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**Appendix H – 2010 Notes**

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- [Jan01](#): 3rd FER completes USF at Besmaya on 26 Dec. (This fits for rotating forces thru Besmaya [Baghdad Province] for re-equipping. 3rd FER already existed but, was apparently never fully equipped. Same is likely as they upgrade units to mech/armor. Send them to Besmaya to train/equip in rotation. That is probably what the PUK report was about. Rotating Divs so as to upgrade them. During which the 10th relocates to Kirkuk and the 6th to Ninawa.)
- [Jan01](#): First information about the delivery of EC 635 helicopters to the Iraqi Air Force from France. First spotted chopper registration YI-293.
- [Jan04](#): Besmaya BDS increasing training capacity to 1,700/yr or 300/cycle. (Was 450/yr)
- [Jan04](#): [E-Mail press release](#) GD announces the second contract for 140 M1A1 SA tanks for Iraq.
- [Jan05](#): 7th Div ISR Bn active. (Not disbanded yet?)
- [Jan06](#): "5th DBE consists of border patrol, border police, customs, and two quick-reaction force battalions" (first report of 2 commando bns in V Region. Upgrade of existing bns or new?)
- [Jan06](#): Army day parade included towed howitzers [Bn strength], M1A1, T72, BMP1, BTR80, M109 [at least 6], and Grads [at least 3]. (Salvage of at least one battery each of M109s and BM-21 Grads confirmed. About a Rgt's worth of artillery - poss 9th Div FA Rgt?)
- [Jan09](#): 1-34 Peshmerga Bn is still operating in Khanqin. 2-8/III DBE Bn ID'd as "commando". (That makes 3 of the 4 known bns in 8 DBE Bde as mobile force. 4 of the 9 identified "commando" Bns in the entire DBE. There are 11 total now, up from 8 in Oct. Suspect Diyala is getting a second DBE Bde. Region II and Region IV have 4 Bdes each. Region I has only 3 but already has enough bns. Region III [Wasit/Diyala] and Region V [Najaf/Muthanna] are the small Divs at only 2 Bdes each and 7 [III] or 9 Bns. Since the Saudi border is not as high as a priority, my bet is Region III is expanding forces and that is why there are 4 identified "Commando" Bns in Region III - 1 per Bde with 4 Bdes eventually.
- [Jan10](#): [email fm Marco Dijkshoorn, Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble](#) Iraqi Registry number YI-293, an EC635T2+, first test flight was as 0858 on 9Nov09, and was shipped thru Shiphol [1Jan10] for Iraq. Iraqi Registry number YI-270, an EC635T2+, had its first test flight as 0869 on 7Dec09. (Indicates a 1/mo delivery rate, however, Iraqi Registry numbers are normally issued consecutively.)
- [Jan10](#): Change in plan for 2020 Iraqi military?
- [Jan11](#): "General Barbero talked about general Odierno's efforts in establishing two military divisions in Kurdistan region, adding their commitment to provide all the logistic and consolatory support to both divisions following the approval of the Iraqi government." (2x KRG IA Divs still in works.)
- [Jan11](#): "The Graduation of 176 2nd Lieutenants marked the last time this course will be offered at Camp Ur." (3 of 4 Military Academies closing.)
- [Jan13](#): "Also this will be the last air force class to graduate from Rustamiyah." The Iraqis are re-opening the air force academy in Tikrit in mid 2010 that will host the future Iraqi air force officer course. (They may be closing 3 of the 4 Army Academies but, they are opening 2 separate Navy and Air Force Academies.)
- [Jan14](#): [RFI response by MAJ Jeff Allen, TF Marne PAO, USD-N](#) "Sorry this is taking so long. Finding reliable sources for unclassified data has been a bit difficult. From what we've been able to research, the PUK has a force of about 100,000 peshmerga and the KDP have another force of about 100,000 peshmerga. These numbers are consistent with what has been reported by reputable sources such as UPI, STRATFOR, and LongWarJournal. However, other sources have indicated other numbers which vary greatly between 90,000 and 370,000. Regardless, we believe the actual number of Peshmerga forces to be approximately 200,000 total." (Follow-up confirmed this 200,000 includes the 90,000 that the Peshmerga Ministry wants to arrange pensions for. Slightly over 100,000 planned to be retained.)
- [Jan17](#): "BAGHDAD - Kurdish police forces and their Iraqi Arab counterparts took another step toward integrating the security forces here as 40 Zerevani police began a joint training program in January at the Iraqi Special Training Police Academy. This is only the second group of Kurdish Zerevani police ever to participate in the intensive nine-week course, which is supervised by the elite Italian Carabinieri for NATO Training Mission in Iraq (NTM-I). The first group of forty graduated Dec. 2009." (2nd set of Kurdish FP Bn training cadre; 6 Kurdish FP Bns per year?)

- [Jan17](#): "We are building confidence between our forces and the people in the area to build one team," said Lt. Col. Haban Khalil Hassan, commander of the emergency response force, 10th Battalion..." (This indicates that there are 2 more bns in the Diyala EP. Diyala gets its own FP Div? I am taking the IA reference to be error, since the IA don't number bns that high.)
- [Jan17](#): Taqaddum turned over to ISF.
- [Jan20](#): "When the scheduled fielding and training are completed later this year, all IA brigades will have an organic mortar capability, serving as a combat multiplier for Iraqi infantry units." (Confirms estimate of Apr/May 2010 for fielding the initial bdes' 120mm batteries.)
- [Jan20](#): 4th "Commandos" still a bn. Completed Warrior Training 14 Jan 2010. (Still operational. ISR Bns were to be broke up for FO duties.)
- [Jan22](#): Mahmoud al-Sangawi, Secretary General of the Peshmerga forces and member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). Sangawi: "Division number 16, which protects the area extending from Khaneqin to Ridar, and division number 15, which protects everything between Ridar, Badinan and Mosul, are under the command of the Iraqi army and receive their military instructions from Baghdad. The rest of the border guard will be under the command of the regional presidency and the Kurdistan parliament. If the central government wants to use these troops for any purpose, it must obtain approval from both the parliament and the regional president." Sangawi: "Each division comprises 14,750 fighters. The two divisions therefore make up 29,500 fighters." Sangawi: "The region's forces will not consist of divisions but of 21 brigades. I don't have the figures and these are military secrets that shouldn't be revealed." (15th & 16th Divs under IA. 5x Div-equiv in KRBG.)
- [Jan25](#): [USF-I Press Release 20100125-03](#) 2nd Division's "Commandos" still a bn. (ISR Bns were to be broke up.)
- [Jan30](#): First mention of 5-36/9 Armored Bn elements operational. Patrolling with 2-1C Bn/4-2 SBCT elements. (Mech company training? Preparatory to getting Strykers?)
- [Feb01](#): 3rd class of 65 female IA started basic on 27 Jan 2010.
- [Feb03](#): (Late receipt of January Advisor) "Zerevani ERU Bde" is the source of the students for Phase III. 4 of 15 ordered 35m PBs arrive by end 2010.
- [Feb03](#): Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq December 2009 quarterly report released. (Separate article addresses the key points.)
- [Feb05](#): 7th Bn, Diyala ERF is Muqdadiyah ERU.
- [Feb06](#): K9s for Iraq.
- [Feb09](#): 4th Oil Company formed. (This could mean a reorganization of the OPD to mirror. 47 "battalions" of which 4 are mobile QRFs in the last qtrly report. 4 Security Divisions?)
- [Feb11](#): Refund for ordered Mirage F1s. Not delivery of aircraft.
- [Feb11](#): CO 4th Bde of 6th Div in Tikrit for LC opening? (BG's name is same as former 4-6 Bde in early 2008, he is now CO 17th Division, HQ Kalsu. Prob swap of 4th and 17th Divs?)
- [Feb13](#): 56th Bde with T72s or 9th Div augment? Markings not visible.
- [Feb14](#): "Shomokh" arrives Umm Qasr. (What about the other one? Majed? Both turned over in Italy at same time.)
- [Feb14](#): Both PS's arrived at Umm Qasr from Italy.
- [Feb15](#): "We're training today to refresh ourselves on airborne safety procedures so that after the elections, we can train with our Iraqi army partners and conduct a combined airborne training operation with them here." (1st plnd para trng in the IA.)
- [Feb16](#): e-mail [fm Marco Dijkshoorn Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble](#) The Gazelle deliveries are due. Technical personnel is being trained at Bourges (FR) at the moment and the Gazelles are prepared for delivery at Valance (FR). (Scramble has been reporting SA342 Gazelles for Iraqi 88th Squadron at Taji. Had disregarded that as confusion with EC635 contract. Now they have confirmation the used French Army aircraft are ready for delivery and personnel are in training with plans to be at Taji in April 2010. First used aircraft since 2005 BUMAR fiasco.)
- [Feb16](#): 22nd Bde in Mosul trng on AAslt. (Start of rotation of 6th/2nd Divs between Mosul and Baghdad.)
- [Feb17](#): 14th Commando Bn still a bn.
- [Feb17](#): 2 PS' arriving at Umm Qasr. The 15 PB crews to be added next are to train south of Louisiana.
- [Feb17](#): IA 3-32/8 Bn receiving UAV [Raven] training.
- [Feb17](#): KAC ST getting AAslt trng.

- [Feb18:](#) PS 703 and 704 cristened at Umm Qasr.
- [Feb21:](#) "The Combined Security Force, consisting of 12th Iraqi Army Soldiers, Iraqi Police, 1st Peshmerga Brigade Soldiers, and U.S. Forces from 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, attached to 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, graduated after 30 days of training. This unified force, known as the "Golden Lions,"....in Kirkuk, Iraq, Feb. 15." (new KRG Bde ID.)
- [Feb21:](#) "The 1-2 Emergency Response Brigade" (ERB split into at least 2 brigades.) According to our contacts at south it is 1st Bde, 2nd Bn. Thank You, USF-I PAO JOC
- [Feb21:](#) PSF-5 (5th Bde in Anbar PSF)
- [Feb22:](#) 4 more T-6A delv; remaining 7 of 15 to deliver by end 2010.
- [Feb22:](#) e-mail fm Marco Dijkshoorn Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble Correct: YI-503 T-6A PT-498 1st Training sq 04dec09/feb10 Wichita Beech Field; 04dec09; YI-506 T-6A PT-501 1st Training sq feb10; YI-507 T-6A PT-502 1st Training sq feb10; YI-508 T-6A PT-503 1st Training sq 28dec09/feb10 Wichita Beech Field; 28dec09 as 508; All del flt 03feb10 from KBEC (Wichita, KS) to KDMS (Des Monies) to CYY5 (Toronto) as HKB176, 178, 181 & 122, 04feb01 Toronto - Bagotville. (4 T-6A delivered. Initial assignment to 1st Sq.)
- [Feb25:](#) 2 more FP bns and the second set of 40 Zerevani graduate Phase III Carbinerie Training. (14 bns)
- [Feb25:](#) e-mail fm sheytan elkebir T72s in IZ identified as 34/9 vice 56th. (2-34/9)
- [Feb25:](#) "Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki gave his consent to reinstate 20,400 officers" who had made a request, Mohammad al-Askari said. Askari said the requests had come since 2008 from former officers either still living in Iraq or residing abroad. The reinstated officers now had "one month and 45 days" to report for duty. (Assigned to what billets? CorpsTroops? 18th and 19th Divs? This is much more than the shortage...)
- [Feb26:](#) Article clairifies the numbers. The 20,000 reinstated officers includes 13,000 that are already in. 7,000 is the new order and that fits for filling the existing billets to 100%.
- [Feb27:](#) RFI e-mail response fm LTC Martin Downie, USA Public Affairs Chief USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD "Mr. Elliott, The battalions that were trained are listed below: 9 COURSE A BN 450 (2nd BN AL BASSRAH) AL BASSRAH); B BN 452 (4 TH BATTALION AL ASKARIEN)AL SAMARRAH); 10 COURSE BN A 450 PAX (1ST BN ALSAIAFIYAH - BAGHDAD); BN B 412 PAX (2nd BN ABORISCHE); 11 COURSE BN A 442 PAX (1ST UNITY BN 2ND DIV); BN B 433 PAX (3RD BN, ABU RISHA (3RD DIV); 12 COURSE BN A 472 PAX (1ST BN 5/BRG "BAGHDAD); BN B 452 PAX (1ST BN- 4/BRG " AL KUT"). Please respond to all with any further questions: Thanks,