged facility.)
- Apr14: 2-6/2 IA receiving K9 training. (It appears that they reached dog training on the ISF checklist and are trying to get it done in very short order...)
- Apr15: 4-41/10 IA Battalion at FOB Hunter. (False report of this bn. Only 3 battalions in 41st. See RFI response below under May09.)
- Apr17: 17th Div Commando/ISR Bn. (Redesignated ?-55 Battalion?)
- Apr18: e-mail - 26th IA Brigade preparing to depart Basrah; elements of 53rd IA Brigade arriving Basrah/Shaiabah.
- Apr18: Basra Air Base quarters expansion. "...this expansion is vital for the 450 additional airmen who will be reporting for duty here" (gaining a squadron or 2?)
- Apr19: IA Al Memona Location Command completion scheduled by Sep 2009. (18th Div?)
- Apr21: 10th Div (1-38/10 Battalion markings on vehicle doors) conducted a CALFEX w/mortars, DZIK, HMMWVs. Mi-17s, and troops including US air and artillery support on Apr 19. Exercise Lion's Roar. (First CALFEX.)
- Apr22: 3rd Squadron receiving AC-208 AG training.
- Apr25: 5,000 M1114 transfer on April 22. Target goal is still 8,500 by July 2009. (3,500 in 2.5 months? They are

behind schedule.)

- Apr25: 46th and 47th IA Brigades receiving 120mm Mortar Training. (If 12th Div is already being trained, then all of them are training(ed).)
- Apr26: ISOF ISWCS Graduated 80 from commando training on April 16. To be assigned to 7th (Mosul) Commando Battalion.
- Apr28: 3-39 IA Battalion training as commando battalion at Camp Ur. (That makes 2 Commando Battalions in 10th Div. Split 10th Div into 10th and 18th Divisions then that would be the ISR/Commando battalion for each of them: 3-39 in Nasariyah for 10th and 3-41 in Amarah for 18th.)
- Apr28: 42nd IA Bde receiving M120 120mm mortar training in M113 mortar carrier on 25 April at Taji. (Five of the 10 bdes planned to get 120mm mortar batteries this year have been ID'd: 23/17, 38/10, 42/11, 46/12, and 47/12.)
- Apr29: PS701 "Fatah" to set sail for Iraq from Italy. Official reflagging on May 15. 29 day trip with training en route. New flagship of Iraqi Navy.
- Apr29: Bell Helicopter Textron Inc., Hurst, Texas was awarded on Apr. 27, 2009 a \$ 60,302,880 firm fixed price contract for the production of 24 Bell 407 helicopters for the country of Iraq, with an option to purchase up to 26 additional 407 helicopters. This contract will have a 27 month period of performance for the base requirement and up to a 13 month additional period of performance if the option is exercised.
- Apr30: Khawr al Amaya under Iraqi command.
- Apr30: The Air Force is modifying a firm fixed price contract with Lockheed Martin Corp...This contract will provide four C-130J aircraft for the Iraq government. (Trimmed 2 fm the order. Confirmed by MNSTC-I that this is a reduction of the order.)
- May01: 4th Emergency Response Battalion is operating in Tikrit.
- May01: "The Iraqi National Police held a graduation ceremony April 30 at Camp Dublin to commemorate the completion of advanced unit training for members of both the 3rd Battalion, 6th Brigade, 2nd Division and the 2nd Battalion, Al Askarian Brigade, 3rd Division." The next course, which will be the ninth iteration is scheduled to load two battalions which will be 900 personnel. These will be the 2nd Battalion, Al Basrah Brigade, 4th Division and the 4th Battalion, Al Askarian Brigade, 3rd Division." (Phase III graduations and next two in training. First report of 4-1/3 INP Battalion.)
- May05: "3rd Emergency Response Unit in Tikrit" (Provincial ERU; HMMWVs)
- May07: "After an intense eight weeks of training, 65 Iraqi Soldiers from the Commando Battalion, 10th Iraqi Army Division marched across the Camp Dhi Qar parade field, near the operating base here during their graduation ceremony May 2." (Prior to this graduation they were the 3-39th Battalion. Now they are calling them "the Commando Battalion, 10th Iraqi Army Division". Clear confirmation of redesignation.)
- May07: "The Pakistani Mohafiz's were fielded in the 1st IA Division in 2006-07. Not sure if though if the 1st IA deploys with them, looks like the M-1114 is their expeditionary vehicle of choice." (Comment Posted by Brian at May 7, 2009 3:51 AM ET.)
- May08: 6th and 9th Emergency Contingents (Battalions) in Amarah. (9th??? Only had 1st thru 7th ID'd. Where is 8th? This is growing into the Maysan Emergency Division...)
- May09: RFI Response by MAJ Chad Carroll 4-1 CAV PAO - "DJ, I am the public affairs officer for 4 BCT, 1st CAV DIV. I am researching this error, but you are correct that there is NO 4th Battalion in the 41st IA Brigade. The MiTT commander informs me he believes it is the 4th Company from one of the 3 battalions. I am researching. We apologize for the confusion."
- May10: "Iraqi soldiers from 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Infantry Division and Kurdish Peshmurga soldiers from 1st Battalion, 34th Brigade clear a house in the village of Glabot, Iraq on May 9." (34th is planned to be part of 15th Div. Photos indicate KRG element in company strength at minimum. Very few IA. C2 element only? Indicator of stand up training for 15th Div elements?)
- May10: 500 "bodyguards" graduate. (INP Diplomatic Security elements? 500 is battalion strength.)
- May11: "Iraqi soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Infantry Division and Kurdish Peshmurga soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 34th Brigade take a break during a clearing operation in the village of Kala Hussein, Iraq, on May 10." (34th KRG Brigade partnered with 4/1 IA Brigade. 34th is planned to be part of 15th Div. Indicator of stand up training for 15th Div elements?)
- May12: 9th Div CALFEX at Lutifiyah. (Watch video. At least reinforced battalion, probably brigade strength. Tanks, APCs, ILAV, and SP 155mm Howitzer with Iraqi Markings. US aviation support.)
- May13: 35/9 IA Brigade identified in exercise.
- May15: PS701 commissioned.
- May15: 5 Feb 2009 slides on FMS. Slide 13-Iraq. M1A1: 140 Active/140 Proposed. Bell407: 27 active/26 proposed. Strykers: 281 active/119 proposed. ASV: 80. M16: 140k. Mi-17: 22. M1114: 8,500. (Only new data is Strykers won APC competition and there are some spare Bell407s added.)
- May18: First mention of 12th Div Recon component. (Leaves 9th and 11th Divisions' recon/commando unmentioned & 9th has 4 recon battalions.)

- May18: 2nd SOF Brigade HQ formed for RCBs? (RFI response, report erroneous. 2nd Brigade not forming until 1 Jun and force only 4,500 vice 10,000.)
- May18: DBE 7th Region in Wassit? (Error: 7th DBE Brigade)
- May18: RFI Response by Van N. Williams, MNSTC-I PAO - "According to our subject matter expert: The two brigade description is not correct. The Iraqi National Counter-Terrorism Force consists of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau, the Counter-Terrorism Command, and the Iraqi Special Operations Forces (ISOF) Brigade. Effective 1 JUN 09, a 2d Brigade HQs will be established to provide C2 of four regional battalions, which currently reside in the ISOF BDE. Therefore, the two ISOF Brigades, currently numbering around 4500 total (vice "more than 10,000") personnel, partner with US Special Forces to conduct combined operations."
- May20: RFI Response by Major Ülo Isberg, Estonian Army, Public Affairs Officer, NATO Headquarters - "As per your inquiry, I have been told that the Iraqi government is discussing transportation and refurbishment costs involved with the Slovakian T72s. No timeline has been given. Should I become aware of any changes I will advise you." (Hung up in billing and transport?)
- May22: "An Iraqi government plan aimed at transforming a counterinsurgency force geared at internal security to a larger, better-equipped Army that could defend Iraq's borders by 2020 has been scrapped." "The goal of a 300,000-strong counterinsurgency force by 2016 has also been derailed." "After putting 80,000 Iraqi soldiers through basic training last year, the figure so far this year has dropped to only about 2,000. Instead, the coalition is helping the Iraqi Army concentrate on retraining existing soldiers in areas where they are still reliant on US forces, such as logistics, intelligence, and engineering." "Most units are at 75 percent strength and the Iraqi Army is looking at consolidating soldiers by eliminating some formations." "So we think there were about 40,000 who wanted to come into the Army, but they can't, because they can't afford to pay for them." "He says that figure is believed to include about 14,000 former officers and noncommissioned officers (NCOs) who were ready to rejoin." (Budget crunch. Phase 2 [Operational Independence] and Phase 3 [Strategic Independence] plans are shot. Which means the negotiations for the US to stay and provide air cover start after the elections are over in January. It also means that some battalions are going to go away as they consolidate and standardize forces...)
- May23: "7th Contingent of the Ninewa police department" (That indicates a 5th and 6th Battalion as well.)
- May23: RFI Response by 1LT John A. Brimley, MNF-I Press Desk, Media Operations Center - "There are 5 DBE regions and they are broken down below.  
Region 1 HQ: Sulaymaniyah Tng Ctr, Bde 1, Bde 2, Bde 3, Customs Police.  
Region 2 HQ: Bde 4, Bde 5, Bde 6.  
Region 3 HQ: Al Kut Tng Ctr, Bde 7, Bde 8.  
Region 4 HQ: Basrah Tng Ctr, Bde 9, Bde 10, Bde 14, Coastal Border Guard.  
Region 5 HQ: Bde 11, Bde 12."
- May24: Baqubah Emergency Response Force 2. (New Emergency Brigade in Diyala.)
- May26: 87th Sq FMC in next year.
- May30: Second mention of 12th Div Recon component. (Leaves 9th & 11th Divisions' recon/commando unmentioned & 9th has 4 recon battalions.)
- May30: ILAV Badger Maintenance Facility at Taji turned over to Iraqi Army.
- Jun04: 2nd report Baqubah ERF 2
- Jun04: 3rd report Baqubah ERF 2
- Jun04: Erroneous report of new facilities.
- Jun05: IA Airmobile training in May at Camp Korean Village. (29/7 IA Brigade AOR. Probably 3-29/7 Battalion.)
- Jun10: "The school is preparing the unit set fielding of 13 divisional Signal Tactical Operation Centers. The centers, staffed with 29 soldiers and 23 communicators, will provide a "Train the Trainer" program, which is designed to give the Iraqi Army skilled soldiers and equipment to operate on the battlefield." (Divisional commo companies being built.)
- Jun16: "The 6th Battalion, Emergency Readiness Brigade, with Coalition forces advisors, arrested 3 suspected terrorists in an early morning mission in Baqubah June 14. It was the first mission for the 6th Battalion since becoming a nationalized force." (Baqubah ERU transferred to National ERB.)
- Jun19: Still no legislation for CTB.
- Jun19: RFI Response by Van N. Williams MNSTC-I PAO - The first/latest Iraqi Army M1A1 Abrams Tank class trained by Iraqis, graduated May 24, 2009 at the Besmiyah Range, Iraq.
- Jun22: Patrol Ship 'Fatah' Arrives in Iraq.
- Jun25: 1st NPM assigned to 1nd INP Div.
- Jun27: Elements of 3/1 INP Brigade receive AAslt training and experience. (AAslt emphasis on 1st INP Div? Planned Airmobile QRF Div?)
- Jun27: First report 4-20/5 IA Battalion.
- Jun28: Hillah SWAT (ERU) is also known as 3rd Battalion/ERB. (Nationalized: Summer 2008.)

- Jun28: Basrah Emergency Police is now 10 Battalions. Five are receiving training on vehicle and personnel searches, crime scene investigation techniques and CSI team roles and responsibilities. They are 1st, 5th, 8th, 9th, and 10th ERBs. (Expanded and redesignated with numeric.)
- Jul02: Bn in Warrior Training at Besmaya working with M1A1s. (ID not in article-pg14, RFI submitted.)
- Jul07: MNF-I Press Advisory 090707-01 2-1/4 and 4-AA/3 INP Battalions to graduate Phase III training on 9 July.
- Jul07: Contract for maintenance and repair of final 2,200 M1114 up-armored vehicles for transfer to the Iraqi Army. Work is to be performed in Iraq, estimated completion date Jan. 31, 2010.
- Jul08: NOC declared FMC on Jul 6. \_NOC, JOC, and NCC are FMC.
- Jul09: New DOC HQ.
- Jul09: "headquarters of the Abu Risha Emergency Contingent in southern al-Ramadi. (I thought Abu Risha Brigade was in Mosul. Are they finally starting the move to Anbar?)
- Jul11: 20/5 IA Brigade training on 120mm Mortars.
- Jul14: Bridge training for "the 4th, 5th, and Headquarters IA Field Engineer Regiment." (First mention of a HQ IA FER. IGFC Engineering Regiment.)
- Jul16: INP renamed to Federal Police.
- Jul16: RFI response from LT Todd Spitler, J.D., USN, MNF-I Media Operations Center, Press Desk Officer INP renamed to Federal Police is confirmed. "Correct IS1. They are the Federal Police. Appreciate the heads-up."
- Jul17: Order of PBs. 4 by end-2010, 15 total.
- Jul18: "The Iraqi National Canine Program began as a small pilot-size program consisting of 29 canines trained in explosive detection. The canines were primarily used for force protection at facilities and other sites within the Ministry of Interior. The program is building capacity with a current planned increase to 112 canines. The strategic goal for the program is to train more than 400 canines." (First report of K9 training in Ministry of Interior was March 2009. MoI continues to go to the dogs.)
- Jul24: e-mail "I just heard about a 9<sup>th</sup> Emergency Police in Rifai (northern Dhi Qar) from a colleague in NIIA (Iraqi MoI intel). Lots of detail, very convincing. One company in each sub-district. Undertake static checkpoint and raiding activity." (Indicates a 7th, 8th and 9th Emergency Battalion exists in Dhi Qar.)
- Jul27: Iraq "building a 160-km ditch, 3 meters deep and 3 meters across, to prevent people and vehicles from crossing the low populated vast desert that joins western Anbar province to Syria." (Border is getting more emphasis. Berm and ditch.)
- Jul27: HMMWV training for 2-14 DBE Battalion. (2-14 DBE becoming a "Commando" Battalion?)
- Jul28: "We're going to bring this team over here to try and get them some creative solutions that might allow them to have some capacity by 2011," Odierno said, citing use of retired U.S. F-16 fighters or the purchase of aircraft from other countries as possible steps in the process. (Used F16s for Iraq?)
- Jul29: Iraq trying to get an air defense capability sooner.
- Jul30: 1-33/8 Battalion graduated Warrior training at 3rd RTC Numaniyah on 20 July.
- Jul31: 9010 Quarterly Report released.
- Aug03: "Lt. Col Mohammed Al Baydani said the Federal Police have a plan to set up a brigade headquarters in every province, including the self-ruled Kurdistan region, over the next two years." "Today, the Federal Police is comprised of four divisions and 17 brigades, including a mechanized and sustainment brigade and the Al-Askari Brigade that is dedicated to providing security for Al-Askari mosque in Samarra during the its reconstruction." (I have only 16 Bdes including the forming Diyala Bde. What is the new one?)
- Aug04: "A member of parliament says that PM Nouri al-Maliki has reached an agreement with Kurdish leaders regarding the status of the Kurdish militia (Peshmerga). MP Firyad Rawandouzi, from the Kurdistan Alliance explained that Maliki agreed to absorb the Peshmerga into the national defense apparatus. The arrangement would expedite the pending formation of two new divisions (15th and 16th). The remaining Peshmerga members would either be absorbed into the police force, civilian institutions or be retired, according to Rawandozi."
- Aug04: Late entry from Jul22: "The director of the National Command Center, Ministry of the Interior, on Wednesday, the Iraqi government will purchase 15 aircraft from the United States to use in border control and the implementation of other special functions." (No details or follow on reporting seen.)
- Aug08: First report of 1st Mosul Emergency Battalion's location.
- Aug08: First report of 8th Dhi Qar Emergency Battalion's location.
- Aug11: Option for two more Iraqi C-130Js executed.
- Aug11: "We [MND-N] also work with five Iraqi army divisions, one Federal Police division, the Iraqi police and the Sons of Iraq. About 156,000 Iraqi security forces serve within the Iraqi Army, Iraqi police and National Police throughout MND-North. In addition, we coordinate with the Kurdistan regional forces, called the peshmerga, and they total approximately 100,000 active forces."
- Aug12: Contract to provide for seven T-6A, Texan II training aircraft including ground based training systems, aircraft spare parts, technical publications, and two years of contractor logistics for the Iraqi Air Force.
- Aug13: "The aircraft should be delivered from November 2008 – April 2009, with options to buy additional aircraft

in annual lots of 6." "That schedule has slipped considerably, but a formal request has now been issued for 56 aircraft, as Iraq seeks a combination of trainer and armed counterinsurgency aircraft to support its force. Delivery will give the IqAF's its first combat aircraft since the Saddam Hussein era. Work is reportedly underway, and a contract has been placed for its complementary trainer version..." (T-6A and AT-6Bs)

- [Aug17](#): 52nd Brigade field maneuvers. At least battalion vs battalion. (Why are they calling 52nd Brigade a "Navy Brigade"?)
- [Aug17](#): [RFI response to Aug12 announced contract by Daryl Mayer, 88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs](#): "The contract you asked about was awarded for 8 T-6As with an option for 7 additional T-6As. I hope this helps."
- [Aug17](#): "...contract to provide for 8 T-6A Texan II training aircraft produced by Hawker Beechcraft Corp., including ground-based training systems, aircraft spare parts, technical publications, and two years of contractor logistics support for the Iraqi Air Force." (This makes 15 announced in contracts.)
- [Aug18](#): "Although the new headquarters has been functioning since early March, ISOF's 2nd Brigade was officially activated during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on a military compound in the Iraqi capital Aug. 4."
- [Aug18](#): [Comment by Jack winters](#): "Hi DJ On another topic about the M1 and where they're going to go, that question was asked by reporters to the defense minister; and he said they're going to the Ninth Div, and the T72's are going to go to other units in the army. So the idea they are going to go to Baghdad div is not in the mind set of the MOD."
- [Aug20](#): "The clinic facility at Camp Dublin will support up to 2,000 students at the Federal Police Training Center as well as some tenet units at Camp Dublin, such as emergency response brigades." (Plural? Is Dublin the new future HQ for ERF?)
- [Aug21](#): Iraq's Wasit Federal Police Brigade (The seventeenth FP Brigade is identified. Nationalized Wassit Emergency Police.)
- [Aug22](#): "4th Battalion, 34th Brigade, 11th IA Division." Salman Pak. (Typo? OPCON 11th Div? Or xfer to 11th Div? RFI sent.)
- [Aug24](#): 48/12 Bde training 120mm Mortar Battery. (Graduated 19 Aug; 20/5, 30/8, 38/10, 42/11, 23/17, 46/12, 47/12, & 48/12 have been tng on 120mm.)
- [Aug25](#): 1-40/10 Bn trng on 81mm.
- [Aug26](#): Solicitation for two Iraqi OSVs. "The first OSV must be delivered in July, 2011. The second OSV must be delivered in November, 2011." (Note the slow speed and the support capability for refuel/rewatering the PBs and FABs plus diver support. Interestingly, is it to have a CIC that could be used for command/control of the fast boats. Flagship as well as mother-ship to the small PBs? 5 meter pier depth. There is not a frigate in existence that does not draw more water. Unless the Iraqi Navy plans to more than double the dredged depth of the piers, you can forget about anything larger than PGGs.)
- [Aug27](#): First report of 49th IA Brigade.
- [Aug28](#): 2nd report Wassit FP Bde.
- [Aug29](#): "The Air Force aims to retire 134 F-16s and 112 F-15s in 2010, if Congress approves the cuts. The Air Force believes taking jets out of service will save money that can be spent on other aircraft needs, such as buying stealthy F-35 Lightning II fighters. If the Air Force turns over retired F-16s to Iraq, the service will still have enough backup fighters, Shackelford said. He did not say whether the U.S. would lease the planes or give them to Iraq. The Air Force is also looking at equipping its Iraqi counterpart with a light cargo airplane and a light attack fighter. Iraq's fighter priority is a jet fighter, not a light attack fighter that is typically a single-engine turbo-prop airplane, Shackelford said. The turbo-prop T-6 Texans that the Iraqi air force recently agreed to buy are intended as trainers, not attack planes, he said. The search for a light cargo airplane is just beginning, Shackelford said. In July, Air Force Materiel Command asked aircraft firms to submit information on potential cargo planes." (Ret USAF F-16s to Iraqi AF? Other cargo AC or more C130s? Lt Atk?)
- [Aug29](#): 19 MiG21/23 aircraft being returned from Serbia. Sent for servicing in 1989 and never returned. (OPERATIONAL???)
- [Aug31](#): "But Serbian officials say that, if Iraq plans to use them to rebuild its Air Force, their hopes will be dashed: Most of the planes, they said Friday, are cannibalized, abandoned and useless. Only two or three of the jets are still "in one piece" — including one that was until recently stored in Belgrade's aircraft museum — the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss what they said was a military secret."
- [Aug31](#): The IZAF received a new headquarters on 23 August 2009. At Victory Base and called "Hawk Base"
- [Sep05](#): 7th and 5th ERB activity.
- [Sep07](#): [Late entry from Jul06](#): Two French companies said on Friday they had won business contracts worth up to 90 million euros from the Iraqi authorities to build naval craft and an airport in the country. Iraqi authorities promised shipbuilder OCEA a contract worth up to 60 million euros (84 million dollars) to build two naval support vessels, its chief executive Roland Joassard said. It also applied for a deal to build six naval interceptor craft. (Interceptors are .50 cal armed speedboats.)
- [Sep09](#): U.S. Air Force Central Assess Iraqi Air Sovereignty
- [Sep11](#): Lockheed Martin Corp., Eagan Minn., was awarded a \$28,123,449 contract for Command and Control

System to be installed at Ali Air Base, Iraq.

- [Sep12](#): First boot camp training reported since 2008.
- [Sep14](#): "the first post-war Iraqi service member to earn a certification in air traffic control from the International Civil Aviation Organization"
- [Sep15](#): New class of ICTF graduated 5 Sep 2009 (Co- sized).
- [Sep19](#): First mention of Air Force Intel and Naval Intel Courses.
- [Sep20](#): 4-36/9 Bn AAslt.
- [Sep20](#): "Iraqi soldiers, assigned to the 10th Iraqi Army Division, conduct timed trials of setting up mortar tubes at Camp Ur, Dhi Qar, Iraq, Sept. 17. The soldiers are new to the Army and are completing their basic combat training before being assigned to their permanent duty stations as mortar soldiers." (Boot camp resumed and providing mortar troops at Camp Ur.)
- [Sep20](#): The first time they have referred to a "1st ESU Bn" in Kirkuk. (Previously it was just the ESU. Indicates a 2nd ESU Bn now exists. Probably the Emergency Bn.)
- [Sep20](#): IA 8/2 Bde 1yr into 90-day trng deployment to Anbar.
- [Sep21](#): 2-11 DBE Commando Bn in Maysan? (11th DBE has the Saudi/Muthanna border. Augmenting the Iranian border? Training? Note: the eighth DBE Cdo Bn ID'd.)
- [Sep23](#): Contract for the production of three Bell 407 commercial helicopters to be used as the training system platform for the Iraqi Armed 407 program, as described in pseudo Foreign Military Sale E4-B-UBY.
- [Sep25](#): New EB; 10th Maysan Emergency Battalion located in Al Kahlaa.
- [Sep25](#): "In Bayji, the 3rd Brigade Salah ad Din Police Unit arrested nine suspects in a series of security operations throughout the city." (New nationalized brigade)
- [Sep26](#): 3rd ESU south of Kirkuk.
- [Sep27](#): IA 3rd Div's and 11th Div's Commandos at company strength.
- [Sep28](#): Swiftships Shipbuilders is being awarded a contract for the detail design and construction of nine patrol boats and associated equipment and services for the Iraq Navy. The contract is for nine Swiftships model 35PB1208E-1455 patrol boats along with six 30mm gun weapons systems, machine gun mounts and cradles, spare parts, and contractor engineering technical services. Work is expected to be completed by August 2012. (Other 6 are French order [Sep07].)
- [Sep29](#): Ministries of Defense, Interior Hold 23 September Graduations. ITAM-Intel: Sept. 10 Intermediate Intel Crs 326 (students) Taji. ITAM-Police: Sept. 10 Human Rights 100 Baghdad Police Col.; Sept. 10 Basic Recruit Training 102 Diwaniyah; Sept. 12 Basic Recruit Training 305 Al Anbar; Sept. 17 Basic Recruit Training 2000 Maysan; Sept. 24 Basic Recruit Training 500 Sulayminiyah; Sept. 25 Basic Recruit Training 1449 Furat. ITAM-AF: Sept. 15 Ground Radar Crs 37 Taji; Sept. 22 Enginer Crs 25 Taji; Sept. 23 Air Systems Crs 12 Taji; Sept. 26 Fixed/Rotary Wing 25, Kirkuk. ITAM-Army: Sept. 6 12th Field Engr Reg and Unit Set Fielding. 527 Besmaya; Sept. 13 M1A1 Tanker Crs 42 Besmaya; Sept. 15 Engineer Officer Basic 37 Taji; Sept. 17 Inf. Officer Basic 362 Kirkush; Sept. 27 Bomb Disposal School IED 7 Besmaya; Sept. 28 81mm Mortar Training various numbers in Besmaya; Kirkush; Numaniyah; Tallil; Kirkuk; Sept. 30 Chemical Officer Crs 9 Taji; Sept. 30 Basic Comm Officer Crs 56 Taji. (page 4) 17th Iraqi Army Division getting more AAslt experience (page17).
- [Sep29](#): "...the Defense Ministry made a contract with the USA to purchase F-16 jet fighters and other brands of support and transport aircrafts. Zebari pointed that Air Force capabilities would be completed on a regional level by 2020..."
- [Sep30](#): Swiftships Shipbuilders awarded a contract to provide 35-meter patrol boat training in support of the Iraqi Navy. Training will be comprised of training simulators, including spare parts, and patrol boat training inclusive of course development, execution of the training curricula and other incidentals, such as berthing and messing for Iraqi sailors.
- [Oct01](#): First mention of OPD elements in Baghdad. (Knew they had to be there, but never seem to be reported.)
- [Oct02](#): 1-15 Bn trng on 120mm.
- [Oct03](#): 10th Phase III FP graduation. 798 graduates. No IDs on the two FP Bns. "The next class convenes Oct. 10 with 40 Kurdish trainees scheduled to participate in the training course" (First Kurds in FP Phase III; train-the-trainer for KRG SP?)
- [Oct04](#): "17th Iraqi Army Division's Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance section" (Reduced from Intel Co of the Cdo bn.)
- [Oct04](#): 3-11 DBE Bn in Maysan. (That is the second bn of 11th Bde in Maysan vice operating in normal Muthanna location. No recent reporting of 9th Bde in Maysan. May have swapped Bde AORs as part of the purge of Maysan Police Forces.)
- [Oct04](#): 10th Commandos Battalion still operating with 407 pers assigned as of 3 Oct. Started 4-weeks of "War Fighter" training at Camp Ur on 3 Oct.
- [Oct08](#): "The new Iraqi army continues to expand and professionalize its forces with 383 new lieutenants starting the Infantry Officer Basic Course at the Kirkush Military Training Base here Oct. 4. This is the largest class ever to go

through training in the Iraqi army."

- [Oct09](#): Second PS delivered. "Nasir"
- [Oct14](#): First mention of a "5th Brigade of the Emergency Police". (Probably more than one bde in Maysan given their bn count. Numbering them is part of FP absorbing them.)
- [Oct18](#): RFI response by Harry Schute, Consulting Advisor to the KRG Security Affairs, Erbil, Kurdistan, Iraq "Regarding the question you have sent below to the KRG web site. At the moment there is no schedule regarding the transfer of Peshmerga forces to the Iraqi Army or Police."
- [Oct18](#): CALFEX with 120mm mortars in use by the IA on 15 Oct 2009. (33/8 Bde is in Karbala. 12 of 10 planned [for this year] 120mm batteries identified.)
- [Oct20](#): First of the T-6As to be delivered in 2009.
- [Oct20](#): 10th Div's Cdos now called a company. (It was still a bn on Oct 3 with 407 assigned; disestablishment of the cdo bn in last two weeks.)
- [Oct21](#): Karkh Area Command Strike Team. "IA Soldiers from six different units, that formed the new team, trained together for six weeks under the tutelage of combat advisors from the U.S. Air Force, special operations, the KAC Advisory Team, and D Troop, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Training focused on movement and weapons skills, advanced small unit tactics, mounted combat patrols, intelligence gathering, explosives ordinance disposal, and physical fitness training, which culminated in a combat patrol in west Rashid. "This is the first class of the Strike Team that will eventually number over 400 Soldiers," said Capt. John Stires, of Palatine, Ill., the KAC Advisory Team operations officer. "The Strike Team will be responsible for all quick response operations for Multi-National Division—Baghdad west of the Tigris River." The Strike Team was formed from collaborations between Iraqi Staff Gen. Ali Hamadi, the Karkh Area Commander and Brig. Gen. Frederick Rudesheim, the deputy commanding general for support with MND-B." (If they are forming a QRF Bn for KAC, then they are for RAC. Photos show it as a Joint FP/IA force. All with AAslt wings. SF.)
- [Oct21](#): Photos of the graduation of KAC Strike Team. (Definitely mixed IA and FP. Called a SF graduation.)
- [Oct23](#): First mention of "14th Provisional Transport Regiment" (Provisional? MTR(s) being broken up after training to form cadre of BSBs? Or was 14th MTR split to provide cadre for 18th?)
- [Oct23](#): "transactions to buy Russian armoured personnel carriers and tanks, French and Russian vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, and Italian war service boats, in addition to two F16 squadrons and one F18 squadron." "The last list of procurements submitted by the Iraqi Ministry of Defence shows that the Iraqi Army is also trying to get 440 American armoured personnel carriers, 360 Russian armoured personnel carriers, 60 Polish armoured personnel carriers, and 35 Brazilian Cascavel armoured personnel carriers." (Details sound like 2007 purchasing plan, but, could be resurrection of the canceled parts of the plan and new purchases.)
- [Oct24](#): "Hawijah Emergency Services Unit" (First report)
- [Oct24](#): Quote: He said Iraq's border force lacked training, equipment and manpower. According to Majeed [Lieutenant General Ali Ghaidan Majeed, commander of Iraqi ground forces], Iraq's security forces will be fully "built up" by 2020 as part of a three-phase plan, the first phase of which is due to conclude by 2011. That plan, however, is hampered by a lack of financial resources -- Iraq's oil-dependent economy is attempting to rebuild after decades of violence, war and sanctions. "The budget changed our plans ... This will affect this phase, and it will also affect the later phases," he said, noting that while the original plan had called for a total of 17 mechanized battalions to be ready by the end of 2011, only 10 will now be available. Asked whether that would affect the Iraqi security forces' readiness for the eventual withdrawal of US troops from the country, the general said everything hinged on the readiness of the Iraqi police (IP). "The obstacle is the IP are not ready. Our concern is that ... we cannot leave the cities if the IP are not ready by the end of 2011," he said. Unquote (Mech reduced by 7 bns. Three are Stryker, what are the other 4?)
- [Oct25](#): 27/7 IA Bde does capabilities exercise on 20 Oct.
- [Oct25](#): 25 of 20 planned mortar platoons for 2009 training.
- [Oct26](#): Route-clearance training for Mosul Federal Police.
- [Oct26](#): Additional photos from 19 Oct KAC Strike Team graduation. (Clearly stating mixed Police and Army in these captions. DZIK3 equipped.)
- [Oct26](#): IZAF gets 6 new US made aircraft. Kirkuk. (Cessna 172 order complete?)
- [Oct27](#): Kirkuk gets 6 helos. (What helos? Kirkuk was not due to receive any helos ATT. Poss mis-translation?)
- [Oct27](#): Training job offer in Iraq on Huey IIs. (Indicates 2nd Sq may be transferring to Flight Training duties in Tikrit. Possible additional Hueys to AF?)
- [Oct28](#): Elements of 53/14 Bde trng in Nasariyah.
- [Oct28](#): Second mention of 14th "Provisional" Transport Rgt.
- [Oct29](#): Third mention of 14th "Provisional" Transport Rgt.
- [Oct29](#): 53rd Bde, 14th Div deployed out of Basrah and recv trng at COP Adder (Nasariyah) from 1-77AR/4-1C (US Armor Bn).
- [Oct29](#): Twenty-four Iraqi army captains graduated from the first company commander course at the infantry officer

school at Kirkush Training Center Oct. 21, 2009.

- [Oct29:](#) "One hundred and six soldiers from the 6th and 8th Iraq Army divisions combined to conduct a live-fire exercise at the An Numaniyah Multi-Purpose Range Complex Oct. 22. The live-fire exercise is the culminating event of an intensive 21-week course in 81mm mortar training. The 81mm mortar course is a premier training opportunity for the Iraqi security forces and has the personal attention of the Iraqi Minister of Defense. In recognition of the effectiveness of this course enrollment has tripled from 40 soldiers per cycle to 120 soldiers per cycle." (First mention of upgrades to 6th Div. Sent to Numaniyah - Besmaya overloaded?)
- [Oct30:](#) ATC system for Kirkuk. Network forming.
- [Nov04:](#) elems of 3-41/10 getting route-clnc trng.
- [Nov04:](#) 41st Bde best in IA one year after IOC. (38th and 41st prob the infantry core of the 18th Mech Div when they split 10th Div.)
- [Nov04:](#) "Forty-Two Iraqi women became the first all-female graduating class from the Iraqi army's enlisted basic combat training course..." (Al Muthanna RTC?)
- [Nov11:](#) First Iraqi-led Inspector General Course Graduates 17 pers (Fifth IG class but, first class to be Iraqi trained.)
- [Nov13:](#) Nasir arrives Umm Qasr.
- [Nov13:](#) First IZAF Hellfire successful target shoot.
- [Nov13:](#) Detachment of 4th Transport Sq [Mi17s] to al Taqaddum. (Starting to stand up air base? Plnd for 2011.)
- [Nov13:](#) September 2009 Qtrly Report released.
- [Nov14:](#) "An Iraqi federal police officer, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Mosul Brigade, 3rd Federal Police Division, sits in the kitchen waiting for lunch at brigade headquarters in western Mosul, Iraq, Nov. 11, 2009." (Typo? Or redesignation? Mosul Bde was the 4/3 INP Bde - Now it is the 1/3 FP Bde. And Diyala Bde was added to the 3rd FP Div but they say only 4 bdes in 3rd. Was Samarra Bde (1/3) transferred and redesignated? Or are they shifting more of the EP Bdes into 3rd Div and redesignating. There are two EP Bdes in Ninawa as well as the Mosul FP Bde. Ninawa EP has 11 total EB/ERUs. That is enough with the Mosul FP Bde to be a Ninawa Division. 3rd FP Div could be becoming the Ninawa FP Div with the Mosul FP Bde being redesignated as its 1st Bde.)
- [Nov16:](#) M1A1 training photos. (only temp markings A33, B11, and B13. Figure the first bn set at 35 tanks: 11 per co, 3 tank companies. This indicates crews for the first [B11] and second company [B13] of the second bn are training. Plus a third co of first bn [A33] crew training, probably replacement for crews that did not pass or remediation. Which fits with the sched of a company every 6wks starting 4 April. They should be graduating second co, second bn about now. First six companies done by new years. Minus the remedials/washouts.
- [Nov16:](#) Two OSVs contract to be awarded.
- [Nov16:](#) Delivery of third AC-208. Total deliveries of 3 RC-208, 5 TC-208, and 3 AC-208 to date.
- [Nov17:](#) 1/1 IA Bde rcvg AAslt trng w/ USMC CH53s/2-504PIR on Nov 15 for upcoming mission. (Most of 1/1 has AAslt trng. Prob trng new pers/bn not trnd.)
- [Nov19:](#) Possible sale of up to 15 AgustaWestland AW109 Light Utility Observation helicopters, or alternatively, 15 Bell Model 429 Medical Evacuation and Aerial Observation helicopters, or 15 EADS North America UH-72A Lakota Light Utility helicopters; and, up to 12 AgustaWestland AW139 Medium Utility helicopters, or alternatively, 12 Bell Model 412 Medium Utility helicopters, or 12 Sikorsky UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters equipped with 24 T700-GE-701D engines. The estimated cost is \$1.2 billion. (This fits for the MoI DBE support Squadron. 15 lt observation/recon and 12 medium utility helos.)
- [Nov22:](#) "Talabani's visit resulted in the signing defense agreements to train the Iraqi army and updated on 18 aircraft (Mirage F-1)And helicopters, and provide 300 scholarships..." (Mirage F1s left in France for servicing from 1990. one squadron's worth. No delivery date.)
- [Nov22:](#) Comment from sheytanelkebir (11/22/2009 02:14:41) indicating 17th Div moving south and taking over in Babil. (Unconfirmed but plausible. 55th Bde still in Rasheed District)
- [Nov23:](#) [Kirkuk] "Squadron 1 employs the Cessna 172 and 208. In Squadron 3, their Cessna 208s have two configurations; the RC-208, outfitted for ISR missions, and the AC-208, outfitted for ISR and/or kinetic strike with the AGM-114 Hellfire missile. Squadron 3 fired their first Hellfire, Nov. 4." (New IZAF squadron ID: 1st Training Squadron.)
- [Nov23:](#) "The 2nd and 3rd Iraqi army divisions are professionalizing their forces with 81mm mortar training at the Kirkuk Training Center this month. The divisions have been training since Nov. 1. (Last two Divs to start mortar training on 81mm; next will be 120mm.)
- [Nov29:](#) "Forty-four tank crewmen from the 9th Division graduated from the fifth class in the M1A1 Iraqi tank familiarization course at the Besmaya Training Center Nov. 18." (On schedule for 6 classes complete by end-year.)
- [Nov29:](#) "More than 150 Iraqi army soldiers conducted their end-of-course live-fire exercise Nov. 22 at the An Numaniyah Multi-Purpose Range Complex, culminating the 21-day course here." (When you consider that only the firing crew require this trng that is about 30 mortar teams or 5 batteries. There are 6 other sites trng mortar crew.)
- [Nov29:](#) 1-35/9 completes "Warrior Training" on Nov 25. (Title of article indicates entire 9th Div has now gone thru Warrior Training.)

- [Nov29:](#) Electrical Mechanical Engineering School graduated 28 Iraqi army students from the BTR-80 maintenance course and 27 Iraqi army students from the BMP-1 maintenance course Nov. 23. The soldiers came from six different Iraqi army divisions as well as special operations forces. The courses began 2 Nov. [21 days] "At the conclusion of the course, Iraqi army Col. Hassan, the EME School commander, presented the soldiers with graduation certificates. Hassan recognized Adel Abdul-Shaheed, assigned to the medium maintenance workshop for special operations forces, as the honor graduate for the BTR-80 course. Col. Hassan also recognized Ehab Muhammed Abd, of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Brigade, 8th IA Division, as the honor graduate for the BMP-1 maintenance course." (Only three IA Divs have been identified with BMP1s and BTR80s: 9th Div has most followed by 7th Div and 11th Div. None reported in ISOF, however, the new Strike Teams were originally planned to be equipped with BTR-3E1 - a BTR80 variant. There are elements of 9th Div augmenting 5th Div and 14th Div. And the graduation of an 8th Div member indicates his bn is tapped to become part of the future mech division to be split off from 8th Div - 19th Div in Wassit.)
- [Dec03:](#) "The first two Hawker Beechcraft T-6A Texan IIs for the Iraqi Air Force departed Wichita on their delivery flight on 1 December 2009, transiting from Beech Field (KBEC) via Des Moines, IA (KDSM) to Toronto Pearson International Airport (CYYZ), Toronto, ON, Canada, onwards to Ostend in Belgium. They were numbered YI-501 (c/n PT-496) and, YI-502 (c/n PT-497). Iraqi Air Force titles were covered over for the delivery flight, and National Insignia will be applied after delivery. They were flown by Hawker Beechcraft test pilots, using their callsigns as flight numbers, HBK122 and HBK178."
- [Dec04:](#) MoI initiated a \$49 million purchase from the US Nov. 28 of a border surveillance system that provides coverage for large portions of Iraq's borders with Syria and Iran. When the system becomes operational in June 2010, Iraqi border police will be monitoring activity along 286 kilometers of Iraq's Syrian border and 402 kilometers of its border with Iran. The surveillance system provides towers with cameras, infra-red sensors, and communication relays to alert a regional command center of border intrusions. The scalable system can be upgraded to include additional sensors, such as radars or high-fidelity cameras. Its modular design allows an increase in its effective area of coverage. It is also capable of communicating information to a central headquarters for assessment.
- [Dec06:](#) First report of 4-47/12 Battalion active.
- [Dec07:](#) Lasta95 in Iraq. First confirmation of delivery.
- [Dec08:](#) Late entry from Nov26 article. "Qalachwalan and Zakho military colleges will close January 15, 2010, under decision No. 566 signed by the Iraqi Minister of Defense. Both colleges will become two military training schools," said Yawar. The Iraqi Minister of Defense, in the past, suggested to Iraqi Premier Nuri al-Maliki that the Iraqi Ministry of Defense doesn't need four military colleges and all Iraqi military colleges should become one in Baghdad under the name Rostamiya, Yawar noted. "Al-Maliki consented to the demand. This issue has nothing to do with pending issues between Baghdad and Erbil." [Two DTCs for the two KRG divs going to the IA? or RTCs.] "But now, because of having many military officers and four military colleges in Iraq, the Iraqi Ministry of Defense decided to close three of them—two in Kurdistan Region and one in Nassiriya city," explained Yawar. Kurdistan Region's Ministry of Peshmarga is now taking preparations to open two special colleges belonging to the Ministry as a substitution for Qalachwallan and Zakho military colleges." [Explains the establishment of separate Navy and Air force academies: Not enough room at Rustamiyah.] "He said there are negotiations to organize the Ministry of Peshmarga forces, and to form military units. "The last decision has been decreed concerning the existence of one unified Peshmarga Army under the control of Ministry of Defense. No army is allowed outside the control of the ministry's rules." [Sounds like the Mountain Divs are about to be commissioned finally. Possibly as their own KRG corps.] (2x Mtn Divs = 30,000. 1x FP Div = 12,000. KRG = 100,000. 100,000-(30,000+12,000)=58,000; 58,000-30,000 IP=28,000 remaining. Discounting 30,000 as Kurdish IP, that leaves enough for a 3rd Mtn Div and a 2nd FP Div in the Peshmerga. Or a 3rd and 4th Mtn Div. Could be looking at a Mtn Div HQ at Qalachwalan, Zakho, and Erbil. [Erbil has been training troops.] A three [poss 4] Div corps... The apparent 15th Division forming in Baghdad and Presidentials could be part of the transfer. 2 or 3 IA Divs in KRG and 1 or 2 IA Divs for Baghdad from the KRG plus the KRG SP Div for the FP.)
- [Dec08:](#) "Iraqi army soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 37th Engineer Brigade, 9th Iraqi Division, learn about scanning for Improvised Explosive Devices and pull 360 degree security to cordon the area on Camp Taji, Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 7, 2009." (RFI sent. Believe this is an error.)
- [Dec08:](#) "The CBG consists of four "boat groups" and one land-based battalion that patrol the land along the Shat al-Arab and costal border with Iran from Al Faw to Basrah." (Added a land based bn to structure; from 52nd IA Bde?)
- [Dec08:](#) General Dynamics Land Systems, Inc., Sterling Heights, Mich., was awarded on Dec. 7, 2009, a \$14,317,682 cost-no-fee contract for material for the Iraq program to purchase 140 M1A1 Abrams vehicles. estimated completion date of May 31, 2011. (Second order of M1A1 Tanks.)
- [Dec09:](#) "Al-Maymouna military site for logistic services has been opened south of Amara, a local media director said on Wednesday. "The site, located 10 km south of Amara, will provide logistic services for the 38 th and 41 st brigades of the Iraqi army," Col. Aziz Soweilam told Aswat al-Iraq news agency.
- [Dec09:](#) "Anatoly Grytsenko, head of the Ukrainian parliament's security and defense committee, said the agreement with the Iraqi ministry of defense calls for Ukraine to produce and deliver 420 BTR-4 armored personnel carriers,

six AN-32B military transport planes and other military hardware to Iraq."

- [Dec10:](#) 2 bns of Federal Police graduated Phase III "Carabinieri" training at Camp Dublin in Baghdad December 10, 2009. (No IDs on these or the previous two FP bns to graduate.)
- [Dec11:](#) "Oleksandr Kovalenko said the contract envisages supplies of over 400 units of armored vehicles within 3-3.5 years, some ten aircraft An-32, and provision of services to the Iraqi side on repair and upgrade of aircraft. "To date, a contract has been signed on supplies of BTR-4 and An-32 planes. We hope there will be supplies of Oplot tanks," he said. He said Ukraine is likely to supply its first batch of military equipment in 2010." (Separate transport squadron? Or 23rd? Possible tanks.)
- [Dec11:](#) "MEMONA – A ceremonial ribbon cutting in Maysan province Dec. 10 commemorated the official opening of the Iraqi Army Location Command." "Established there is a fuel facility with the capacity to store 1.5 million liters of bulk fuel, three vehicle maintenance facilities, a bakery, an ice house and five warehouses that, once fully operational, will play a critical support role for the security forces on the border with Iran." (Confirmed. Supports 38th/41st Bdes. Split of 10th Div in 2010?)
- [Dec12:](#) New IA EOD School at Al Muthanna: "Approximately 150 new explosive ordnance disposal teams are expected to train at the school in coming months." On the Federal Police Compound [when did that form?]; "The buildings are located on the federal police compound in the al-Muthana district of Baghdad. Once the current contract for training the Iraqi EOD teams is complete, the federal police will have full use of the facility. The sharing of the facility is an example of how different Iraqi directorates and forces can work together toward the common safety and security of Iraq." (FP compound indicates the start of nationalizing Muthanna EP. This location is the same as the IA Female Bootcamp grad last month. New Joint RTC...)
- [Dec13:](#) The first time students from the Ministries of Defense and Interior attended and graduated from the combined basic medic course at Taji, Iraq on 5 Dec.
- [Dec13:](#) 15th DBE Bde in Anbar. (New DBE Bde.)
- [Dec13:](#) RFI response by MAJ Joe Scrocca, MNC-I CUROPS PAO, Joint Operations Center: "The release is correct as written - 15th Bde, 2nd Region DBE." (DBE has formed their fourteenth bde. Region II first to have 4 bdes. I expect 20 total eventually.)
- [Dec16:](#) "seventh emergency contingent affiliated to the Ministry of Interior" in Anbar? (Reorganization and redesignation of Anbar PSF?)
- [Dec16:](#) Iraqi Air Force celebrated the arrival of four training aircraft, a ground breaking for a new air traffic control tower, and the handover of facilities for an air college here Dec. 16. The aircraft are the first of 15 T-6As to be used as a stepping stone toward training Iraqi pilots to handle more advanced multi-role fighters the air force would use in the future to protect Iraqi airspace. This \$210 million joint U.S.-Iraq venture provides the aircraft to the Iraqi Air Force, along with flight simulators and associated training. The first eight, purchased by the Government of Iraq, will arrive at Tikrit by the end of January 2010. The last seven, purchased by the United States, are expected by the end of December 2010. The construction of a new air traffic control tower at Tikrit, slated to be completed in the latter half of 2010, will provide the base with critical airspace control for its pilot training environment. The tower is planned at nine floors high and will incorporate an air traffic controller simulator in the base of the tower itself for on-site controller training. In support of the new Iraqi air college that will offer its first courses in January 2010, U.S. forces handed over nine buildings to the Iraqis to be used as dormitories for student pilots. Eventually the entire college facility will be Iraqi operated and will have a capacity of up to 1,500 students learning in various levels of academic and flight training at any given time.
- [Dec17:](#) "Obeidi said the country would have a squadron of between 18 and 24 fighter aircraft by the end of 2011, when the US military is due to have completed its withdrawal, to support the infantry and defend Iraqi airspace." (Used F16s or old Mirage F1s.)
- [Dec17:](#) "The 7th al-Anbar Emergency Contingent forces stationed in al-Karma district freed four kidnapped persons in the area of Dhiraa Dijla, eastern al-Falluja city, on Thursday, according to the commander." (second report of a 7th Emergency Bn. Indicates Falujah Bde has seven bns vice only four.)
- [Dec17:](#) Last two PS' delivered early. "Majed" and the "Shimookh" ("Glory" and "Pride" in English).
- [Dec17:](#) Additional 109 ILAV ordered. Delivery by Oct10.
- [Dec19:](#) 6th ESU in Bayji. (Indicates there is a 4th and 5th ESU. Hawijah is probably one of those inferred ESU bns. Kurdish Police.)
- [Dec19:](#) "...Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki will sign during his expected visit to Kurdistan Region will sign an agreement with President Barzani to settle the issue of the Peshmerga Forces by joining them to the Iraqi defense system."
- [Dec23:](#) "State company Ukrspetsexport "signed contracts with Iraq to supply military equipment worth over 550 million dollars. Contracts provided for the supply to Iraq of more than 400 units of BTR-4 different versions, 6 AN-32 aircraft, simulators, ammunition, provision of aircraft repair, flight training and engineering staff. This is the first step in the framework of the large-scale military-technical cooperation with Iraq to supply the latest technology of Ukrainian origin, including in the naval sphere. Currently, negotiations are on the supply of tanks and other equipment. (Possible naval buy?)

- [Dec23:](#) "While the AOC is a temporary command, it is likely to develop into a corps command in the near future, said Royalty." (First mention of AOC as a "temporary command". First mention AOC might become a "corps command". Note: I have expected the HQ of Quick Intervention Corps to be at Al Asad...)
- [Dec23:](#) [e-mail from sheytan elkebir:](#) "the 9th div 35th bde is still using T55s... saw 4 between latifia and baghdad today. they looked pristine." "all 4 tanks had the same... the number was definitely 9-35..." "interestingly these 4 T55s looked brand new, nothing like the battered old T55s that i had seen previously. though there was no obvious upgrade (neither armour nor any sights). but it was clear that they had not driven much since leaving the overhaul centre." (Elements of 35/9 Armor Bde using newly refurbished T55s? 35th Armored was equipped with T72s and BMP1s. New refurbished salvaged tanks assigned? Re-assigned?)
- [Dec23:](#) "The Iraqi Army Artillery School supervised 534 soldiers from five Iraqi Army divisions as they conducted 120mm gun-line drills on a training field at the Iraqi school in Abu Ghraib." (Training facility at Abu Ghraib? Artl School is at Besmaya.)
- [Dec23:](#) "Helping him and his men in 1st Squadron, 52nd Brigade get their "sea legs" is another group of out-of-towners: Detachment 1, Riverine Squadron 3." (1-52/14 Bn receiving riverine training; poss transfer to Iraqi Marines?)
- [Dec23:](#) Emergency bde(s) forming for Iranian border dispute? "News that the Brigade entitled "Assad Allah Al Ghalib" is a tribal force that was formed with the participation and support of 126 tribes mostly from Basra, Mayssan Dhi Qar, Waset, Anbar and Diyala. The Brigade is not a militia or a terrorist group but a national tribal force, Al Zidawi stressed. It will liberate oil well no.4 and expel Iranian forces inside Iraqi borders, he added." (Forming Emergency Bdes for perceived threats is norm. Unconfirmed.)
- [Dec25:](#) [e-mail from sheytan elkebir:](#) Report of convoy heading south from Taji: "the convoy contained FAUN and HET transporters carrying the following: 18x heavy artillery pieces (god i can't identify them exactly. the closest i have seen to it is the chinese type83 152mm towed piece) but even then it doesn't look 100% the same... 4x 40round BM21 vehicles KraZ truck based. i saw no unit markings on the artillery pieces. but they were refurbished/freshly painted." (Confirmed they were Type 83 without trail-wheels and BM21M. That fits for a battalion set and Besmaya is south of Taji. Refurbished FA for USF at Besmaya?)
- [Dec25:](#) Lasta95 deliveries. "We have started deliveries of these planes and that job will be finished during next year,"
- [Dec28:](#) 2nd Bde Ninawa Police. (Mosul EP split into 2 Bdes?)
- [Dec28:](#) "Soldiers in the Iraqi Army's 56th Brigade, 6th Division completed mechanized infantry courses and qualified on the M113A2 Armored Personnel Carrier at the Camp Taji Armor School Dec. 22." (56th Bde was Baghdad Bde, now subordinate to 6th Div & being trnd on M113s. Indicates Strykers arriving in 9th Div and M113s being redistributed within month.)
- [Dec29:](#) contract for acquisition of 140 M1A1 Abrams vehicles for Foreign Military Sales program customer Iraq. estimated completion date of May 2011.
- [Dec30:](#) New FPS Academy being built in Kut. More than 92,000 in FPS but no real academy. 7 courses held at FOB Delta since 2004 with only 2,113 graduates.
- [Dec31:](#) Quote- In a press statement, the spokesman of Kurdistan Region Peshmerga Forces Jabbar Yawir said "according to a memorandum of understanding signed with Iraqi defense ministry, the Peshmerga forces can own helicopters and tanks just like the federal forces." "According to this memo, we buy weapons every two months under the defense ministry's knowledge. KRG ministry of Peshmerga demanded to allocate a budget for it since years. The budget was allocated, but the government in Baghdad did not carry it out. When we will take this budget, then we will sign contracts to buy weapons", Yawir added. "Due to internal threats and to protect the borders, the ministry of defense needs to buy weapons and get ready for the period that follows the American withdrawal in 2011", Yawir also said. Unquote. (This sounds like the KRG is getting its own independent corps...)
- [Dec31:](#) "The leaked reports refer to moving the Iraqi army 6th division, now based in Baghdad, to Ninewa, and the 10th division, based in Basra, to Kirkuk." (Shifting IA Divs? Note that 10th is not in Basrah and hasn't been for 2 years. Obsolete, false, or inaccurate data? Move green 12th Div to quiet south and experienced 10th Div to Kirkuk? Swap either 2nd or 3rd Div for 6th Div? Makes sense in connection with 56/6 Bde's M113 training. Upgrade 6th Div with armor, then swap AOR with 3rd Div so that 3rd Div can be upgraded with armor. Training on Armor is all at Taji/Besmaya...)