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**Appendix F – 2008 Notes**

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- [Jan02:](#) 2-11 Brigade grads Besmaya.
- [Jan06:](#) RFI response from MNSTC-I PAO - Q. Counter-Terrorism Bureau position in ISF chain-of-command. Do they answer to Joint Forces Command or do they answer to the PM's National Operations Center directly? Answer: They answer to the PM's National Operations center. Q. The planned "Presidential Brigade". Planned to be under JFC or the PM's National Operations Center? Answer: The GoI has not yet made that determination. They are currently unassigned and standing up. Q. When is "Presidential Brigade" planned to start forming? Answer: They are under orders and being formed with forces generated. Resources have been allocated but as of January 08 it has not been determined who they will report to.
- [Jan06:](#) 1-1-11 bumper marking on MTLB photographed in Adhamiyah. (11th Engineers? Route-clearance?)
- [Jan08:](#) 35 EE9s transferred to 4-9 Brigade.
- [Jan15:](#) New NCO Academy at FOB Kalsu. (New divisional training center? All other NCO academies are at training facilities/bases.)
- [Jan17:](#) HMMWV transfer to IA. "The goal is to transfer 4,244 vehicles to the Iraqi Security Forces by the end of 2008. The refurbishment process is a thirteen-month program, which includes light maintenance, and painting of refurbished vehicles. The contract can be extended by an additional six months. This contract will generate over 500 jobs and has the potential to serve as an On-the-Job training mechanism for those Iraqi Army Soldiers who have completed their initial training thereby serving as a mechanism to ensure the long-term capability to maintain this fleet of vehicles by the Iraqi Army." "The program goal is to complete the transfer of over 8,000 vehicles to the Iraqi government by the end of 2009 and will provide a great capability for the Iraqi Security Forces to defeat those criminal elements who seek to do harm to this great nation."
- [Jan17:](#) Taji added Generator Repair Facility, Radio Repair Facility, & Mechanic School. ISF receiving 8500 HMMWVs from US Iraqi fund of which 4244 are to be received in 2008. INP establishing North, South, Central, and Western Regional Commands. IP establishing Regional Maintenance Facilities. Iraqi MoD is looking to buy M1 tanks.
- [Jan17:](#) "The goal is to transfer 4,244 vehicles to the Iraqi security forces by the end of 2008. The refurbishment process is a 13-month program, which includes light maintenance and painting. The contract can be extended by an additional six months. This contract will generate more than 500 jobs and has the potential to serve as an on-the-job training mechanism for Iraqi soldiers who have completed their initial training. It'll serve as a mechanism to ensure the long-term capability to maintain this fleet of vehicles by the Iraqi army. Officials aim for the program to complete the transfer of more than 8,000 vehicles to the Iraqi government by the end of 2009."
- [Jan20:](#) MNSTC-I J5 response last two RFIs - 1. Stand-up of Iraqi Army 15th, 16th, and 17th Divisions. The Minister of Defense recently directed a study for the generation of an additional IA division. However, IA force generation remains conditions-based subject to the security situation on the ground, as well as decisions undertaken by the GoI. Other than what has been expressed in reports from OSD to the Congress which are matters of public record, such as the calendar year 2007 9010 Reports which addressed Government of Iraq (GoI) consideration of adding two Peshmerga divisions, there are no official orders to force-generate additional Iraqi divisions. 2. Fielding of long-tube howitzer Artillery capabilities in the Iraqi Army. The force generation of artillery units is addressed as part of the existing Iraqi Army Service plan. As part of that plan, MoD intends to field one direct-support artillery battalion per Iraqi Army brigade. However, current estimates, given other priority areas and commitment of available resources, are that force generation of Iraqi Army artillery units will not start fielding until sometime in 2009. 3. Presidential Brigade. When completed, the Presidential Brigade will be a 5 x BN force responsible for the immediate local security of key government facilities and leaders, as well as ceremonial functions, within Baghdad. It will operate under MoD control, though exact command-and-control lines have yet to be determined. It does not yet have an approved MTOE, but will consist of a mixed armor, motorized and light infantry force. The brigade is now undergoing force-generation.
- [Jan22:](#) NiOC.
- [Jan25:](#) Peshmerga strength at 101,000. 25,000 to be in two IA Divisions while 76,000 in KRG. GoI wants 30k vice 25k. 90k to be pensioned. (Transfer of two KRG Divisions hung up in political discussions.)
- [Jan31:](#) IA expanding BSUs and RSUs. Life-support self-sufficient as of 25 Nov 2007. 2nd/3rd level ammo issue is push system now.
- [Feb06:](#) MNSTC-I Press release 080206-01 - Goal for 2008 is to train more than 6,000, increasing the total in the DBE to 46,000.
- [Feb07:](#) Presidential Brigade receives US weapons at Besmaya.
- [Feb13:](#) 3-14 IA grads Besmaya. 4-5 IA trucks arrive Besmaya. 3 week program.
- [Feb15:](#) Plans for 40 C-130s.

- Feb18: [NTM-I RFI Response - 1-2-1 INP Battalion](#) graduating Phase III training at Camp Dublin.
- [Feb21](#): "...Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division to receive 35 rebuilt EE-9 Cascavels, Jan. 8." (First mention of an IA Recon Bn.)
- Feb22: [RFI response from 2-25SBCT PAO Major Hing](#) - Confirmed nomenclature of "4-9 Reconnaissance Battalion". (Non-standard designation. Why? And unique organization. Why? Is 4-9 Brigade a field testing/training formation? For LAR Battalions?)
- [Feb24](#): 3-3-8 IA activity at FOB Kalsu. (2nd battalion of new 3-8 active at Kalsu. (2-3-8 was in Jan08.) Estimate reforming/field training of the new 3-8 IA Brigade.)
- [Feb25](#): Spare parts to Al Kisik via MI17s. (Indication Maintenance Depot at Al Kisik RSU going on line. Improved Maintenance.)
- [Feb27](#): 3rd Sq receives King Air 350s. (First Sq receiving KA350.)
- [Feb27](#): INP Sustainment Brigade is a target objective this yr. Currently only 425 personnel, Maintenance Platoon, mostly HQ elements. Should be good this time next year.
- [Feb28](#): No tank/artillery requests in FMS by GoI as yet. 336xBTR3E1 for 8xBns, might not continue forward (this is in contradiction to Col Scott 15 Feb), Iraqis are looking at larger buys of non-soviet (LAV?). 22-26x MI17. ~80,000 M16A4s so far.
- [Mar01](#): 3500 recruits for 3rd IA Division at Al Kisik Military Training Base. (4-3 IA Brigade recruits starting training.)
- [Mar04](#): Unit Set Fielding: Deploy as coherent unit and skip C4, and accelerate to C2. No C1 INP; intentional; they split and form new units when a high C2. IA has formed 12 Divisions/42 Brigades/146 Battalions + 1 ISOF Brigade and 4 Commando Battalions. Logistics is making good progress; end-2008 to see results; Self-sufficiency in life-support; working on fueling; 8 logistics bases of 13 built. One per Div. Five completely manned. 9 MTRs fielded and 3 to go. Taji Nat Depot on-line starting mid-Apr and year after that to finish. MoD/MoI looking at 600k total in 2010. 531k now; 340k IP; 3k ISOF; 188K IA. 10 of the Div Recon Units built for intel; connected; Working MoI Intel in provinces. C2 12x Div HQs; Staff training at Brigade/Bn. 5 of the IA Area Ops Centers; 8 total planned (2 Army Groups/6 Corps). Doubling aircraft this year. Not doing the fires until later this year. Engineers not a focus area but being worked; 4 Battalions, 9 Co, 10 EOD Co.
- Mar10: [RFI response via e-mail by SFC Charlene Sipperly, MNSTC-I PAO NCOIC](#) - "Yes, they are re-numbering the Brigades, according to Ministerial Order #151, dated 19 Feb 08. They are numbering them as you stated. No other numbers skipped other than 13. The exception to the numbering rule is the 6th, with its 5 Brigades numbered as 22, 23, 24, 25, and 54.
- Mar11: [RFI response via e-mail by SFC Charlene Sipperly, MNSTC-I PAO NCOIC](#) - "The fifth brigade in the 6th division is the 54th. The IA has programmed 5 brigades in the 6th Division - though there are only 4 of the brigades in reality. 2/6 is a question mark right now, there are orders to form it, but it has not happened yet. The Presidential Brigade remains the Presidential Brigade. Whether the 54th is the seed for a 15th Division or not, there is nothing in writing - though it causes one to conclude that is the future."
- [Mar11](#): 9010 Quarterly Report released.
- [Mar12](#): RSUs redesignated Divisional BSUs. One BSU per Division planned and will support non-divisional elements in Division's AOR.
- Mar14: [RFI response via e-mail by SFC Charlene Sipperly, MNSTC-I PAO NCOIC](#) - Q. IZAF getting A67? A. "This is what our CAFTT general's aide stated: The Iraqi Ministry of Defense (i.e. the Iraqi Air Force) is now the lead agency for purchasing (acquisition) of their COIN aircraft. At this time I am not aware of any info on this topic released by the GoI. So to answer the question: The GoI has not released info to confirm or deny the statement by the reporter below. In the past, CAFTT has had the lead in acquiring aircraft for the Iraqis because we used ISFF dollars. That time has ended."
- Mar18: [MNSTC-I Media Advisory 080318-01](#) - 21st IA Brigade graduates Brigade Set Fielding at Besmaya.
- [Mar18](#): 27 Brigade/7 IAD receiving AAslt training fm USMC/SEALs.
- Mar21: [e-mail](#) - (Mosul) "the 9th Division's BTRs are sitting on base, haven't been used since arriving a month plus ago. Authoritative rumor has it they have no ammo." (4-9 Brigade deployed without an operational BSB, 4-9 BSB was due thru Taji in Feb09.)
- [Mar21](#): FMS possible sale.
- [Mar22](#): Ministry of Interior forces could approach a strength of 500,000, requiring a robust logistical and infrastructure building program to support this growth.
- [Mar24](#): 4-6 IA Brigade has 9 Battalions.
- Mar25: [Media Advisory ADV20080325-01](#) - The Engineer School is celebrating the graduation of 125 Iraqi students who will become Soldiers in the first Infrastructure Repair Battalion in the Iraqi Army.
- [Mar27](#): ISF moved 5-8,000 (2 Brigades) on their own to Basrah. No coalition support or planning at all. The new Div the 14th has 3 Brigades new and for this operation they added an IA and an INP Brigade. Lot of Basrah is pure criminal. Tactical Logistics: Building the divisional logistics units by end 2008; Adding the INP Sustainment Brigade; Provincial IP is mostly handled at local government level. Operational Logistics: Taji National Depot growing to 37

different shops; Adding ammo depot as well; MoI expanding Baghdad Police College warehousing; MoI adding an Annex to Abu Ghraib Depot. ISOF: Adding one Brigade this year with a Battalion each at Basrah, Anbar, Diyala, and Mosul. 2nd ISOF Brigade will include those four Battalions plus the GSU Bn. Also training Mi17 Sq for support in night vision ops. IZAF: Seven Sq now; 2009 looking at 2600 in 10 Squadrons. 2009 building a light attack COIN Sq with own money; Light force for forcible future.

- [Mar28](#): "Re-classified as a quick-reaction force, the 1st Iraqi Army Division is being farmed out to quell hot spots across the country." (1st joins 9th IA Div as strategic reserve.)
- [Mar28](#): Serbian arms deal. Only 20 Lasta95s.
- [Mar28](#): [Media Advisory 080331-01](#) - On 31 Mar, Approximately 900 Soldiers from the Engineer Infrastructure Battalion (EIB), Iraq's new "Quick Reactionary Repair Capability" for electrical towers and power lines, and oil pipelines with its own mobile and ground security capability will graduate at the Taji National Depot Complex. The generation of this battalion was a joint effort by the Ministries of Oil, Electricity and Defense.
- [Mar30](#): 29th- first report in training Mar9.
- [Apr01](#): 29th Brigade graduating Unit Set Fielding at Habbenayah on 3 Apr. (First under this program to graduate from other than Besmaya. Expanding the program. Planned to take over Rutbah Dist.)
- [Apr02](#): "Approximately 700 soldiers from the Iraqi Army Engineer Infrastructure Battalion celebrated the completion of their training during a graduation ceremony held here [Taji] Apr. 2. The battalion was created in October 2007 and these soldiers have gone through six months of training in various areas to include specific training in electrical and pipeline repair."
- [Apr03](#): 3rd Regional Training Center at Numaniyah. (First mention of numeric designation for RTC.)
- [Apr03](#): [e-mail](#) - 14th IA Brigade deployed to Basrah for ops in March. 52nd Brigade "broke" in the fighting. (14th Brigade is from Salahadin; 52nd is green and it would not be surprising if it broke.)
- [Apr03](#): But both as an indication of, you know, intention, resolve, ability, they moved something like a division's worth of forces in very short order from all over in the south, this area, one brigade from Anbar. You know, they did it themselves, they got them there, and they got in the fight. So I think that's important.
- [Apr04](#): But most of the deserters were not officers. The American military official said, "From what we understand, the bulk of these were from fairly fresh troops who had only just gotten out of basic training and were probably pushed into the fight too soon." (Confirmation that the 52nd "broke".)
- [Apr06](#): 3rd Brigade, 1st Division in Basrah. (It was in Diyala covering until 21st Brigade graduated. Went to Basrah instead of back to Anbar.)
- [Apr12](#): 1st IA Division in Basrah. (Div Surgeon.)
- [Apr14](#): [RFI response fm Cpt DAVID F. ROY, Media Relations Officer, MNSTC-I](#) - 1. How many total Corps are planned? How many this year? What are the nomenclature and locations (if releasable)? A: There are 4 corps headquarters planned, this capability is required over a 4 year time span beginning CY 2009 through CY 2012. The specific nomenclatures and locations have not been determined at this time. 2. How many EIB's are there planned? How many this year? What are the nomenclature and locations (if releasable)? A: Currently, there is no plan to generate any additional Engineer Infrastructure Battalions. This may be due to the proposed generation of divisional engineer assets in CY 2009 & 2010. 3. How many independent brigades/battalions are there planned? How many this year? What are the nomenclature, type and locations (if releasable)? A: There are no excess line battalions. All separate organizations are task organized to specific missions such as the EIB and Presidential BDE. Along with these 2 organizations there are 14 battalion sized organizations in generation designated as Base Support Units. The Iraqi Army term for BSU is Location Command. 4. The FMS notification to Congress last month had a lot of trucks and sedans. Looks like it represented the vehicles for the probable future Corps' HQ elements and Sustainment Brigade. Are they planned? Is there a MTOE and nomenclature yet? A: The corps headquarters do have approved MTO&E and are projected for force generation over a 4 year time span beginning CY 2009 through CY 2012. The FMS notification you refer to most probably included vehicles and equipment to support the force generation of Iraqi Police Services. This would explain the large numbers of trucks and sedans. FMS is used to support the force generation of all Iraqi Security Forces, Military and Police.
- [Apr15](#): [RFI response fm Cpt ROY, Media Relations Officer, MNSTC-I](#) - "The Baghdad Operations Command and six other sister organizations are to remain as they are currently task organized. I understand the confusion that some of these units and force structures can create. Think of the Operations Centers as the equivalent of the US Combatant Commands, (SOUTHCOM, CENTCOM, EUCOM, PACOM, NORTHCOM). This is a very loose correlation but should help to explain how they fit in the OOB. Also keep in the front of your mind that the Iraqi Security Forces continue to evolve toward it's projected final organizational structure.
- [Apr15](#): ISOF in Basrah reinforced.
- [Apr17](#): CAATT- Building to 52 IA Brigades in 13 Divisions this year. IA CoS- Two Peshmerga Divisions in the KRG will be under MoD like the other IA Divs.
- [Apr20](#): [RFI response fm 1Lt Sonia Mancini NATO Training Mission-Iraq PIO](#) - 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade graduating phase III on 21 Apr 2008. (ERU, 1-2-1, and now 2-2-1; 2nd Brigade must be being used for cadre for two battalions to go thru phase III.)
- [Apr22](#): 5th (Desert Wolves) Brigade/2nd DBE Region. (DBE renumbered to consecutive brigades, like the IA.)

- [Apr22](#): The 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Army Quick Reaction Force has come a long way. Literally and figuratively. As the first Iraqi division formed in 2004, the 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Army Division, renamed the 1<sup>st</sup> IA (QRF) in February, has developed, with the help of dedicated military transition team advisors, into the one of the premier units in the young Iraqi Army. Within the last year, the al-Anbar based 1<sup>st</sup> IA (QRF) has deployed brigades to Baghdad and Diyala to fight terrorist groups like al-Qaeda in Iraq and anti-government militias, while still providing security for the citizens of al-Anbar. Most recently, the 1<sup>st</sup> IA (QRF) has been deployed to Basrah since April 1, 2008, with forward elements in the city even before that, to assist local Iraqi Army and police units in combating militias and other criminal elements in the city. Within three days of receiving the order to deploy, the 1<sup>st</sup> IA (QRF) moved a full division headquarters along with the brigade-sized Quick Reaction Force 1 and its three battalions with hundreds of vehicles from their bases around Habbaniyah, Ramadi, and Hawas to Shaibah Airfield on the outskirts of Basrah. Without missing a beat, QRF 1 and the 1<sup>st</sup> IA (QRF) began cordoning off militia-controlled sections of the city and actively pushing forward into what had traditionally been areas that Iraqi security forces would not go.
- [Apr22](#): Basra, Iraq (April 1) - After travelling for three days over hundreds of miles, the 1st Iraqi Army Quick Reaction Force headquarters and their military transition team counterparts arrived at Shaibah airfield ready to bring peace and security back to the people of Basra. The al-Anbar based 1st IA (QRF) has been deployed by the Government of Iraq to assist local Iraqi Army and police units in breaking the influence of militias and other criminal elements over the citizens of Basra. The 1st IA (QRF), previously the 1st Iraqi Army Division was renamed in February because it has been frequently called on to assist the Iraqi Security Forces in responding to crises in other areas of the country on short notice. In January of this year, the 1st IA Division deployed a full brigade, in only three days, to Diyala province to fight al-Qaeda in Iraq and other terrorist groups in that province, dramatically improving the security situation in their assigned battle space. Now again, the 1st IA (QRF) has lived up to the name quick reaction force by deploying not only a brigade, Quick Reaction Force 1, and all three of its battalions and support equipment, but also sending down a full division sized staff complete with sustainment and gear for a ninety day deployment with minimal assistance from the Marine advisers on the military transition team embedded with them. And they did it all in three days. Newly arrived in Basra, the QRF is already linking up with forward elements of QRF 1 and establishing cordons and operating within the city itself to provide the local citizens the peace and security they deserve.
- [Apr23](#): "The Premier announced significant progress on the future and status of the Peshmerga forces, the constitutionally mandated regional guard. Two divisions of the Peshmerga will be incorporated into the Iraqi army and stationed in the Kurdistan Region. The other Peshmerga forces will be funded by a special allocation from Baghdad and form a regional guard for the Kurdistan Region. A commission from the federal Ministry of Defence will travel to the Kurdistan Region to address the issue in the near future." (KRG got their own corps. 2 Divisions to IA and rest remain under KRG.)
- [Apr24](#): [Releases 20080424-06 and 20080424-07](#) - US SF working with oversized 33rd IA Brigade. (Possible Commando Brigade split?)
- [Apr25](#): New facility for Light Infantry Battalion, 4-7 IA Brigade (29th) at COP 160K in Rutbah. (Light Infantry Battalion/4-7 Brigade. Other 4-7 battalions are BMP1.)
- [Apr28](#): First operational mention of EE9 equipped 37th Reconnaissance Battalion. Advised by SF. (Why SF advisors?)
- [Apr30](#): 10 Kiowa's used to train IqAF pilots.
- [May03](#): [Release 20080503-05](#) - 1-52 IA Battalion getting urban combat training. Comment about biometrics indicates 1-52 to receive M4/M16s at end of training.
- [May05](#): 30,000 Peshmerga to be integrated into IA as two divisions. They are quoting GoI/KRG at about 05:25.
- [May07](#): Iraq - Technical Assistance for Construction of Facilities and Infrastructure (Barracks and facilities up to 450mil USD.)
- [May10](#): [RELEASE No. 20080510-05](#) - 34th Armor Brigade. (Was Mech. Is it upgrading with the new T72s receipt?)
- [May11](#): "Lion's Roar" in Mosul. "This offensive carried out by elite force besides Scorpion and Lion forces from Kut and Hilla,..." (Hillah SWAT Battalion is Scorpions, Wassit Emergency Response Brigade is Lions, and the other elite force would be the ISOF Commando Battalion.)
- [May18](#): Elements of 37th IA Brigade in Amarah. (37th Recon?)
- [May19](#): Seven more ERBs for Ninawa Province. (This makes it 72 at minimum nationwide. Equivalent of six paramilitary Divisions.)
- [May22](#): Anbar Operational Command soon to stand up and Bayji Ammo Depot turnover.
- [May28](#): One INP Brigade per province planned (18 provinces). 3 INP Divisions now. 13 IA Logistics Bases built by end-2008; 8 currently. 6200 HMMWVs by end 2008. Short IA units for operations due to Sadr City, Mosul, and Basrah. Basrah reinforcements ordered to redeploy. (end of Basrah clearing.)
- [Jun01](#): French weapons deal being negotiated?
- [Jun02](#): Possible buy of 50 Gazelle attack helicopters?
- [Jun02](#): Major improvements in ISF confidence, leadership, command/control, equipment and followership. MND-B worked with five ISF divisions, 20 brigades, 76 battalions. All just in Baghdad province. Baghdad IP rapidly growing

to 25,000. Phase II is expansion to 35,200 Baghdad IP by Feb09.

- [Jun03](#): Eight 314-B1 Super Tucano light attack and training planes for use in Iraq.
- [Jun04](#): "We have now over 16 military divisions.... (Counting the 15th KRG, 16th KRG, and new 17th IA Divisions.)
- [Jun04](#): 15th SOS NVG flight training.
- [Jun05](#): Const on Shaibah LC (14th).
- [Jun12](#): Major redeployment and operation in Maysan.
- [Jun15](#): New mortars added to IA in Diwaniyah and adding heavy weapons elements to battalions. (81mm added to 8th Division.)
- [Jun16](#): RFI Response by LTC Wellman, Chief of Public Affairs, MNSTC-I - The Iraqis are fielding mortars in the force gradually as part of their continuing build towards self sufficiency. They plan to issue 120mm batteries at the division level, 81mm at the brigade and 60mm at the battalion level. There will be 18 mortars per battery at the upper levels eventually. I don't have a time line handy for the fielding but it is being trained at Besmaya range complex and locally at the units such as 8th IA in Qadisiyah.
- [Jun16](#): 11th Brigade in Maysan? (Or elements of 11th Division? 15 ISF commanders is 15 battalion and brigade commanders. Div sized force.)
- [Jun18](#): Iraqi government plan calls for 376 aircraft by 2020.
- [Jun19](#): 1st INP Mech Brigade elements photographed in Amarah. (36th IA and 1st NPM Brigades are only confirmed elements so far.)
- [Jun19](#): Four ERU Battalions formed(ing) in Wassit. (2 binary brigades; 26+ ERBs with 80+ ERU nationwide.)
- [Jun19](#): IA will merge its 2 main spare parts depots for military equipment into a new facility at Taji National Depot. (Expansion of Taji Supply Depot appears to be on schedule.)
- [Jun19](#): C130J simulators for Iraq via FMS.
- [Jun20](#): Hillah SWAT Battalion (Scorpions) expanding to Brigade? Scorpion Police Brigade... (Possibly prior to transfer to INP? Babil INP Bde?)
- [Jun21](#): RFI response by Wieloch, Rupert OF5 GBR, NTM-I PIO - "The INP Battalion which graduated today is 3Bn, 2Bde, 1 Div of the Iraqi National Police. You are correct that the current programme is for 8 courses (Battalions trained). There is a proposal to extend for another 4 courses between March and November 2009, but this has not yet been confirmed/agreed. (all 3 of 2nd INP's battalions thru phase III.)
- [Jun21](#): Intel Academy courses. (Pg3)
- [Jun22](#): 4th IA Div Engineer Regiment - Tikrit.
- [Jun23](#): Anbar PIC 28Jun.
- [Jun23](#): 9010 Quarterly Report.
- [Jun24](#): 300 "armored vehicles" for Diwaniyah IP. (Up armored HMMWVs? Enough to motorize a brigade...)
- [Jun24](#): [FJI](#) - Air-to-Ground rocket training for Mi17s at Kut.
- [Jun26](#): Photos of INP HMMWVs being turned over. (If those are the 300 armored vehicles for Diwaniyah IP, then they are converting the ERB to INP.)
- [Jun29](#): Press Notice - Graduation of 12/3 IA Brigade from USF at Besmaya on Jun 30.
- [Jun29](#): RFI response from LTC Wellman, MNSTC-I PAO - Q- Could you provide the INP battalion ID for the latest graduation? A- 3/2/1 National Police (422 Shurta); 1/1/1 is next in mid to late July. Q- Also, how many INP battalions will receive Phase III Carabinari training? A- There are 8 battalions scheduled to receive the Phase III Carabinieri training and discussions are continuing between the MoI, MNSTC-I and NATO on extending it up to 12 or possibly more.
- [Jun29](#): RFI response fm LTC Wellman, MNSTC-I PAO - "The Baghdad area LCs (Taji & Rustamiyah) support all 3 Baghdad area Divisions (6, 9 & 11). The Al Memona LC is in support of the 10th and 14th Divisions, the 10th is also supported by the LC in Ur and the 14th is additionally supported by Shaiba. There is no relocation of an existing division that we know of, just three geographically disparate LCs supporting two divisions." "There are currently no plans on the books for further expansion of the Iraqi Marines at this time." "Portions of 12th Division are in the Iraqi plan for next spring but there is not enough detail available to provide an IOC date for the Division."
- [Jun29](#): 1st NPM Route clearance training. (Standing up Engineer Cos for INP.)
- [Jun29](#): 82 Ford F-550 cargo trucks received by INP Sustainment Brigade on Jun28. (probably for Transport Battalion)
- [Jun30](#): MNSTC-I Press Notice 20080702-01 - 53rd Brigade graduating USF on 2 July at Numaniyah.
- [Jun30](#): 12th Brigade grad Besmaya.
- [Jul04](#): CSWAT under CTB like ISOF?
- [Jul04](#): INP's ERU under CBT?
- [Jul04](#): 17th IA Division? First operational mention of 23rd IA Brigade. South of Baghdad. (Split off of 25th IA Commando Brigade.)
- [Jul05](#): MNSTC-I Release No. 20080702-01 - 4/5/2 Infantry Battalion USF Grad Ceremony in Ninawa on 6 July.

For operations in Ninawa.

- Jul05: [MNC-I ADV20080705-01](#) - "The inaugural War fighter Training Exercise and Graduation Ceremony. The Iraqi Army War fighter Training is a two- week training event conducted at divisional training centers focused on multi-echelon training from platoon to battalion level. IA units are trained on individual and collective tasks culminating in a company or battalion CAPSTONE exercise. Where applicable, units are also fielded and trained on enablers such as Up Armored HMMWVs, M16s, SINCGARS Radios and Mortars. This is the first iteration of what is planned to be a regular event for all IA battalions." July 9-10 at Camp Taji Regional Training Center. The training is designed to elevate IA battalions to the next level of readiness and enable them to take the lead for security operations.
- [Jul06](#): 3-8/2 INP Battalion preparing for Phase III training. (1-1/1 is due to graduate phase III end-Jul08; 3-8/2 is probably next up.)
- [Jul06](#): What is 2-31/8 Battalion doing at Taji? Upgrading its wheels thru USF issue and training? (normally assigned to Babil Province)
- [Jul07](#): 2-25/17. 2nd rpt 17th Div.
- [Jul07](#): The 53rd Brigade, 14th Infantry Division, graduated from the Unit Set Fielding program at Numaniyah Regional Training Center, Jul02.
- [Jul07](#): 5th Engineer Regiment.
- [Jul09](#): 6th Div elements in Abu Ghraib (22nd Brigade); 17th Div elements in south Baghdad (23rd or 25th Bde.)
- [Jul09](#): Al Shams Offshore Support Vessel received.
- [Jul09](#): 8 Cessna 172s & 3 Cessna Caravan 208s to IZAF for training. The additional aircraft will allow more than 130 new pilots to train and graduate each year. "They will double in size within the next year, giving them up to 6,000 Airmen and 133 aircraft by the end of 2009."
- [Jul09](#): Noted movements of IA indicating the 28th Brigade is in Mosul. (57:30) 8 LCs built, 5 more to go. National Depot online summer 2009. 9 MTRs operational, 6 more forming. Half of the GTR formed, rest end of summer08. 12th Infrastructure Division and OPS for oil security. (1:56:45) Two Kurdish Divisions to IA (discussions ongoing). Some Kurdish Special Police to INP (under discussion on numbers; first mention of this.). (2:04:00) ISOF chain-of-command: PM (CINC) to CTB (ministry like level; may become a ministry) to CTC (IA ISOF command) to "1st Special Operations Brigade and soon to be formed commando brigades". (Plural. No number of how many brigades.)
- [Jul10](#): 4th Battalion (mech), 36/9 IA Brigade completing an advanced "warrior" training course at Camp Taji. (M113s with Cav/recon markings in this new bn.)
- [Jul11](#): 4th Battalion (mech), 34th Brigade, 9th IA Div training at Taji. (Type63s with Cav/recon markings in this new bn. Mis-ID'd as 4-36; MiTT0934 and 34th in intro credits.)
- [Jul13](#): "Although...with all that we...they issued...we issued an order that for each province will have a brigade. This brigade will work in that province but would not be under...would not report directly to the chief of police. But it would have...if we have any problems in that province, the chief of police will ask the Ministry of Interior to get this brigade to help him in providing security in that...for that province."
- Jul14: [MNC-I RELEASE No. 20080714-04](#) - "Karbala National Emergency Response Unit" receives training fm Coalition forces.
- [Jul15](#): First ever battalion of Iraqi soldiers graduated the War fighter Training Course at Phoenix Academy in Taji, July 10. 4th Battalion, 36th Brigade, 9th IA Div (Mechanized).
- [Jul16](#): Qadisayah PIC.
- [Jul16](#): Baghdad "National" ERU
- [Jul16](#): "Logistics Battalion, 35th Brigade, 9th IA Division." (They are no longer referring to the BSB with a battalion number; They were 4th Battalions for a while; 4th Battalion appears to belong to the Mech Recon Battalions now. The 35th has shifted from FOB Hammer back to Taji; The 35th Brigade is part of the Diyala ops?)
- [Jul17](#): 4-36 Mechanized Battalion, 9th Division activated/commissioned on 10 July 2008 with HMMWVs/M113s.
- [Jul20](#): Baghdad "National" ERB.
- [Jul21](#): 1st NPM Brigade graduated 10 day Route-clearance training in Rasheed District Jul19. First INP Brigade to receive this training. (Back from Maysan.)
- [Jul21](#): H3 airfield (20 miles west Rutbah) being refurbished for IZAF Air Base.
- [Jul22](#): 4xPS to start commissioning in Italy Apr09, at 3 month intervals. Arrive in Iraq starting Jul09. 2xOSV and 3xPBs start arriving from Malaysia Sep09. 15 PBs total. 500 IA transferred to IZN and formed 2nd Marine Bn. 3,000 Navy planned end-2010. 4-5000 after that depending on how large the Marines grow. Now the 1st Battalion does the VBSS, etc and the 2nd Battalion is Lt Infantry/Security. (Marine Brigade in 2011?)
- Jul23: [RFI response from LTC Frederick P. Wellman, Chief PAO MNSTC-I](#) - "It is my understanding that those units [Emergency Response Units/Brigades] are all being rolled into the National Police command but will have to confirm as well the details and precise chain of command. I have no info on the KRG stuff [Kurdish Special Police] that is releasable at this point." (INP expanding to 8-10 divisions confirmed. 19 ERB + 15 INP + 3or4 KRG Brigades = 37-38 Brigades.)
- Jul23: [RFI response by Major L A H JONES, SO2 DBE, MND\(SE\)](#) - "The Coastal Boarder Guard (CBG)

originally referred to as the Coast Guard and Inland Waterways Dept (CGIWD) is deployed on the rivers in Region 4 HQ AO in order to combat riverine smuggling. The CBG HQ is in Al Mqil and it has 4 Groups under its command: Al Faw, Shatt al Arab, Basra and Umm Qasr Group. They have responsibility for all inland waterways, north from the marsh areas of the SAA up to Cigar Island and from Buoy 36 in the KAA. They have approx 750 personnel and are commanded by Brig RAHIM. Their Key Tasks are: 1. Patrolling inland waterways to interdict smuggling. 2. SPOE protection. 3. Policing lawful entry points to Iraq for goods and persons."

- [Jul23:](#) 4-31 IA Battalion operating in Iskandariyah area. (lot of red Berets. Working with Rakkasans. This is the ninth battalion that was OPCON 25th Commando Brigade. Probably future part of 17th Div.)
- [Jul24:](#) ISOF Organized in three tier command, CTB is at top and fills the ministerial level role, CTC is the operational staff and facilitates enablers, ISOF Brigade is the operators, established in 2003 and has worked w/USSOF from start; expanding to four more locations and adding a SOF Van element. "Right now" not folding SWAT in "at this time or near future". Some SWAT was OPCON to ISOF in recent operations. Under a separate Bureau from IA, new law may make it a separate ministry. No cross over to IA. Expanding to two brigade HQs for command and control, No plans to expand past that "right now".
- [Jul24:](#) [31st IA Brigade Cmdr] "Last year we were working with two battalions. This year we are working with four battalions. Next year we will have new equipment, such as artillery forces. At this moment, at this time, we also -- we have Lieutenant Colonel McDowell (sp)) training our -- one of our platoons on a route clearance method and such missions like that."
- [Jul25:](#) "The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of 6 C-130J-30 United States Air Force baseline aircraft and equipment, 24 Rolls Royce AE 2100D3 engines, 4 Rolls Royce AE 2100D3 spare engines, 6 AAR-47 Missile Warning Systems, 2 spare AAR-47 Missile Warning Systems, 6 AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispensing Systems, 2 spare AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispensing Systems. Also included are spare and repair parts, configuration updates, integration studies, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, technical services, personnel training and training equipment, foreign liaison office support, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, construction, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$1.5 billion."
- [Jul26:](#) First operational report of Presidential Brigade. (Note: There is an error in report, PB is IA, not INP subordinate.)
- [Jul27:](#) IGFC (Fwd) to Baqubah. Deploying a component of IGFC Staff to Baqubah. Elements from Baghdad, 4 IA Divisions, more INP. Aug operation. Working the rural, cities fairly secure.
- [Jul28:](#) "BMPs and other Iraqi armored vehicles not seen before..." (elms of 9th Div in Diyala; other armored vehicles are probably elements of 37th Brigade; BMPs are probably 35th Brigade.)
- [Jul28:](#) "The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of 160 M2 .50 caliber Machine Guns, 160 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles (ASVs), 4 Heavy Duty Recovery Trucks, 160 Harris Vehicular Radio Systems, 144 MK19 MOD3 40mm Grenade Machine Guns with Bracket, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$206 million."
- [Jul30:](#) First mention of 1st Division in Diyala. (Composition of force not further identified.)
- [Jul30:](#) FMS Possible sale of 24 Bell Armed 407 Helicopters or 24 Boeing AH-6 Helicopters, 24 Rolls Royce 250-C-30 Engines, 565 M120 120mm Mortars, 665 M252 81mm Mortars, 200 AGM-114M HELLFIRE missiles, 24 M299 HELLFIRE Guided Missile Launchers, 16 M36 HELLFIRE Training Missiles, 15,000 2.75-inch Rockets, 24 M280 2.75-inch Launchers, 24 XM296 .50 Cal. Machine Guns with 500 Round Ammunition Box, 24 M134 7.62mm Mini-Guns, 81mm ammunition, 120mm ammunition, test measurement and diagnostics equipment, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$2.4 billion. The proposed sale of these helicopters, missiles, and mortar systems will be used to develop new IAF squadrons and/or wings.
- [Jul30:](#) FMS Possible sale of technical assistance to ensure provision of adequate facilities and infrastructure in support of the recruitment, garrison, training, and operational facilities and infrastructure for the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide engineering, planning, design, acquisition, contract administration, construction management, and other technical services for construction of facilities and infrastructure (repair, rehabilitation, and new construction) in support of the training, garrison, and operational requirements of the ISF. The scope of the program includes provision of technical assistance for Light Armored Vehicles, Range Facilities, Training Facilities, Tank Range Complex Facilities, and Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Facilities in support of Government of Iraq (GoI) construction projects throughout the country of Iraq. The facilities and infrastructure planned include mission essential facilities, maintenance and supply buildings, company and regimental headquarters, and utilities systems (including heating, water, sewer, electricity, and communication lines). Services include support, personnel training and training equipment, acquisition of engineer construction equipment, technical assistance to Iraqi military engineers, other technical assistance, contractor engineering services, and other related elements of logistic support. The estimated cost is \$1.6 billion.

- [Jul30:](#) FMS Possible sale of 392 Light Armored Vehicles (LAVs) which include 352 LAV-25, 24 LAV-CC, and 16 LAV-A (Ambulances); 368 AN/VRC-90E Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems (SINCGARS); 24 AN/VRC-92E SINCGARS; and 26 M72 Light Anti-Tank Weapons. The following are considered replacements to vehicles/weapons requested in the Military Table of Equipment (MTOE): 5 LAV-R (Recovery), 4 LAV-L (Logistics), 2 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles, 41 Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR), 2 MK19 40mm Grenade Machine Guns, 773 9mm Pistols, 93 M240G Machine Guns, and 10 AR-12 rifles. Non-MDE includes ammunition, construction, site survey, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$3 billion.
- [Jul30:](#) The Iraqi security forces, we have two divisions: the 5th Division and their area of responsibility is in Diyala province. We have two...more than two divisions from the Iraqi forces. We have more than one division from the MOI and there is a real active participation from the Multi-National Force and that's the support to this. (1st Div Troops, 4/1 IA, 35/9 IA, and 37 IA ID'd so far. The remaining IA is probably 4th Div. No IDs on "MOI" troops which probably includes ERB(s) and INP Brigade(s). Probable candidates from INP are 1st NPM and 5/2 INP.)
- [Jul31:](#) "Our plan is to conduct a transfer of authority of Southern Baghdad, not with another Coalition forces element, but with the 17th Iraqi Army Division," said Col. Dominic Caraccilo, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "The conditions are set for the 17th IA Div. to take charge of its area of operations – which is virtually all of the Mahmudiyah Qada," said Maj. David Jones, operations officer for 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT). At the helm of the forces, which have taken control of the area, is recently promoted Maj. Gen. Ali Jassim Muhammad Hassen Al Frejee, commander of the 17th IA Div. He was the former commander of the 25th IA Brigade. With the promotion to two-star general, Ali now has three brigades – an additional 4,000 Soldiers and 80 officers – under his command. "The mere fact that the brigade operating in this area has been directed and has had the ability to transform itself into a division speaks volumes of the capability of the Iraqi Army leaders and the local support of its own security forces," Caraccilo said. (First official mention 17th Div formed; first mention third brigade of 17th Div formed; First open confirmation formed by splitting 25th Brigade.)
- [Jul31:](#) Counter-Terrorism Bureau legislation being worked by council of ministers for Parliament consideration.
- [Jul31:](#) FMS possible sale of 140 M1A1 Abrams tanks modified and upgraded to the M1A1M Abrams configuration, 8 M88A2 Tank Recovery Vehicles, 64 M1151A1B1 Armored High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), 92 M1152 Shelter Carriers, 12 M577A2 Command Post Carriers, 16 M548A1 Tracked Logistics Vehicles, 8 M113A2 Armored Ambulances, and 420 AN/VRC-92 Vehicular Receiver Transmitters. Also included are: 35 M1070 Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET) Truck Tractors, 40 M978A2 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) Tankers, 36 M985A2 HEMTT Cargo Trucks, 4 M984A2 HEMTT Wrecker Trucks, 140 M1085A1 5-ton Cargo Trucks, 8 MMWV Ambulances w/ Shelter, 8 Contact Maintenance Trucks, 32 500 gal Water Tank Trailers, 16 2500 gal Water Tank Trucks, 16 Motorcycles, 80 8 ton Heavy/Medium Trailers, 16 Sedans, 92 M1102 Light Tactical trailers, 92 635NL Semi-Trailers, 4 5,500 lb Rough Terrain Forklifts, 20 M1A1 engines, 20 M1A1 Full Up Power Packs, 3 spare M88A2 engines, 10 M1070 engines, 20 HEMTT engines, 4 M577A2 spare engines, 2 5-ton truck engines, 20 spare HMMWV engines, ammunition, spare and repair parts, maintenance, support equipment, publications and documentation, personnel training and equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$2.16 billion.
- [Jul31:](#) (05:20) 1900 customs transferred to DBE in Basrah. (Split up or forming separate Brigade? One brigade for Kuwait and one for Iran Border.)
- [Aug01:](#) 10 of 12 MTRs operational. 9 of 14 LC operational; remaining 5 by spring. 11-15k trained each cycle. Plans to expand boot camp to 6wks soon and 8wks in 2009. Building 14 DTCs.
- [Aug02:](#) Karbala "Three regiments from the Special and Quick Response Forces, ..." for 18 Aug pilgrimage. (3 ERBs & 3 SWAT ERUs.)
- [Aug04:](#) "Furthermore, Ali [Cmdr 17th Div] would like to establish reserve components ready to support missions when in need, as well as an extra battalion of commanders. This will require approval from the Ministry of Defense." (Reserves. The extra battalion of commanders is the fourth BSTB.)
- [Aug04:](#) BTR-94 of the INP photographed in Diyala. (BTR-94s have not been in use and were in 1NPM but, 1NPM is in Rasheed. New INP Mech Battalion?)
- [Aug04:](#) Turning over areas of Rasheed to five ISF Battalions as lead by end-Aug. Only 3 ISF Brigades and 13 Battalions in Rasheed. (Three other Brigades unlocated - Diyala?)
- [Aug07:](#) Baghdad National ERB-Diyala
- [Aug07:](#) 2-32/8 AAslt Diyala. (Former SIB/probably rcvd Commando training.)
- [Aug07:](#) Reorganizing the KRG Peshmerga considered. (For incorporation as IA V Corps?)
- [Aug07:](#) Expanding recruiting of old Iraqi Army. (Looking for FA experience for next improvement?)
- [Aug11:](#) Two new "National ERBs" identified: Sharqat National Emergency Response Brigade in Bayji and Baqubah National Emergency Response Brigade in Baqubah.
- [Aug11:](#) 3rd IA Div currently authorized 15,000 pers.
- [Aug12:](#) 1st operational report of 12th Division, 46th Brigade or 3-46th Battalion. (Battalion is former 11th SIB.)

- Aug13: MNC-I Release 20080813-11 - Second Patrol Base in MND-C to transfer to IA. Confirmed that 1-25/17 Battalion has Lutifiyah PB. 17 PB total in the south Baghdad AOR that 3/101 is turning over to 17th IA by its departure...
- Aug13: Maintenance training for 9th DivSup. "The classes provided an opportunity for the MND-B Soldiers to share their maintenance knowledge with Iraqi army soldiers from the 34th, 36th and 37th Logistics Battalions, 9th Iraqi Army Logistics Division, and an engineer company."
- Aug13: 4/1, 43/11, and 34/9 (Armored) IA Brigades in Diyala. (Accounts for one of the three Brigades missing from Rasheed. Other two are INP, probably 2/1 and 7/2 INP Brigades)
- Aug13: "Created from the 25th Iraqi Army Brigade, the 17th IA Div. officially stood up in mid-July when Maj. Gen. Ali Jassim Muhammad Hassen Al Frejee was promoted to his current rank. Al Frejee and his unit will continue to transition into a lead security element in the Southwest Baghdad area now under the authority of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)." In process of fully equipping MTR and Engineer Bn.
- Aug15: First mention of 4-32/8. (This is five battalions over strength in 8th Div. And the area is likely to be 17th Div in the future.)
- Aug16: "Defence Ministry spokesman Mohammed al-Askari confirmed the Peshmerga would be integrated into a Defence Ministry division and based in Kurdistan from August 25. "The 34th Peshmerga Brigade will leave Diyala to join the 15th mountain division within Kurdistan," Askari said." (Brigade renumbering to 54th-57th of 15th Div)
- Aug19: RFI response by Maj. John C. Hall, Press Desk Officer MNF-I & Lawrence G. Avery, Jr., Col, USAF, Deputy Director and AF Program Chief, SAO MNSTC-I - "As an update, the BTR-3E1 FMS case was cancelled by the GOI. There were requirements changes and resulting price differences that made the program un-executable. We believe the GOI may still pursue BTR-3E1s or a similar capability, but they have not asked for our help. It is not really the same requirement as the one for the LAV, although one could argue the same purpose on the battlefield. The BTR-3E1s was a part of initial Force Generation of the Iraqi Security Forces to fight and win the Counter-Insurgency fight. The LAV case is a part of Force Modernization, building a future force for the strategic defense of Iraq. In addition to the LAVs, Force Modernization includes M1A1 tanks, Mortar Systems, Armed Scout Helicopters, and C-130J medium airlift aircraft."
- Aug20: "The Ministry of Interior court system will have five regional courts located in Irbil, Mosul, Baghdad, Hilla and Basra. The Region 1 court will be based in Irbil and serve the Irbil, Sulaymaniyah, and Dahuk areas. The Region 2 court will be headquartered in Mosul and will serve Ninawa, Kirkuk, and Salah ad-Din. Baghdad will be the headquarters for Region 3 and will be responsible for cases from Diyala, Wassit, and al-Anbar provinces. The Region 4 court will be at Hilla with responsibility for cases from al-Qadisiyah, Babil, Karbala, and Najaf. The Region 5 court will be headquartered in Basra and will serve Maysan, Dhi Qar, and al-Muthanna Provinces." (Regional breakdown of INP commands. Interim? Region 3 has too many brigades, too much area, and too much population. Or is Baghdad not part of Region 3, just providing HQ?)
- Aug20: Oil IP 30,803. 35k end-yr.
- Aug20: Contract awarded to supply the expertise, materials, labor and equipment necessary to design and construct helicopter parking ramp extensions, pre-engineered / expedient construction buildings, munitions storage area, and communications facilities at the Taji National Depot, Iraq with and estimated completion Aug. 19, 2009.
- Aug21: RFI response from Major John C. Hall, Press Desk Officer MNF-I - Photos from Aug20 had a new IA battalion graduating Besmaya: "The name/designation of the unit is "Bayji National Ammunition Depot Support Battalion". (Battalion is to take over Bayji in Oct)
- Aug23: RFI response from Ron R. Holbrook, Directorate of Interior Affairs MOI-TT Public Affairs - "Baghdad is part of Region 3 of the Ministry of Interior Court System. Region 3: Baghdad, Diyala, Wassit, Al-Anbar. Also in Baghdad is the Appellate Court.
- Aug26: "The new battalion was to be a support battalion formed by the Ministry of Interior following recent security operations in Diyala, police said." (New BSB forming in Diyala.)
- Aug27: RFI response by LCDR Ingrid Mühling, Chief Public Affairs Office NTM-I - "The battalion graduating tomorrow is 1st battalion, 1st brigade, 1st Division, Iraqi National Police will appoint two battalions which will start training in the beginning of October. Preparations are ongoing to to prepare 6-8 battalions more." (Phase III graduation and expansion of program. 1-1/1 Battalion is the fifth to graduate. 6-8 more battalions indicate 11-13 planned vice the 8 originally announced.)
- Aug27: Anbar scheduled for PIC in "few days."
- Aug28: 2-6/2 INP confirmed in Diyala.
- Aug28: Three new battalions of INP. (For where? What elements?)
- Aug29: 53rd Brigade getting follow on training and equipping at Taji. (Maintenance training and motorizing with HMMWVs.)
- Aug29: Only 160 of 800 physician billets filled.
- Aug29: ROK/US SOF training to Iraqi Army in Irbil. (Training 15th and/or 16th Mountain Division Scouts?)
- Aug30: MoI Helicopter Sq planned.
- Aug31: First operational mention of 3-29/7 Bn. Operating SE of Rutbah with own battle space. (probably Lt Infantry Battalion)

- [Sep03](#): 11th DBE Brigade in Maysan? (New brigade?)
- [Sep03](#): 3-38/10 conducts AAslt in Maysan/Dhi Qar. (1st report of any elements of 10th IAD getting AAslt experience.)
- [Sep03](#): 4-34 Battalion active in SE Baghdad (1st report). 35/9 Brigade has SE Baghdad Province. 1-3/1 INP Battalion shifting fm Karadah to SE Baghdad.
- [Sep04](#): "Construction has started on the Iraqi Army's new Al Maymona Location Command in Maysan Province." (Two LCs in 10th Div AOR. When is the new Div forming?)
- [Sep05](#): Iraq requesting buy 36 F16s. (3x Sq/12 each or 2x Sq/18 each?)
- [Sep05](#): 15th Brigade getting route-clearance training. On Buffalos. (Training on the claw of Buffalo. Same as ILAV claw.)
- [Sep05](#): New Brigade forming?
- [Sep06](#): [RFI Response fm S. Michele Boyd, SSgt, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center Press Desk](#) - "The Iraqi Army is not getting the Buffalo. They were training with the Buffalo's Excavating Interrogator Arm because their Badger's are getting upgraded with the EIA. They soon will have the same Counter-IED Route Clearance capability that Coalition Force currently have."
- [Sep06](#): 10th DTC standing up.
- [Sep07](#): King Air 350 LTA in 23rd Squadron?
- [Sep09](#): Iraqi Army wants to lengthen Basic from five weeks to eight weeks. (Originally proposed last year but, delayed for buildup.)
- [Sep10](#): 2-55/17 Battalion in Arab Jabour. (First report; 17th Commando Division is still using non-standard numbering.)
- [Sep10](#): 206,000 in MoD: 202,000 IA, 2,000 IZAF, and 2,000 IZN. It is only a F16 pricing request thru FMS. Shopping.
- [Sep11](#): [RFI Response fm LCDR David Russell, Press Desk Officer, MNF-I](#) - "There is no reserve requirement/service in Iraq any more (not since Saddam's Time). Per Col. Ali, the Ministry of Defense Directorate, they used to sign a 2-year contract with each individual but have stopped doing that and now sign open contracts. If a soldier finishes 15 years of service and wants to leave, they will be entitled to a retirement. If they want to break the contract before they finish 15 years of service, they get 6 months' salary as a reward (severance)."
- [Sep13](#): 2/1AD COP to 4-34/9 IA.
- [Sep13](#): Wassit PIC in late September 2008? (Moving ahead of schedule briefed in April by Gen Petraeus.)
- [Sep14](#): "Iraqi Army's 4th Division Quick Reaction Force" (Has the 4th IA Division transferred to the QRF? Estimating yes.)
- [Sep16](#): Civil Service Corps in Kirkuk. (3x construction engineer companies in Kirkuk? More components of Iraqi Corps of Engineers? Battalion or Brigade [Baghdad/Basrah/Ninawa/Anbar] per province? 25-30 construction battalions for infrastructure repair and maintenance?)
- [Sep17](#): 3x Emergency Battalions established (Brigade?) in Diyala.
- [Sep18](#): 5xJet Rangers for delivery by 15Nov08.
- [Sep20](#): 3-43 Battalion in 17th Div.
- [Sep20](#): The Iraqi Army is evaluating U.S. equipment for possible future purchases by the Government of Iraq. (M1A1, M2, M113A3)
- [Sep20](#): 6th Commando Battalion/ISOF in Basrah. (First battalion ID given for one of the separate battalions.)
- [Sep20](#): 1st mention of 4-5/2 IA since grad USF 6 Jun.
- [Sep20](#): Justice Battalion, 3rd INP Div participates in AAslt. (First INP Battalion reported participating in AAslt and being winged; first report of Justice Battalion in 3rd INP Div)
- [Sep21](#): New 3rd ERB Regiment or Battalion in Diyala? (Last MoI brief had MoI forming three more IP Emergency Battalions. If MoI expanded them to include HQs and partnered them with the three existing ERUs in Diyala, then there could be three "Regiments" [binary brigades]. Add an INP Brigade and you have the Diyala National Division. Or this could be just the third bn. The problem is that the term is used both ways.)
- [Sep21](#): Iraqi Army Level III Maintenance facility in Rustimayah.
- [Sep23](#): Emergency Response Battalion 4 - eastern Mosul.
- [Sep23](#): 2,000 MoI and 3,000 MoD hires from SoI in Diyala since July. (This accounts for the 4 EBs that have or are forming in Diyala.)
- [Sep25](#): 2nd DTC- "Courses include basic combat; squad leader, platoon sergeant and corporal courses; administration; maintenance; armor; supply; basic medic course and basic medic refresher course. The \$4.2 million reconstruction project includes two firing ranges; an obstacle course; and a shoot house to practice clearing buildings. The project is due to complete by the end of October 2008."
- [Sep27](#): 6th IAD receiving route-clearance training. (This training has been reported in all IA and in parts of the INP. Indicates plan to hand off this function in 6-12mo.)
- [Sep29](#): Elements of 38/10 Brigade receiving AAslt training. (2nd element of 10th Div reported to receive AAslt

training.)

- [Sep29](#): 1-51/14 IA Battalion receiving AAslt training. "The arrival recently of four Iraqi HIP aircraft with 4 Squadron Iraqi Air Force offered a new capability to Brigadier Bilal, the Commander of 51st Brigade, who selected his 1st Battalion to take on the role of becoming his Aviation Specialist Battalion." (At least one battalion per Brigade being designated as AAslt capable?)
- [Sep29](#): Iraqi Army took full control of the Bayji National Ammunition Depot from Coalition forces Sep 29. (Ahead of schedule.)
- [Sep29](#): "The Border Forces also embarked on setting up seven floating border checkpoints in the marsh areas in Missan province within the Border Guards Command's 4<sup>th</sup> Zone," (New Brigade?)
- [Sep30](#): 9010 Report released.
- [Oct02](#): MoD arms shopping in Europe.
- [Oct03](#): Restructuring IP in progress. This article specifies Wassit. (Separating paramilitary fm IP. Wassit ERB now National?)
- [Oct04](#): Mahmudiyah EB adding SWAT elm; conversion to ERU.
- [Oct04](#): ILAV in 17th Div. (1-23/17 Battalion)
- [Oct10](#): Deal for 50 French helicopters going thru.
- [Oct10](#): 1-8/2 INP Battalion elements in AAslt.
- [Oct11](#): INP 1st Battalion, Knights Ride Brigade 3rd Div start phase III training.
- [Oct12](#): 30 French helicopters; option for 20 more and spares for older equip. (Spare for what?)
- [Oct12](#): Possible arms purchases for IA from Czech Rep.
- [Oct12](#): "7th emergency police contingent" (7th Emergency Battalion. Maysan Div?)
- [Oct12](#): Three new emergency battalions added to Maysan. (6 EB and 1 ERU total)
- [Oct13](#): Armor, Infantry, and Artillery focus in stage 1. Long term plan to develop the IA during 2008-2020. 2008-2011 Stage 1. 2012-2015 Stage 2. 2016-2020 Stage 3. Adding an Infantry Div in current plan. (17th or another?) IA receiving Counter IED training. To get Mortar training at Besmaya as part of stage 1. M1 tanks to be bought so IA and MNSTC-I training soldiers to equip the M1 battalions. Schools of Artillery and Armor. Moving school to Besmaya for training of M1 and other kinds of tanks. ("other kinds of tanks" NFI.) Warrior training (includes equipment upgrades and HMMWVs) is 2-15/4 in Kirkuk and 2-30/8 in Numaniyah this month. Comms, C2, Intel, in future focus.
- [Oct15](#): NATO Battle Staff training at Kirkuk RTC. (Train the trainer, Battalion/Brigade staff level exercises. Why Kirkuk? Emphasis 4IAD?)
- [Oct15](#): Six Defender FSBs arrive. 20 more to follow. (24 Fast Attack Boats and 26 Fast Small Boats is enough lift for 400 Iraqi Marines.)
- [Oct15](#): Transfer of de-mining operations to ISF.
- [Oct15](#): "This requirement is necessary to expand the Command & Control (C2) capability for Iraqi signal platoons and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance battalions." Estimated completion date of 31 Jul 2009. (First mention of ISR Battalions. Expansion of scout companies in the Divisions and/or part of Corps subordinate battalions?)
- [Oct15](#): 2x INP battalions sent to Mosul to protect Christians. BOC has OPCON of Baghdad Sons of Iraq. First pay from GoI on 1 Nov.
- [Oct15](#): 3-36/9 training on T72s
- [Oct16](#): "It's a fairly new battalion, but their main role in all of this is to provide security for the people of Abu T'shir," said Burgess, referring to the new 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aburisha Brigade (National Police), the Iraqi ministry of interior's newest "Feather" or light NP unit, charged with providing security for Baghdad and the citizens of East Rashid. (Light. Abu Risha Brigade. In Baghdad. Is 1st or 2nd Battalion in Phase III with 1st Battalion of Knights Ride Brigade?)
- [Oct16](#): RFI response fm WR Wieloch, Colonel GBR, Chief of Staff NTM-I - Hungary donated 77 x T-72s in November 2005. No further T-72s have been delivered as at 16 Oct 08. Currently, Czech Republic is training Iraqis on T-72s at Taji under a bilateral arrangement. (Preparatory training for the T72 delivery. 36th Armor Brigade will be upgrading to T72s.)
- [Oct16](#): Elements of 34/9 Brigade training on T72s.
- [Oct17](#): LCs are Sustainment Brigades w/ MP Battalion (BDU), Maintenance, Med, & Admin subordinate.
- [Oct18](#): "The crew of Patrol Ship 701, one of four Italian Saettia Class patrol ships being procured by the Iraqi Navy began their pre-handover training October 11th under the tutelage and guidance of the UK-led Naval Training Team (NaTT) based at the Iraqi Naval Base, Umm Qasr." "The training in Umm Qasr will last for two months and was designed to prepare the Iraqi sailors for the three-month long ship-specific training package they will undergo in La Spezia, Italy. This training will enable them to learn how to operate and maintain their new vessel. After a further two months of onboard, whole-ship training in La Spezia and at sea, the sailors will take the ship on the 6,000 nautical mile passage back to Iraq. She is due to arrive alongside Umm Qasr in July 2009. Training for each of the four ships is staggered over three-month intervals. The crew of PS702 will begin their training in January 2009."
- [Oct18](#): "...3rd Battalion, 3rd Aburisha Brigade, attached to the 7th Brigade., 2nd NP Div." (Attached for partnering

during field training. Same as Knights Ride Brigade with 2/1 INP.)

- [Oct18](#): 4th Battalion of Diyala DBE Brigade is Mandali.
- [Oct19](#): Forwarded responses to inquiry on T72s in use by 34th/36th Brigades & NATO donation by Lt. Col. Bill Gazis, USA, MoD PAAO MNSTC-I - "1. All, it was at one of the Force Gen meetings a month or so ago that I heard this. I believe that COL Bob Gagnon is going on the inspection trip. This has dropped off my sight picture as I have other tank issues to deal with. LTC Christopher Delarosa, MNSTC-I CAATT 2. Gents - According to COL Oliver, the (new) T72s are donated. A team will go inspect them late Oct prior to delivery next year. LTC Delarosa, MNSTC-I CAATT 3. These are their old T72s. They had a few that were in running, although not good, shape. I was up watching them as well. Not sure when their new ones are due in. More to follow..." COL Robert R Naething, MNSTC-I CAATT
- [Oct19](#): 4-9/3 and 4-10/3 Battalions graduated USF 16 Oct 2008. Only 1160 pers. (Only ~580 per battalion?)
- [Oct19](#): "The leadership at IMSS intends to add 10-15 new specialty courses during 2009 and graduate at least 2,500 students.
- [Oct20](#): 8th Div starts getting ILAV Badgers.
- [Oct20](#): RFI response from TSgt Chris Stagner, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center - The 1,160 figure is correct, and the 4/9/3 and 4/10/3 are both standard infantry battalions. At the time of USF they were a little under strength in assigned personnel, but there is nothing special about them. The division as a whole is over strength and will likely cross-level within units to round out the 4/9/3 and 4/10/3.
- [Oct20](#): MNC-I 20081020-09 - 1-31/8 elements graduate Iron Claw Academy. (Route-Clearance)
- [Oct20](#): T72s with 2-34/9 Heavy Cavalry Battalion Markings. (Salvaged T72s in at least company strength in 34th and 36th Brigades.)
- [Oct21](#): 2-38/10 AAslt. 2nd battalion in 10th both in 38th.
- [Oct22](#): GTR grads USF 23Oct08.
- [Oct22](#): Camp Dublin doubles capacity by 9 Nov.
- [Oct22](#): 1st Emergency Battalion is located in central Baqubah.
- [Oct23](#): INP ERU is a brigade as of this summer. MoI National Sustainment Center to be formed. At least a 4th INP Div to form in next year. (How many INP Divisions? Budget & roles/missions split of MoD/MoI/CTB/KRG/Province forces is part of current debate.)
- [Oct23](#): RFI response fm COL Robert R Naething, MNSTC-I CAATT via LTC William M Gazis, MNSTC-I PAO - "Don't know if you got an answer. They will gain more, especially NCOs and officers, once they return to their home station. Just like in the US Army, sometimes you go with the original dates for USF even if all the Soldiers, NCOs, and officers have not arrived yet."
- [Oct23](#): RFI Response by SGT Brooke N. Murphy, CJ9 COMMSDIV (MOC)
  - \* 1. The colonel said the INP ERU became a Brigade this summer. How many battalions? The ERB contains four operational battalions and one support battalion. At least one of the operational battalions is still forming. Who are they subordinate to? The ERB is a national unit; they are no longer subordinate to the NP and receive their missions direct from the MoI.
  - \* 2. He also mentioned a MoI National Sustainment Center being formed. Where? The location will be Tajiyat just North of Baghdad. When complete (construction will begin very soon) this Tajiyat logistics complex will contain the MoI Vehicle Maintenance Complex, the MOI Logistics Warehouse and Training Center, and the National Police Sustainment Brigade. How large? (roughly 200 acres will be the physical size of the complex)
  - \* 3. He also mentioned a 4th National Police Division to be formed next year. Where? TBD Region? Still some unanswered questions on specific locations for the increase in the NP. The MoI strategic plan (draft) calls for NP growth, but achieving growth is only possible with adequate budgeting, and the Iraqis are working that right now. (All new data. Lack of detail in answer 3 indicates 4th Div is probably the KRG SP Div. Budget split could be coloring this, still debating.)
- [Oct23](#): IA GTR graduate USF. Approx 600 pers.
- [Oct24](#): QRF-2 in Wassit.
- [Oct24](#): NiOC Support Battalion formed? (OCs probably the core of the four IA Corps and the five MoI Regions (Corps). NiOC is probably future MoI Region 2 HQ.)
- [Oct25](#): "5th Emergency Police Corps". (Ninawa. On lv. Organizing the ERBs into Corps?)
- [Oct26](#): "Emergency 4<sup>th</sup> Division". (Ninawa. Organizing the ERBs into Divisions?)
- [Oct27](#): "The Oil Police Directorate, with ten battalions, transitioned to the Ministry of Interior in early 2008." "An additional seven battalions are planned to be formed in 2009, with a total of 22 battalions planned for fielding by 2012." (Where? Designations?)
- [Oct28](#): RFI Response by TSgt Chris Stagner, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center Press Desk - IRT 25/26 Oct VOI reporting: "Suspect the unit being referenced belongs to the National Police, a gendarmerie/Carabinieri-like force created in 2004 that can be used in 15 of the 18 provinces in Iraq. Kurdistan's three provinces have their own separate version of the National Police. The National Police are currently conducting operations in Mosul and Diyala. They currently have three divisions and their HQs are in Baghdad.
  - a. The HQs of the 1st division (Palestine Street/Baghdad)

- b. The HQs of the 2nd division (Al-Kadimiya, FOB Justice)
- c. The HQs of the 3rd Division (Almansour-Al Bijiya) -- in the future this Division will be assigned to Samarra.
- d. The Mechanized Division (Al-Qadsiyah Province).
- e. The Logistics Support Brigade (Al-Harhiya)
- f. Abo Risha Brigade in Ar-Ramadi.
- g. Al-Mosul Brigade (two battalions currently in Mosul) .
- h. Al-Basra Brigade (two battalions currently in Al- Basra).
- i. Alaskreen Brigade in Samarra. (4th Emergency Div could be Ninawa INP/IP Div, 5th Emergency Police Corps could be OC or MoI Region.)

- [Oct28](#): 1st Route-clearance team for 10IAD.
- [Oct29](#): "...next weeks will witness the hand over of the security file of Kirkuk and Salah el-Din." (PIC for Kirkuk without 140 settled.)
- [Oct29](#): INP Brigade sent to Mosul. (Candidates are 1/1, 2/1, and 6/2; probably 6/2)
- [Oct29](#): 3rd IA Div now has a commando Company. (Put that with the Div Scout Co and you have the beginnings of a Recon Bn.)
- [Oct30](#): IP adding professional courses. Investigations, forensics, etc. ERB is INP and has own training battalion and is independent of INP now. ERU is Province, working on standardizing; defense force; some training/not formal. 4th Emergency Div he has not heard of. INP 3rd Div is in progress. When asked if 4th was assoc with KRG: he had not heard of such an association. MoI has big Fuel problem; also food; No sustainment mindset in MoI. Kirkuk has no backlog of IP to train; all trained; has no DFAC/Billeting-commute to work. New training Center for Kirkuk. Returning to former UK areas to re-develop IP. Anbar has log problems; Fuel. INP is aggressive. Most PDOP do not like to send IP to other provinces. Diyala OK; Training center is on FOB and thus well supported/secure. Ninawa/Mosul is problem; no billeting now; 500 training capacity expanding to 1000. Q: Mech INP Div? Brigade; haven't seen it. Not heard of growing to Div (I am taking that literal; the M1117 FMS order conflicts.) INP is aggressive; NATO training; when last battalion arrived they were professional coming in. Unlike some in past. 1st Battalion, 3rd INP Div in phase III.
- [Oct30](#): 2nd IAD rotating out of Mosul? (Story questionable, but 2IAD could be being rotated for training. One of the few that hasn't yet.)
- [Nov01](#): "The [National] ERB has a battalion in Baghdad as well as four regionally based Special Weapons and Tactics units in Mosul, Tikrit, Hillah and Kut."
- [Nov02](#): Kirkuk and Salahadin are on list for next transfer to PIC.
- [Nov02](#): 7SFG training 1-32/8 Bn.
- [Nov02](#): 3/1 IA Brigade sent to Mosul and an additional two INP battalions trained and deployed there. IZAF Helicopter emphasis for fire support. Life support battalions for mortars forming (Brigade Fire Support Battalions). Bayji equipment storage depot also food and fuel (Sustainment Brigade, it has ammo Depot/Battalion already). IED Jammers for HMMWVs in 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 11 Divs. Air purchases contracts for: helicopters: 24 Bell 407; 24 EC-635; Fixed: 24 AT-6 trainers; 36 F-16; 516 total combat aircraft to be purchased. (Five year plan; Type numbers represent 2011 deliveries only.) Aircraft receipts during 2011-2015. 9th and 10th Brigades in Mosul (mistranslated as battalions).
- [Nov03](#): First 4 of 15th SpecOps Sq's helicopters have arrived. 22 more by end-year. (Was sched for 2009 delv.)
- [Nov03](#): Justice Battalion failed in March fighting. Unity Battalion replaced it in Kadhimiyah.
- [Nov03](#): Balad ERU.
- [Nov04](#): "Under current Iraqi law, former regime officers in the rank of major or below have the right to return to active military service. Officers in the rank of lieutenant colonel and colonel can be accepted back to active service based on the needs of the Iraqi Army. Those officers in the rank of brigadier general or above are not eligible for return to active status but are retirement eligible.
- [Nov04](#): 2nd route-clearance class 10IAD.
- [Nov04](#): New name or split of Baqubah ERB; Diyala Emergency Police. (Redesignating/reorganizing ERBs; standardize?)
- [Nov04](#): Elements 3 INP Div Mosul.
- [Nov06](#): [RFI Response by Naething, Robert R COL MNSTC-I CAATT](#) - "They are buying new ones. We are going to set up a training program wherein we conduct some training on our M1s while waiting for the ones they bought to arrive. Our M1s will remain under our control the entire time, but it will give them a head start."
- [Nov06](#): Baghdad PIC soon?
- [Nov07](#): Five more Bell 206s arrive for 12th Sq.
- [Nov07](#): "The Iraqi air force, for example, announced this week that it has ordered French- and American-made fighters, but its planned 32 squadrons won't be fully up and flying until 2015." (Plan is 38 squadrons and 6 not ready would be right for 2015.)
- [Nov08](#): Newly formed 41st IA Brigade. (Confirmed that it is 41st IA Brigade via e-mail with 4/1c PAO. Where is the old 41st Brigade? Disbanded/purged?)
- [Nov08](#): 5-7/2 IA Bn. (new)

- Nov09: [From My War - Iraq 2008 - 10; October 2008](#) - INP Div taking over west Mosul (3rd). 8/2 Brigade replaced by 3/1 Brigade; 8th in Habbenayah for 60 days training and reorganization starting late October.
- [Nov09](#): 4-11 IA Battalion sw of Kirkuk. (Possible incorrect ID. Also possible that a new battalion for 3IAD was trained at K1 and is field training in Kirkuk.)
- [Nov09](#): INP at 42,000 of 100,000 projected planned goal. Deal to transfer KRG SP has not been completed.
- [Nov09](#): Elements of 8/2 IA Brigade training in maintenance at FOB Kalsu. (Why Kalsu? Why the home of Commando training?)
- [Nov10](#): 10 more FSB to deliver in Dec08. Last 10 by summer09. (Upgrade of boarding force capabilities.)
- [Nov10](#): Kirkuk PIC soon?
- [Nov11](#): 4-38/10 Battalion (First report of a 4th battalion in 10th Div. Expanding the Div strength? )
- [Nov11](#): Emergency Response Unit within 1-3/1 INP Battalion? Or is the 1-3/1 the ERU for 3/1 Brigade?
- [Nov12](#): 2IAD receiving staff training.
- [Nov14](#): 1-12/3 IA and "4th INP Battalion" in Mosul. (What 4th INP Battalion? First report of a 4th INP Bn. First operational report of 1-12/3 IA Battalion)
- [Nov15](#): "newly-formed 10th Iraqi Army EOD Team" (Old one go to 14th or augmenting 10th capabilities?)
- Nov16: [RFI response by Colonel Naething MNSTC-ICAATT](#) - "Don't know of an old 41st Brigade, just the one we are standing up now." (Old 41st disbanded in early 2008? Probably broken up for elements to 8th and 14th Divs.)
- [Nov18](#): "2nd Battalion, Iraqi National Police Command" in Mosul. (New command? NPM? Subordination?)
- [Nov18](#): New 41st IA Brigade.
- [Nov18](#): First IA Brigade to have a Route-clearance platoon for each of its battalions is the 31/8. Still pending receipt of equipment.
- [Nov18](#): Salah INP Battalion in Mosul. (Named INP battalions are usually QRF Battalions for INP Divs. 4th INP Div in Mosul?)
- [Nov20](#): 7DTC new facilities open.
- [Nov21](#): Iraq's MoD decided to follow the U.S. military's structure of defense by instituting chemical specialists throughout all the battalions of their Army and eventually into all of its military forces. "As you know, we have 17 battalions in our Army, and we are going to establish chemical support throughout the Iraqi armed forces, including the Air Force and Navy, just like the United States," said Ali.
- [Nov23](#): 45/11 IA Brigade graduated Besmaya Unit Set Fielding on 20 Nov 2008. (Low numbers, 2 bns & BSTB?)
- [Nov24](#): 1800 personnel in 45/11 IA Brigade graduated on 20 Nov 2008. (Light numbers, either 2 battalions and BSTB, under strength infantry battalions, or not infantry battalions.)
- [Nov25](#): 2-30/8 Battalion graduates War fighter. Fourth battalion to graduate this program.
- [Nov27](#): New graduation of 142 ERB personnel on 20 Nov 2008. Operator Selection Course. 6 more classes to fill out the brigade.
- [Nov27](#): Iraq Army Engineer School Chemical Defense Section. (New section.)
- [Nov30](#): Muthanna IP getting HMMWVs. (Muthanna EPB motorizing?)
- [Nov30](#): Maysan Operations Center. (Every province getting an OC?)
- [Dec01](#): 300 graduate "special training course" at K1. (What is the course?)
- [Dec01](#): "An Iraqi interior ministry's Quick Response force..." (Expanded Wassit EPB?)
- [Dec01](#): Iraqi Navy.
- [Dec01](#): 10th IA Div indirect fire training on 25 Nov.
- [Dec01](#): (pg8) Jisr Diyala ERU forming.
- [Dec02](#): SF training Diwanayah based elements of 8th Div. (First 7th SFG was training 32/8 Brigade in Wassit, now Diwanayah elements being trained by USSOF.)
- [Dec02](#): 1st Battalion, Knight's Ride Brigade, 3rd INP Div graduated Phase III training. Next class to start in Dec. Expanding to 900 per class next year.
- [Dec04](#): 12th Div HSC, plus 47th and 48th Infantry Brigades graduated Unit Set Fielding in Kirkuk on Nov 30. (Official commissioning of 12th Div and 47th/48th Brigades.)
- [Dec05](#): 3rd Sq getting 3 more Caravan ISR.
- [Dec05](#): 2nd Sq receives five more Jet Rangers on Dec4 and is consolidating at Kirkuk by January. (2nd?: 2nd is the Hueys, 12th is the Jet Rangers. Redesignation/consolidation?)
- Dec05: [RFI response by Colonel Avery, MNSTC-ISAQ via LTC Bill Gazis, MoD PAO Action Officer MNSTC-I](#) - "The Iraqis have signed a case for 140 M1A1s, not 240. They also signed a request for an additional 140. The second 140 has yet to be approved by congress but DoS is about to officially deliver the notification to congress when session begins (I think 8 Dec)." (140/yr buys.)
- [Dec05](#): Opening of Colonel Adnan Distribution Center, Taji National Support Depot on Dec4.
- [Dec05](#): AAslt exercise by ISWCS and 15th SOS.
- [Dec07](#): New facilities for IGFC.

- [Dec07](#): A new agency will be created to secure archaeological sites. A similar directorate has already been established to protect embassies and diplomatic missions; "In the near future protection of (the American Embassy) will be the responsibility of the Iraqi National Police and the movement of political missions will be under the Iraqi protection of the national police forces." INP also will work with MoI to create a protection force for the Green Zone. The Central Bank in Baghdad, which will get a battalion of about 500 to 600 officers. An INP brigade will be stationed in each of Iraq's 15 provinces.
- [Dec09](#): Taji based 9th Divisional Training Center's new facilities near completion.
- [Dec09](#): 926 new IPs for Ninawa.
- [Dec09](#): Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of (64) Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelters (DRASH), (1,500) 50 watt Very High Frequency (VHF) Base Station Radios, (6,000) VHF Tactical Handheld Radios, (100) VHF Fixed Retransmitters, (200) VHF Vehicular Radios, (30) VHF Maritime 50 watt Base Stations, (150) 150 watt High Frequency (HF) Base Station Radio Systems, (150) 20 watt HF Vehicular Radios, (30) 20 watt HF Manpack Radios, (50) 50 watt Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency (VHF/UHF) Ground to Air Radio Systems, (50) 150 watt VHF/UHF Ground to Air Radio Systems, (50) 5 watt Multiband Handheld Radio Systems. \$485 Million.
- [Dec09](#): Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of (80,000) M16A4 5.56MM Rifles, (25,000) M4 5.56MM Carbines, (2,550) M203 40MM Grenade Launchers. \$148 million.
- [Dec09](#): Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of 26 Bell Armed 407 Helicopters, 26 Rolls Royce 250-C-30 Engines, 26 M280 2.75-inch Launchers, 26 XM296 .50 Cal. Machine Guns with 500 Round Ammunition Box, 26 M299 HELLFIRE Guided Missile Launchers. \$366 million. (May be updated order vice additional.)
- [Dec09](#): Possible sale of 140 M1A1 Abrams tanks modified and upgraded to the M1A1M Abrams configuration, 8 M88A2 Tank Recovery Vehicles, 64 M1151A1B1 Armored High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), 92 M1152 Shelter Carriers, 12 M577A2 Command Post Carriers, 16 M548A1 Tracked Logistics Vehicles, 8 M113A2 Armored Ambulances, and 420 AN/VRC-92 Vehicular Receiver Transmitters. Also included are: 35 M1070 Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET) Truck Tractors, 40 M978A2 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) Tankers, 36 M985A2 HEMTT Cargo Trucks, 4 M984A2 HEMTT Wrecker Trucks, 140 M1085A1 5-ton Cargo Trucks, 8 HMMWV Ambulances w/ Shelter, 8 Contact Maintenance Trucks, 32 500 gal Water Tank Trailers, 16 2500 gal Water Tank Trucks, 16 Motorcycles, 80 8-ton Heavy/Medium Trailers, 16 Sedans, 92 M1102 Light Tactical trailers, 35 635NL Semi-Trailers, 4 5,500 lb Rough Terrain Forklifts, 20 M1A1 engines, 20 M1A1 Full Up Power Packs, 3 spare M88A2 engines, 10 M1070 engines, 20 HEMTT engines, 4 M577A2 spare engines, 20 5-ton truck engines. \$2.160 billion.
- [Dec09](#): Possible sale of 400 M1126 STRYKER Infantry Carrier Vehicles (ICVs), 400 M2 HB 50 cal Browning Machine Guns, 400 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles (ASVs), 8 Heavy Duty Recovery Trucks. \$1.11 billion.
- [Dec09](#): Possible sale of (20) 30-35meter Coastal Patrol Boats and (3) 55-60 meter Offshore Support Vessels, each outfitted with the Seahawk MS1-S30MA2 mount using a 30 x 173mm CHAIN gun and short range Browning M2-HB .50 cal machine gun. \$1.010 billion.
- [Dec09](#): Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of 20 T-6A Texan aircraft. \$210 million.
- [Dec09](#): Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of 36 AT-6B Texan II Aircraft. \$520 million.
- [Dec11](#): Diyala IP says ready to take over.
- [Dec13](#): Recruiting a new battalion from Mosul for 3rd Brigade, 3rd INP Div. 1500 recruits. (3rd Brigade previously id'd as "Abu Risha Brigade". 1500 means they are recruiting to full vice "feather".)
- [Dec14](#): GTR 6th mission. Picked up 10 T-72s and 10 BMP-1, delivered to repair depot. GTR ahead of development schedule by 6mo. (Repair of 9th Div assets, bone yard salvage or both?)
- [Dec14](#): Joint Repair Parts Command at Taji. (possible Battalion or Brigade level joint MoI/MoD support element.)
- [Dec14](#): RFI Response by Colonel Avery, MNSTC-I SAO via LTC Gazis, MNSTC-I PAO - "The 400 ASVs and 400 Strykers that were notified were for the Army. This is not the ASVs that the Police are buying--they were already notified and the case is already offered. This is separate action in preparation for Army APC buys, the Iraqis have not yet decided but are looking harder now at Strykers and LAVs (LAVs also already notified). They are not looking as hard at the ASV anymore. They are also looking at Romanian APCs...bottom line, not final decisions on APCs made by Iraqi ARMY yet." (APC competition between M1117, M1126, LAV-25, RO BTR80 variant, and/or MLI-84. MLI-84 is only tracked APC in this mix. Interest in M1117 for this role is fading.)
- [Dec14](#): Weapons purchases from US, France, UK and others. Focus on Tanks and attack Helicopters. (What from UK? Others?)
- [Dec15](#): 7th Phase III INP battalion is 1-6/2 INP Battalion, started 13 Dec 2008. Next year they start training two battalions at a time. (Normally, the rest of the Brigade is in Rasheed or Taji during Phase III, receiving other training and equipment.)
- [Dec16](#): 45/11-Salman Pak. (1st rpt since USF.)
- [Dec16](#): Bayji Depot hand-off.
- [Dec16](#): Karbala NERB receiving HMMWVs.
- [Dec18](#): "[MoI] having logistics issues across the board, in terms of fuel distribution, ammo distribution, maintenance. We are -- we and the MOI are building fuel distribution points, regional maintenance facilities. We've recently seen an increase in fuel distribution and training ammunition." "And then the next step of this four-phased

program will be regionalization of the national police, where the minister's objective is a national police brigade or battalion in each province."

- [Dec24](#): M1A1 tank orientation, first group of 28 M1A1 tank crewmen Dec. 21. Crewmen, selected from cadre of Armor School instructors and 9th Division, will continue orientation through Jan. 2. Final selectees will then participate in a three month train-the-trainer course at Besmaya. The graduates will serve as instructors for the remaining Iraqi Army crews prior to the arrival of their own M1A1 tanks. This will allow the IA to significantly accelerate the fielding of its new armor regiments. GoI purchased 140 advanced M1A1 Abrams Integrated Management Situational Awareness tanks scheduled to arrive in the fall of 2010. "The M1A1 tank is the future of Iraq; the Soviet equipment is our past....the M1A1s will lead us into the future," said Iraqi Army Col. Ghazi, Iraqi Army Armor School Commandant.
- [Dec24](#): With the new buildings, IMSS will be able to handle about 450 students at any given time, compared to 230 prior to construction.
- [Dec26](#): Iraqi National Emergency Response Brigade instructors initiated the 20th operator selection course Dec. 20 in order to meet its growing needs as a newly established brigade. "The primary goal for this class is to increase numbers [of personnel] in the SWAT units at Mosul and Tikrit, which have the lowest numbers in the Brigade," said an ERB advisor. "The secondary goal is to bring personnel numbers at the Brigade's 1st Battalion in Baghdad to 100 percent and increase numbers in its support battalion, also in Baghdad."
- [Dec27](#): 87th Composite Squadron at Al Muthanna uses King Air ISR and Lt Transport aircraft. (First report of this squadron.)
- [Dec30](#): 17th Division's 55th Brigade taking over Rasheed District of Baghdad? (Wording of caption subject to interpretation, only 1 battalion of 55/17 ID'd in Rasheed ATT.)
- [Dec30](#): "Iraqi Engineer Battalion" (This sounds like a separate battalion. Suspect it is the 10th Engineer Battalion. However, could be Corps Troops.)

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