

- Jan03: [very late entry] Peshmerga training squadron with IKARUS C 42 in Sulaymaniyah. <http://iraqimilitary.org/forums/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=263>
- Jan03: "aero medical emergency services" based in Sulaymaniyah. (MedEvac aircraft?) [http://www.pukmedia.com/english/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6044:sulaimani-health-to-provide-helicopter-emergency-ambulance-&catid=29:kurdistan-region&Itemid=385](http://www.pukmedia.com/english/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6044:sulaimani-health-to-provide-helicopter-emergency-ambulance-&catid=29:kurdistan-region&Itemid=385)
- Jan03: [fm 28 Dec] "Ten thousand members of the Kurdish peshmerga forces have been sent to Baghdad to protect Jalal Talabani – the Kurdish president of Iraq – and all other Kurdish officials there from the possibility of a military coup, says a senior official from the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), one of Iraqi Kurdistan's two ruling parties." (2x Pres Bdes and 14 IPBs in Baghdad plus the 56th is reported Kurd heavy.) <http://www.rudaw.net/english/kurds/3388.html>
- Jan03 [fm 7 Dec] "Kurdish sources say the two parties' 80,000 fighters, known as peshmerga -- Those Who Face Death -- will be welded into a single Kurdish army of eight divisions." (probably combining the 2 IA and 2 FP Divs plus the 21 KRBG Bdes.) [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/Special/2010/12/07/Iraqs-Kurds-build-up-their-own-army/UPI-95131291754292/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2010/12/07/Iraqs-Kurds-build-up-their-own-army/UPI-95131291754292/)
- Jan03: "I came across this picture online which shows quite a few of the captured Iraqi Armour by the kurds, you might find it interesting, though I don't know how much of it is operational." (Bde sized. Link provided by commenter.) <http://www.flickr.com/photos/one-thirteen/5049345188/sizes/o/in/photostream/>
- Jan03: Saxons in Zahko in summer 2010. (Whos? KRG? Zerevani? ERF colors) Photo provided by commenter.
- Jan05: "Soldiers of 1st Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt. began a four-week training program implementing squad, platoon, company and battalion-level training, with the intent to rotate 3rd IA Div. battalions every 30 days until the IA division is fully trained on conventional offensive and defensive maneuver operations. The inaugural training cycle will culminate with a battalion-level live-fire exercise conducted by IA soldiers of the 1st Bn., 11th Bde., 3rd IA Div." (Keywords here are "conventional offensive and defensive maneuver operations". 3rd Div is retraining for external defense.) <http://www.usf-iraq.com/news/headlines/all-inclusive-isf-training-center-opens>
- Jan05: The Maysan Operations Center, led by 10th Iraqi Army Division, conducted its first Command Post Exercise at Camp Sparrowhawk, Amarah, Iraq, Dec. 30, 2010. (First mention of a Maysan OC - HQ of 10th Div is/was in DhiQar at Nasariyah.) <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63033/10th-iraqi-army-division-exercises-command-coordination>
- Jan06: Gazelles, EC635s, and Ford 350 truck mounted Type 63 107mm MRLs are new to Army Day Parade compared to last year. BTR4s and AN32s did not make it in time for parade. Multiple comments/e-mails <http://home.comcast.net/~djyae/site/?/blog/view/82/>
- Jan06: "Iraq has had a long standing interest in these. Requirement shown to the Chinese is for 24 aircraft, 2 squadrons." "The FC-1/J-17 does not come as a surprise (but the news was new to me). Yemen has shown serious interest in them and a deal is due. They are looking at the Chinese L-15 trainer as the lead-in for the J-17." Iraq is also in advanced discussions for the Chinese JF17!! Doh! probably one of the most interesting bits. He was saying the chinese are marketing it is a "cheaper F16 with better AAMs". 3 different e-mails from 2 different non-attributable sources.

- Jan07: "As black, Russian-made armored vehicles rolled into Fire Base Stack in Hillah, Dec. 20, it was evident that significant changes were occurring on this small special operations compound, previously occupied solely by U.S. forces. The day marked the transfer of authority of the fire base, known locally as Bayt Al-Wazeer, between the U.S. Special Operations Forces unit and the "Scorpions" of 2nd Company, 3rd Battalion, Emergency Response Brigade, an Iraqi special operations unit that has been conducting training with U.S. forces on the compound for many years." (Is the ERB using the BTR94s? BTR80s? Or what? Note this is the former Hillah SWAT...) <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63160/scorpions-gather-special-operations-base-elite-iraqi-us-military-units-join-forces>
- Jan08: Counter-battery radar training. 5-weeks. (Appears to be at IA FA School.) <http://www.dvidshub.net/video/105064/soldiers-train-iraqis-weapons-finding-radars>
- Jan08: Dep MoI says CoM has agreed to recruit 200,000 more police for Baghdad. (May be more than 14 FP Divs planned. IA and/or FP Relocating and police replacing? Major increase in IP or exaggerated report?) <http://www.iraq-businessnews.com/2011/01/08/200000-police-to-be-recruited-in-baghdad/>
- Jan11: 4th Bn/3rd RGB soldiers training at Taji. Based in Khanaqin. <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63349/regional-guard-brigade-recruits-integrate-into-iraqi-army>
- Jan11: 7th IAD appears to be rotating all its bns thru the same training that 3rd IAD is getting, only at Al Asad. Starting with 28th Bde. <http://www.dvidshub.net/video/105219/partnership-range>
- Jan11: Military Simulations Operators Course. (Computer simulation wargaming) [http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=10150125122988529](http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10150125122988529)
- Jan13: "In addition to training at the schoolhouse and small unit tasks, U.S. Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 25th Infantry Division train battalions of 5th Iraqi Army Division in field-level exercises for the Tadreeb Al Shamil, an Iraqi-directed plan to train the northern forces. Lt. Gen. Ali Gadon, the commander of Iraqi Ground Forces, mandated all battalions of the 5th IA Div. complete a rotation at KMTB. Each battalion goes through a 25-day training cycle learning to better operate at the squad, platoon, and battalion levels." (3 IA Divs identified as rotating all their bns thru this trng: 3rd, 5th, and 7th.) <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63456/iraqi-us-troops-train-succeed-kmtb>
- Jan15: "The new site allows the IA soldiers to train on simulated combat scenarios, allowing Iraqi leaders to evaluate units' performance on individual and group tasks. Every battalion within the 10th IA will rotate through the 25-day training regimen." (3rd, 5th, 7th, and now 10th.) <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63572/iraqi-army-opens-training-center-soldiers>
- Jan16: "U.S. artillerymen recently began a new training program on Forward Operating Base Constitution with the Iraqi Army to assist them in combating terrorist indirect-fire-attacks. The fire finder radar system training is a 30-day class designed to teach the IA how to operate and maintain a system that will allow them to detect and track incoming artillery and rocket fire." (Counter-Battery training.) <http://www.usf-iraq.com/news/headlines/ia-gets-radar-rocket-artillery-detector>
- Jan17: Peshmerga reducing to 70,000. Resolving a dispute between KRG/GoI. 130,000 to be pensioned or get government jobs. (What is the deal with GoI? How many of those Gov jobs are IA/FP?) <http://www.ekurd.net/mismas/articles/misc2011/1/state4537.htm>
- Jan17: "Iraq's maritime security forces recorded another first recently with the completion of a 24-hour patrol in the Persian Gulf aboard its newest patrol boat. The Iraqi Navy's Patrol Boat 301 departed Umm Qasr Jan. 6, and returned the following afternoon coinciding with the celebration of Iraqi Armed Forces Day." "The patrol was the first-ever 24-hour perimeter defense patrol of the Al Basrah Oil Terminal conducted by the Iraqi Navy since the Coalition Naval Advisory Training Team initiated operations, said United Kingdom Royal Navy Lt. Richard Hurman, a CNATT training officer. The patrol was planned and conducted entirely by the Iraqi Navy,

and was the result of several months of effort."

[http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=10150128411563529](http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10150128411563529)

- Jan17: "The first shipment of BTR-4 armored personnel carriers built in Kharkiv under a contract signed in 2009 to supply over \$550 million worth of Ukrainian armaments and hardware to Iraq will be delivered to the client in February, an informed source told Interfax. The delivery was planned for late 2010 at first, but Ukraine and Iraq suspended the supplies for full testing of the armored personnel carriers to tactical and technical characteristics. "The time of the second delivery will be specified when the client accepts the first shipment," the source said. According to the contract, Ukraine will supply over 400 pieces of armor, including BTR-4, and six Antonov An-32 aircraft and will repair aircraft within 3-3.5 years. The Ukrainian media said several days ago that the Iraqi Defense Ministry refused to accept the armored personnel carriers produced in Kharkiv and the largest defense order in Ukraine was endangered. The administration of the Kharkiv Morozov Machine Building Design Bureau put the blame on gun producers from Kamianets-Podilsky. The shortcomings were exposed when Iraqis were examining the armored personnel carriers." (Ukraine tried to deliver An32s with used engines and avionics. Apparently they did the same with the BTR4s.)  
<http://www.kyivpost.com/news/nation/detail/94981/>
- Jan18: "The Prime Minister of Kurdistan Regional Government Dr. Barham Ahmed Salih and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Kamil al-Maliki agreed to resolve all outstanding issues between the Erbil and Baghdad via the Constitution in order to achieve the higher interest of Iraq, also agreed to resume the export of oil from Kurdistan Region fields. That came during a meeting, held Monday, January 17, between Dr. Salih and al-Maliki , where they discussed the latest political developments in Iraq in addition to the outstanding issues between Erbil and Baghdad." (A deal has been made - what are the details?)  
[http://www.pukmedia.com/english/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6266:erbil-and-baghdad-agree-to-solve-outstanding-issues&catid=29:kurdistan-region&Itemid=385](http://www.pukmedia.com/english/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6266:erbil-and-baghdad-agree-to-solve-outstanding-issues&catid=29:kurdistan-region&Itemid=385)
- Jan18: "The process started last October with the purchase of four Ellason Weather Radar 600's. The first of these radars was installed at the Baghdad Iraqi Air Operations Center where the Iraqis have been training on system ever since. "It's the first Iraqi weather radar system in the country," said Bono, "It gives them the ability to track and observe rain showers and thunderstorms." But the Ellason Weather Radar 600 isn't the only system to provide real-time weather data. The Iraqi air force currently uses a TMQ-53 Weather Observation System on loan from the U.S. Air Force, but recently purchased eight new units to be set up throughout Iraq. Once the new systems are in place, the only thing missing for the Iraqis to run their own weather operation will be training." <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63710/outlook-sunny-iraqi-weather>
- Jan18: "...Contingency Operating Base Taji, where the Iraqi army tank school is relocating."  
<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63712/usd-c-logistics-soldiers-performs-new-years-eve-mission-support-iraqi-army>
- Jan19: "The Interior Minister in Kurdistan Regional Government Kareem Sinjari, in a press statement said that his ministry formed a 5000 men force to protect the oil refineries in Kurdistan Region's three provinces Erbil, Duhok and Sulaimani." (KRG Oil Police?)  
[http://www.pukmedia.com/english/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6282:force-formed-to-protect-kurdistan-region-oil-refineries-&catid=29:kurdistan-region&Itemid=385](http://www.pukmedia.com/english/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6282:force-formed-to-protect-kurdistan-region-oil-refineries-&catid=29:kurdistan-region&Itemid=385)
- Jan19: 203rd Training Squadron uses T-6A and is based in Tikrit. (Renumbered the training squadrons with the split from the AAC? Was Training Squadron No 3. NATO cover for air defense/training?)  
[http://www.jfcnaples.nato.int/training\\_mission\\_iraq/page168502442.aspx](http://www.jfcnaples.nato.int/training_mission_iraq/page168502442.aspx)
- Jan20: Ukraine denying penalties for breach of contract. 26 BTR-4s to deliver in February. An-32s delivery delayed to unknown date. <http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=148&listid=138300>
- Jan20: "ANAD is planning to produce a total of 586 M113s, which are of the A2 variant. The FMS calls for 21 M88s." "The vehicles to be repaired are from an excess stock of M113s at Sierra Army Depot in California."

"Workers will be repairing the M113s at a rate of 50 vehicles per month throughout fiscal year 2011 until all are completed, said Dean. The first delivery of M113s to Iraq is set for July." (mix of 440 APC and 146 Ambulances?) <http://www.army.mil/-news/2011/01/20/50595-m113-m88-work-begins-for-anad-foreign-military-sales-to-iraq/>

- Jan21: 3-21/5 in trng at Kirkush. <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=490931182797&set=a.104239517797.99210.99132517797&comments>
- Jan22: 14th Cdos training. (Definitely a heavy training push ongoing. 9th is conversion trng. 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 10th are rotating all their bns thru CA Trng. 11th, 12th, and 14th trng appears to be focused on their cdo units. <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/63911/iraqi-soldiers-develop-leadership-through-training-exercise>
- Jan23: "The Iraq Army Aviation Command accepted delivery of four new Mi-171E helicopters at its headquarters in Taji, as two were delivered Jan. 16 followed two more Jan. 23. This latest delivery brings Iraq Army Aviation Command's total inventory of Mi-171E helicopters to 14, as part of a foreign-military-sales purchase made by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense." "Iraq's fleet of multipurpose helicopters now includes 30 Mi-17 (which includes a number of aircraft that were already in the Iraqi inventory) and 14 Mi-171E helicopters." [http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=10150131785858529](http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10150131785858529)
- Jan25: "Lt. Brigadier, Raad Fakhri, from the Interior Ministry's Embassies Protection Directorate..." (Notice the rank. Means the Embassy force is Bde sized.) [http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article\\_page&id=140688&l=1](http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=140688&l=1)
- Jan26: "An Iraqi Government spokesman said on Wednesday that the Council of Ministers have approved the purchase of 18 F-16 Falcon military aircraft as part of a weapons deal signed with the U.S. administration. Ali al-Dabbagh said in a news conference today following the Cabinet meeting that the U.S. will deliver the aircraft to Iraq within two to three years." <http://www.iraq-businessnews.com/2011/01/26/iraqi-cabinet-approves-us-fighter-jet-deal/>
- Jan26: "VSD, LLC (VSD) has been awarded a contract from Naval Air Warfare Center, Training Systems Division, Orlando, Fla., to provide the design, fabrication, installation, and testing of the Iraqi navy training systems and the training development and delivery for the 60-Meter Offshore Support Vessel (OSV). Total contract value is \$15,050,000 and work is anticipated to be complete in November of 2011. VSD will develop, construct, and deliver training for and manage the team of contractors in the development of four simulators to include the Full Mission Bridge Trainer, 30mm Fire Control Trainer, Engine Control Room Trainer, and Small Arms Trainer. The training effort will involve OSV operation and maintenance to Iraqi naval personnel in one training session in Morgan City, La. The effort also includes support for Iraqi engineers who will monitor the ship's construction. The training shall ensure the Iraqi sailors have a working knowledge of OSV operation and maintenance to sustain operational requirements and systems availability throughout the OSV service life." <http://www.defpro.com/news/details/21494/?SID=fdbdd964a7edc58177ef0eec4749de77>
- Jan26: First mention of 12th ERB in Basrah. <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/64221/basra-police-academy-graduates-new-officers>
- Jan26: 5th Div is mentioned as one of the 4 IADs being trained for external defense. (Similar training has been identified as ongoing in 3rd, 7th, and 10th Divs. Is 9th not included in the external defense training? If so, then 7th or 3rd may be mechanizing.) <http://www.dvidshub.net/video/106165/5th-iraqi-army-division-battalion-exercise>
- Jan27: The official summary does not agree with the press reports on the F16s. (No numbers for F16s provided.) <http://www.nmc.gov.iq/ArticleShow.aspx?ID=240>
- Jan27: France offering 18 Mirage F1s for sale with delivery starting late 2011. (Counter-offer to the authorized negotiation for 18 Mirage 2000s? Debt settlement from Saddam era stored/undelivered 18 F1s before any new

buys? Could explain why the sudden authorization to buy 18 F16s - redirecting the money from the French to the US.) <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=5558066&c=EUR&s=AIR>

- Jan30: Jan2011 SIGIR Report released: "The current SA which governs the bilateral security relationship between the two countries expires at the end of the year. Any effort to renegotiate it would likely have to begin soon." "Current plans also call for OSC-I to base security assistance activities at five locations near Iraqi military sites: Baghdad, Tikrit, Umm Qasr (Iraqi Navy), Taji (Iraqi National Logistics Center and Iraqi Army), and Besmaya (Iraqi Army Training Center). SAT personnel may be stationed at other locations according to FMS case-implementation requirements.141" (Furthest north is IqAF in Tikrit, which means upgrading IA requires IA units to relocate to Besmaya/Taji.) "In their meetings with SIGIR in January 2011, Basra's local Iraqi Army and police commanders commented on the continued need for international support, even after the scheduled departure of U.S. forces in December 2011. According to Lieutenant General Mohamad, commander of Iraq's army units in the province, the Iraqi police require additional investigative and forensic training. But he noted that evidence collection techniques taught to them by U.S. and U.K. trainers have increased the number of criminals brought to justice. He also noted that while the Iraqi Army and police are self-sufficient in meeting their basic training needs, they continue to need assistance in developing their medical, transportation, and logistics cadres.185" "The plan for transitioning FPS personnel to the IP service has slowly evolved since 2008.323 In November, the Minister of Interior announced that he had approved MOI funding to train approximately 76,000 FPS as police officers in 2011.324 Under the transition agreement, all FPS contractors are to become Iraqi Police in late January or early February 2011. Currently, the FPS comprises approximately 91,650 personnel. Of these, about 17,330 are fulltime FPS police, and about 74,320 are MOI contractors. Twelve MOI training academies will be used throughout Iraq to conduct the FPS training. The plan calls for 11 training cycles, spanning several months, with 6,700 contractors to be trained in each four-week cycle. This will take approximately 18 months to accomplish. The curriculum will incorporate elements of both the basic recruit training and the FPS curriculum.327" [http://www.sigir.mil/files/quarterlyreports/January2011/Report - January 2011.pdf](http://www.sigir.mil/files/quarterlyreports/January2011/Report_-_January_2011.pdf)
- Jan30: 1-40/10 is first bn in 10th Div to graduate. "While the training course at Camp Dhi Qar was the only such training iteration in southern Iraq, three other Iraqi divisions conducted identical iterations in central and northern Iraq during January. The synchronous training allows the Iraqi army to share information and lessons learned across the country, making the process more efficient and effective in the future. Of the four identical courses, units from 3rd AAB, 4th Inf. Div., are currently overseeing two of them. The 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment currently runs the 7th IA Division Training Center at Al Asad Air Base." (These are the 4 bns finishing up this training so far: 1-11/3 at Ghuzlani [Ninawa], 3-21/5 at Kirkush [Diyala], 2-28/7 at Al Asad [Anbar], and 1-40/10 at Ali [Dhi Qar]. <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/64460/3rd-aab-assists-with-first-ever-al-tadreeb-al-shamil-course-nasiriyah>
- Jan30: \$900 million down payment on F16s authorized. (no such authorization for French or Chinese as yet.) <http://www.alsumarianews.com/ar/1/16683/news-details-.html>
- Jan31: 2nd and 3rd Swiftboat PB delivered on 26 Jan at Umm Qasr. Only 12 are expected to be delivered by 2012. <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/64499/second-third-swift-class-patrol-boats-arrive-iraq>