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Appendix H – 2010 Notes

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- [Jan01](#): 3rd FER completes USF at Besmaya on 26 Dec. (This fits for rotating forces thru Besmaya [Baghdad Province] for re-equipping. 3rd FER already existed but, was apparently never fully equipped. Same is likely as they upgrade units to mech/armor. Send them to Besmaya to train/equip in rotation. That is probably what the PUK report was about. Rotating Divs so as to upgrade them. During which the 10th relocates to Kirkuk and the 6th to Ninawa.)
- [Jan01](#): First information about the delivery of EC 635 helicopters to the Iraqi Air Force from France. First spotted chopper registration YI-293.
- [Jan04](#): Besmaya BDS increasing training capacity to 1,700/yr or 300/cycle. (Was 450/yr)
- [Jan04](#): [E-Mail press release](#) GD announces the second contract for 140 M1A1 SA tanks for Iraq.
- [Jan05](#): 7th Div ISR Bn active. (Not disbanded yet?)
- [Jan06](#): "5th DBE consists of border patrol, border police, customs, and two quick-reaction force battalions" (first report of 2 commando bns in V Region. Upgrade of existing bns or new?)
- [Jan06](#): Army day parade included towed howitzers [Bn strength], M1A1, T72, BMP1, BTR80, M109 [at least 6], and Grads [at least 3]. (Salvage of at least one battery each of M109s and BM-21 Grads confirmed. About a Rgt's worth of artillery - poss 9th Div FA Rgt?)
- [Jan09](#): 1-34 Peshmerga Bn is still operating in Khanqin. 2-8/III DBE Bn ID'd as "commando". (That makes 3 of the 4 known bns in 8 DBE Bde as mobile force. 4 of the 9 identified "commando" Bns in the entire DBE. There are 11 total now, up from 8 in Oct. Suspect Diyala is getting a second DBE Bde. Region II and Region IV have 4 Bdes each. Region I has only 3 but already has enough bns. Region III [Wasit/Diyala] and Region V [Najaf/Muthanna] are the small Divs at only 2 Bdes each and 7 [III] or 9 Bns. Since the Saudi border is not as high as a priority, my bet is Region III is expanding forces and that is why there are 4 identified "Commando" Bns in Region III - 1 per Bde with 4 Bdes eventually.
- [Jan10](#): [email fm Marco Dijkshoorn, Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble](#) Iraqi Registry number YI-293, an EC635T2+, first test flight was as 0858 on 9Nov09, and was shipped thru Shiphol [1Jan10] for Iraq. Iraqi Registry number YI-270, an EC635T2+, had its first test flight as 0869 on 7Dec09. (Indicates a 1/mo delivery rate, however, Iraqi Registry numbers are normally issued consecutively.)
- [Jan10](#): Change in plan for 2020 Iraqi military?
- [Jan11](#): "General Barbero talked about general Odierno's efforts in establishing two military divisions in Kurdistan region, adding their commitment to provide all the logistic and consolatory support to both divisions following the approval of the Iraqi government." (2x KRG IA Divs still in works.)
- [Jan11](#): "The Graduation of 176 2nd Lieutenants marked the last time this course will be offered at Camp Ur." (3 of 4 Military Academies closing.)
- [Jan13](#): "Also this will be the last air force class to graduate from Rustamiyah." The Iraqis are re-opening the air force academy in Tikrit in mid 2010 that will host the future Iraqi air force officer course. (They may be closing 3 of the 4 Army Academies but, they are opening 2 seperate 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 Warrrier 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. (Seperate 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 cristenated 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 clairifies the numbers. The 20,000 reinstated officers includes 13,000 that are already in. 7,000 is the new order and that fits for filling the existing billets to 100%.
- [Feb27:](#) RFI e-mail response fm LTC Martin Downie, USA Public Affairs Chief USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD "Mr. Elliott, The battalions that were trained are listed below: 9 COURSE A BN 450 (2nd BN AL BASSRAH) AL BASSRAH); B BN 452 (4 TH BATTALION AL ASKARIEN)AL SAMARRAH); 10 COURSE BN A 450 PAX (1ST BN ALSAIAFIYAH - BAGHDAD); BN B 412 PAX (2nd BN ABORISCHE); 11 COURSE BN A 442 PAX (1ST UNITY BN 2ND DIV); BN B 433 PAX (3RD BN, ABU RISHA (3RD DIV); 12 COURSE BN A 472 PAX (1ST BN 5/BRG "BAGHDAD); BN B 452 PAX (1ST BN- 4/BRG " AL KUT").
- [Mar02:](#) "A member of the Pershmerga 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 Pershmerga 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 Natic (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.
- [Aug01:](#) The Besmaya Combat Training Center was officially transferred to the Iraqi Army during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Besmaya July 31. The CTC will be the training site for 140 Iraqi Army-purchased M1A1 Abrams tanks. The first 11 tanks are scheduled to arrive this month, along with an M88A2 recovery vehicle. The remaining 129 tanks and seven recovery vehicles will be delivered before December 2011. More than 60 crews have already been trained. Iraqi crewmembers are also scheduled to receive a complete new equipment training package in conjunction with the fielding of the tanks. 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 BCTC. Once fielded, the Iraqi Army is expected to integrate the tanks into the 9th Iraqi Army Mechanized Division located in central Iraq.
- [Aug02:](#) TAJI – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region District (GRD) is managing the construction of the largest clear-span building in the Middle East, here at Taji Air Force Base. This MI-17 helicopter hangar spans 76 meters long (more than 240 ft.) without any intermediate supports and stands at 15 meters tall (50 ft.). It will house six MI-17 maintenance bays with back shops and office space to accommodate 1st and 2nd line maintenance and management functions of a central aircraft maintenance organization. In addition to the aircraft hangar, the Corps is also managing the construction of an air traffic control tower, a bulk fuel station and a squadron operations building that will contain an MI-17 simulator, all located at Taji Air Force Base. U.S. Army 1st Lt. Charles Dossett, the project engineer here, says these four Corps projects, totaling \$21 million, are providing the essential training, operational and maintenance functions needed to make the IqAF base fully-functional. "The goal is to provide the Iraqi Air Force with a fully operational air field here at Taji," Dossett says. "Each of these facilities will enable the Iraqi Air Force to conduct full scale rotary missions, maintenance, and training for their squadron." Currently, the IqAF here is working out of a very small hangar that can only fit one helicopter at a time. All additional critical maintenance is being conducted on the tarmac which can be a hindrance due to the amount of aircraft the IqAF has at the air base here. According to Dossett, there are approximately 20 MI-17 and 20 Huey helicopters at Taji and the IqAF is expected to receive more in the future, making this project even more critical to the rebuilding and re-strengthening of the Iraqi Security Forces. The six-bay hangar will provide the space needed for the IqAF to conduct all its maintenance in proper working conditions. Additionally, the current air traffic control tower stands only seven meters tall (23 ft.) and is fitted with outdated equipment. Once the new hangar is built, the line of sight of the old air traffic tower will be blocked, making the tower ineffective. "Standing at 15 meters tall, the MI-17 hangar is so large and tall, the air traffic controllers will have 40 percent of their line of sight blocked once it is completed, thus the need for the new tower," Dossett said. "Once the new tower is completed, it will stand 30 meters tall and will provide the IqAF with a state-of-the-art facility and 100 percent line of sight so the controllers will be unhindered." (20 Hueys? 16.)
- [Aug03:](#) More than 80 soldiers in the Kurdish Regional Guard Brigade began training to perform preventive maintenance checks and services on the Iraqi International Troop Carrier Truck.
- [Aug05:](#) Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of contractor logistics support for various helicopters for an estimated cost of \$152 million. The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of two years of contractor logistics support for Mi-17 Helicopters and two years of logistics support for U.S.-origin rotary wing aircraft not in DoD's inventory. The estimated cost is \$152 million. (Also mentioned Police: Bell 407 for IA AAC and Bell 412/429?)
- [Aug06:](#) First KRBG basic training to IA standards. 1st Bn of 1st Regional Guards Bde at Sulaymaniyah Training Center. 500 personnel.
- [Aug06:](#) First 3 Lasta-95s delivered to Iraq, all 20 to be delivered by end 2010.
- [Aug07:](#) First 11 M1A1s arrive at Umm Qasr. And 1 M88. The remaining 129 tanks and seven recovery vehicles are scheduled to be delivered on a monthly basis until about Dec 2011. For 9th Mechanized Division.
- [Aug09:](#) [RFI response by LTC Martin Downie, USA, Public Affairs Chief, USF-I J9 PAO IZ FWD](#) "There is no MOI case for helicopters today." (Note the qualifier of "today".)
- [Aug10:](#) [Late report from Jun01] Contract for 80 armored military vehicles for the Iraqi MoI/FP, to be contracted through the U.S. Army Foreign Military Sales (FMS) process. Of the 80 vehicles, 72 will be configured as Armored Personnel

Carriers. A total of 184 vehicles (122 ASV and 62 APC) have already been delivered to Iraq under previous procurements. (2nd FPM Bde?)

- [Aug10:](#) Arinc Engineering Services was awarded a \$5,839,837 contract which will procure, deliver, install, integrate and test air traffic control tower equipment at Tikrit Air Base and Taji Air Base Iraq.
- [Aug11:](#) "Hammer will act as the home of the Mechanized Iraqi 9th Division." (Is 9th moving from Taji?)
- [Aug11:](#) "If I were asked about the withdrawal, I would say to politicians: the U.S. army must stay until the Iraqi army is fully ready in 2020." Lieutenant General Babakar Zebari
- Aug13: [USF-I 20100813-02](#) First 11 M1A1s arrive at Besmaya.
- [Aug14:](#) Eighty-five Iraqi Army soldiers graduated from the M1A1 Tank Familiarization Course Aug. 12 at the Besmaya Combat Training Center, Iraq. The Iraqi Army soldiers are preparing to operate and command M1A1 tanks in the near future, as 11 of 140 M1A1 tanks also arrived Aug. 12 at the BCTC as part of a foreign military sales agreement between the U.S. and Iraq. The 32-day course featured 20 Iraqi Army cadres assisting in the training and gaining operational experience of a live fire range. The cadres are graduates of a previous tank familiarization course and were selected for their roles based on their distinguished performance in their course. Approximately 500 Iraqi Army soldiers have graduated the tank familiarization class to date. (2 companies training in coordinated ops. Largest scale M1A1 training to date and only half-bn.)
- [Aug15:](#) MoI CED Training Center under construction at Salman Pak. Planned completion in mid-2011.
- [Aug18:](#) [Late entry from Jun15] Recruiting add tells you where the current focus for IMoD is: FA and AF.
- [Aug18:](#) [Late entry from Jun15] Confirmation that MEOC is still operational as of Jul11.
- [Aug22:](#) 18 graduated the Unit Maintenance New Equipment Training Course at Besmaya 10 Aug. The 63-day course is a mirror of the U.S. Army's M1 Abrams Tank System Maintainer course that U.S. Soldiers go through in the United States.
- Aug22: [email](#) A BMP1 commander, a platoon cmdr on BMP1s from the 35th Bde who is going to Ukraine next month to be trained on the BTR4. (Either he is transferring to another Bde or the BTR4s are filling the role of M3 and in IA HBCTs.)
- [Aug22:](#) Photo of FP ILAV Badgers with claws. (Probably 1st FPM Bde since it is only FP Bde that has been ID'd receiving route-clearance training.)
- [Aug22:](#) Photo of refurb T55s with 6-37 markings, also refurbished T72s but unit markings not visible. (ILAV with claw holding flag indicates the photo is of a force preparing to pass-in-review - commissioning ceremony? Conversion of 37th Bde to HBCT. Tanks refurbished transfers from 34th Bde.)
- [Aug23:](#) "The al-Anbar Police Command has started anti-explosives departments in every police station in the province."
- [Aug24:](#) IMoD announced 3rd installment of Mi-17s received from Russia for the AAC. "hoped to receive the fourth installment to equip the Iraqi army in several squadrons of aircraft in-17, which is characteristic of the aircraft in the fight against terrorism, providing the cross and the transfer of tactical units." IMoD announced it received 2nd installment of Lasta-95 armed trainers and 1st installment of M1A1s on 7 Aug.
- [Aug25:](#) 3rd installment of Mi-17s received is 8 aircraft.
- [Aug25:](#) Kirkuk Operations Center. Mentioned on same level as DOC and NiOC.
- [Aug30:](#) "...Commando Battalion of the 16th Iraqi Army Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division." (Probably commando/scout company of 16/4. If not an error then converted bn - modularization?)
- [Sep03:](#) V DBE HQ/Training now in Diwaniyah.
- [Sep05:](#) It took more than a year to plan, but now there are 157 Iraqi air force cadets, who will soon start training on Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Tikrit, Iraq. The cadets began arriving to the base Sept. 1. Class 76 will be the first cadets to go through the newly reopened Iraqi air force college, which closed in 2003. "The Iraqi air force college will gradually increase its footprint," said U.S. Air Force Col. David Blanks, the Expeditionary Mission Support Advisory Group commander. "The Iraqi air force has approximately 5,000 airmen [officer and enlisted] today. That number is projected to grow to nearly 12,000 by the end of 2012."
- [Sep07:](#) June 2010 Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq Quarterly Report. (Separate article addresses the key points.)
- [Sep08:](#) Comment from: Mike 09/08/2010 03:09:23 "Each Iraqi Army DIV has a Commando Bn and each Army BDE has a Commando Co. The article should state the 16BDE and the 4DIV Commando Bn. These are units that I advise."
- [Sep08:](#) 1st AN32 produced and delivering this month. 3 by end-year. 3 each year delivery rate.

- [Sep10:](#) 2nd batch of M1A1s arrive at Basrah [12].
- [Sep11:](#) (Late Entry) BTR4 delivery in October 2010 is 24 vehicles. Turret is Parus (30mm Cannon/40mm GL/7.62mm LMG/Barrier ATGW). 120 Iraqi pers training in Ukraine [Kharkov]. Mix of cmdrs, gunners, drivers, and maintenance pers.
- [Sep13:](#) Iraqi An-32B spotted flying. (H/T Marco at Scramble. First reported photo.)
- [Sep14:](#) Omar Fadhil Al-Nidawi: I just listened to an interview with the commander of the 1st brigade of the peshmerga. the training deal with the GOI will apparently involve the training and integration of 4 peshmerga brigades, total 12k men, of whom some 500 have completed or about to complete training. This sounds like only one of the 2 mountain divs will be in the works for the foreseeable future. (trng at Kirkuk)
- [Sep15:](#) Thirty-three Kurdish Army Soldiers graduated from the Iraq Army Engineer School at Camp Taji 15 Sep. As part of an introduction to the Iraqi Army, the Peshmerga officers and enlisted soldiers became familiar with current tactics, techniques and procedures being used by Iraqi Army engineers. The 30-day course covered the most high-profile aspects of combat engineering, including route clearance and mine identification and detection. Students learned and conducted practical exercises on mounted and dismounted route clearance, mine-detecting robots and the capabilities of the Badger, an Iraqi Light Armored Vehicle. A number of these graduates will likely return to the Engineer School at a later date to continue training in specialized engineering tasks. (Peshmerga getting ILAV Badgers?)
- [Sep15:](#) 3 more T6A texan YI-509-511 transiting to Iraq. (11 out of 15 delivered.)
- [Sep15:](#) The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of (18) F-16IQ aircraft, (24) F100-PW-229 or F110-GE-129 Increased Performance Engines, (36) LAU-129/A Common Rail Launchers, (24) APG-68(V)9 radar sets, (19) M61 20mm Vulcan Cannons, (200) AIM-9L/M-8/9 SIDEWINDER Missiles, (150) AIM-7M-F1/H SPARROW Missiles, (50) AGM-65D/G/H/K MAVERICK Air to Ground Missiles, (200) GBU-12 PAVEWAY II Laser Guided Bomb Units (500 pound), (50) GBU-10 PAVEWAY II Laser Guided Bomb Units (2000 pound), (50) GBU-24 PAVEWAY III Laser Guided Bomb Units (2000 pound), (22) Advanced Countermeasures Electronic Systems (ACES) (ACES includes the ALQ-187 Electronic Warfare System and AN/ALR-93 Radar Warning Receiver), (20) AN/APX-113 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (AIFF) Systems (without Mode IV), (20) Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Embedded GPS/Inertial Navigation Systems (INS), (Standard Positioning Service (SPS) commercial code only), (20) AN/AAQ-33 SNIPER or AN/AAQ-28 LITENING Targeting Pods, (4) F-9120 Advanced Airborne Reconnaissance Systems (AARS) or DB-110 Reconnaissance Pods (RECCE), (22) AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispensing Systems (CMDS); (20) Conformal Fuel Tanks (pairs). Also included: site survey, support equipment, tanker support, ferry services, Cartridge Actuated Devices/Propellant Actuated Devices (CAD/PAD), repair and return, modification kits, spares and repair parts, construction, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, ground based flight simulator, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$4.2 billion.
- [Sep15:](#) The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale for the refurbishment of 440 M113A2 Armored Personnel Carriers, being offered as Excess Defense Articles, including installation of 440 M2 .50 Cal Machine Guns, 607 AN/VRC-90E Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radios Systems, M259 Smoke Grenade Launchers, and Combat Vehicle Crewmember Helmets. Also included are tools and test equipment, site survey, construction, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics personnel services, and other related logistics and program support. (First 440 M113A2s of 1,026 M113 FOVs.)
- [Sep16:](#) Iraq negotiating with Russia for Air Defense equipment.
- [Sep17:](#) 9th DBE in training in Basrah. (Both 9th and 11th now reported in Reg IV. Who is in Muthanna?)
- [Sep20:](#) Systems Products & Solutions, Inc., Huntsville, Ala., was awarded on Sept. 15 a \$19,743,495 firm-fixed-price contract for training mechanics for the Iraqi Interior Ministry to train mechanics to repair HMMWV, air conditioning, hydraulics, power generation repair with an estimated completion date of Sept. 15, 2012. Work is to be performed at Baghdad, Iraq. Mythics, Inc., Virginia Beach, Va., was awarded on Sept. 15 a \$9,883,241 firm-fixed-price contract for a first responder network. With an estimated completion date of May 20, 2011. Work is to be performed in the cities of Erbil, Dahuk, and Sulaymaniyah in Iraq.
- [Sep21:](#) 3 more T-6A arrive Tikrit bringing total to 11. 4 more to arrive in November.
- [Sep21:](#) V/r, Major Chris Perrine, USMC Public Affairs Officer Defense Press Operations RFI response to June 9010 clarification query- "This reference para could be read 2 different ways: (1) It could mean the US is assisting in forming/training 4 new IA divisions or (2) It could mean the US is assisting in converting/training 4 existing IA divisions. Which is it?" Response: "DJ, I'm sorry it took so long to get back to you. I had a little trouble getting a solid answer. There is NO plan to generate additional divisions. The plan is to modernize existing divisions." (This does not mean that the IA is not forming additional divisions, it just means the US supported upgrades are going to existing divisions.)

- [Sep23:](#) NATO Training Mission-Iraq (NTM-I) held a graduation ceremony for 527 Iraqi policemen and Kurdish Zerevani as they completed joint Federal Police training at Camp Dublin, Iraq on 23 September, 2010. (Only 1 bn. No FP bn ID. 5th batch of Zerevani.)
- [Sep24:](#) The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of contractor technical support of the Iraqi Defense Network and associated parts and equipment for a complete package worth approximately \$98 million.
- [Sep24:](#) The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of contractor logistics support for Mobile Communications Centers and associated parts and equipment for a complete package worth approximately \$57 million. (Field HQs? Div or Corps?)
- [Sep26:](#) PB301 received at Umm Qasr. 3 more PBs arrive in Dec. Remaining 11 in 2011.
- [Sep29:](#) VSD, LLC, Virginia Beach, Va., is being awarded a \$15,050,000 undefinitized contract action for the acquisition of four simulators and associated training for Iraqi Naval Forces in support of Iraq's 60 meter offshore support vessel hull production. Work will be performed in Morgan City, La., and is expected to be completed in October 2011.
- [Oct01:](#) "Presidential Guard force". (1st mention of PGF. 1st & 2nd Pres Bdes forming Div? ISBs?)
- [Oct02:](#) Elements of 1st RGB training in AAst? Uniform in front is RGB. Third uniform id FP. Zerevani FP? Mixed training?
- [Oct07:](#) Media Advisory/invite from 1LT Maryjane Porter Media Operations OIC COB Basra, Iraq: 70th Sq moving from Basrah and 4th Sq moving to Basrah.
- [Oct10:](#) Tal Afar SWAT now the 2nd Bde.
- [Oct11:](#) The M1A1 fielding and storage site boasts 80 fully-enclosed bays, two wash racks, maintenance bays, training buildings, headquarters buildings, warehouses, guard towers, and a motor pool workshop. The Iraqi Army 9th Mechanized Division will receive all 140 M1A1 tanks. "This will provide enough tanks to establish four M1A1 tank battalions of 35 tanks each," said John Hutchings, ITAM-Army's M1A1 project officer. "The facilities will, in the long term, become a part of the Combat Training Center at Besmaya," Hutchings said. "The facilities will be handed over to the BCTC for use by battalion-size units conducting training on the Besmaya Range." (80 bays fit for CAB. 35 tanks is over previous estimate. 17 per co vice 14.)
- [Oct13:](#) Maritime Surveillance System to the Iraqi Navy.
- [Oct 15:](#) As of 27 Sep, BTR80s are still in 9th Div at Taji.
- [Oct16:](#) M1A1 tank rollout ceremony 14 Oct. at the Iraqi Defense Ministry headquarters, Camp Iraqi Heroes, Baghdad. Many U.S. and Iraqi military leaders attended the event in which the Iraqi Army received 35 of 140 M1A1 tanks that Iraq is purchasing from the US. (Formal delivery of the first 3 sets. Tank Regt.)
- [Oct16:](#) Comment from Jack Winters (10/16/2010 06:10:24) "The other big news is about the BTR4 this comes from my own sources in IRAQ and according to them; they are saying that Iraq has two types of BTR4 APC one with 30 caliber gun, the other the Ukraine is calling it a staff and command. it is in fact the other APC with a 12.7 gun, the source tells me that what the Ukraine is calling command has extra radios US made since all of the tanks and apcs in Iraq use the same kind of radio. Its not like the US command cars with computerized communication equipment. other wise we would see a big telecommunications order from the Ukraine to the US to equip them."
- [Oct16:](#) July SIGIR report confirms that mortar carriers are part of the remaining 586 M113 FOVs. No detail on type(s).
- [Oct19:](#) 2nd Brigade in Salah al-Din Police Emergency Forces New designation. ("3rd Emergency Bde" was Nationalized into the FP but had never seen a report of a 1st or 2nd Bde - still have not seen 1st. 1st could be the Sharqot Bde.)
- [Oct22:](#) Photos of refurb T55 with 12/3 Bde marking. Photo of BMP1s in Ghazaliyah in "2nd Bn". Not 9th Div armor. Taken by IA soldier in 2010. (Redistributed 9th Div armor? 2-22/6 is the bn in Ghazaliyah.) [e-mail](#)
- [Oct26:](#) The Iraq Ministry of Interior and the Kurdish Regional Government Ministry of Interior signed a memorandum of agreement pledging greater cooperation among the two ministries in Arbil Oct. 20. Facilitated by United States Forces-Iraq, the signing of the document by Jawad Al Bolani, Iraq's minister of Interior, and Karim Sinjari, Kurdish minister of Interior, reflects an important step toward greater cooperation and integration of forces. Additionally, the agreement calls for the integration of the Zeravani and Bargiri-Fryakawtin forces to form the 6th Federal Police Division. The two ministries' cooperative efforts come in the form of strengthened internal security, as the 6th Federal Police Division will be available for nation-wide deployment to conduct missions. Furthermore, the 6th Division will be formed upon Federal Police common standards in which all new recruits will be required to meet specific requirements for entry, including education, physical qualifications and background checks.

- [Oct26:](#) The minister of Interior, partnering with NATO Training Mission-Iraq has started a new program to train Iraq's oil police. These students will undergo a six-week basic course taught by Italian Carabinieri that expands upon the current NATO Training Mission-Iraq Federal Police Training Program. The top 25 graduates of this course will then attend a four-week train-the-trainer course and become certified Oil Police instructors to sustain the training for future classes of Oil Police training. Each class will consist of 50 Shurtas, 50 noncommissioned officers and 25 officers. Additionally, nine more courses are planned between now and December 2011. During this time, the program is expected to develop more than 1,100 Oil Police and some 225 instructors.
- [Oct28:](#) "Iraqi Training Squadron No. 3" uses the T-6As.
- [Oct28:](#) Only 11 BTR4s delivered in Nov, 1st delivery (apparently the engine delivery problems with sub-contractor delayed/reduced the initial delivery from 24 in Oct to 11 in Nov)
- [Oct31:](#) New European Rocket for helos of the AAC? C8K? (What is a C8K? Prob Russian [S-8KOM](#) 80mm Rocket w/ HEAT Fragmentation warhead.)
- [Nov02:](#) 2nd class of PB sailors graduate 90-day course [47].
- [Nov04:](#) As qualified instructors, these soldiers will report to the new Bapshtian Training Center to begin training soldiers in a Basic Combat Training Course that is scheduled to begin Nov. 20. (New training center for KRG.)
- [Nov04:](#) No break-down on 1,026 M113 FOVs. Some are already in-country, rest delivering over next year. Majority are going to 9th Div [showpiece]. He said he would have to get back to me on numbers and types [6th RFI on this submitted]. They now have 43 of the 140 M1A1s. The 24 M109s are to go to a 9th Div FA Rgt. Plus getting some M88s.
- [Nov05:](#) Late entry. Delay in F16 purchase. No budget auth.
- [Nov06:](#) "Three Iraq Army Aviation Directorate instructor pilots completed the flying portion of Mi-17 weapons re-qualification training Oct. 27. Assisted by representatives of United States Forces-Iraq's Iraq Training and Advisory Mission-Air Force, the instructor pilots were required to plan the mission and then execute firing operations for 80mm rockets at targets."
- [Nov08:](#) [The USF-I Press Desk:](#) "The following is a list of the different variants of M113s being supplied to the GoI: M113A2--Armored Personnel Carriers, M113A2--Ambulance, M548A1--Cargo Carrier, M1064--Mortar Carrier, M577A2--Command Post Carrier, M577A2--Emergency Medical Treatment Vehicle.
- [Nov08:](#) [Fm Marco Dijkshoorn Dutch Aviation Society / Scramble:](#) 4 T-6A depart Wichita Beech for Iraq.
- [Nov08:](#) Strategic Bridging Company training. (1st report of its training.)
- [Nov09:](#) [CPT Leslie Waddle, Press Desk Officer, Media Operations Center US Embassy-Baghdad:](#) In reference to your question below, this is the breakdown of what variants they are. We can't provide the numbers, we recommend you contact Government of Iraq for their breakdown. The following is a list of the different variants of M113s being supplied to the GoI: M113A2--Armored Personnel Carriers, M113A2--Ambulance, M548A1--Cargo Carrier, M1064--Mortar Carrier, M577A2--Command Post Carrier, M577A2--Emergency Medical Treatment Vehicle.
- [Nov12:](#) "Allawi, who was the target of more than 13 assassination attempts, will have protection made up of two regiments from the Iraqi forces..." (his own binary bde.)
- [Nov13:](#) Commander Course at the Iraqi Signal School at Camp Taji: "The course is a prerequisite to assume command at the company level, as well as for promotion to major."
- [Nov13:](#) "United States Forces-Iraq transferred control of two warehouses in Taji to Iraq's Joint Repair Parts Command Nov. 2. The two 48,000 square-foot facilities were previously maintained and managed by USF-I Electro-Mechanical Engineer (EME) advisors. Under the control of Iraq's Joint Repair Parts Command, these facilities will receive, store and distribute repair parts for humvees and international vehicles.
- [Nov14:](#) 12th Sq moved to Habbeniyah. Habbeniyah not AAC training Base. This is per the Commander of the AAC on Al Hurrah 14 Nov. (Makes sense. Taji is getting overcrowded...) Comment
- [Nov14:](#) Army Air Corps College at Habbeniyah.
- [Nov15:](#) [USF-I Press Desk:](#) DJ, With regards to your question: BFVs are not being provided to the ISF at this time, however any sale of U.S. Combat platforms to Iraq goes through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program. Please contact the FMS Program if you need further information. http://www.dsca.osd.mil/home/foreign_military_sales.htm
- [Nov16:](#) "Four-hundred-nine Regional Guard Brigade Soldiers successfully completed Basic Combat Training in Beneslawia Nov. 3. These RGB Soldiers, all from the 1st Battalion, 2nd Regional Guard Brigade, represent the second class of RGB Soldiers to complete this BCT course. Conducted at the Beneslawia Zeravani Training Center, the course was modeled on the

Iraqi Army's training program and was conducted by RGB officers and noncommissioned officers. These soldiers were trained in the latest basic infantry skills to prepare them for future service with the Iraqi Army. Furthermore this training will better enable the 1st Bn., 2nd RGB to successfully deploy on missions in the Combined Security Areas or supporting border security missions that protect the sovereignty of Iraq."

- [Nov16:](#) "As part of a country-wide surge of 5,000 new Iraqi Army recruits, Iraqi Army Engineer School cadre are leading a 60-day Basic Combat Training course that began Oct. 6 at Camp Taji."
- [Nov16:](#) "Forty-two Soldiers from the Iraqi Army's 9th Armored Division graduated from the M1A1 Familiarization Course at the Besmaya Combat Training Center Nov. 2. This latest class, which was conducted with the assistance of Iraqi Armor School cadre, brings the total number of Iraqi Army Soldiers who have completed this course to 504."
- [Nov17:](#) 6th Emergency Response Brigade - Mosul (First report. Indicates at least 6 ERF bdes minimum.
- [Nov19:](#) "A delegation of senior Iraqi military leaders traveled to Amman, Jordan, to discuss cooperative training during an Iraqi-Jordanian Officer Education and Training Seminar, facilitated by members of the NATO Training Mission-Iraq Nov. 6 through 8. On the final day of the seminar, participants developed a plan for future military cooperation between the armed forces of Iraq and Jordan, in the interest of furthering strategic partnerships and regional stability. Attendees included several commandants and deans from the Jordanian and Iraqi National Defence universities, military universities, educational institutions, and representatives from NTM-I."
- [Nov20:](#) Late entry from 29 Oct. "The Czech Republic might sell up to 25 Aero L-159 ALCA (Advanced Light Combat Aircraft) subsonic fighter aircraft to Iraq, according to Prague Monitor." "The Czech Republic has for a long time been trying to sell its [redundant] L-159s on the foreign market. It is a quality aircraft with a broad training and combat potential. Apart from the Czech military, it could definitely prove itself elsewhere in the world. I can confirm that one of the countries that are interested in L-159s is Iraq," Jan Pejsek, head of the Defence Ministry's press department, as is quoted as saying. Aero L-159 ALCA (Advanced Light Combat Aircraft) is a light combat plane primarily designed for attacks on ground targets and for direct support of ground units. It can also be used for aerial reconnaissance and combat.
- [Nov20:](#) Late entry from 20 Oct. "As for the Air Force and its readiness, the Minister assured that the Ministry had set-up detection and recognition equipments, i.e. the radars, that cover all of the South and the North of Iraq, and before the end of (2011) it will cover Central Iraq too; commenting that such equipments are vital for the Iraqi Air Force; for it is important to prepare the infra-structure of the Air Force and to provide the navigation and directing means, as well as, the training that under-goes three phases until it reaches the stage of using jet-planes. He, also, affirmed that Iraq possesses many types of training aircrafts; while the Air Force is trying to acquire the Czech combat (L159) aircrafts; but the aircrafts of up-to-date specifications are costly, which will require more time to obtain. Adding that the Ministry is studying the possibility of buying used French and U.S. planes, until being able to get new ones. He, also, stressed that the Air Force needs reconnaissance aircrafts and fast transport means between the Governorates, which the Air Force possesses only a number of them; but he cannot determine Iraq's need of aircrafts. The Minister, also, denied that Iraq has (F16) aircrafts, but is in the process of contracting to buy them; adding that, at present, Iraq has no aircrafts capable to repulse any aerial aggression, and that the U.S. Air Force is, now, protecting the Iraqi air-space. He, then, pointed that the coming government and parliament will have to decide whether accepting the building of U.S. Air Bases in Iraq or finding an alternative."
- [Nov22:](#) 2-7C/4-1C training 9/3 IA Bde and 15th RGB in Wanah. (1st mention of 15th RGB.)
- Nov24: Admin note. All bns of IA have HMMWVs and 6x6 trucks. Those entries deleted for HMMWV/6x6 in notes. Units listed as Infantry are mostly truck motorized.
- [Nov26:](#) "The new unit proudly displayed its new aircraft, a group of CH 2000 reconnaissance planes, an AC-208 and an Iraqi C-130 cargo plane, similar to the U.S. version. The single propeller CH2000 has already logged many flight hours patrolling southern Iraq, providing valuable information to Iraqi commanders on the ground." (Re-configuring 70th Squadron. The C130 is probably just visiting but, the addition of an AC-208 indicates an upgrade.)
- [Nov29:](#) Noted fm Iraqi TV news in comments: D30s in 29Nov10 live-fire exercise of 17th Div in south Baghdad. (xfer fm 9th? or augment/loan?)
- [Nov30:](#) "Thirty-seven Regional Guard Brigade Soldiers successfully completed the Iraqi Army Intelligence School at Camp Taji Nov. 15. The 37 RGB Soldiers accompanied 268 additional Iraqi Army Soldiers in graduation ceremonies capping off the first-ever class to jointly integrate RGB Soldiers jointly into intelligence training in the school's specialty courses. "The purpose of the joint Regional Guard Brigade and Iraqi Army Intelligence training is to ensure that Regional Guard Brigade intelligence capabilities are interoperable with Iraqi Army Division Intelligence capabilities," said Peter Fischer, director, Iraq Training and Advisory Mission-Intelligence, who oversees the school's training under the United States Forces-Iraq's joint partnership with the Iraqi Military." (Tying RGBs into IA Intel network.)
- [Nov30:](#) "...possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Systems and associated parts and equipment for a complete package worth

approximately \$68 million. The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Systems which includes, High Frequency, Ultra High Frequency, and Very High Frequency radios, Automatic Identification System, Surface Scan Radar System, Forward Looking Infrared System, Situational Display System, Mobile and Fixed Towers, Electro-Optical Cameras, Voice Over Internet Protocol, K Under Band Very Small Aperture Terminal upgrades, generators, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related logistical support. The estimated cost is \$68 million. The proposed sale of the C4ISR system will ensure that the Iraqi Naval Force (INF) is better able to efficiently use its vessels and manpower to police Iraqi territorial waters and protect its strategic maritime assets."

- [Nov30](#): "...possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of M1A1 Abrams Tank Ammunition for an estimated cost of \$36 million. The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of 14,010 TP-T M831A1 120mm Cartridges, 16,110 TPCSDS-T M865 120mm Cartridges, and 3,510 HEAT-MP-T M830A1 120mm Cartridges. The estimated cost is \$36 million."
- [Nov30](#): On 11 Nov, 7th Div training on Iraqi Hueys. (First time seen. Also on Blackhawks but, that is not new...)
- [Nov30](#): General Comment to notes from Major Adrian Henegan, formerly with MNSTC-I. Specific comments to individual notes added to Appendixes F [Oct13 and Nov24] and G [Feb19, Feb20, Mar01, Mar28, Mar31, Apr02, Apr03, Apr09, Apr25, Apr28, and Jun19]. "That's my comments on these dates. I departed theater on the 24th of July [2009] along with the Advisor for the M1A1 program. The first USF mortar unit arrived at Besmaya the 15th of June [2009] (approx) and we still had received no equipment to issue (or train them on). Amazingly, the IA did not even have a radio plan for these units. Kinda hard to call for fire without any form of communication. A good proportion were illiterate and they were under the required strength necessary to train. My successor watched the mortar training plan crash and burn as the IA couldn't support it as planned. A month or so later they were moved to Abu Ghraib and I do not know what happened to the training plan after that. Fortunately, there are IA units out there who were trained on US systems and can probably do the basics of manually gunnery. Hope this isn't too negative as that wasn't my plan to gripe, merely to provide realistic background and insight for the events listed here and correct a couple issues. Overall, I had a great tour as an advisor and was excited with the level of interaction I had with the IA. Truly a rich experience."
- [Dec03](#): 25/17 CALFEX on 30 Nov, Helos, ISR, Cdo in AAst, SAREX. (D30s in footage but, not seen firing.)
- [Dec03](#): 4-54/6 Bn mechanized with BMPs? (pg7-in arabic)
- [Dec06](#): First batch of BTR4s delivering in December. The second batch of the Ukrainian armored vehicles will be delivered to Iraq in early 2011. According to Antonov State Enterprise, the first three An-32 aircraft will be delivered to Iraq by the end of this year, and another three in 2011-2012.
- [Dec06](#): "The M109A5 Artillery Trainer shall create and prepare a 28 day Program of Instruction (POI) to provide collective training for one Iraqi Army M109A5 Artillery Regiment consisting of 3 batteries. The M109A5 Artillery Trainer will train one artillery battery consisting of 6 - M109A5s (SP)(155MM), Fire Direction Center and Forward Observers at a time."
- [Dec08](#): "Officials said the U.S. military has been helping the Iraq Army convert much of its helicopter fleet for attack missions. They pointed out that Baghdad had ordered the Bell-407 assault helicopter, which carries the advanced Hellfire air-to-ground missile. In November, the Iraqi military, in cooperation with U.S. trainers, fired Hellfire missiles from helicopters." (No confirmation of this report. Only reported Hellfire shot in Nov was from C208 ISR.)
- [Dec09](#): E-mail from Omar Al-Nidawi <itmblog@gmail.com> 11 more vehicles [M1A1 and M88] arrived.
- [Dec11](#): IA personnel returning from training on BTR-4E in Ukraine. (References to IraqSF associated with photo could be IA Cdo troops or could be ISOF.)
- [Dec12](#): The Taji Training Center conducted a graduation ceremony for its largest Basic Combat Training class to date during a combined ceremony with the Taji Noncommissioned Officer Academy Nov. 28 at Camp Taji. The BCT class produced 1,632 Iraqi Army Soldiers and 268 NCOs completed training at the Taji NCO Academy.
- [Dec12](#): The Iraq Armor School, Eastern Wing, moved from Camp Taji to the Combined Arms School at the Besmaya Combat Training Center Nov. 24. The school's 69-vehicle convoy moved 320 soldiers to the BCTC along with thousands of training aids and equipment, including everything from beds to tanks.
- [Dec12](#): Iraq's Ministry of Defense officially adopted a Noncommissioned Officer Education System for the Iraqi Army Oct. 20, affording Iraq's noncommissioned officers the opportunity to engage in professional development within a standardized system that fosters professionalism and advancement. Based on the guidance of Iraq's MoD, future NCO promotions will be dependent upon qualifications and successful completion of NCOES levels one through four, which are taught at a number of military institutions throughout Iraq. The system applies to promotions within the noncommissioned officer rank structure.
- [Dec12](#): Seventeen Iraqi Army majors graduated from the first Iraqi Field Artillery Pre-Commanders Course taught at the Iraqi Field Artillery School in Abu Ghraib Dec. 1. The four-month pre-commanders course qualifies officers in the Iraqi field

artillery to be placed into a commander's role. Modeled after the U.S. Army's Field Artillery Officer Advance Course and the Army's Intermediate-Level Education program, the course curriculum covers battalion-level and higher field artillery doctrine, tactics, and advanced field artillery techniques. Students are instructed on how to provide immediate support and general support for regiment artillery missions, artillery mobilization, counter-fire operations, and the implementation of fire support plans. The goal is for the officers to develop the skills and knowledge required to perform as the commander of a regiment.

- [Dec12](#): They are moving the "1st Iraqi Marine Brigade" to Bucca. (First mention of 1st IqM Bde - infers there is a 2nd Bde forming since they are moving from their former base.)
- [Dec12](#): "The most recent formation of about 1,250 troops marks the largest Initial Entry Training class to graduate from the Al-Habbaniya Training Center, with approximately 70 soldiers graduating mid to late December, 2010." "Presently, Habbaniya has grown into a Regional Training Center, supporting both the 1st and 7th Iraqi Army Divisions, training about 12,000 soldiers this year. Staff Colonel Zuhair Dhurgham, assigned as the commandant for the past year and a half, comes from a long line of military officers. Previously charged with training the Iraqi Army's Military Police, Dhurgham commands a cadre of 110 personnel."
- [Dec12](#): "Iraqi tribesmen prepare their weapons during a weapon handover event to the Iraqi government in Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad December 11, 2010. Several Iraqi tribes handed over their weapons, acquired during the Saddam Hussein era, to the Iraqi government, as part of a security plan to improve the security situation in southern Iraq." (Disbanding tribal levies? Aka Emergency Bns...)
- [Dec12](#): "The Iraqi Army Engineer School, Bomb Disposal School and Field Engineer Regiment conducted a joint Basic Combat Training graduation ceremony for approximately 200 soldiers at Camp Taji Nov. 30." (More bootcamp graduations.)
- [Dec12](#): "The U.S. Forces-Iraq and Iraqi Army signed a document transferring ownership of areas at Camp Taji known as "The Triangle" and "North Side" Dec. 5. The areas encompass more than \$43 million in property and equipment – 218 buildings, more than 1,000 containerized housing units, and more than 10,000 pieces of equipment." "The Iraqi Army wanted the land and property because it allows them to consolidate some of their divisions from other places into one location."
- [Dec13](#): The Iraqi Army Aviation Command received three Bell T-407 training helicopters at the directorate's headquarters at Camp Taji Dec. 11. These helicopters will be used to train Iraqi army pilots with the 21st IqAAC Squadron to fly the Iraqi Armed 407, or IA-407, which is an Armed Scout Helicopter that is essentially a modified Bell 407 with forward-firing ground attack capabilities, according to United States Forces-Iraq officials with the Iraq Security and Assistance Mission. Additionally the IA-407 is equipped with Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and data-link capabilities; and armed with .50-caliber machinegun and 2.75-inch rockets. A total of 27 IA-407s are scheduled for delivery to the 21st Squadron in late 2001 and early 2012.
- [Dec13](#): 120 OPD officer instructors graduate on 9 December 2010. (trained by NTM-I/Carabinieri)
- [Dec14](#): Iraq's Council of Ministers on Tuesday authorized defence minister to negotiate with Washington to buy six F-16 combat jets, according to spokesman of the Iraqi government. "The council decided during its 49th session on Tuesday (Dec. 14) to authorize defence minister to negotiate with the American side to buy six F-16 combat jets," Ali al-Dabbagh said in a statement received by Aswat al-Iraq news agency. "The council authorized the minister also to continue negotiations with the French side to buy 18 F-2000 Mirage jets as of 2012," he added. (18 used Mirage 2000s and 6 new F16s.)
- [Dec14](#): "3. Authorize defense minister to negotiate US side to buy six F-16 (B 52) fighters, in addition to 18 Mirage F-2000 fighters from France starting from 2012. 4. Approve demand of MOI to take part in funding part of federal police, borders troops, and penal investigations training by NATO mission in Iraq."
- [Dec19](#): "...graduation ceremony in Camp Dublin in Baghdad, December 19, 2010. More than 564 policemen graduated on Sunday after finishing eight weeks of training by the Italian Carabinieri forces." (Phase 3 Graduation)
- [Dec20](#): Camp Bucca converting to a commercial center with offices, warehouses, aviation, and fuel services to support investors. (No mention of the 12 Dec report of the move of the 1st IqM Bde to Bucca - de facto security.)
- [Dec21](#): "Iraqi Army soldiers with 6th Iraqi Army stand by prior to their Iraqi Army artillery school graduation ceremony in Baghdad, Dec. 14. Iraqi Army soldiers completed a four week artillery school." (6th IAD next to get FA? All in grad photo are 1Lts.)
- [Dec21](#): "The army received the first 11 Abrams in August. That was part of a \$6 billion arms package approved by the United States in December 2008 to provide 140 M1A1s and 400 Stryker combat vehicles. Both are built by General Dynamics Land Systems." (Is the Stryker order still on – NO. erroneous reporting.)
- [Dec22](#): Handing off M1A1 training to IA pers.
- [Dec22](#): 1st, 11th and 17th Div pers training on 81mm Mortars. 81mm and 60mm mortar training is being done by the IA Infantry School vice the FA School.

- [Dec22:](#) "Sarhad said that the joint force had comprised elements from his Directorate, soldiers of the 47th and 49th Brigade of the Iraqi Army's 12th Division, along with the Brayati Battalion of Kurdistan Region's Guards and U.S. Army soldiers." Zab Region joint operations.
- [Dec22:](#) "The tanks are currently being prepared for fielding in the Iraqi Army's 9th Mechanized Division, which is headquartered at Forward Operating Base Hammer near the BCTC." (9th HQ moved?)
- [Dec22:](#) Chemical Defense Regiment. "The regiment began training as a company in October 2009. Within a month, the Ministry of Defense designated it as a full 300-member regiment, complete with two companies and a headquarters. Although, the regiment now only has 110 trained chemical defense soldiers, 150 new recruits – fresh out of Basic Combat Training – are being trained as chemical defense specialists to join the ranks."
- [Dec22:](#) "Military Sealift Command-chartered heavy lift crane ship MV Ocean Titan delivered the second of a new class of U.S.-built patrol boats to Manama, Bahrain, today. The 115-foot boat is destined for Iraq, where it will be turned over to the Iraqi navy and used primarily to patrol coastal waters and provide security for the country's oil platforms. This is the second of an expected 15 identical vessels being built for and delivered to the Iraqi navy in support of U.S. and Iraqi efforts to reconstitute Iraq's ability to enforce its maritime sovereignty and security. The Iraqi navy acquired the boats as part of the U.S. Navy's Foreign Military Sales Program."
- [Dec30:](#) "Members of the Iraqi Federal Police and Zerevani, Kurdish regional government police forces, graduated from a specialized NATO Training Mission-Iraq training course Dec. 19 at the Federal Police Special Training Academy at Camp Dublin. They join more than 9,400 members of the Iraqi Federal Police that have graduated since its initiation in 2007. This is the 15th Federal Police class graduation with 749 students from Basrah, Baghdad, Mosul and regions in northern Iraq."
- [Dec30:](#) Another batch of 12 M1A1 Abrams tanks purchased by the Government of Iraq from the United States arrived on Dec. 22 at Umm Qasr. Once the tanks are deprocessed, this will total 63 tanks integrated into the Iraqi Army.
- [Dec30:](#) 2x EOD Cos in 12th FER. (Adding to the route clearance force.)

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