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**Appendix H – 2010 Notes**

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

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

- [Feb18:](#) PS 703 and 704 cristered at Umm Qasr.
- [Feb21:](#) "The Combined Security Force, consisting of 12th Iraqi Army Soldiers, Iraqi Police, 1st Peshmerga Brigade Soldiers, and U.S. Forces from 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, attached to 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, graduated after 30 days of training. This unified force, known as the "Golden Lions,"....in Kirkuk, Iraq, Feb. 15." (new KRG Bde ID.)
- [Feb21:](#) "The 1-2 Emergency Response Brigade" (ERB split into at least 2 brigades.) According to our contacts at south it is 1st Bde, 2nd Bn. Thank You, USF-I PAO JOC
- [Feb21:](#) PSF-5 (5th Bde in Anbar PSF)
- [Feb22:](#) 4 more T-6A delv; remaining 7 of 15 to deliver by end 2010.
- [Feb22:](#) [e-mail fm Marco Dijkshoorn Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble](#) Correct: YI-503 T-6A PT-498 1st Training sq 04dec09/feb10 Wichita Beech Field; 04dec09; YI-506 T-6A PT-501 1st Training sq feb10; YI-507 T-6A PT-502 1st Training sq feb10; YI-508 T-6A PT-503 1st Training sq 28dec09/feb10 Wichita Beech Field; 28dec09 as 508; All del flt 03feb10 from KBEC (Wichita, KS) to KDSM (Des Moines) to CYYC (Toronto) as HKB176, 178, 181 & 122, 04feb01 Toronto - Bagotville. (4 T-6A delivered. Initial assignment to 1st Sq.)
- [Feb25:](#) 2 more FP bns and the second set of 40 Zerevani graduate Phase III Carbinerie Training. (14 bns)
- [Feb25:](#) [e-mail fm sheytan elkebir](#) T72s in IZ identified as 34/9 vice 56th. (2-34/9)
- [Feb25:](#) "Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki gave his consent to reinstate 20,400 officers" who had made a request, Mohammad al-Askari said. Askari said the requests had come since 2008 from former officers either still living in Iraq or residing abroad. The reinstated officers now had "one month and 45 days" to report for duty. (Assigned to what billets? CorpsTroops? 18th and 19th Divs? This is much more than the shortage...)
- [Feb26:](#) Article clarifies the numbers. The 20,000 reinstated officers includes 13,000 that are already in. 7,000 is the new order and that fits for filling the existing billets to 100%.
- [Feb27:](#) [RFI e-mail response fm LTC Martin Downie, USA Public Affairs Chief USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD](#) "Mr. Elliott, The battalions that were trained are listed below: 9 COURSE A BN 450 (2nd BN AL BASSRAH) AL BASSRAH); B BN 452 (4 TH BATTALION AL ASKARIEN)AL SAMARRAH); 10 COURSE BN A 450 PAX (1ST BN ALSAIAFIYAH - BAGHDAD); BN B 412 PAX (2nd BN ABORISCHE); 11 COURSE BN A 442 PAX (1ST UNITY BN 2ND DIV); BN B 433 PAX (3RD BN, ABU RISHA (3RD DIV); 12 COURSE BN A 472 PAX (1ST BN 5/BRG "BAGHDAD); BN B 452 PAX (1ST BN- 4/BRG " AL KUT").
- [Mar02:](#) "A member of the Peshmerga special forces tumbles over a fire line during his graduation ceremony in Arbil, 310 km (190 miles) north of Baghdad March 2, 2010. Over a thousand members of the Kurdish Peshmerga special forces graduated from the Zervani training center after finishing 10 weeks of training on Tuesday, an official said. REUTERS/Azad Lashkari (2x MoI Zerevani ERBs?)
- [Mar02:](#) "Over the course of five days recently at Joint Security Station India, located in Al Kindi, members of the Iraqi Army and Kurdish Peshmerga learned all about air mobile tasks, such as providing perimeter and landing zone security, loading and unloading aircraft, movement formations and detainee operations." (AAslt trng of IA and Peshmerga in Ninawa.)
- [Mar02:](#) 27/7 IA Mortar Battery training on US 105mm howitzers. (7th Div next to get howitzers?)
- [Mar04:](#) The Iraqi Army plans to open a special center for Female BCT Training at Old Al Muthana in the future. (Probably means the division HQ at old Muthanna.)
- [Mar04:](#) [e-mail from sheytan elkebir](#) 850,000 ISF and 58,000 Peshmerga participated in elections. (ISF includes FPS. Peshmerga fits for the 21 KRBG Bdes; Factor in 30,000 in IMoI plus 29,500 in IMoD that are not counted as Peshmerga.)
- [Mar05:](#) Contract for the detail, design, and construction of two offshore support vessels and associated equipment and services for the Iraqi Navy. Expected to be completed by December 2011.
- [Mar05:](#) "...specifications included that they be a steel mono-hull design with a hull length overall at water line of at least 55 meters but not greater than 65 meters with a draft: not greater than 5-meters (planned depth of water at low tide of the Umm Qasr pier. Range was specified at not less than 1,500 nautical miles, speed as 16 knots and endurance: not less than 15 days. The OSV was to be capable of launching, recovering, refueling, and maintaining three 9-meter FABs and be capable of mooring, refueling, and providing potable water to a 35-meter Patrol Boat (PB). Capability requirements included high hover helicopter vertical replenishment during day time. Deck space was to be provided for one 30 mm gun and four .50 cal machine gun weapons stations. (OSVs ordered to be completed by Dec 2011.)
- [Mar05:](#) "...possible sale of (300) 50-watt Very High Frequency (VHF) Base Station radios, (230) 50-Watt VHF Vehicular Stations, (150) 20-watt High Frequency/Very High Frequency (HF/VHF) Base Station Systems, (50) 20-watt HF/VHF

Vehicular Radios, (50) 50-watt Ultra High Frequency/Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) Base Stations, (10) 150-watt HF/VHF Vehicular Radio Systems, (10) 150-watt HF Base Station Radio Systems, (30) 20-watt HF Vehicular Mobile Radio Stations, (250) 20-watt HF/VHF Handheld Radio Systems, (300) 50-watt UHF/VHF Vehicular Stations, (10) 150-watt HF/VHF Fixed Base Station Radio Systems, (590) Mobile Communications, Command and Control Center Switches, (4) Mobile Work Shops, High Capacity Line of Sight Communication Systems with Relay Link, generators, accessories, installation, 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."

- [Mar07](#): "...Forward Operation Base Constitution, location of the 6th Iraqi Army Division Joint Operations Center,..." (Shifting HQ fm Old Muthanna?)
- [Mar09](#): 1st Commando Bn in Wassit. (new bn, redesignated bn? No Bde ID provided, could be redesignated bn of a new DBE Bde.)
- [Mar09](#): New OC formed. Mid-Euphrates Operations Center. "Leaders are now expecting its role to continue even now that the elections are over."
- [Mar15](#): Anbar Military Operations Command. (Renamed preparatory to becoming a corps HQ?)
- [Mar21](#): No strykers in active FMS cases. 50 M113s listed. (Canx M1125?)
- [Mar24](#): "Commander of Suburbs Police Commander Brigadier Sarhad Qadir" (Kirkuk Bde is at least 6 bns. Kirkuk EP Bde is possibly splitting into 2 commands.)
- [Mar24](#): "Commander of Rural Areas Police Department, Brigadier General Sarhad Qadir" (Looking like Kirkuk City Bde and either "Suburb" or "Rural Areas" Bde...)
- [Mar25](#): Fourth Peshmerga bde ID. "2nd Bde" (Estimate is part of 16th Div. 1st, 2nd, and 10th Peshmerga Bdes in Kirkuk; 34th Peshmerga Bde in Diyala.)
- [Mar26](#): Wassit Operations Command? (Looking for confirmation.)
- Mar30: [Marco Dijkshoorn Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble 21sq](#) will be the one at Taji with the Bell 407.
- [Apr02](#): 70th Sq moving to Tallil soon.
- Apr07: [e-mail from Marco Dijkshoorn Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble Magazine](#) "Hi, I just got confirmation of this LOA [F16s] through official sources. Still working on the An-32Bs." (Confirmation)
- [Apr08](#): 10th Div HQ at Bateria Airport in Maysan now?
- [Apr09](#): On the building of the Iraqi military forces, the general said the need of today is to build "Airforce" strength as till now most of the budget went to building army which has now "14 divisions." From now on, "70% of the budget will go to Airforce," he noted. Although the Iraqi government will need at least "three sources (quotations)," for Airforce procurements, the general explained that there is a "special deal with the U.S. over the supply of F-16 fighter jets," with a plan to partner with F-16 squadrons based in Iraq to "train" Iraqi pilots. (Sounds like USAF Squadrons do not count as "troops". The earliest the 24 F16s to be ordered will arrive is 2013, more likely 2014. The 96 minimum needed would be 2018-2020. Even if we are loaning/giving used aircraft, and that is what this sounds like, the training time will go beyond Dec2011 for these partnered squadrons.)
- [Apr10](#): "Iraqi soldiers of the 848th Brigade Iraqi Army are presented a certificate of completion for having completed commando training at Forward Operating Base Danger, Tikrit, Iraq, March 25. The 848th Brigade Iraqi Army train in reserve capacity to assist in the security of road-side patrols and security actions in the Tikrit, Salah-ad-Din province." (848???? Highest Bde number in IA is 56th. One of the IA in photo has a 4th Div Patch. 14th Bde should be the one in Tikrit. What do they mean by "reserve capacity"? Kurdish Bde? KRBG would explain the 'reserve' reference.)
- Apr11: [RFI response by USF-I Press Desk](#) "We confirmed with USD-N there is no such IA unit as 848th, nor is there a 8/48th or 48th - we will take this up with the photographer. As for your question on IA reserve capacity, you would need speak with the IA on IA matters." (Note: This response does not exclude the possibility of it being peshmerga. Note that the response is in error, there is a 48th Bde.)
- [Apr15](#): Battalion and Brigade Command Course graduations. 1st graduation 11 Apr 2010; next course Jun 2010.
- [Apr15](#): "DAHUK, Iraq - Two courses in the Dahuk Province graduated here April 9. The Sustainment Training Course had 960 Zerevani graduates and the Basic Recruit Training Course had more than 200 graduates. These courses ran simultaneously at the same location and the graduates, who work together daily, are assigned to the Irbil area as force protection for various government buildings. Training began Dec. 20. The classroom portion of the course covered job-related skills such as checkpoint security, explosive hazards awareness and vehicle searches while the practical exercises included building entry, static security, personal security, live fire and obstacle courses. Gen. Nawzad Khoshnaw, a

representative of Kurdish Prime Minister Barzani, was the guest speaker at the event. He congratulated the graduates and thanked them for their commitment to the security of Kurdistan. Maj. Gen. Aziz Waysi Bani, the Zerevani commander, congratulated the graduates and told them they should be proud of their achievements in Kurdistan. "Let's say 'enough' to terrorists and their activities," he said. "Let democracy be developed in Iraq." (The Zerevani are the forces belonging to MoI FP and ERF. 30,000 total. This sounds like an FP Div's Logistics Battalion, headquartered in Irbil.)

- [Apr17](#): USF-I may have been wrong in their Apr11 response. 48/12 Bde may be in Tikrit. 1-14/4 and the 14th Mortar Bty is in Sharqat; North Salahahdin - north of Baiji. In 48/12's AOR.
- [Apr19](#): "U.S. troops handed over control of Siniya Base near Baiji Town, Iraq, to the 14th Brigade of the Iraqi Army on Saturday." (14th Bde in 48th Bde AOR - definite AOR swap.)
- [Apr20](#): "Fifty new boats have arrived in Basra and the Government of Iraq will be dispersing these boats throughout the provinces of Iraq, said Smith. It will be these boats that the newly graduated officers will be working with." (River Police expansion and trng.)
- [Apr22](#): "Iraq is a sovereign country but let us be frank, we don't have the combat or jet fighters or intercepting planes or air defense systems," Iraqi Air Force commander, Staff Lt. Gen. Anwer Hamad Amen Ahmed, said in an interview. "We are still far from an air force's full potential. We will need the U.S. long after 2011." Under the U.S.-Iraqi Status of Forces Agreement, the Americans' departure by the end of 2011 in theory spells the end of the U.S. Air Force's involvement here. But both Iraqi and American officers are increasingly talking about a "long-term partnership" in air operations that would stretch beyond that date. (At least a decade more is required.)
- [Apr25](#): First report of 1st FP Div's Sustainment Bn.
- [Apr26](#): ARINC Engineering Services, Annapolis, Md., was awarded on April 22 a \$13,733,424 cost-plus-fixed-fee contract for logistics support and parts for the MI-17. Work estimated completion date of March 2, 2012.
- [Apr29](#): Jet trainer competition btwn Hawk, T-50, and Maki 346. 24 Jet Trainers to be bought. (1 Sq. Prob Korean T-50.)
- [Apr30](#): "along with IA Soldiers from 1st Brigade, 18th IA Division and Iraqi Police from the 9th Emergency Reaction Force" (9th Emergency Bn transferring or transferred to ERF. Link pulled, article corrected 2 May 2010. 1-18/5 Bn and 9th ERF Bn.)
- [Apr30](#): Iron Claw Route-clnc training school closed. (Means the IA is doing its own Route clearance training now.)
- [May02](#): [RFI response from Jennifer L. Palmeri, 1LT, CM, 3-2 SBCT PAO](#) Sir, Good morning, yes, the Unit designations in this article are not correct. During this operation, 3-2 SBCT was partnered with the 9th ERF Battalion and 1st Battalion, 18th Iraqi Army Brigade (of the 5th Iraqi Army Division). I appreciate the confirmation email and the press release will reflect the proper Unit designations.
- [May02](#): 9th ERF Bn in Diyala. (Corrected article. Original Apr30 link is now dead and deleted.)
- [May03](#): March 2010 9010 Quarterly Report to Congress released.
- [May06](#): 4-27/7 Bn first report.
- [May08](#): First report of 6-24/6 Bn. (Inferred that there is a 5th Bn as well. Growing a fourth maneuver Bde for 6th Div? Or new Bde for other?)
- [May09](#): First report of a 2nd Emergency Battalion in Tal Afar.
- [May14](#): BAGHDAD - The National Training Center opened here Monday, expanding investigative training capabilities for National information and Investigation Agency personnel. The NTC trains national investigators to collect criminal information and conduct investigative operations at the national level in coordination with other intelligence and security elements to penetrate major criminal networks and defeat domestic criminal activities that threaten Iraq's national security in today's counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency fight. The newly-expanded center triples the capability of the previous center and provides additional training and instructional areas to accommodate the dynamic curriculum that is planned for the new facility.
- [May17](#): 14th Mortar Btry training at Lutifiyah. Mention of program for training on more advanced US, Chinese, and Russian Artillery.
- [May18](#): EC635 reported active at Taji. Confirmed today. Vriendelijke groet / Kind regards, Marco Dijkshoorn Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble
- [May20](#): 9th DBE Bde returned to Region IV?
- [May25](#): "MITTICA TRAINING BASE, NASARIYAH, Iraq -- The 64th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, instructed a class on M-4 5.56mm Carbine supervisor-level maintenance for four Iraqi soldiers

assigned to the 10th Field Factory Regiment, 10th Iraqi Army Division, May 12." (First one referred to as an FFR. Field Workshop is a Maintenance Company. Field Factory is a Maintenance Battalion. Regiments in the structure are reinforced Battalion to Bde sized formations. Most of the Divs are still company strength maint support. 10th has apparently grown to larger than the planned Battalion size. Also indicates both 10th and forming 18th will be heavy divisions.)

- [May26](#): Groundbreaking on Nasiriyah Air Base Sector Operations Center. 1 of 4 SOCs. For southern region. (Taji, Kirkuk, and Al Asad are the other 3.)
- [May27](#): The first of 15 patrol boats for the Iraqi Navy were delivered in Morgan City, La., May 20. The 35-meter P-301, built by Swiftships in Morgan City. This first patrol boat will now be stationed at Swiftships' Training Village, adjacent to the shipyard, where it will remain until a first group of Iraqi sailors completes training in July 2010. The patrol boat, along with the second boat in the series, will then be shipped to Iraq.
- [May28](#): NATO Training Mission-Iraq held a graduation ceremony for 43 Kurdish Zerevani policemen and hundreds of their Iraqi Arab counterparts who completed joint federal police training at Camp Dublin Thursday. This is the third time Arabs and Kurds have participated in this training together. (760 total per AFP)
- [May30](#): "...Iraqi Air Force Col. Nuhad Natick (right), who is assigned to be the Q-West base commander after turnover....which is scheduled for turnover from the U.S. Army's 15th Sust. Bde, to the Iraqi Air Force in July..." 3 Sqs of new helos and F16s by 2011. (only way that happens is used USAF F16s)
- [May31](#): RFI response by LTC Martin Downie, USA, Public Affairs Chief, USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD "Mr. Elliott, Although the Iraqi government has asked for information about F16s no final agreements have been made. I would refer you to the U.S. Air Force press desk for any new information on this."
- [Jun02](#): 4/4 IA Bn partnered with 4/3 Peshmerga Bn in N Diyala [1-14C]. (2 new bn IDs - 1 IA and 1 Peshmerga. Renumbered 34th Peshmerga now has 4 bns and a new ID'd IA Bn in 4/1 IA. The Peshmerga Bdes in 16th Div Area are now confirmed as renumbered 1 thru 3. 4th Peshmerga Bde is probably in Sulaymaniyah.)
- [Jun03](#): French helos for Iraqi Navy support?
- [Jun12](#): RFI response on IA Abn Trng with 1/82nd by JP Rebello, CPT, IN, USD-C Public Affairs, PA Operations Officer concerning IA abn trng: "Due to operational requirements, this joint exercise had to be postponed to a later date to be determined. We continue to work closely with our Iraqi partners and look forward to the opportunity to conduct this event in the future."
- [Jun14](#): The first class of 120 Iraqi Army field artillery officers graduated from a 152-day course at Forward Operating Base Constitution, Iraq, 6 June.
- [Jun15](#): 43rd KRBG Bde - Irbil.
- [Jun16](#): 1st KRBG Bde - Basic trng in Kirkuk.
- [Jun20](#): e-mail Zerevani integrating with FP and KRBG with IA. Corps-structure awaits police primacy. M198s and M109A5s plus more M113s going to Iraq. LOR signed for 18 new F16s to start delv 2013. But some air defense in 2011. (used loaners?)
- [Jun23](#): 17th Div involved in a live-fire exercise with 1/3 AAB at Besmaya. (17th Div drilling in Bradleys? Getting rear-ramp type APCs? BTR4? M113?)
- [Jun24](#): Iraqi Minister of defense on Al-Hurrah; Comment/observations by Jack Winters 1. Iraq is going to buy brand new F-16 Block 52(his words), and that Iraqi pilots had already tested it and they want it. 2. What is Iraq waiting for, US approval of the deal. Then they will talk specs and price not done yet. 3. The reason why the DM [MoD] is in the US. The US Army is giving the Iraqi army equipment worth 1Billion, the DM said that this equipment will make a big difference, and that from the way he said it, it sounds like heavy equipment; The US will pick up most of the money needed and the Iraqi defense department will pay (140 million) to refurbish the equipment. 4. the navy will 90% ready before the US leaves Iraq, the Army will be 60% ready, Iraq will have an air defense brigade before the US leaves. And the air force will ready by 2020. 5. Army air core (his words) [corps] will be ready by 80%. (AD Bde might be refurb AAA. No reporting of SAM purchases.)
- [Jun26](#): RFI response fm LTC Martin Downie, USA, Public Affairs Chief, USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD: "Through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) process for Excess Defense Articles (EDA) the GoI is getting numerous pieces of equipment to help modernize the Iraqi Army. This equipment includes: M113s, M198s, M109A5s, and M88A1s. I've seen nothing on SAMs."
- [Jun27](#): RFI response fm LTC Martin Downie, USA, Public Affairs Chief, USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD: "The GoI paid \$143M as part of their cost share for the refurbishment for the equipment. The total value of everything is \$900M+. This is what they are getting: Major items: 1026 - M113s Family of Vehicles, 120 - M198 towed howitzers, 21 - M88A1 armored recovery vehicles, Additional items: Equipment for a strategic bridge company, 60 - M1070s heavy equipment transporters, 24 - M109A5 self propelled howitzers, 30 - Fuel tankers. This cost share includes refurbishment of these vehicles, basic issue

items, ammo, spares, field support reps to assist with maintenance, and training in varying degrees based on the type of equipment."

- [Jun30:](#) "The first shipment of 140 M1A1 Abrams tanks purchased by the Government of Iraq from the U.S. rolled off the production line in Lima, Ohio, this month and is being loaded in Charleston, S.C., onto a ship bound for Iraq. Eleven M1A1 Abrams tanks, along with an M88A2 recovery vehicle, are scheduled to arrive in Iraq in August. The remaining 129 tanks and seven recovery vehicles will be delivered before December 2011. According to Army Lt. Col. Tom Bentzel, Iraq Foreign Military Sales director for Project Manager Heavy Brigade Combat Team, the tanks will be transitioned to the Iraqis at the Besmaya Combat Training Center. Once fielded, the Iraqi Army is expected to integrate the tanks into the 9th Iraqi Army Mechanized Division located in central Iraq."
- [Jul04:](#) 7th Cdo Bn (not reduced???)
- [Jul05:](#) [Late entry fm Jun11] The delivery of the first An-32 (P) aircraft for Iraq is scheduled tentatively for September, Dmitriy Kiva, the head of state-run Antonov Concern told Interfax-Ukraine. Chief Designer of Kharkiv Machine Building Design Bureau Mykhailo Borysiuk said in turn that the delivery of the first batch of BTR-4 armored personnel carriers under the contract is scheduled for October. "Unfortunately our Malyshev plant has let us down – we haven't got engines from it yet," he said, noting that other subcontractors are working well. The contract foresees the delivery more than 400 armored vehicles, in particular the BTR-4, about 10 An-32 aircraft, and aircraft repair services over three to three-and-a-half years.
- [Jul05:](#) [Late entry fm Jun11] He clarified that the Bureau received an order for 420 BTR-4 for Iraq in August 2009. Under this order the enterprise should make a 270 line of armored personnel carriers, 80 of command, 30 staff, 30 medical, 10 repair and recovery, etc. In addition it was assumed that prior to the Iraq contract to buy tanks from Ukraine and Redoubt. However, according to Borysiuk, difficulties arose with the State Enterprise "Malyshev Plant (Kharkiv). There has so far delivered engines to be installed on an armored personnel carrier and the wheel motors. (Too many cmd/Stf vehicles for 1 div, at least 2 divs planned.)
- [Jul14:](#) The Government of Iraq has signed an agreement with the United States for the training of 10 Iraqi Air Force pilots. This agreement follows a March 2010 Iraqi request to purchase 18 new Block 52 F-16s. The pilot training agreement provides for the training of an initial cadre of ten selectively-chosen Iraqi Air Force pilots who are projected to begin training this fall in the United States. Upon graduation, these pilots will have completed all flight training necessary to move immediately into F-16 flying training. The program will include all necessary components of T-6A Texan II and T-38 Talon training including a course called Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals. The intensive flight training will be complemented with specialized English language training for aviation. The training for each student will last from 12 to 17 months depending on the experience level of the pilot.
- [Jul14:](#) First group of 50 Iraqi Navy sailors received training at the Swiftships Shipbuilding facility in Morgan City, La and will graduate 15 July. The Iraqi naval students spent 90 days at Morgan City training to operate, maintain and deploy 15-man patrol boats.
- [Jul19:](#) MoI plans to form an Air Force police. Follow up to the 19 Nov 2009 FMS announcement that MoI intended to buy 15 Scout helos and 10 Utility helos. Support for DBE/FP. (Sounds like the Scout helo contract is progressing.)
- [Jul20:](#) 2-12 Peshmerga Bn in joint ops in Irbil disputed area. (New Bde ID.)
- [Jul21:](#) Bucca to the IqM? (Small service, doesn't need the extra facility for what it has. This might be a start on adding another Bn or even Bde...)
- [Jul22:](#) 4-35/9 elems receiving M1A1 trng. "It is day two of a U.S. forces-led, in-depth tank refresher course held for members of the IA at Joint Security Station Al Rasheed. This session's students include 12 soldiers and one officer from 1st Platoon, 1st Company, 4th Tank Regiment, 35th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division. By September of this year, the 9th IA Div. will be fielding four battalions of M1A1s-a total of 140 tanks-purchased by the Government of Iraq to further the nation's efforts to modernize its military. The purpose of this training is to ensure that the IA soldiers' skills remain fresh until the arrival of the tanks." (Currently a M113 equipped mech recon battalion. Converting the existing M113 Bns first? 36th then 35th Bdes.)
- [Jul22:](#) "The [Ukrainian] Armed Forces are also to sell off surplus military property, which should yield \$188 million to \$250 million. (Could mean that Iraq is buying some/all of the ~1,300 used T72s in storage. BTR numbers and cost listed indicate only ~400 if so.)
- [Jul22:](#) "The Iraqi Army, which recently took control of their military's rotary-wing assets from the Iraqi Air Force, uses the Huey primarily as a scout and reconnaissance aircraft." (Army Air Corps splitting off from IZAF.)
- [Jul25:](#) e-mail fm Marco Dijkshoorn, Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble "On the F-16 front I am getting quite firm reports that the first 10 IqAF pilots will be trained from August onwards on Sheppard AFB (TX) and that 18 Block 52 with limited weaponry have been ordered, prone for delivery between 2012-2013."

- [Jul25: RFI response by LTC Martin Downie, USA, Public Affairs Chief, USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD.](#) "The first 11 of the 140 M1s that Iraq has purchased are expected to arrive in August. The entire 140 will be delivered in monthly batches over the following year. The M1s here now were not purchased but are being used for training only." (Same size as the crew training classes - company strength; delv by Oct 2011.)
- [Jul26:](#) This undefinitized contract action will be for 60 Iraqi heavy equipment transporter systems (HETS) and associated ancillary items. The Iraqi HETS are comprised of the M1070A0 tractor and the Fontaine 635NL trailer. The associated ancillary items include 6,240 spare tires; Iraqi HETS spare parts; non-standard trailer manuals; and IHETS operator training. (The 60 HETs that go with the 1026 M113 FOVs.)  
[Jul28:](#) Mi-17 crash near Karbala.

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