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**Appendix E – 2007 Notes**

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- [Feb07](#): FY07sup
- [Feb09](#): "Baghdad Operational Command" established.
- [Feb19](#): End-2006 report.
- [Mar03](#): BOC commands Baghdad.
- [Mar05](#): ILAV IA; 15k in training.
- [Mar15](#): Quarterly report released.
- [Mar16](#): "Karkh Area Command" (& RAC in east).
- [Mar16](#): Standing up Iraqi Support Command. Maintenance Depot forming IOC summer07. MTRs have ~300 trucks each.
- [Mar21](#): Besmaya FOB Hammer will give the IA more facilities for range.
- [Mar24](#): 5 IA EOD robots & training. 6th IA Engineers clearing landfill.
- [Mar24](#): "Additionally 400 tracked armored troop carriers will enter the service. We are getting these from South Africa. Every brigade will have 14 detachments, each supplied either with a Kroker armored vehicle or a BTR-80."
- [Mar26](#): McCaffrey Report.
- [Apr09](#): First 40 BTR80s arrive (for 4-9 Brigade).
- [Apr10](#): New Brigade Anbar.
- [Apr12](#): PAO MNSTC-I - "There is a general plan to expand the 7th Division with a 4th Brigade. It is in the planning stages now."
- [Apr14](#): IZAF Tech Training School Taji. Airmen go to IA then transfer IZAF.
- [Apr16](#): "Two more divisions should become operational in June, and their M60 main battle tanks, M113 armored personnel carriers and other mostly U.S. - and Western-built heavy weapons will arrive in the second half of the year. "The objective is to have 10 divisions — six infantry, three mechanized and one armored — fully ready and equipped," MNSTC-I Deputy PAO e-mail - "The article seems accurate."
- [Apr20](#): IA added 1,895; grad fm basic combat training at K-1 RTC. 4-4 Brigade officially stands up in late May. Known as the Samarra Brigade, AOR includes north of Baghdad up to Samarra.
- [Apr22](#): Data fm slides in brief: IA (end-2006/end-2007 of planned) personnel 136,200/170,700; Divisions 10/12; Brigades 36/43; Battalions 112/136. BMP1 253/253; MTLB 61/61; T55 72/72; T72 77/77; Land Rover 598/598 of 600; DZIK3 309/507 of 600; Mohafiz 60/60; ILAV 183/440; BTR80 43/98 of 434; Cascavel 6/35; HMMWV 2647/3111 of 3609; MPV 0/42; 60mm mortars 884/884. AF personnel 900/2900; MI17 10/28; UH-II 0/16; C130 3/3; Jet Ranger 5/5; Seeker 2/2; CH2000 8/8; Kingair350ER 0/2; Caravan 3/6; Cessna172 0/8-12; CASA212 0/0. Navy (end-2006/end-2008) personnel 1100/2000; Predator PB 5/5; 34m MY PB 0/9; OSV 0/2; RHIB 10/10; FAB 25/50; Fincanteri PS 0/4. MOI (end-2006/end-2007) IP 135000/138000; NP 24400/27700; DBE 28400/28400; DP 500/500; Forensics 3900/4000. Establishing a National CT TF.
- [Apr29](#): "...including an auxiliary police force of about 2,000, all local tribesmen, known as the Provincial Security Force." (probably PSF1)
- [May04](#): Ammo purchase.
- [May04](#): "Al Anbar Provincial Security Force 2, Iraqi Army demolition experts and..."
- [May04](#): "Quick Intervention Brigade"
- [May04](#): IA training currently at 70,000 per year. Growing to 90,000 per year. 18,000 per year needed for IA replacements. 36,000 IA needed for logistics (12,900 current).
- [May12](#): M4/M16 issue at Taji.
- [May18](#): Expanding IA Barracks/facilities.
- [May24](#): FMS sale of medical supplies, equip & training.
- [May25](#): E-mail fm PAO MNSTC-I - They are getting 35 - CASCABELs rebuilt at Taji. Of the 434 BTR listed 336 will be bought through FMS but will not be here soon since they will be manufactured new rather than rebuilt.
- [May25](#): AT & ADA weapons buy.
- [May29](#): "The 3rd "War Eagle" Battalion, 1st Brigade, 11th Iraqi Army Division was the main effort for the operation..." (1st report of 11th Div. Former 3-2-6 Bn.)
- [May31](#): Notice 2-9 & 3-9 Brigades are Tank.
- [May31](#): "The 8th Iraqi army in the center of the country, the 10th Iraqi army in the south, and the 2nd and 3rd Iraq armies in the north are performing well..."
- [Jun01](#): MNSTC-I interview. IA has 114 Battalions & growing to 132 by end-year. 6th IA Div has 20 Battalions & is

being split since that is too big of breath of command. East/West split. Cadre requirement for new IA exacerbates the leadership/logistics problems. Current IA Academies graduate ~2400 2lts per year in 9mo school.

- [Jun04](#): Ammo purchase.
- [Jun08](#): 2-4 IA Brigade has achieved independent status.
- [Jun13](#): Command all ISF Diyala.
- [Jun13](#): 120% manning of IA Combat Battalions in progress to offset leave. (Explains delay in IA new units while grad 14,700 in May.) 15% IA & 25% IP annual attrition rate. Looking at accelerated IA promotion rates for experience & OCS program. Equipment plans to add armor, Safer vehicles (MRAP), More Air transport + 3 C130, ISAR additional, Artillery, Cavalry unit for border support on Syrian border & 2008 shift to foreign defense for IA. Deployment issues in manning: Leave issue is reason for 120% manning.
- [Jun13](#): Quarterly Report.
- [Jun13](#): KRG Brigade going to Baqubah.
- [Jun14](#): 7th MTR goes in-lead (11 Jun 2007), OPCON transfer from US to 7th IA Div. (Last of the 9x original MTRs to hand off.)
- [Jun16](#): IJF CoS: "Some of these divisions have reached the final integration phase and final establishment like the 11th Division. Some of these divisions are still under discussion, like the 12th and 13th Divisions." The Iraqi Army 11th Division Headquarters is scheduled to be formed and functional by fall 2007, while the others are still in the planning phases. (First mention 13th IA Div Basrah.)
- Jun20: [MAJ Herdis Sigurgrimsdottir, PIO, NATO Training Mission-Iraq - Gendarmerie training](#): "Here's where it stands: The plan was approved by the North Atlantic Council (NAC) on 11 June, which is what we were waiting for when I left. Right now Camp Dublin (at BIAP) is being built up to suit the training, equipment is being procured and most importantly: the first carabinieri officers arrive from Italy on Friday - insh'allah. These carabinieri officers will be an advance planning team who, amongst other things, will design the curriculum of the training in cooperation with the Iraqi National Police authorities. The curriculum will be based on carabinieri training but obviously it will be adapted to Iraqi conditions in full cooperation with the Iraqi authorities. The plan is to train 8 battalions over two years, so each battalion will have approximately 3 months of training."
- Jun20: [PIO, NTM-I](#) - "In general, NTM-I has very consciously aimed towards making the Iraqi institutions we've supported self-sufficient. Many of our projects have already reached Full Operational Capability - more are reaching that goal on 1 July. At those institutions NTM-I has 'trained the trainers' and remains now as merely a lean mentoring and advising force. I presume that the carabinieri training will be established and executed in the same way, although the details of that transition will be defined in the future."
- [Jun25](#): "I'm not sure. But I'll tell you, just from the Iraqi army perspective, as I've said, they're working on an 11th Division now, they've stood up an 11 Division--11th Iraqi Army Division Headquarters, which should be able to take battle space sometime this fall. We think that in early 2008 a 12th Division will be created in the Kirkuk area and a 13th Division will be stationed somewhere between Basra and al-Nasiriyah."
- [Jun25](#): 1st/7th IA Div: Numbers good & capable. In Jan07 1st was ~50% & 7th was ~40%. Habaniyah has maxed out since spring for new recruits. 2200 in next class. Still only 5wk Boot camp for Habaniyah. 1st at high 80%/7th at ~80%. Officer growth still a problem. Developing a strong NCO corps.
- Jun27: [MNSTC-I J5/PAO e-mail](#) - "11th DIV (Headquarters only) remains in force generation as of today."
- [Jun29](#): "NATO is considering a request to supply Iraq with 70 Russian-made T72 tanks", Iraqi state television said an offer for 120 T72 tanks was already on the table." (1-2x Brigade's worth of Tanks.)
- [Jun29](#): Fm photos, 3-2-5 IA has ILAV Badgers.
- [Jul05](#): Diyala Operational Command
- [Jul06](#): "The Peshmerga fighters are ready now and we have taken all preparations to send them to protect Baiji-Taza, to protect the electricity lines which feed the Kurdistan region and also the oil pipelines between Baiji and Kirkuk. The region's protection forces have other missions, in addition to protecting the infrastructure, including supporting the Iraqi government's forces (police, army, security). The forces that will be sent are the Kurdish Peshmerga, not the Kurdish brigades of the Iraqi army. There are other Peshmerga forces ready to be sent to Samara to protect religious shrines in the city and they wait the Iraqi government's approval. The forces have provided the Multi-National Forces in Kirkuk and Diyala with support many times to help boost security and fight terrorism." Kurdistan Prime Minister said yesterday that the Iraqi government had agreed to send KRG to protect the road that connects Baiji to Kirkuk so as to secure the electricity & oil supply to Kurdistan. "The Kurdistan government suggested sending Kurdish forces to protect the holy shrines in Samarra." (1st & 2nd SI Brigades in Kirkuk/Salahadin normally guard infrastructure-SIBs are to be converted to IA Regulars-indicates they are pulling in for retraining. Confirms the Kurdish Brigade in Diyala is KRG vice IA, 2 KRG Brigades in Kirkuk/north Salahadin & indicates a Kurdish Brigade may go to Samarra. 4xKRG Brigades out of Area? How big is KRG?)
- [Jul10](#): Auxiliary Police get 80 hours training. Augment regular IP. No shortages of recruits. All recruiting and initial screening done by MoI. MoI has almost taken over training. Screening includes full biometrics/fingerprints and entered into database. Multi-reasons for attrition: big one is they were recruited as IP and then detailed INP. That changed 3 Jun 2007 with INP transition to own recruiting. 1 year attrition = ~20%. Up-Armored pickup trucks: Military grade armor in over 50% and contract for all. During Phase II they can bring 300 vehicles per Brigade for Maintenance and OJT for their

maintainers (NP=Motorized Brigades). INP Manning at 65%. 8 Brigades + 1 Mech + 1 QRF Bn. 27 total Battalions: the QRF Battalion is detached third Battalion from 1NPM and 1NPM is operating as binary Brigade. 1NPM receives training by IA Mech above and beyond their regular INP training. Coalition: 13x Police Training Centers; 2x National Police Training Centers; 500-2000 students in each; IP does the training in all except 1 PTC (Habbenayah); Habbenyah expanding from 750 throughput (for influx of recruits), IPA will still train for next three cycles and IP for Anbar still going to other sites for training; International Police Advisors are 2-5 man teams at each of these centers. Train-the-trainers program. 156x Iraqi INP Trainers that have gone to 4 week instructor course; 30 to go to Master/Advanced Trainer course; 50 more to train as trainers this month. No need for translators, nuances, Iraqi is from Iraqi environment while IPA has more of international flavor.

- [Jul12:](#) SIBs - 1st phase is "Re-Greening"; 2nd phase is to re-equip them to IA Lt Infantry standards; Iraq Army Infrastructure Battalions vice SIB. Have plenty of new O/E; Have enough experienced senior O/E; Short in mid-grades in O/E; Takes time to grow Mid-grade; Hard to make time for schools/training while in field ops; Initiative still tends to be top-down attitude; Not as much authority to NCOs. "Amazing Espri de Corps". RSUs standing up the training of new MTRs; big problem is that it still is a "paper-based society" and too many approval signatures; Adding a Logistic Database using USAF model; just started program to convert to electronic system; 5x RSUs and additional ones forming (increasing supply bases). Supplies exist but have slow paper based requisition system; Working on shortcuts in approval process (too long of a chop-chain); Gear is there but the process to get it isn't; Capabilities have improved across the board in 6 months; Steep learning curve.
- [Jul17:](#) First operational mention 4-9 IA Brigade.
- [Jul17:](#) 6,000 KRG preparing to deploy to Kirkuk (& Ninawa/Salahadin). Awaiting PM's approval. (2nd report of KRG relieving SIBs for retraining.)
- [Jul20:](#) Many units of 8th Div at C1.
- [Jul25:](#) The 2nd Battalion, ("Lions of Wassit") Wassit Emergency Response Force (ERF), is now working alongside its coalition counterparts from the "Dragon Battalion" to establish traffic control points to disrupt the flow of bomb-making material along major thoroughfares southeast of Baghdad.
- [Jul27:](#) Challenges are logistics, engineers & Missing organic Air. When we got here (Dec06) IA did not have route clearing capabilities, now they lead; Medical is all theirs now, US had it all in Dec06; Raids driven by Intel now. M113s, robotics & own govt equip provided for route clearance. Standing up 3x new IA Battalions in Ninawa soon, 1 in Mosul & 2 in 3IAD. (Forming new 4-3 Brigade. Standardizing on 4xBdes per Div.)
- [Jul27:](#) 40,000 ISF: 2xIADs & 20,000 IP. Adding 3000 IP. Standing up 3x new IA Battalions in Ninawa soon, 1 in Mosul & 2 in 3IAD.
- [Jul29:](#) The Iraqi Kurdistan region's government is ready to send 12,000 Kurdish Peshmerga fighters to protect power towers, the spokesman for the peshmerga said on Sunday. He said "we are in agreement with the central government in Baghdad to send 6,000 troops to protect power facilities on the Taza-Baiji highway." He pointed out that the central defense ministry in Baghdad has asked the Iraqi Kurdistan government in a meeting in Arbil, the region's capital, earlier in July for dispatching 6,000 Peshmerga soldiers to protect the oil pipeline in the district of al-Shurqat, 80 km south of Mosul, which leads to the Turkish port of Ceyhan. The Kurdish 2nd Brigade Commander, Anwar Hama Amin, had said on Saturday that Kurdish Peshmerga forces will be deployed in several areas of Kirkuk to protect power towers and oil installations. (Relieving the 1st and 2nd SI Brigades for retraining as Lt Infantry.)
- [Jul30:](#) INP Mech added 3rd Battalion recently. Phase III/Carabinarie like training starts 15 Oct with QRF Battalion. Phase IV/Dispersment out of Baghdad has no start date ATT. Phase III is a train the trainer program where 1 Battalion of leaders from the Brigade is trained & then rejoins the Brigade to act as instructors to improve the INP; providing skills of caribinarie: Public Order Response, Investigative skills, Forensics, SWAT & Urban Area Operations. 30,661 authorized strength; 25,400 assigned strength; 60-100% manning varies. Phase IV is long term plan to make INP a mobile force; Logistics Brigade Planned; Currently INP tied to Baghdad due to logistics.
- [Jul30:](#) [e-mail responses](#) - Follow up questions on INP for Col French: Q: Is the 1st NP Mech Brigade still using BTR94s or did they trade out for more M1117s/Revas? Been some time since I saw the BTRs mentioned in INP. A: No, but many of the BTRs are still in the motor pools but are rarely if ever used. The Mech BDE has ASVs - Armored Security Vehicles - 4 wheeled vehicle with a turret - like the MPs have, as their primary vehicle. The rest of the NP BDEs have REVAs and NTVs (up armored trucks) and their primary vehicles. Q: What is the status of the new forming tenth INP Brigade? A: I have no knowledge of the formation of a tenth BDE. Q: Composition of planned INP Logistics Brigade? A: While still in the formulation phase, it is anticipated it will have a supply, transportation, admin and Maintenance capability. It will be configured to be able to support multiple BDEs in a deployed scenario.
- [Jul31:](#) "As of last month, 154,000 military personnel and 194,000 police had been trained and equipped, toward a new total end strength goal of 390,000 by December 2007. Iraqi forces include 119 Iraqi Army, Special Operations and Strategic Infrastructure Battalions, of which 96 are operating independently or in the lead in their areas of responsibility."
- [Jul31:](#) "On a side note, we've been in Iraq for over 4 years now, yet the current thrust by the US Air Force to rebuild the Iraqi Air Force has just recently picked up steam. From everything I've been able to read, responsibility for rebuilding the IqAF was with the U.S. Army. The Army has been responsible for building an Air Force, which explains why the IqAF is years behind schedule."

- [Aug03:](#) 7100 IP & 4700 IA in Ramadi; IA lack is the logistics systems to sustain them. Once they have that they can hold AOR; 6-8 months to develop.
- [Aug03:](#) Contract for 18 (includes an option for 10 more) Cessna C-172 aircraft, logistics support services & one year of spares for the Iraqi Air Force. Work complete Dec08.
- [Aug04:](#) 5th Div got 40 Badgers. 6 Huey IIs arrive 2nd Sq. Flight training school Kirkuk will have 172 trainers (Cessna) & flight simulators. Bell Jet Rangers will transfer there later this year when school starts.
- [Aug07:](#) 348 IED Jammers for IA; delivery by Sep08.
- [Aug08:](#) 4-6 IA is 5000 personnel in 5 battalions & HQ. Four of battalions are TRA2 & one is about to go there. Commando training to leadership. (Fully manned & near full equipped)
- [Aug13:](#) 2-7 Brigade w/US weapons (M16/M4).
- [Aug15:](#) 1-11 Brigade (former 2-6) problems with JAM infiltration?
- [Aug17:](#) 11 Training Centers. 107,520 IA trained this year by end year. 14,439 graduate in Sep with cycle 6 completion. 3000 in cycle at Habbenayah. Differing naming conventions in IA. 5 RSUs connected down to GSUs at Brigade level by MTRs which are like our support Battalions. Filling out the rest of the RSUs manning this year. Taji Depot is expanding. SIBs were under MoO, now going back to IA, 17 Battalions to IA for 5 wks re-greening after which they will be under IA division authority; Renamed "Iraqi Army Infrastructure Battalions"; Min 1 SIB ea 5 wks being retrained. (Over 200,000 in MoD by end-year. Slow SIB conversion, retraining part of delay in new Div/Brigade? Jump in IA in May transfer of SIBs fm MoO? Anbar Divisions at 100% manning in Sep & 120% by Nov, 4-7 Brigade forming in Nov?)
- [Aug17:](#) 11th IA Div operational; 9th Mech Div illustrated as Armor; and new "Basrah Operational Command" stood up.
- [Aug18:](#) More advanced Commando training for elements of 1-8 Brigade. (Forming Commando Bns?)
- [Aug18:](#) Medical training. Tripling helicopters over next year. 35 helicopters current.
- [Aug18:](#) 9th Engineer Regiment (vice Battalion).
- [Aug19:](#) "Karbala command operation formed like Basrah command operation and Samarra."
- [Aug21:](#) 8th IA Div receiving US weapons (M4/M16) a company at a time at Besmaya. (9th, 7th and now 8th IADs conv.)
- [Aug21:](#) 1-4-6 IA Battalion has "more than 100 vehicles". (motorized)
- [Aug23:](#) Training 7th Division Engineers.
- [Aug25:](#) "9th Division Reconnaissance team" (9th Division's Scout Co expanding to Battalion? Div Engineers referred to as "Team" prior to Bn.)
- [Aug27:](#) 9xFTDs for use in training the IZAF. Used for training pilots for helicopter/fixed wing. Including 3xCessna 172 TruFlite FTDs, 2xBell 206 FTDs, 2xCessna Caravan FTDs & 2xHuey FTDs.
- [Aug29:](#) "The prime minister had put Gen. Mohan(sp) in charge of the Basra Operation Center. He's gone down there several weeks and made a very good assessment of the situation. Since he's been down there, the minister of defense has deployed a special operations, Special Forces battalion. The minister of interior has formed a palace guard trained by the British and equipped by the government of Iraq. The division is going to be replaced by the 14th Division being formed now so that Basra area has two divisions instead of just one. That training is ongoing right now. And there are at least two brigades more that will be formed over the next month and moved into Basra. The minister of defense is also considering some shifting of some other forces from other parts of the country but those are his decisions to make and I shouldn't comment on until he makes them." Increase in IP hired; 8000 Anbar, 5000 Diyala, 2000 Abu Graib, next 6mo 12,000 in Baghdad; 30,000 more IP authorized throughout the country. Doura with 3-1-3 IA is getting better. IA 2 Div/7 Brigade/16 Battalion formed in last 18 months. (14th Div vice 13th; confirmation "at least" 2 Brigades to form for 14th. SOF Co upgraded to Bn.)
- [Aug29:](#) MNSTC-IPAO - Confirmed that 14th IA Division is thirteenth division forming & the nomenclature 13 is not being used.
- [Aug30:](#) First class of AF cadets graduating 12 Sep.
- [Aug31:](#) Expanded Brigade Scouts dramatically this year; The Scouts are linked to a theater wide intelligence network that enhances capabilities. I SOF is highly trained & proficient; The first of the PM's expansion battalions is being sent to Basrah (new SOF Battalion). Basrah is important city; not enough forces there; Forming 14th Div; also worried that UK might be leaving; SOF is assisting in this. Numaniyah INP Training Center for all INP; 2/2 div commanders; 9/9 brigade commanders; 17/24 battalion commanders replaced; Phase III for 8 battalions; 1 per brigade; all the leaders in the battalion; MoI contemplating size of INP; thinking it is too large for available leadership in MoI. 2xDiv/7xBde/16xBn growth in 18 months will cause problems: 1. short on leadership; 2. Equipment deliveries and distro; 3. takes longer to build bases than to form units; 4. employed straight from school to combat. Could not grow NCOs as fast as troops; Have 4 military colleges for officers; Did not have NCOs in old army; used JOs for that function; new concept; They are selecting those that excel & have academies for NCOs. Growing NCOs is a decade long project; Top 10% of Basic go to NCO school; Select those that excel in units & send them to NCO school. MoI knows he has a sectarian problem; 1500 files in review for possible dismissal or charges; 30 very senior leaders replaced so far; Will not be fixed in 6 weeks; takes time. 392,000 ISF trained; some attrited; Is IA/IP growing at rate necessary in quantity and quality? Yes. Now over 170,000 in IA; Cannot train leaders as fast as troops; 125 Battalions and 37 more forming. Original mission was on destroying or disrupting enemy (foreign threat); Nobody mentioned infrastructure & defense of people (internal); Now have 17 SIBs; Growing an Air Force too; Navy

guarding oil platforms and border; Air Force assisted in Karbala with recon and helicopters.

- [Sep01](#): New Divisional Training Center at Al Kasik.
- [Sep02](#): "Taji Wing" of the Iraqi Air Force. (Wing or Group HQ establishing?); Policy now in INP is that if cmdr is Sunni, deputy cmdr is shia and vice-versa.
- [Sep06](#): IZAF 51 aircraft and 1200 personnel; 180 sortie hours/week; 6mo ago-no schools since recruited 130 former-AF pilots and first 78 grads from schools; received first Caravan ISR A/C in Mar; C130s; CH2000 photo recon; Starting new pilot training; 130/yr pilots trained; 180 hours/wk flying now; expected to triple; Jets depend on GoI (money) 2011 at earliest, 2012 to be full up operational; recruiting old-AF warrants to fill NCO role. MI17s have rocket capability; will be on-line soon. Trying to get light Attack Aircraft next year. Rebuild Started late; General of AF is the only former General from the old AF, the rest are old-AF Maj/LTCs; 2.5-3 years to train a pilot; aircraft acquisition is lengthy 12-18mo for new A/C; cost. No evidence of sectarian split, very secular in outlook. 2mo ago they had no AF recruits showing; mid-July they started to get old-AF returnees. (Minimum five years to AF jet cap)
- [Sep06](#): Jones report.
- [Sep07](#): KRG 200,000 pers. (Largest claim yet. No data on TO/E.)
- [Sep09](#): 3-9 IA Brigade deployed to Basrah. "The plan is to link up with another IA wheeled division outside of Basra and use the armor assets of 3/9th IA as a show of force." (3-9 or element of Brigade? New forming 14th is "wheeled division"?)
- [Sep15](#): 10xERU Battalions for Anbar (PSF doubling?).
- [Sep15](#): 57mm Rocket pods on Iraqi Mi-17. (Ground attack capability)
- [Sep15](#): [e-mail](#) - 3-8 IA swapping AOR with 1-10 IA Brigade. 3-8 is rated C1 & they need better Brigade for Basrah's new 14th Div. (Breaking connection between 1-10 & Basrah militias.)
- [Sep17](#): IZAF Non-kinetic COIN end-year with transport & recon capabilities. End-08: Kinetic capability in rotary & fixed wing. Building as fighting; training pilots on actual ISR missions. New bases? 1200 personnel now; auth 2900 at end-year; end-08 auth 6,000 pers. Looking at Jet trainers & fighters; Still working on that; budget battles; No selections yet; 6-12 months to decide; lead time in procurement; red tape. Mi-17s with rocket pods are new arrivals. Still working issues/airframe but, will be a new squadron for I SOF; not finalized.
- [Sep17](#): Ninawa forming 2 Battalions for border; Wassit forming Brigade for border. (New DBE Brigade for Wassit and 2 DBE Battalions for Ninawa.)
- [Sep18](#): Quarterly Report.
- [Sep18](#): [e-mail](#) - 6th IAD reportedly has quality and loyalty problems. One Brigade commander and one Battalion commander arrested in last week. "Grudgingly few good words said about them."
- [Sep19](#): Anaconda Times story & photos on move of 3-9 Tank Brigade.
- [Sep20](#): [e-mail from MNSTC-I PAO](#) - "The National Police MTOE is organized into two Divisions, each containing 4 Brigades and a Mechanized Brigade and a Battalion Sized QRF. In addition to the National Police MTOE, the Prime Minister established the Al Askerian Brigade, in response to the second bombing of the Al Askeri Mosque in Samarra. All 9 MTOE Brigades and the Al Askerian Brigade received CPATT support. CPATT has assisted in both training and equipping these units. Because the PM directed the Al Askeri Brigade (also known as the Samarra Brigade) be supported by the National Police there is a relationship between the Al Askerian Brigade and the National Police. The best description is that the Al Askerian Brigade works for the Samarra Operations Command (SOC)(thus OPCON), and is administratively supported by the National Police (ADCON). The NP HQ supports the Al Askerian Brigade, but mostly with ensuring that the Shurta (Policemen) are paid and drawing equipment from the MOI.
- [Sep21](#): [e-mail PAO MNSTC-I](#) - "Regarding the Iraqi Special Operations Forces: Currently assigned numbers are: 3,300 as indicated in the report. Current Authorized Strength, as of today, is 3,979. As for the ISOF Company: This is a new unit that will be redesignated as a Battalion vs. Company. The MTOE has been approved and the plan is for the Iraqi Army to transform or redesignate all their out units into Battalions."
- [Sep21](#): "The first of the Iraqi Air Force C-172 Initial Pilot Trainers is inbound to Iraq. This was just taken back in the states as it arrived to be carted up and shipped out here. The first new Iraqi Air Force pilot training school starts 1 October, and these aircraft will help with their initial training."
- [Sep25](#): Basrah IP ordered "reformed".
- [Sep25](#): FMS sale to Iraq. Includes equipment to expand IA by 25 Battalions & one Brigade HQ. 32x more Huey IIs (I SOF), 3935x trucks, 980x HMMWVs, ~4000 trucks, 64,000x 60mm mortar rounds, 10,000 81mm mortar rounds, 12,035x M4s and 123,544x M16s. (Logistics & mobility support increase for ISOF Div, 11 Div, 12 Div, 14 Div & RSUs, plus conversion of remainder of IA to US personal weapons. Includes new 81mm mortars for Battalions' mortar batteries.)
- [Sep26](#): 3-7 IA Brigade validated (in-lead). Second of 7th Division's Brigades to be validated. (1-7 IA Brigade the other Brigade???)
- [Sep27](#): 2100 men in 3-7 Brigade. (Including 6th cycle just grad?) 3-7 Brigade scheduled to get organic mortar systems. (Batteries for Battalions and Battalion for Brigade?) Indication of IZAF element to be stationed in Anbar soon. "The brigade is now receiving orders directly from its higher headquarters, the 7th Iraqi Army Division, and issuing orders directly to its subordinate battalions without having to work through us." (7th Div about to go in-lead?)
- [Sep28](#): Second mention of 4-9 IA Brigade activity (7Sep). First was a Medical assist. First Operational activity.

(Using 4-9 Infantry/4-2 Infantry Division's Strykers to train BTR80 equipped 4-9 IA Brigade.)

- [Oct03](#): New NATO Training Team for MoI's NCC. Joins NATO training teams for PM's NOC, MoD's JCC, and IA's IGFC.
- [Oct06](#): Confirmed move of the Bomb Disposal School to Besmaya. AIT grads from Kirkush (vehicle mechanics school). IZAF Officer Course Ar Rustimiyah. Baghdad IP Academy grads 1500 fm Abu Ghraib.
- [Oct06](#): "Police forces in the city are around 15,000, while the number of Iraqi army soldiers hit 13,000." (New Brigade arrived & HQ formed?)
- [Oct08](#): 2x Peshmerga Brigades deploy to Kirkuk/north Salahadin.
- [Oct09](#): "You are now equipped to fight terrorists, killers and outlaws," Brig. Gen. Fadhil Jameel Jameel Barwari, Iraqi Special Operations Forces commander admonished the members of the OTC's 10th graduating class. The school is tough; of 1,200 initially enrolled, only 36 completed the training. Upon graduation, students move into the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Force. Those who don't complete the training are assigned to one of three other battalions in the ISOF. (3% graduation rate to join Delta equivalent. Those that drop are assigned to one of three commando battalions. 1200 ISOF training each quarter? Two new commando battalions per quarter, means 6mo to fill out to seven battalions?)
- [Oct10](#): "As time goes on, we are going to grow. Our goal is to graduate 160 pilots a year -- 80 fixed wing pilots and 80 rotary wing pilots. By the end of next year, the IAF expects to have 12 Cessna-172s, five Cessna-208s, 12 Bell Jet Rangers, 10 Huey IIs and nine Mi-17 aircraft," Colonel Bennett said. (Aircraft for just the Flight Training School. Too few aircraft for what has already been announced.)
- [Oct11](#): [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - "Officially these numbers are releasable, with approval of the MNSTC-I PAO (LtCol Brown), to clear up the misinformation that has been circulating via the Wikipedia, FAS, and Global Security websites. At the flight school: 12 Cessna 172s will be in country by end of 2008. 4 by the end of 2007. 5 Cessna Caravan Trainers will be in by 2008. There are currently 5 Bell Jet Rangers used for basic helicopter training. Another 5 are being purchased, timeline TBD. Not at the flight school: All IqAF Huey II helicopters will remain at Taji. No additional Huey II orders. There were 32 on tap, but they were cancelled due to excessive cost overruns. There are currently 14 Mi-17s. An additional 14 are supposedly inbound from a Polish company (2008), but this was an Iraqi-only buy so we're not sure how many are actually coming in. The IqAF has ordered 8 more Mi-17v5s through the US FMS process, and additional 22 may be added to that order in the next few weeks. If they are approved I will update the official numbers. The Seeker ISR aircraft are officially grounded, and will be replaced with King Air and Cessna Caravan ISR platforms. In total: 3 Cessna Caravan ISR, 3 Cessna Armed Caravans, 1 King Air Light Transport, 5 King Air ISR."
- [Oct11](#): The general said he sees the number of Iraqi airmen quadrupling in the next year and the number of aircraft more than doubling by October 2008. Ultimately, the Iraqi air force will have between 6,000 and 12,000 service members, depending on the number of planes it has. The Iraqis received three C-130E aircraft from the United States and have asked for three more. They also fly single-engine CH-2000 aircraft. The eight aircraft they have are used for infrastructure patrols. The crews, for example, spotted a smuggler tapping into an oil pipeline and radioed the Iraqi police, who arrested the smugglers. The force has three Cessna Caravan bush airplanes that have a day-night surveillance capability. The aircraft also have a live downlink capability. In addition, the air force flies 16 recently refurbished Huey-2 helicopters from the United States and will receive another 20 aircraft soon. The force also has 14 Mi-17 Russian-built choppers and will add another 14 next year. "The purpose right now is to build an air force that has the capabilities for the counterinsurgency mission," Allardice said.
- [Oct12](#): [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - "The air force flies 16 refurbished Huey II helicopters donated from Jordan. They were considering expanding their Huey II fleet, but have instead decided to focus the build-up of their Mi-17 helicopter fleet. This will include aircraft configured for Medi-vac, Counter Terrorist/Special Forces Operations, and Battlefield Mobility."
- [Oct12](#): [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - "Not to mention the fact that they have 900+ former Mi-17 pilots and engineers ready and waiting to rejoin the AF. They have a lot of experience with MiL helicopters. The aircraft aren't the cheapest or most reliable, but it's what the Iraqis are most experienced with."
- [Oct12](#): [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - "The Mi-17 is an all purpose helicopter built by the Russians. The ISOF are going to be working with the IqAF in operations, mostly insertion via fast rope with air cover. The ISOF are some bad-ass guys just waiting to get the same support for the IqAF they get from our Army Blackhawks. Sadly, the Iraqis would prefer to buy blackhawks, but those take 24 months and are 20M a copy."
- [Oct12](#): [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - "The IqAF grew very tired of waiting for the US to conduct a competition between the Super Tucano, AT-6, and other possible Light Attack Aircraft. It would have taken 2+ years, so they're doing their own market research right now and should be going sole-source to buy an LAA soon. They really need one in the fight now. They are trying to get something in theater by 2008."
- [Oct12](#): [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - Iraqis purchased King Air 350s for Light Transport Aircraft, as well as for ISR.
- [Oct12](#): "a combined graduation consisting of four Iraqi air force Maintenance officers, five Maintenance supervisors, eight fuels supervisors and 54 enlisted flight line security forces personnel from the Basic Technical Training course of the Iraqi Air Force Training School held here, Oct. 11."
- [Oct15](#): 5-2 INP Brigade arrived Numaniyah 6 Oct for Phase II. (Phase II was supposed to be done 15 Oct and Phase III

starts.)

- [Oct15](#): MI17 Sq built/1x forming.
- [Oct15](#): IA Corps of Engineers?
- [Oct16](#): ISOF article fm Oct09 with photos of OTC students training on Iraqi MI17s.
- [Oct17](#): ILAV in 1-2-4 IA.
- [Oct18](#): 4-4-4 IA Bn.
- [Oct20](#): 3-11 IA Brigade to finish training at Besmaya and then move into FOB Hope in Sadr City in Dec07 (New). 1400 of 2400 graduates from Numaniyah on 10 Oct are going to 2-11 IA Brigade after follow on specialty training. (Partial fill for existing redesignated partial Brigade or completely new?)
- [Oct23](#): C172s arrive for training. KA350 "It Attack" capable.
- [Oct23](#): [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - "The Iraqis are having Hawker Beechcraft add pylons onto their next batch of King Air 350 ISR aircraft to launch Hellfire Missiles. Easy modification to allow the ISR bird take action against targets. It's a quick capability fix until the Iraqis can decide on an actual Light Attack aircraft."
- [Oct24](#): INP Phase II complete. Added an INP Regiment (5-2 finished Phase II & in Baghdad?) & two IA Brigades to BOC (2-11/3-11). 40-50% of Baghdad ISF led end-07.
- [Oct25](#): IA moving to 13 divisions: 11th-Baghdad & 14th-Basrah are in-progress; 12th Div commanding IBs (SIBs) will be mid-2008. 5 new IA Brigades in next 5mo. 11th Div will be 4 Brigades: 2 redesignated are 1-11 & 4-11 from 6th & 1st Divisions (2-6 & 4-1) / 2 new are 2-11 & 3-11; 3-11 is in Besmaya training & M16 issue; 2-11 goes there in 3wks. There will be 4 Brigades in 14th Div: Two from 10th Div (3-8 & 5-10) / 2 new: 3-14 is next to form then 4-14 mid-2008. Then they will form a 4-5 Brigade in 2008, followed by 4-7 Brigade in Mar2008 for the middle of Anbar (Rutbah), 4-3 Brigade will be mid-2008, & After that the remaining Brigade for 12th Div will form. IA is going to 4xBde per Div / 3xBn per Brigade standard during 2008/9 (finally confirmed). Per Iraqi Security Plan, will create Divisional Artillery Regiments in 2009 (Brigade mort/FA Battalions in 08?). Q: Why did the Iraqis chose M16 over AK? Don't know; Heard they look at it as a new improved weapon; Has a better pedigree; Pride in units that get them; Envy in those that haven't got them yet. Q: Who getting them? Units need refresher training? New units & then older. Next leap in training; Unit refresher training not high priority while fighting; Training Center per Division being established for: individual training, local leadership training, staff training (battalion), range training, collective task training, MOUT and close-quarter drill; Also doing Combat Training Center at Besmaya with 3-11 training there now.
- [Oct26](#): Anbar is a "Total change". 3000 new IP. 2000 new INP recruited from Anbar. More are applying than they can hire. 450 INP QRF Battalion redeployed from Karbala to start Phase III tomorrow; 10 weeks (vice 90 day, leave period after?). INP Support Brigade equipment has been ordered from FMS and is paid for from GoI (part of those trucks from Sep?); Brigade cmdr and key leaders have been ID'd and are acting but, no personnel yet; in infancy and entirely paid for by GoI. INP/IP logistics: Key item; fuel remains problematic; Working from pull-system now with subordinates having to ask first; Ammo usage has to be justified to Baghdad; after soccer matches, some IPs shoot into air, unjustified use; MoI is doing own logistics and distro now with US just watching and advising as needed. FMS purchasing; MoI doing own buys now. Still see station level problems in supply; MoI/Provinces/Districts have the supplies but are frugal in issuing/Hording in depots. 400 administrative disciplines this month; little open insubordination; Aggressive discipline in IP.
- [Oct26](#): All IA Divisions under IA. 2nd/3rd Divisions operating largely independent. OCs in Diyala/Samarra. Added 900 vehicles (2nd MTR formation & 16xBns motorized) and 130 light armored vehicles (3xBns) to IA in north over year.
- [Oct26](#): "The three-week course trained the soldiers in advanced infantry tactics. Instructors were former graduates from the 4/6 IA." "The course is modeled after the 10th Mountain Division (LI) pre-Ranger course." (4-6 IA converting to Commando Brigade?)
- [Oct29](#): Karbala PIC. "Basra, the second largest Iraqi province, will be the next in receiving the security file next December," the premier noted.
- [Oct31](#): 5-2 INP in Numaniyah finishing Phase II training after official announcement of end of phase II.
- [Nov01](#): 7th IA Div transfers to IGFC.
- [Nov03](#): Besmaya used for new brigade assembly and equipping. Five new brigades in next five months.
- [Nov05](#): 7th IA Division confirmed validated. 200 percent increase in 7th's brigades' strength in last seven months.
- [Nov07](#): 5-2 (Sword) INP Brigade graduates Phase II on 4 Nov. Phase III to be 7 weeks and for 11 INP Battalions over next two years. (Follow up e-mail: 8 Battalions are currently planned but, after 3rd battalion, will reappraise training and may increase number of battalions.)
- [Nov07](#): 14th IA Division opening ceremony.
- [Nov08](#): "Maruf facilitated the conference and announced the formation of the Baghdad brigade which will provide support to the region stretching from Yusufiyah to Taji. The brigade will consist of not only military elements, but also be the umbrella organization for their socio-political initiatives." (Replacement for 4-1 Brigade?)
- [Nov13](#): 300 military vehicles from Germany. (Enough vehicles for a MTR or motorization of an Infantry Brigade. Possible for INP Support Brigade? INP training is NTM-I lead now with Phase III.)
- [Nov13](#): U/I INP Brigade to Diwaniyah.
- [Nov16](#): Expanding support. Maintenance units a priority. Then Engineers, EOD, Medical, Intel, Food Service,

Armorers, etc. Expanding BSUs, Maintenance and Training in Divisions. (Possibly starting to form BSBs with the delegation of authority/responsibility?)

- [Nov17:](#) Iraqi Army Stryker Training Course for 4-9 Brigade.
- [Nov18:](#) 3-11 graduated Besmaya Brigade training (deploying to Sadr City).
- [Nov19:](#) 4-3 Brigade ordered to form on 18Nov2007.
- [Nov21:](#) 2-3-1 IA receiving M16s. (1/6/7/8/9/11/14)
- [Nov21:](#) 14 Divisions in IA (ISOF and 12th being counted). More than 200,000 in MoD. 3-11 IA is 110% manned. IA is 120%. Equipping new formations with US weapons in parallel with re-equipping old formations. 56 MoI Emergency Battalions (not including INP). 40,000 DBE.
- [Nov25:](#) Battalion of 7IAD fm Anbar confirmed Diwaniyah, as well as elms of 9th, 5-2 INP, under 8th IA. INP Brigade in Basrah. (1NPM?) IGFC is 160,000 plus new battalions in training. 5 Operations Centers & thinking about adding Ninawa & Anbar OCs. Added 2 Div, 8 Brigade, & 27 Battalions in 12 months (43,000).
- [Nov29:](#) 11 IA Divisions fielded and 2 in force generation with engineer battalion each; Brigades have a company of engineers and company of EOD each. Generating next year: infrastructure support/repair for electric and pipelines. Plus force level Regiment for support and Bridging. Engineer School at Taji is one of the IA's best schools. ISF 465k, 158k IA growing to 190k; INP/IA has 191 battalions; 97 in-lead. Combat Training Center at Besmaya, the range is as good as any he seen in UK. Each Div getting a Training Center for battalion level training. Logistics are problematic and fragile; Focus has been on combat units; 3rd line maintenance is US paid for contractors. Plan over next year is: Logistics Bases for IAD Supply/Maintenance in addition to RSUs. Taji providing the 3rd line Depots and 4th line Base Repair Depots. 12-18mo to IA self-sufficiency. MoI/MoD are immature, have undergone unprecedented rate of growth; Last time the US did a rate of growth comparable was WWII and they are fighting on own turf at same time. Most functions in yellow on red-green scale. Q: 7IAD Battalion deploy to Diwaniyah. QRF Battalion per Div forming? A: No intent to form specific QRF Battalion per Div; Each IA battalion equally capable; 7IAD deployment is a good news story as it was an IA planned and lead operation; good movement capability.
- [Dec01:](#) CAFTT. Basic Technical Training Branch of AF Training School. (48 Huey IIs by end-2008 since has changed to MI17s; Huey IIs are capped at 16.)
- [Dec03:](#) Two Peshmerga Divisions to fall under the IA?
- [Dec04:](#) GAO report on ISF Independence. Note formation of Wheeled Vehicle Repair Depot, Tracked Vehicle Repair Depot, and Small Arms Repair Facility at Taji.
- [Dec05:](#) 2x IA Battalions returning to Ninawa fm Baghdad. (Probably 3-1-3 & 3-2-3)
- [Dec05:](#) Increase in Support Troops by over 3,000 from previous report.
- [Dec06:](#) 110 BMP1s for Besmaya for issue to 3-3-11 IA Battalion first. (Mech Driving and Gunnery Schools open.)
- [Dec08:](#) Hiring freeze of IP in 2008 for retaining and reappraisal. 48,000 "ghost" employees discovered in FPS so far as MoI takes over.
- [Dec09:](#) e-mail fm PAO MNSTC-I - "For now there is no consideration given to a Reserve Force. Not that it isn't going to eventually be a reality but for now the focus is on the fight and filling the security forces into the critical areas of Baghdad, filling the leadership shortages, and continuing to fill the ranks of the IA to 120%. CLCs are joining security forces but most are going into the police forces. The CLCs are really local and the police forces are the best fit for these groups. The CLC ranks are totaling over 77,000 right now and not all are able to join and there are not enough police jobs for all to join. Those who are joining may not stay over the long haul but those who are joining are doing very well."
- [Dec11:](#) e-mail fm NCOIC PAO MNSTC-I - 11th not to be Mech. 3-11 Brigade not to be Mech. 3-3-11 only BMP1 Bn. (Augment)
- [Dec11:](#) "...press conference at Old Muthanna air base to announce the delivery of more than 200 HMMWVs, 40 5-ton cargo trucks and 5 Rough Terrain Container Handlers and other types of support equipment that were purchased through the Foreign Military Sales program." "This is only a small portion of the equipment that is flowing into Iraq through the Foreign Military Sales program," said Swan. "We not only have supplies, but services as well. Permanent bases and the construction associated with those bases have been purchased through Foreign Military Sales." (HMMWVs and Trucks for 11th IA Div. Part of order only. Expect another part at Shaibah for 14th.)
- [Dec11:](#) New 800 man Emergency Response IP Battalion for North Wassit. (number 57 ERB?)
- [Dec13:](#) 5th of 7 planned medical clinics turned over to Commander of INP "Sustainment Battalion". (Med cap turnover & first mention of SB.)
- [Dec14:](#) Taji AF Officer Academy and Warrant Officer Course USAF trained. Officer is 6mo but, growing to 9mo for English training.
- [Dec14:](#) Taji AF Firefighter Course grad.
- [Dec14:](#) Taji AF Quality Assurance Course grad.
- [Dec14:](#) Quarterly Report Released.
- [Dec15:](#) 50 more graduates of "Commando" Course. (Recruits for ISOF and converting over-strength 4-6 Brigade (5bn/5000man) into a Commando Brigade.)
- [Dec15:](#) Basrah PIC 16Dec. Turnover to 14IAD.

- [Dec17](#): 2nd Div receiving 33 ILAV. "This is the second to last mass issue of Badgers, with 40 more being prepared for another Iraqi Army division." (ILAV is used for Engineer Route Clearance. 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, and 12th confirmed with ILAV. 8th uses DZIK3 and Bozena. 9th and 3rd are using M113s. That leaves 1st, 7th, 10th, and 14th as unconfirmed route-clearance equipped.)
  - [Dec18](#): New formed 125 man INP ERU Company received PSD training. (Indicates INP ERU Battalion is up to 85% manning.)
  - [Dec18](#): Iraqi National Police Al Askaryn Brigade of Samarra received more than 80 vehicles. (Upgrade to motorized INP Brigade.)
  - Dec19: [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - 15th Special Operations Squadron IZAF has aggressive training schedule, will probably slide.
  - Dec19: [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](#) - The Air Operations Center was stood up back in Spring 2007, and has been slowly ramping up its capability since. Current Mi-17 Squadron is the 4th out at Al Taji. 16 more Mi-17s from a previous direct purchase between GOI and the Polish company Bumar will arrive some time in 2008. Of course they will be in the same shape as their current fleet, with zero comms and defenses. We're working to upgrade the 14 now, and the IqAF will pay for the 16 to be upgraded. Whether they break them into separate squadrons or not in 2008, nobody is certain. Due to limited MX support, they won't be able to sustain keeping the fleet anywhere other than Taji unless they invested in more MX elsewhere, such as Basra, Kirkuk, or out in Al Anbar. 2009 will bring 22 Mi-17v5 Counter Terrorist Configured helicopters. These will almost certainly be broken out around Iraq, and utilized by the ISOF forces, though IqAF will own them. The contract was officially awarded yesterday afternoon to a US firm who will purchase and configure the aircraft. On another airframe, the first Iraqi Air Force King Air 350 (Hawker Beechcraft) light transport aircraft arrived in Kirkuk a few minutes ago. The official welcoming celebration will take place after Eid passes, but for now the Iraqis have their first King Air, with more ISR birds to follow throughout 2008. Huge step forward for everyone.
  - [Dec19](#): First graduation from INP Phase III training. (8 weeks)
  - [Dec20](#): Logistics capability of three IA brigades could be independent in 3-8 months, 12mo at most.. Short HETs/tankers. (Brigades are 2-9 Tank, 3-6 and new 4-9 ACB.)
  - [Dec21](#): 430 of 450 INP Phase III students graduated on 18 December. New class starts at end-December.
  - [Dec24](#): Basrah forms five "Emergency Regiments".
  - [Dec24](#): Serbian arms and ammo purchase by MoD.
  - Dec28: [MNSTC-I PAO RFI reply/Data input from J-5](#) - "With regard to the National Police. His accounting is a little bit off, because the chart which he references from the Dec 2007 9010 report counts ONLY combat formations. So, where in his tally he included "forming battalions of the National Police Support Brigade," he is incorrect. They represent NP structure that will be formed in calendar year 2008, but they are not combat formations and are not counted as part of that 39 total battalion roll-up in the latest 9010. We checked with MNC-I, who actually owns the data and built that specific chart, and here's what they are counting as those 39 battalions reflected in the chart:
    - \* The battalions of 1st through 8th NP Brigades (3 x BNs per BDE, 8 total BDEs) = 24 BNs
    - \* The battalions of the NP Mechanized Brigade = 3 BNs
    - \* The battalions of the Al-Askerian (Samarra) Brigade = 3 BNs
    - \* The Justice BN + Unity BN + Seyafeah BN + NP QRF BN = 4 BNs
    - \* The 2 BNs of the Basrah Palace Protection Force (per its MoI authorization documents, it is a 2 x BN formation) = 2 BNs
    - \* The battalions of the FORMING Abu-Risha BDE (future projected formation in Al-Anbar Province) = 3 BNs
    - \* TOTAL = 39 BNs
    - \* the five specialty units referred-to on page 39 of the December 2007 9010 are -- the Justice BN, Unity BN, Seyafeah BN, NP QRF BN, and the Basrah Palace Protection Force.
- With regard to the Iraqi Army Infrastructure Battalions (formerly known as SIBs) conversion to "conventional" light infantry BNs, all should complete conversion in calendar year 2008. We have not yet been able to ascertain exact dates for each BN as they are dependent on other issues, such as funding and FMS case processing. We have gone to MNC-I C3 ISF to get the exact details, but, as yet, nothing heard." (Increase of one INP Brigade and nine INP battalions since 20 Sep 2007.)
- [Dec28](#): Iraqi Basic pilot training to take 3.5 months. Starts 29 Dec 2007. Remaining King Air 350 ISR and transport aircraft to be delivered in 2008.
  - [Dec29](#): Baghdad Province planned for PIC in August 2008. (Probably the last PIC province.)
  - [Dec29](#): 229 new officers graduate from Ar Rustimayah Academy. 44 are pilot candidates for Iraqi Air Force. English then Kirkuk Flight School.