

Notes

2006

- Sep19: Helo, ILAV and other purchases. http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2006/Iraq_06-69.pdf
- Sep27: 24x King Air ISR aircraft. http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2006/Iraq_06-73.pdf
- Nov02: IA force expansion.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=6983&Itemid=128
- Dec07: Iraqi equipment purchases. http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2007/Iraq_07-09.pdf

2007

- Jun29: "NATO is considering a request to supply Iraq with 70 Russian-made T72 tanks", Iraqi state television said an offer for "120 T72 tanks was already on the table." (1-2x Bde's worth of Tanks.)
http://www.iraqupdates.com/p_articles.php/article/18860
- Sep25: FMS sale to Iraq. http://www.dsca.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2007/Iraq_07-64.pdf
- Oct09: 3% grad rate to join 2CT Bn (SFC-D equivalent).
<http://www.defendamerica.com/articles/Oct2007/a100907tj3.html>
- Oct12: "Not to mention the fact that they have 900+ former Mi-17 pilots and engineers ready and waiting to rejoin the AF. They ave a lot of experience with MiL helicopters. The aircraft aren't the cheapest or most reliable, but it's what the Iraqis are most experienced with." [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](mailto:CptSidoti@mnstc-i.caf.mil)
- Oct12: Iraqis purchased King Air 350s for Light Transport Aircraft, as well as for ISR. [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](mailto:CptSidoti@mnstc-i.caf.mil)
- Oct23: C172s arrive for trng. KA350 "It Attack" capable.
<http://tmmkkt22.blogspot.com/2007/10/new-iraqi-air-force.html>
- Oct23: "The Iraqis are having Hawker Beechcraft add pylons onto their next batch of King Air 350 ISR aircraft to launch Hellfire Missiles. Easy modification to allow the ISR bird take action against targets. It's a quick capability fix until the Iraqis can decide on an actual Light Attack aircraft." [email Cpt Sidoti, MNSTC-I CAFTT](mailto:CptSidoti@mnstc-i.caf.mil)
- Oct25: IA going to 4xBde per Div/ 3xBn per Bde standard during 2008/9 (finally confirmed). Will create Divisional Artl Rgts in 2009.
http://www.defenselink.mil/dodcmsshare/BloggerAssets/2007-10/102507143738Swan_Transcript.pdf
- Oct26: "The course is modeled after the 10th Mountain Division (LI) pre-Ranger course."
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=62858
- Nov03: Besmaya used for new brigade assembly and equipping.
<http://www.mnstci.iraq.centcom.mil/advisor/20071103.pdf>
- Nov17: Iraqi Army Stryker Training Course for 4-9 Bde.
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=13991
- Dec03: Two Peshmerga Divisions to fall under the IA? http://www.iraqupdates.com/p_articles.php/article/24607
- Dec09: "For now there is no consideration given to a Reserve Force. Not that it isn't going to eventually be a reality but for now the focus is on the fight and filling the security forces into the critical areas of Baghdad, filling the leadership shortages, and continuing to fill the ranks of the IA to 120%. CLCs are joining security forces but most are going into the police forces. The CLCs are really local and the police forces are the best fit for these groups. The CLC ranks are totaling over 77,000 right now and not all are able to join and there are not enough police jobs for all to join. Those who are joining may not stay over the long haul but those who are joining are doing very well." [e-mail fm PAO MNSTC-I](mailto:fm.pao@mnstc-i.caf.mil)
- Dec14: In the long term, the IqAF plans to grow to over 12,000 personnel in 38 squadrons operating from ten main operating bases and five secondary bases.
<http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pdfs/FINAL-SecDef%20Signed-20071214.pdf>
- Dec15: 50 graduates of "Commando" Course.
<http://www.blackanthem.com/News/allieslead/50-Iraqi-soldiers-graduate-Commando-Course12686.shtml>
- Dec17: 2nd Div receiving 33 ILAV. "This is the second to last mass issue of Badgers, with 40 more being prepared for another Iraqi Army division."
<http://www.blackanthem.com/News/iraqi-freedom/Iraqi-Army-2nd-Division-receives-ILAVs12753.shtml>
- Dec24: Basrah forms five "Emergency Regiments".
<http://www.aswataliraq.info/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=63832&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>

2008

- Jan02: 2-11 Bde grads Besmaya.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16189&Itemid=128
- Jan06: Q. Counter-Terrorism Bureau position in ISF chain-of-command. Do they answer to Joint Forces Command or do they answer to the PM's National Operations Center directly? Answer: They answer to the PM's National Operations center. Q. The planned "Presidential Brigade". Planned to be under JFC or the PM's National Operations Center? Answer: The GoI has not yet made that determination. They are currently unassigned and standing up. Q. When is "Presidential Brigade" planned to start forming? Answer: They are under orders and being formed with forces generated. Resources have been allocated but as of January 08 it has not been determined who they will report to. [RFI response from MNSTC-I PAO](#)
- Jan06: 1-1-11 bumper marking on MTLB photographed in Adhamiyah. (11th Engineers? Route-clearance?)
http://news.yahoo.com/nphotos/Iraq/ss/events/iraq/082701iraqplane/s:/afp/20080106/wl_afp/iraqunrest:_ylt=AoVRV6dMwzDXjrSZPgViUnWROrgF#/080105/photos_ts_wl_afp/394d343e1660bbe983410b5854a2f16e
- Jan08: 35 EE9s transferred to 4-9 Brigade.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=15312
- Jan15: New NCO Academy at FOB Kalsu. (New divisional training center? All other NCO academies are at training facilities/bases.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=72733
- Jan17: Taji added Generator Repair Facility, Radio Repair Facility, & Mechanic School. ISF receiving 8500 HMMWVs from US Iraqi fund of which 4244 are to be received in 2008. INP establishing North, South, Central, and Western Regional Commands. IP establishing Regional Maint Facs. Iraqi MoD is looking to buy M1 tanks.
<http://armedservices.edgeboss.net/wmedia/armedservices/fc011708.wvx>
- Jan17: "The goal is to transfer 4,244 vehicles to the Iraqi security forces by the end of 2008. The refurbishment process is a 13-month program, which includes light maintenance and painting. The contract can be extended by an additional six months. This contract will generate more than 500 jobs and has the potential to serve as an on-the-job training mechanism for Iraqi soldiers who have completed their initial training. It'll serve as a mechanism to ensure the long-term capability to maintain this fleet of vehicles by the Iraqi army. Officials aim for the program to complete the transfer of more than 8,000 vehicles to the Iraqi government by the end of 2009."
http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/by-date/2008/011708_US-Transfer-Humvees-to-Iraqis.htm
- Jan20: 1. Stand-up of Iraqi Army 15th, 16th, and 17th Divisions. The Minister of Defense recently directed a study for the generation of an additional IA division. However, IA force generation remains conditions-based subject to the security situation on the ground, as well as decisions undertaken by the GoI. Other than what has been expressed in reports from OSD to the Congress which are matters of public record, such as the calendar year 2007 9010 Reports which addressed Government of Iraq (GoI) consideration of adding two Peshmerga divisions, there are no official orders to force-generate additional Iraqi divisions. 2. Fielding of long-tube howitzer Artillery capabilities in the Iraqi Army. The force generation of artillery units is addressed as part of the existing Iraqi Army Service plan. As part of that plan, MoD intends to field one direct-support artillery battalion per Iraqi Army brigade. However, current estimates, given other priority areas and commitment of available resources, are that force generation of Iraqi Army artillery units will not start fielding until sometime in 2009. 3. Presidential Brigade. When completed, the Presidential Brigade will be a 5 x BN force responsible for the immediate local security of key government facilities and leaders, as well as ceremonial functions, within Baghdad. It will operate under MoD control, though exact command-and-control lines have yet to be determined. It does not yet have an approved MTOE, but will consist of a mixed armor, motorized and light infantry force. The brigade is now undergoing force-generation. [MNSTC-I J5 response last two RFIs](#)
- Jan22: NiOC. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=video/video_show.php&id=34168
- Jan25: Peshmerga strength at 101,000. 25,000 to be in two IA Divisions while 76,000 in KRG. GoI wants 30k vice 25k. 90k to be pensioned. (Transfer of two KRG Divisions hung up in political discussions.)
http://www.iraqupdates.com/p_articles.php/article/26583
- Jan31: IA expanding BSUs and RSUs. Life-support self-sufficient as of 25 Nov 2007. 2nd/3rd level ammo issue is push system now.
http://www.defenselink.mil/dodcmsshare/BloggerAssets/2008-01/02040809011420080131_CaptPine_transcript.pdf
- Feb04: First mention of 5-36th Bn. (asked if this was an error. Response was that it was the 1-5-6. that is also an error. 1-54th is the current designation of former 1-5-6.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25265&Itemid=21
- Feb06: Goal for 2008 is to train more than 6,000, increasing the total in the DBE to 46,000. [MNSTC-I Press release 080206-01](#)
- Feb07: Pres Bde recv US weaps at Besmaya.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=16131
- Feb18: 1-2-1 INP Bn graduating Phase III training at Camp Dublin. [NTM-I RFI Response](#)
- Feb21: "...Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division to receive 35 rebuilt EE-9 Cascavels,

Jan. 8." (First mention of an IA Recon Bn.)

http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=16541

- Feb22: Confirmed nomenclature of "4-9 Reconnaissance Battalion". [RFI response from 2-25SBCT PAO Major Hing](#)
- Feb24: 3-3-8 IA activity at FOB Kalsu. (2nd bn of new 3-8 active at Kalsu. (2-3-8 was in Jan08.) Est reforming/field training of the new 3-8 IA Bde.)
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=16654
- Feb27: 3rd Sq receives King Air 350s. (First Sq rcvg KA350.)
<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=49093>
- Feb27: INP Sust Bde is a target objective this yr. Currently only 425 pers, Maint Plt, mostly HQ elems. Should be good this time next year.
http://www.defenselink.mil/dodcmsshare/BloggerAssets/2008-02/02270816423620080227_MajGenJones_transcript.pdf
- Mar04: Unit Set Fielding: Deploy as coherent unit and skip C4, and accelerate to C2. No C1 INP; intentional; they split and form new units when a high C2. IA have formed 12 Divs/42 Bdes/146 Bns + 1 ISOF Bde and 4 Cdo Bns. Logistics is making good progress; end-2008 to see results; Self-sufficiency in life-support; working on fueling; 8 logistics bases of 13 built. One per Div. Five completely manned. 9 MTRs fielded and 3 to go. Taji Nat Depot on-line starting mid-Apr and year after that to finish. MoD/MoI looking at 600k total in 2010. 10 of the Div Recon Units built for intel; connected; Working MoI Intel in provinces. C2 12x Div HQs; Staff training at Bde/Bn. Doubling aircraft this year. Not doing the fires until later this year. Engrs not a focus area but being worked; 4 Bns, 9 Co, 10 EOD Co. <http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=4166>
- Mar10: "Yes, they are re-numbering the Bdes, according to Ministerial Order #151, dated 19 Feb 08. They are numbering them as you stated. No other numbers skipped other than 13. The exception to the numbering rule is the 6th, with its 5 Bdes numbered as 22, 23, 24, 25, 54. [RFI response via e-mail by SFC Charlene Sipperly, MNSTC-I PAO NCOIC](#)
- Mar11: "The Iraqi Ministry of Defense is seeking to increase the manning of the 2nd Iraqi Army Division to 135 percent of capacity," <http://www.longwarjournal.org/index.xml>
- Mar12: RSUs redesignated Divisional BSUs. One BSU per Division planned and will support non-divisional elements in Division's AOR.
<https://www.blogger.com/comment.g?blogID=13196755&postID=8855973423438504204&page=1work?>
- Mar18: 27 Bde/7 IAD rcvg AAslt training fm USMC/SEALs.
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=17488
- Mar21: (Mosul) "the 9th Division's BTRs are sitting on base, haven't been used since arriving a month plus ago. Authoritative rumor has it they have no ammo." (4-9 Bde deployed without an operational BSB, 4-9 BSB was due thru Taji in Feb09.) [e-mail](#)
- Mar21: FMS possible sale. http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-44.pdf
- Mar22: Ministry of Interior forces could approach a strength of 500,000, requiring a robust logistical and infrastructure building program to support this growth.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17768&Itemid=128
- Mar24: 4-6 IA Bde has 9 Bns. <http://www.defenselink.mil:80/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=4178>
- Mar25: The Engineer School is celebrating the graduation of 125 Iraqi students who will become Soldiers in the first Infrastructure Repair Battalion in the Iraqi Army. [Media AdvisoryADV20080325-01](#)
- Mar27: ISF moved 5-8,000 (2 Bdes) on their own to Basrah. No coalition support or planning at all. The new Div the 14th has 3 Bdes new and for this operation they added an IA and an INP Bde. Tactical Logistics: Building the divisional logistics units by end 2008; Adding the INP Sustainment Bde; Provincial IP is mostly handled at local government level. Operational Logistics: Taji National Depot growing to 37 different shops; Adding ammo depot as well; MoI expanding Baghdad Police College warehousing; MoI adding an Annex to Abu Ghraib Depot. ISOF: Adding one Bde this year with a Bn each at Basrah, Anbar, Diyala, and Mosul. 2nd ISOF Bde will include those four Bns plus the GSU Bn. Also training Mi17 Sq for support in night vision ops. IZAF: Seven Sq now; 2009 looking at 2600 in 10 Squadrons. 2009 building a light attack COIN Sq with own money; Light force for forceable future.
http://www.defenselink.mil/dodcmsshare/BloggerAssets/2008-03/03270815455020080327_ColFuller_transcript.pdf
- Mar28: "Re-classified as a quick-reaction force, the 1st Iraqi Army Division is being farmed out to quell hot spots across the country." (1st joins 9th IA Div as strategic reserve.)
<http://www.stripes.com:80/article.asp?section=104&article=53648&source=rss>
- Mar28: Serbian arms deal. Only 20 Lasta95s. <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,342597,00.html>
- Mar28: On 31 Mar, Approximately 900 Soldiers from the Engineer Infrastructure Battalion (EIB), Iraq's new "Quick Reactionary Repair Capability" for electrical towers and power lines, and oil pipelines with its own mobile and ground security capability will graduate at the Taji National Depot Complex. The generation of this battalion was a joint effort by the Ministries of Oil, Electricity and Defence. [Media Advisory 080331-01](#)
- Mar30: 29th- first report in trng Mar9.

http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_gallery2&Itemid=&g2_itemId=4113

- Apr01: 29th Bde graduating Unit Set Fielding at Habbenayah on 3 Apr. (First under this program to graduate from other than Besmaya. Expanding the program. Planned to take over Rutbah Dist.)
<http://www.mnstci.iraq.centcom.mil/PressReleases/April%202008/080403-02%20-%20MNSTC-I%20-%20Iraqi%20Army%2029th%20Brigade%20completes%20Unit%20Set%20Fielding.pdf>
- Apr02: "Approximately 700 soldiers from the Iraqi Army Engineer Infrastructure Battalion celebrated the completion of their training during a graduation ceremony held here [Taji] Apr. 2. The battalion was created in October 2007 and these soldiers have gone through six months of training in various areas to include specific training in electrical and pipeline repair."
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=18076&Itemid=128
- Apr03: 3rd Regional Training Center at Numaniyah. (First mention of numeric designation for RTC.)
<http://www.mnstci.iraq.centcom.mil/PressReleases/April%202008/080402-02%20-%20CAATT%20-%203rd%20Regional%20Training%20Center%20Advisor%20Team%20distributes%20school%20supplies.pdf>
- Apr03: 14th IA Bde deployed to Basrah for ops in March. 52nd Bde "broke" in the fighting. (14th Bde is from Salahadin; 52nd is green and it would not be surprising if it broke.) [e-mail](#)
- Apr03: But both as an indication of, you know, intention, resolve, ability, they moved something like a division's worth of forces in very short order from all over in the south, this area, one brigade from Anbar. You know, they did it themselves, they got them there, and they got in the fight. So I think that's important.
http://iraq.usembassy.gov/remarks_04032008.html
- Apr04: But most of the deserters were not officers. The American military official said, "From what we understand, the bulk of these were from fairly fresh troops who had only just gotten out of basic training and were probably pushed into the fight too soon." (Confirmation that the 52nd "broke".)
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/04/world/middleeast/04iraq.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin
- Apr06: 3rd Brigade, 1st Division in Basrah. (It was in Diyala covering until 21st Bde graduated. Went to Basrah instead of back to Anbar.)
<http://www.blackanthem.com/News/iraqi-freedom/Iraqi-Army-gives-food-and-water-to-Basra-citizens15569.shtml>
- Apr12: 1st IA Division in Basrah. (Div Surgeon.) <http://www.dvidshub.net/popups/theater.php?vid=37571>
- Apr14: 1. How many total Corps are planned? How many this year? What are the nomenclature and locations (if releasable)? A: There are 4 corps headquarters planned, this capability is required over a 4 year time span beginning CY 2009 through CY 2012. The specific nomenclatures and locations have not been determined at this time. 2. How many EIB's are there planned? How many this year? What are the nomenclature and locations (if releasable)? A: Currently, there is no plan to generate any additional Engineer Infrastructure Battalions. This may be due to the proposed generation of divisional engineer assets in CY 2009 & 2010. 3. How many independent brigades/bns are there planned? How many this year? What are the nomenclature, type and locations (if releasable)? A: There are no excess line battalions. All separate organizations are task organized to specific missions such as the EIB and Presidential BDE. Along with these 2 organizations there are 14 battalion sized organizations in generation designated as Base Support Units. The Iraqi Army term for BSU is Location Command. 4. The FMS notification to Congress last month had a lot of trucks and sedans. Looks like it represented the vehicles for the probable future Corps' HQ elements and Sustainment Brigade. Are they planned? Is there a MTOE and nomenclature yet? A: The corps headquarters do have approved MTO&E and are projected for force generation over a 4 year time span beginning CY 2009 through CY 2012. The FMS notification you refer to most probably included vehicles and equipment to support the force generation of Iraqi Police Services. This would explain the large numbers of trucks and sedans. FMS is used to support the force generation of all Iraqi Security Forces, Military and Police. [RFI response fm Cpt DAVID F. ROY, Media Relations Officer, MNSTC-I](#)
- Apr17: CAATT- Building to 52 IA Brigades in 13 Divisions this year. IA CoS- Two Peshmerga Divisions in the KRG will be under MoD like the other IA Divs.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/Press_briefings/2008/april/080417_transcript.pdf
- Apr20: 2nd Bn, 2nd Bde graduating phase III on 21 Apr 2008. (ERU, 1-2-1, and now 2-2-1; 2nd Bde must be being used for cadre for two bns to go thru phase III.) [RFI response fm 1Lt Sonia Mancini NATO Training Mission-Iraq PIO](#)
- Apr22: 5th (Desert Wolves) Bde/2nd DBE Region. (DBE renumbered to consecutive brigades, like the IA.)
[http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/\(ArticlesRead\)/6A9D0778517E01FB43257433006B28F6](http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/(ArticlesRead)/6A9D0778517E01FB43257433006B28F6)
- Apr22: The 1st Iraqi Army Quick Reaction Force has come a long way. Literally and figuratively. As the first Iraqi division formed in 2004, the 1st Iraqi Army Division, renamed the 1st IA (QRF) in February, has developed, with the help of dedicated military transition team advisors, into the one of the premier units in the young Iraqi Army. Within the last year, the al-Anbar based 1st IA (QRF) has deployed brigades to Baghdad and Diyala to fight terrorist groups like al-Qaeda in Iraq and anti-government militias, while still providing security for the citizens of al-Anbar. Most recently, the 1st IA (QRF) has been deployed to Basrah since April 1, 2008, with forward elements in the city even before that, to assist local Iraqi Army and police units in combating militias and other criminal elements in the city. Within three days of receiving the order to deploy, the 1st IA (QRF) moved a full division headquarters along with the brigade-sized Quick Reaction Force 1 and its three battalions with hundreds of vehicles from their bases

around Habbaniyah, Ramadi, and Hawas to Shaibah Airfield on the outskirts of Basrah. Without missing a beat, QRF 1 and the 1st IA (QRF) began cordoning off militia-controlled sections of the city and actively pushing forward into what had traditionally been areas that Iraqi security forces would not go.

[http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/\(ArticlesRead\)/F19D4AB024D7D963432574330042D2FD](http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/(ArticlesRead)/F19D4AB024D7D963432574330042D2FD)

- Apr22: Basra, Iraq (April 1) - After travelling for three days over hundreds of miles, the 1st Iraqi Army Quick Reaction Force headquarters and their military transition team counterparts arrived at Shaibah airfield ready to bring peace and security back to the people of Basra. The al-Anbar based 1st IA (QRF) has been deployed by the Government of Iraq to assist local Iraqi Army and police units in breaking the influence of militias and other criminal elements over the citizens of Basra. The 1st IA (QRF), previously the 1st Iraqi Army Division was renamed in February because it has been frequently called on to assist the Iraqi Security Forces in responding to crises in other areas of the country on short notice. In January of this year, the 1st IA Division deployed a full brigade, in only three days, to Diyala province to fight al-Qaeda in Iraq and other terrorist groups in that province, dramatically improving the security situation in their assigned battlespace. Now again, the 1st IA (QRF) has lived up to the name quick reaction force by deploying not only a brigade, Quick Reaction Force 1, and all three of its battalions and support equipment, but also sending down a full division sized staff complete with sustainment and gear for a ninety day deployment with minimal assistance from the Marine advisers on the military transition team embedded with them. And they did it all in three days. Newly arrived in Basra, the QRF is already linking up with forward elements of QRF 1 and establishing cordons and operating within the city itself to provide the local citizens the peace and security they deserve.
[http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/\(ArticlesRead\)/62396FABC6265BF34325743300439CA2](http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/(ArticlesRead)/62396FABC6265BF34325743300439CA2)
- Apr23: "The Premier announced significant progress on the future and status of the Peshmerga forces, the constitutionally mandated regional guard. Two divisions of the Peshmerga will be incorporated into the Iraqi army and stationed in the Kurdistan Region. The other Peshmerga forces will be funded by a special allocation from Baghdad and form a regional guard for the Kurdistan Region. A commission from the federal Ministry of Defence will travel to the Kurdistan Region to address the issue in the near future." (2 Divs to IA and rest remain under KRG.) http://www.iraqupdates.com/p_articles.php/article/30199
- Apr24: US SF working with oversized 33rd IA Bde. (Poss Cdo Bde split?) [Releases 20080424-06 and 20080424-07](#)
- Apr25: New facility for Light Infantry Battalion, 4-7 IA Brigade (29th) at COP 160K in Rutbah. (Light Infantry Battalion/4-7 Brigade. Other 4-7 bns are BMP1.)
[http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/\(ArticlesRead\)/5453F3F4B6249C3843257435007E2D12](http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/MNF/mnfw_IM.nsf/(ArticlesRead)/5453F3F4B6249C3843257435007E2D12)
- Apr28: First operational mention of EE9 equipped 37th Reconnaissance Battalion. Advised by SF. (Why SF advisors?) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=18857&Itemid=128
- Apr30: 10 Kiowa's used to train IqAF pilots.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_gallery2&Itemid=&g2_itemId=4507
- May03: 1-52 IA Bn getting urban combat training. Comment about biometrics indicates 1-52 to receive M4/M16s at end of training. [Release 20080503-05](#)
- May05: 30,000 Peshmerga to be integrated into IA as two divisions. They are quoting GoI/KRG at about 05:25.
http://pentagontv.feedroom.com/?fr_story=3a628d89a9e99e3703593eec2d9c059ae5358af4&rf=rss
- May07: Iraq - Technical Assistance for Construction of Facilities and Infrastructure (Barracks and facilities up to 450mil USD.) http://www.dsc.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-52.pdf
- May10: 34th Armor Brigade. (Was Mech. Is it upgrading with the new T72s receipt?) [RELEASE No. 20080510-05](#)
- May11: "Lion's Roar" in Mosul. "This offensive carried out by elite force besides Scorpion and Lion forces from Kut and Hilla,..." (Hilla SWAT Battalion is Scorpions, Wassit Emergency Response Brigade is Lions, and the other elite force would be the ISOF Cdo Battalion.)
<http://www.alsabaah.com/paper.php?source=akbar&mlf=interpage&sid=61826>
- May18: Elements of 37th IA Bde in Amarah. (37th Recon)
<http://www.aswataliraq.info/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=79651&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- May22: Anbar Operational Command soon to stand up and Bayji Ammo Depot turnover.
http://www.defenselink.mil/dodcmsshare/BloggerAssets/2008-05/05230811464520080522_BrigTorrens-Spence_transcript.pdf
- May28: One INP Bde per province planned (18 provinces). 3 INP Divs now. 13 IA Logistics Bases built by end-2008; 8 currently. 6200 HMMWVs by end 2008. Short IA units for operations due to Sadr City, Mosul, and Basrah. Basrah reinforcements ordered to redeploy. (end of Basrah clearing.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/Press_briefings/2008/may/080528_transcript.pdf
- Jun02: Major improvements in ISF confidence, leadership, command/control, equipment and followership. MND-B worked with five ISF divisions, 20 brigades, 76 battalions. All just in Baghdad province. Baghdad IP rapidly growing to 25,000. Phase II is expansion to 35,200 Baghdad IP by Feb09.
<http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=4234>

- Jun04: "We have now over 16 military divisions.... (Counting the 15th KRG, 16th KRG, and new 17th IA Divisions.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/Press_briefings/2008/june/080604_transcript.pdf
- Jun04: 15th SOS NVG flight trng. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20164&Itemid=128
- Jun05: Const on Shaibah LC (14th). <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/news/releases/NR08-06-05.pdf>
- Jun12: Major redeployment and operation in Maysan. <http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=82292&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Jun16: The Iraqis are fielding mortars in the force gradually as part of their continuing build towards self sufficiency. They plan to issue 120mm batteries at the division level, 81mm at the brigade and 60mm at the battalion level. There will be 18 mortars per battery at the upper levels eventually. I don't have a time line handy for the fielding but it is being trained at Besmaya range complex and locally at the units such as 8th IA in Qadisiyah. [RFI Response by LTC Wellman, Chief of Public Affairs, MNSTC-I](#)
- Jun18: Iraqi government plan calls for 376 aircraft by 2020. <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=50251>
- Jun19: Four ERU Battalions formed(ing) in Wassit. (2 binary bdes; 26+ ERBs with 80+ ERU nationwide.) <http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=83036&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Jun19: IA will merge its 2 main spare parts depots for military equipment into a new facility at Taji National Depot. (Taji Supply Depot appears to be on schedule.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20579&Itemid=128
- Jun19: C130J simulators for Iraq via FMS. http://proceedings.ndia.org/81T0/81T0_Air_Force_TSYS_Brief.pdf
- Jun20: Hillah SWAT Bn (Scorpions) expanding to Bde? Scorpion Police Bde... (Possibly prior to transfer to INP? Babil INP Bde?) <http://www.timesonline.co.uk:80/tol/news/world/iraq/article4175393.ece>
- Jun21: "The INP Battalion which graduated today is 3Bn, 2Bde, 1 Div of the Iraqi National Police. You are correct that the current programme is for 8 courses (Bns trained). There is a proposal to extend for another 4 courses between March and November 2009, but this has not yet been confirmed/agreed. [RFI response by Wieloch, Rupert OF5 GBR, NTM-I PIO](#)
- Jun21: Intel Academy courses. (Pg3) http://www.dvidshub.net/pub_show.php?id=3572
- Jun22: 4th IA DivEng Rgt-Tikrit. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20635&Itemid=128
- Jun23: Anbar PIC 28Jun. <http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=55742&source=rss>
- Jun24: 300 "armored vehicles" for Diwaniyah IP. (Uparmored HMMWVs? Enough to motorize a brigade...)<http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=83507&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Jun29: Graduation of 12/3 IA Bde from USF at Besmaya on Jun 30. [Press Notice](#)
- Jun29: Q- Could you provide the INP battalion ID for the latest graduation? A- 3/2/1 National Police (422 Shurta); 1/1/1 is next in mid to late July. Q- Also, how many INP battalions will receive Phase III Carabinari training? A- There are 8 battalions scheduled to receive the Phase III Carabinieri training and discussions are continuing between the MoI, MNSTC-I and NATO on extending it up to 12 or possibly more. [RFI response from LTC Wellman, MNSTC-I PAO](#)
- Jun29: "The Baghdad area LCs (Taji & Rustamiyah) support all 3 Baghdad area Divisions (6, 9 & 11). The Al Memona LC is in support of the 10th and 14th Divisions, the 10th is also supported by the LC in Ur and the 14th is additionally supported by Shaiba. There is no relocation of an existing division that we know of, just three geographically disparate LCs supporting two divisions." "There are currently no plans on the books for further expansion of the Iraqi Marines at this time." "Portions of 12th Division are in the Iraqi plan for next spring but there is not enough detail available to provide an IOC date for the Division." [RFI resp fm LTC Wellman, MNSTC-I PAO](#)
- Jun29: 1st NPM Route clearance training. (Standing up Engr Cos for INP.) http://www.blackanthem.com/News/Military_News_1/MND-B-s-Beast-Co-hosts-route-clearance-course-for-Iraqi-National-Police17416.shtml
- Jun29: 82 Ford F-550 cargo trucks received by INP Sustainment Brigade on Jun28. (probably for Transport Battalion) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20858&Itemid=128
- Jun30: 53rd Bde graduating USF on 2 July at Numaniyah. [MNSTC-I Press Notice 20080702-01](#).
- Jun30: 12th Bde grad Besmaya. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20875&Itemid=128
- Jul04: INP's ERU under CBT? http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20981&Itemid=128
- Jul04: 17th IA Division? First operational mention of 23rd IA Brigade. South of Baghdad. (Split off of 25th IA Commando Brigade.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20975&Itemid=128

- Jul05: 4/5/2 Inf Bn USF Grad Ceremony in Ninawa on 6 July. For operations in Ninawa. MNSTC-I Release No. 20080702-01
- Jul05: "The inaugural Warfighter Training Exercise and Graduation Ceremony. The Iraqi Army Warfighter Training is a two- week training event conducted at divisional training centers focused on multi-echelon training from platoon to battalion level. IA units are trained on individual and collective tasks culminating in a company or battalion CAPSTONE exercise. Where applicable, units are also fielded and trained on enablers such as Up Armored HMMWVs, M16s, SINCGARS Radios and Mortars. This is the first iteration of what is planned to be a regular event for all IA battalions." July 9-10 at Camp Taji Regional Training Center. The training is designed to elevate IA battalions to the next level of readiness and enable them to take the lead for security operations. MNC-I ADV20080705-01
- Jul06: 3-8/2 INP Bn preparing for Phase III training. (1-1/1 is due to graduate phase III end-Jul08; 3-8/2 is probably next up.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21000&Itemid=1
- Jul06: What is 2-31/8 Bn doing at Taji? Upgrading its wheels thru USF issue and training? (normally assigned to Babil Province) http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=21224
- Jul07: 2-25/17. 2nd rpt 17th Div. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21046&Itemid=128
- Jul07: The 53rd Brigade, 14th Infantry Division, graduated from the Unit Set Fielding program at Numaniyah Regional Training Center, Jul02. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21047&Itemid=128
- Jul07: 5th Engr Rgt. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21050&Itemid=128
- Jul09: 6th Div elements in Abu Ghraib (22nd Bde); 17th Div elements in south Baghdad (23rd or 25th Bde.)<http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=85194&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Jul09: "Al Shams" Offshore Support Vessel received. http://www.iraqupdates.com/p_articles.php/article/33538
- Jul09: 8 Cessna 172s & 3 Cessna Caravan 208s to IZAF for trng. The additional aircraft will allow more than 130 new pilots to train and graduate each year. "They will double in size within the next year, giving them up to 6,000 Airmen and 133 aircraft by the end of 2009." <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=50454>
- Jul09: Noted movements of IA indicating the 28th Bde is in Mosul. (57:30) 8 LCs built, 5 more to go. National Depot online summer 2009. 9 MTRs operational, 6 more forming. Half of the GTR formed, rest end of summer08. 12th Infrastructure Division and OPS for oil security. (1:56:45) Two Kurdish Divs to IA (discussions ongoing). Some Kurdish Special Police to INP (under discussion on numbers; first mention of this.). (2:04:00) ISOF chain-of-command: PM (CINC) to CTB (ministry like level; may become a ministry) to CTC (IA ISOF command) to "1st Special Operations Bde and soon to be formed commando brigades". (Plural. No number of how many brigades.) rtsp://video1.c-span.org/project/iraq/iraq070908_security.rm
- Jul10: 4th Bn (mech), 36/9 IA Bde completing an advanced "warrior" training course at Camp Taji. (M113s with Cav/recon markings in this new bn.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=102315
- Jul11: 4th Bn (mech), 34th Bde, 9th IA Div training at Taji. (Type63s with Cav/recon markings in this new bn. Mis-ID'e as 4-36; MiTT0934 and 34th in intro credits.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=video/video_show.php&id=41507
- Jul13: "Although...with all that we...they issued...we issued an order that for each province will have a brigade. This brigade will work in that province but would not be under...would not report directly to the chief of police. But it would have...if we have any problems in that province, the chief of police will ask the Ministry of Interior to get this brigade to help him in providing security in that...for that province." http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/Press_briefings/2008/july/080713_transcript.pdf
- Jul14: "Karbala National Emergency Response Unit" rcvs trng fm Coalition forces. MNC-I RELEASE No. 20080714-04
- Jul15: First ever bn of Iraqi soldiers graduated the Warfighter Training Course at Phoenix Academy in Taji, July 10. 4th Bn, 36th Bde, 9th IA Div (Mechanized). http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21212&Itemid=128
- Jul16: Qadisayah PIC. http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20080716/wl_nm/iraq_dc
- Jul16: Baghdad "National" ERU http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21229&Itemid=128
- Jul16: "Logistics Battalion, 35th Brigade, 9th IA Division." (They are no longer referring to the BSB with a bn number; They were 4th Bns for a while; 4th Bn appears to belong to the Mech Recon Bns now. The 35th has shifted from FOB Hammer back to Taji; The 35th Bde is part of the Diyala ops? http://www.strykernews.com/archives/2008/07/16/mndb_soldiers_i_2.html
- Jul17: 4-36 Mechanized Battalion, 9th Division activated/commissioned on 10 July 2008 with HMMWVs/M113s. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=103686
- Jul20: Baghdad "National" ERB.

http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21329&Itemid=128

- Jul21: 1st NPM Bde graduated 10 day Route-clearance training in Rasheed District Jul19. First INP Bde to receive this training. (Back from Maysan.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21359&Itemid=128
- Jul21: H3 airfield (20 miles west Rutbah) being refurbished for IZAF Air Base.
[http://www.iimefpublic.usmc.mil:80/public/infolineMarines.nsf/\(ArticlesRead\)/033CDBE4D87DAE418525748D006765ED](http://www.iimefpublic.usmc.mil:80/public/infolineMarines.nsf/(ArticlesRead)/033CDBE4D87DAE418525748D006765ED)
- Jul22: 4xPS to start commissioning in Italy Apr09, at 3 month intervals. Arrive in Iraq starting Jul09. 2xOSV and 3xPBs start arriving from Malaysia Sep09. 15 PBs total. 500 IA transferred to IZN and formed 2nd Marine Bn. 3,000 Navy planned end-2010. 4-5000 after that depending on how large the Marines grow. Now the 1st Bn does the VBSS, etc and the 2nd Bn is Lt Inf/Security. (Marine Bde in 2011?)
http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2008-07/07220819501520080722_CaptAbraham_transcript.pdf
- Jul23: "It is my understanding that those units [Emergency Response Units/Brigades] are all being rolled into the National Police command but will have to confirm as well the details and precise chain of command. I have no info on the KRG stuff [Kurdish Special Police] that is releasable at this point." (INP expanding to 8-10 divisions confirmed. 19 ERB + 15 INP + 3or4 KRG Bdes = 37-38 Bdes.) [RFI response from LTC Frederick P. Wellman, Chief PAO MNSTC-I.](#)
- Jul23: "The Coastal Boarder Guard (CBG) originally referred to as the Coast Guard and Inland Waterways Dept (CGIWD) is deployed on the rivers in Region 4 HQ AO in order to combat riverine smuggling. The CBG HQ is in Al Mqil and it has 4 Groups under its command: Al Faw, Shatt al Arab, Basra and Umm Qasr Group. They have responsibility for all inland waterways, north from the marsh areas of the SAA up to Cigar Island and from Buoy 36 in the KAA. They have approx 750 personnel and are commanded by Brig RAHIM. Their Key Tasks are: 1. Patrolling inland waterways to interdict smuggling. 2. SPOE protection. 3. Policing lawful entry points to Iraq for goods and persons." [RFI response by Major L A H JONES, SO2 DBE, MND\(SE\)](#)
- Jul23: 4-31 IA Bn operating in Iskandariyah area. (lot of red Berets. Working with Rakkasans. This is the ninth bn that was ocon 25th Cdo Bde. Probably future part of 17th Div.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=video/video_show.php&id=42202
- Jul24: ISOF Organized in three tier command, CTB is at top and fills the ministerial level role, CTC is the operational staff and facilitates enablers, ISOF Bde is the operators, established in 2003 and has worked w/USSOF from start; expanding to four more locations and adding a SOF Avn element. "Right now" not folding SWAT in "at this time or near future". Some SWAT was OPCON to ISOF in recent operations. Under a seperate Bureau from IA, new law may make it a seperate ministry. No cross over to IA. Expanding to two bde HQs for command and control, No plans to expand past that "right now".
http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2008-07/07240817180420080724_BrigGenTrombitas_transcript.pdf
- Jul24: [31st IA Bde Cmdr] "Last year we were working with two battalions. This year we are working with four battalions. Next year we will have new equipment, such as artillery forces. At this moment, at this time, we also -- we have Lieutenant Colonel McDowell (sp) training our -- one of our platoons on a route clearance method and such missions like that." <http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=4266>
- Jul25: Possible sale of 6 C-130J-30. http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-73.pdf
- Jul26: First operational report of Presidential Brigade. (Note: There is an error in report, PB is IA, not INP subordinate.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21469&Itemid=128
- Jul28: Possible sale of 160 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles.
http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-86.pdf
- Jul30: FMS Possible sale of 24 Bell Armed 407 Helicopters or 24 Boeing AH-6 Helicopters.
http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-95.pdf
- Jul30: FMS Possible sale of technical assistance for Light Armored Vehicles, Range Facilities, Training Facilities, Tank Range Complex Facilities, and Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Facilities in support of Government of Iraq (GoI) construction projects throughout the country of Iraq.
http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-91.pdf
- Jul30: FMS Possible sale of 392 Light Armored Vehicles (LAVs) which include 352 LAV-25, 24 LAV-CC, and 16 LAV-A (Ambulances). http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-35.pdf
- Jul31: "Our plan is to conduct a transfer of authority of Southern Baghdad, not with another Coalition forces element, but with the 17th Iraqi Army Division," said Col. Dominic Caraccilo, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "The conditions are set for the 17th IA Div. to take charge of its area of operations -- which is virtually all of the Mahmudiyah Qada," said Maj. David Jones, operations officer for 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT). At the helm of the forces, which have taken control of the area, is recently promoted Maj. Gen. Ali Jassim Muhammad Hassen Al Frejee, commander of the 17th IA Div. He was the former commander of the 25th IA Brigade. With the promotion to two-star general, Ali now has three brigades -- an additional 4,000 Soldiers and 80 officers -- under his command. "The mere fact that the brigade operating in

this area has been directed and has had the ability to transform itself into a division speaks volumes of the capability of the Iraqi Army leaders and the local support of its own security forces," Caraccilo said. (First official mention 17th Div formed; first mention third brigade of 17th Div formed; First open confirmation formed by splitting 25th Brigade.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21535&Itemid=128

- Jul31: Counter-Terrorism Bureau legislation being worked by council of ministers for Parliament consideration. <http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=87805&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Jul31: FMS possible sale of 140 M1A1 Abrams tanks modified and upgraded to the M1A1M Abrams configuration, 8 M88A2 Tank Recovery Vehicles, 64 M1151A1B1 Armored High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), 92 M1152 Shelter Carriers, 12 M577A2 Command Post Carriers, 16 M548A1 Tracked Logistics Vehicles, 8 M113A2 Armored Ambulances. http://www.dsc.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2008/Iraq_08-98.pdf
- Jul31: (05:20) 1900 customs transferred to DBE in Basrah. (Split up or forming separate Bde? One bde for Kuwait and one for Iran Border.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/FJI/2008/july/fji_080731.wmv
- Aug04: "Furthermore, Ali [Cmdr 17th Div] would like to establish reserve components ready to support missions when in need, as well as an extra battalion of commanders. This will require approval from the Ministry of Defense." (Reserves. The extra bn of commanders is the fourth BSTB.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21629&Itemid=21
- Aug04: BTR-94 of the INP photographed in Diyala. (BTR-94s have not been in use and were in 1NPM) http://news.yahoo.com/nphotos/Iraq/ss/events/iraq/082701iraqplane/im:080804/ids_photos_wlr722147881.jpg
- Aug07: Baghdad National ERB-Diyala http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21679&Itemid=128
- Aug07: 2-32/8 AAslt Diyala. (Former SIB.) http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=22229
- Aug07: Reorganizing the KRG Peshmerga considered. (For incorporation as IA V Corps?) <http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=88621&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Aug07: Expanding recruiting of old Iraqi Army. (Looking for FA experience for next improvement?) <http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=88612&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Aug11: Two new "National ERBs" identified: Sharqat National Emergency Response Brigade in Bayji and Baqubah National Emergency Response Brigade in Baqubah. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21747&Itemid=128
- Aug11: 3rd IA Div currently authorized 15,000 pers. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=video/video_show.php&id=43090
- Aug12: 1st operational report of 12th Division, 46th Brigade or 3-46th Battalion. (Battalion is former 11th SIB.) http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=22400
- Aug13: Maintenance training for 9th DivSup. "The classes provided an opportunity for the MND-B Soldiers to share their maintenance knowledge with Iraqi army soldiers from the 34th, 36th and 37th Logistics Battalions, 9th Iraqi Army Logistics Division, and an engineer company." http://www.strykernews.com/archives/2008/08/13/warrior_soldier_1.html
- Aug13: 4/1, 43/11, and 34/9 (Armored) IA Bdes in Diyala. (Accounts for one of the three Bdes missing from Rasheed. Other two are INP, prob 2/1 and 7/2 INP Bdes) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21809&Itemid=128
- Aug13: "Created from the 25th Iraqi Army Brigade, the 17th IA Div. officially stood up in mid-July when Maj. Gen. Ali Jassim Muhammad Hassen Al Frejee was promoted to his current rank. Al Frejee and his unit will continue to transition into a lead security element in the Southwest Baghdad area now under the authority of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)." In process of fully equipping MTR and Engr Bn. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=22440
- Aug15: First mention of 4-32/8. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21824&Itemid=128
- Aug16: "Defence Ministry spokesman Mohammed al-Askari confirmed the Peshmerga would be integrated into a Defence Ministry division and based in Kurdistan from August 25. "The 34th Peshmerga Brigade will leave Diyala to join the 15th mountain division within Kurdistan," Askari said." http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20080816/wl_nm/iraq_peshmerga_dc
- Aug19: "As an update, the BTR-3E1 FMS case was cancelled by the GOI. There were requirements changes and resulting price differences that made the program un-executable. We believe the GOI may still pursue BTR-3E1s or a similar capability, but they have not asked for our help. It is not really the same requirement as the one for the LAV, although one could argue the same purpose on the battlefield. The BTR-3E1s was a part of initial Force Generation of the Iraqi Security Forces to fight and win the Counter-Insurgency fight. The LAV case is a part of Force Modernization, building a future force for the strategic defense of Iraq. In addition to the LAVs, Force Modernization includes M1A1 tanks, Mortar Systems, Armed Scout Helicopters, and C-130J medium airlift aircraft." [RFI response by Maj. John C. Hall, Press Desk Officer MNF-I & Lawrence G. Avery, Jr., Col. USAF.](http://www.mnf-iraq.com/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=88612&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1)

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- Aug20: "The Ministry of Interior court system will have five regional courts located in Irbil, Mosul, Baghdad, Hilla and Basra. The Region 1 court will be based in Irbil and serve the Irbil, Sulaymaniyah, and Dahuk areas. The Region 2 court will be headquartered in Mosul and will serve Ninawa, Kirkuk, and Salah ad-Din. Baghdad will be the headquarters for Region 3 and will be responsible for cases from Diyala, Wasit, and al-Anbar provinces. The Region 4 court will be at Hilla with responsibility for cases from al-Qadisiyah, Babil, Karbala, and Najaf. The Region 5 court will be headquartered in Basra and will serve Maysan, Dhi Qar, and al-Muthanna Provinces." (Regional breakdown of INP commands. Interim? Reg 3 has too many bdes, too much area, and too much population. Or is Baghdad not part of Reg 3, just providing HQ?)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21925&Itemid=128
- Aug20: Oil IP 30,803. 35k end-yr.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21933&Itemid=128
- Aug20: Contract awarded to supply the expertise, materials, labor and equipment necessary to design and construct helicopter parking ramp extensions, pre-engineered / expedient construction buildings, munitions storage area, and communications facilities at the Taji National Depot, Iraq with an estimated completion Aug. 19, 2009.
<http://www.defenselink.mil//contracts/contract.aspx?contractid=3845>
- Aug21: Photos from Aug20 had a new IA bn graduating Besmaya: "The name/designation of the unit is "Bayji National Ammunition Depot Support Battalion". RFI response from Major John C. Hall, Press Desk Officer MNF-I
- Aug23: "Baghdad is part of Region 3 of the Ministry of Interior Court System. Region 3: Baghdad, Diyala, Wasit, Al-Anbar. Also in Baghdad is Appellate Court. RFI response from Ron R. Holbrook, Directorate of Interior Affairs MOI-TT Public Affairs
- Aug26: "The new battalion was to be a support battalion formed by the Ministry of Interior following recent security operations in Diyala, police said." (New BSB forming in Diyala.)
<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/251/story/50746.html>
- Aug27: "The battalion graduating tomorrow is 1st battalion, 1st brigade, 1st Division, Iraqi National Police will appoint two battalions which will start training in the beginning of October. Preparations are ongoing to to prepare 6-8 battalions more." (Phase III graduation and expansion of program. 1-1/1 Battalion is the fifth to graduate. 6-8 more battalions indicate 11-13 planned vice the 8 originally announced.) RFI response by LCDR Ingrid Mühling, Chief Public Affairs Office NTM-I
- Aug27: Anbar scheduled for PIC in "few days." <http://www.defenselink.mil//news/newsarticle.aspx?id=50944>
- Aug28: 2-6/2 INP confirmed in Diyala.
<http://news.yahoo.com/nphotos/Iraq/ss/events/iraq/082701iraqplane/im:/080828/481/0378e5390eb443239a9522dcb2aa56ca>
- Aug28: Three new bns of INP. (For where? What elements?)
http://www.iraqupdates.com/p_articles.php/article/35748
- Aug29: 53rd Bde getting follow on training and equipping at Taji. (Maintenance training and motorizing with HMMWVs.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=111743
- Aug29: Only 160 of 800 physician billets filled. <http://www.defenselink.mil//news/newsarticle.aspx?id=50972>
- Aug29: ROK/US SOF training to Iraqi Army in Irbil. (Training 15th and/or 16th Mountain Division Scouts?)http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=111732
- Aug30: MoI Helicopter Sq planned.
<http://www.mnstci.iraq.centcom.mil/advisor/The%20Advisor%2030%20August%202008.pdf>
- Aug31: First operational mention of 3-29/7 Bn. Operating SE of Rutbah with own battlespace. (probably Lt Inf Bn) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=23066
- Sep03: 11th DBE Bde in Maysan? (New brigade?)
http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2008-09/09030813200820080903_ColBattaglia_transcript.pdf
- Sep03: 3-38/10 conducts AAslt in Maysan/DhiQar. (1st report of any elements of 10th IAD getting AAslt experience.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22136&Itemid=128
- Sep03: 4-34 Bn active in SE Baghdad (1st report). 35/9 Bde has SE Baghdad Province. 1-3/1 INP Bn shifting fm Karadah to SE Baghdad.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22134&Itemid=128
- Sep04: "Construction has started on the Iraqi Army's new Al Maymona Location Command in Maysan Province." (Two LCs in 10th Div AOR. New Div forming?)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22163&Itemid=128
- Sep05: Iraq requesting buy 36 F16s. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122056503871901333.html>
- Sep05: 15th Bde getting route-clearance training. On Buffalos. (Training on the claw of Buffalo. Same as ILAV claw.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22171&Itemid=128
- Sep06: "The Iraqi Army is not getting the Buffalo. They were training with the Buffalo's Excavating Interrogator

Arm because their Badger's are getting upgraded with the EIA. They soon will have the same Counter-IED Route Clearance capability that Coalition Force currently have." RFI Response fm S. Michele Boyd, SSgt, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center Press Desk

- Sep06: 10th DTC standing up.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22205&Itemid=128
- Sep09: Iraqi Army wants to lengthen Basic from five weeks to eight weeks. (Originally proposed last year but, delayed for buildup.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22258&Itemid=128
- Sep10: 2-55/17 Battalion in Arab Jabour. (First report; 17th Commando Division is still using non-standard numbering.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22266&Itemid=128
- Sep10: 206,000 in MoD: 202,000 IA, 2,000 IZAF, and 2,000 IZN. It is only a F16 pricing request thru FMS. Shopping. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/Press_briefings/2008/september/080910_transcript.pdf
- Sep11: "There is no reserve requirement/service in Iraq any more (not since Saddam's Time). Per Col. Ali, the Ministry of Defense Directorate, they used to sign a 2-year contract with each individual but have stopped doing that and now sign open contracts. If a soldier finishes 15 years of service and wants to leave, they will be entitled to a retirement. If they want to break the contract before they finish 15 years of service, they get 6 months' salary as a reward (severance)." RFI Response fm LCDR David Russell, Press Desk Officer, MNF-I
- Sep13: 2/IAD COP to 4-34/9 IA.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22348&Itemid=128
- Sep13: Wassit PIC in late September 2008? (Moving ahead of schedule briefed in April by Gen Petraeus.)
<http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=92992&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Sep14: "Iraqi Army's 4th Division Quick Reaction Force" (Has the 4th IA Division transferred to the QRF? Estimating yes.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22370&Itemid=128
- Sep16: Civil Service Corps in Kirkuk. (3x construction engineer companies in Kirkuk? More components of Iraqi Corps of Engineers? Bn or Bde [Baghdad/Basrah/Ninawa/Anbar] per province? 25-30 construction bns for infrastructure repair and maintenance?) http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=23762
- Sep17: 3x Emergency Bns est in Diyala.
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=video/video_show.php&id=45840
- Sep18: 5xJet Rangers for delv by 15Nov08.
<http://www.army.mil/-news/2008/09/18/12549-helicopters-joining-iraqi-air-force/>
- Sep20: 3-43 Bn in 17th Div. http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=23896
- Sep20: The Iraqi Army is evaluating U.S. equipment for possible future purchases by the Government of Iraq. (M1A1, M2, M113A3)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22480&Itemid=128
- Sep20: 6th Commando Battalion/ISOF in Basrah. (First battalion ID given for one of the separate battalions.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=116381
- Sep20: 1st mention of 4-5/2 IA since grad USF 6 Jun.
<http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=57546&source=rss>
- Sep20: Justice Bn, 3rd INP Div participates in AAslt. (First INP Bn reported participating in AAslt; first report of Justice Bn in 3rd INP Div)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=117248
- Sep21: New 3rd ERB Rgt or Bn in Diyala? (Last MoI brief had MoI forming three more IP Emergency Battalions. If MoI expanded them to include HQs and partnered them with the three existing ERUs in Diyala, then there could be three "Rgts" [bianary bdes]. Add an INP Bde and you have the Diyala National Division. Or this could be just the third bn. The problem is that the term is used both ways.)
<http://66.111.34.180/look/english/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=4&NrArticle=94013&NrIssue=2&NrSection=1>
- Sep21: Iraqi Army Level III Maint facility in Rustimayah.
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=23949
- Sep23: Emergency Response Battalion 4 - eastern Mosul.
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=24017
- Sep23: 2,000 MoI and 3,000 MoD hires from SoI in Diyala since July. (This accounts for the 4 EBs that have or are forming in Diyala.) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=100214>
- Sep25: 2nd DTC- "Courses include basic combat; squad leader, platoon sergeant and corporal courses; administration; maintenance; armor; supply; basic medic course and basic medic refresher course. The \$4.2 million reconstruction project includes two firing ranges; an obstacle course; and a shoot house to practice clearing buildings. The project is due to complete by the end of October 2008."
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22571&Itemid=128
- Sep27: 6th IAD receiving route-clearance training. (This training has been reported in all IA and in parts of the INP. Indicates plan to hand off this function in 6-12mo.)

http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=24210

- Sep29: Elements of 38/10 Bde receiving AAslt training. (2nd element of 10th Div reported to receive AAslt training.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=118756
- Sep29: 1-51/14 IA Bn receiving AAslt training. "The arrival recently of four Iraqi HIP aircraft with 4 Squadron Iraqi Air Force offered a new capability to Brigadier Bilal, the Commander of 51st Brigade, who selected his 1st Battalion to take on the role of becoming his Aviation Specialist Battalion." (At least one bn per Bde being designated as AAslt capable?)
<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/MilitaryOperations/LancersDeliverVitalAviationInfantryTraining.htm>
- Sep29: Iraqi Army took full control of the Bayji National Ammunition Depot from Coalition forces Sep 29. (Ahead of schedule.) http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=24311
- Sep29: "The Border Forces also embarked on setting up seven floating border checkpoints in the marsh areas in Missan province within the Border Guards Command's 4th Zone," (New Brigade?)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=100497>
- Oct02: MoD arms shopping in Europe. http://www.iraqupdates.com/p_articles.php/article/37351
- Oct03: Restructuring IP in progress. This article specifies Wassit. (Separating paramilitary fm IP. Wassit ERB now National?) <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=51374>
- Oct04: Mahmudiyah EB adding SWAT elm; conv to ERU.
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=24508
- Oct04: ILAV in 17th Div. (1-23/17 Bn)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_gallery2&Itemid=&g2_itemId=6269
- Oct10: Deal for 50 French helicopters going thru.
<http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/2008/10/09/01003-20081009ARTFIG00002-l-irak-negocie-avec-la-france-l-achat-d-helicopteres-.php>
- Oct10: 1-8/2 INP Bn elems in AAslt.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=24785
- Oct11: INP 1st Bn, Knights Ride Brigade 3rd Div start phase III training.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=24858
- Oct12: 30 French helos; option for 20 more and spares for older equip. (Spare for what?)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=101027>
- Oct12: Possible arms purchases for IA from Czech Rep. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=101078>
- Oct12: "7th emergency police contingent" (7th Emergency Battalion. Maysan Div?)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=101051>
- Oct12: Three new emergency battalions added to Maysan. (6 EB and 1 ERU total)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=101046>
- Oct13: Armor, Infantry, and Artl focus in stage 1. Long term plan to develop the IA during 2008-2020. 2008-2011 Stage 1. 2012-2015 Stage 2. 2016-2020 Stage 3. Adding an Infantry Div in current plan. IA receiving Counter IED training. To get Mortar training at Besmaya as part of stage 1. M1 tanks to be bought so IA and MNSTC-I training soldiers to equip the M1 bns. Schools of Artillery and Armor. Moving school to Besmaya for training of M1 and other kinds of tanks. ("other kinds of tanks" NFI.) Warrior training (includes equipment upgrades and HMMWVs) is 2-15/4 in Kirkuk and 2-30/8 in Numaniyah this month. Comms, C2, Intel, in future focus. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22984&Itemid=128
- Oct15: NATO Battle Staff training at Kirkuk RTC. (Train the trainer, Bn/Bde staff level exercises. Why Kirkuk? Emphasis 4IAD?)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22985&Itemid=128
- Oct15: Six Defender FSBs arrive. 20 more to follow. (24 Fast Attack Boats and 26 Fast Small Boats is enough lift for 400 Iraqi Marines.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22986&Itemid=128
- Oct15: Transfer of de-mining operations to ISF.
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20081015/w1_mideast_afp/moldovairaqmilitary
- Oct15: "This requirement is necessary to expand the Command & Control (C2) capability for Iraqi signal platoons and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance battalions." Estimated completion date of 31 Jul 2009. (First mention of ISR Bns. Expansion of scout companies in the Divs and/or part of Corps subordinate bns?)
<http://www.defenselink.mil/contracts/contract.aspx?contractid=3883>
- Oct15: 3-36/9 trng on T72s
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=1225
- Oct16: "It's a fairly new battalion, but they're main role in all of this is to provide security for the people of Abu T'shir," said Burgess, referring to the new 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aburisha Brigade (National Police), the Iraqi ministry of interior's newest "Feather" or light NP unit, charged with providing security for Baghdad and the citizens of East Rashid. (Light. Abu Risha Bde. In Baghdad. Is 1st or 2nd Bn in Phase III with 1st Bn of Knights Ride Bde?)
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=25050

- Oct16: Hungary donated 77 x T-72s in November 2005. No further T-72s have been delivered as at 16 Oct 08. Currently, Czech Republic is training Iraqis on T-72s at Taji under a bilateral arrangement. (Preparatory training for the T72 delivery. 36th Armor Bde will be upgrading to T72s.) RFI response fm WR Wieloch, Colonel GBR, Chief of Staff NTM-I
- Oct16: Elems of 34/9 Bde training on T72s. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=video/video_show.php&id=47866
- Oct17: LCs are Sust Bdes w/ MP Bn (BDU), Maint, Med, & Admin subord. http://www.dvidshub.net/media/pubs/pdf_3998.pdf
- Oct18: "The crew of Patrol Ship 701, one of four Italian Saettia Class patrol ships being procured by the Iraqi Navy began their pre-handover training October 11th under the tutelage and guidance of the UK-led Naval Training Team (NaTT) based at the Iraqi Naval Base, Umm Qasr." "The training in Umm Qasr will last for two months and was designed to prepare the Iraqi sailors for the three-month long ship-specific training package they will undergo in La Spezia, Italy. This training will enable them to learn how to operate and maintain their new vessel. After a further two months of onboard, whole-ship training in La Spezia and at sea, the sailors will take the ship on the 6,000 nautical mile passage back to Iraq. She is due to arrive alongside Umm Qasr in July 2009. Training for each of the four ships is staggered over three-month intervals. The crew of PS702 will begin their training in January 2009." http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23080&Itemid=128
- Oct18: "...3rd Battalion, 3rd Aburisha Brigade, attached to the 7th Bde., 2nd NP Div." http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25178
- Oct18: 4th Battalion of Diyala DBE Bde is Mandali. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=101416>
- Oct19: "1. All, it was at one of the Force Gen meetings a month or so ago that I heard this. I believe that COL Bob Gagnon is going on the inspection trip. This has dropped off my sight picture as I have other tank issues to deal with. LTC Christopher Delarosa, MNSTC-I CAATT 2. Gents - According to COL Oliver, the (new) T72s are donated. A team will go inspect them late Oct prior to delivery next year. LTC Delarosa, MNSTC-I CAATT 3. These are their old T72s. They had a few that were in running, although not good, shape. I was up watching them as well. Not sure when their new ones are due in. More to follow..." COL Robert R Naething, MNSTC-I CAATT Forwarded responses to inquiry on T72s in use by 34th/36th Bdes & NATO donation by Lt. Col. Bill Gazis, USA, MoD PAAO MNSTC-I
- Oct19: 4-9/3 and 4-10/3 Bns graduated USF 16 Oct 2008. Only 1160 pers. (Only ~580 per bn?) http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25226
- Oct19: "The leadership at IMSS intends to add 10-15 new specialty courses during 2009 and graduate at least 2,500 students. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23102&Itemid=128
- Oct20: 8th Div starts getting ILAV Badgers. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25230
- Oct20: The 1,160 figure is correct, and the 4/9/3 and 4/10/3 are both standard infantry battalions. At the time of USF they were a little under strength in assigned personnel, but there is nothing special about them. The division as a whole is over strength and will likely cross-level within units to round out the 4/9/3 and 4/10/3. RFI response from TSgt Chris Stagner, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center
- Oct20: 1-31/8 elems graduate Iron Claw Academy. (Route-Clearance) MNC-I 20081020-09
- Oct20: T72s with 2-34/9 Heavy Cavalry Bn Markings. (Salvaged T72s in at least company strength in 34th and 36th Bdes.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=123301
- Oct21: 2-38/10 AAslt. 2nd bn in 10th both in 38th. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25332
- Oct22: GTR grads USF 23Oct08. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23170&Itemid=128
- Oct22: Camp Dublin doubles capacity by 9 Nov. http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25398
- Oct22: 1st Emergency Battalion is located in central Baqubah. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=101689>
- Oct23: INP ERU is a brigade as of this summer. MoI National Sustainment Center to be formed. At least a 4th INP Div to form in next year. (How many INP Divs? Budget & roles/missions split of MoD/MoI/CTB/KRG/Province forces is part of current debate.) http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2008-10/10230816372320081023_ColFulton_transcript.pdf
- Oct23: "Don't know if you got an answer. They will gain more, especially NCOs and officers, once they return to their home station. Just like in the US Army, sometimes you go with the original dates for USF even if all the Soldiers, NCOs, and officers have not arrived yet." RFI response fm COL Robert R Naething, MNSTC-I CAATT via LTC William M Gazis, MNSTC-I PAO
- Oct23: * 1. The colonel said the INP ERU became a Brigade this summer. How many battalions? The ERB contains four operational battalions and one support battalion. At least one of the operational battalions is still forming. Who are they subordinate to? The ERB is a national unit; they are no longer subordinate to the NP and

receive their missions direct from the MoI. * 2. He also mentioned a MoI National Sustainment Center being formed. Where? The location will be Tajiyat just North of Baghdad. When complete (construction will begin very soon) this Tajiyat logistics complex will contain the MoI Vehicle Maintenance Complex, the MOI Logistics Warehouse and Training Center, and the National Police Sustainment Brigade. How large? (roughly 200 acres will be the physical size of the complex) * 3. He also mentioned a 4th National Police Division to be formed next year. Where? TBD Region? Still some unanswered questions on specific locations for the increase in the NP. The MoI strategic plan (draft) calls for NP growth, but achieving growth is only possible with adequate budgeting, and the Iraqis are working that right now. (All new data.) [RFI Response by SGT Brooke N. Murphy, CJ9 COMMSDIV \(MOC\)](#)

- Oct23: IA GTR graduate USF. Approx 600 pers. http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25456
- Oct24: NiOC Support Bn formed? (OCs probably the core of the four IA Corps and the five MoI Regions (Corps). NiOC is probably future MoI Region 2 HQ.) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=101810>
- Oct27: "The Oil Police Directorate, with ten battalions, transitioned to the Ministry of Interior in early 2008." "An additional seven battalions are planned to be formed in 2009, with a total of 22 battalions planned for fielding by 2012." (Where? Designations?) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23305&Itemid=21
- Oct28: IRT 25/26 Oct VOI reporting: "Suspect the unit being referenced belongs to the National Police, a gendarmerie/Carabinieri-like force created in 2004 that can be used in 15 of the 18 provinces in Iraq. Kurdistan's three provinces have their own separate version of the National Police. The National Police are currently conducting operations in Mosul and Diyala. They currently have three divisions and their HQs are in Baghdad. a. The HQs of the 1st division (Palestine Street/Baghdad) b. The HQs of the 2nd division (Al-Kadimiya, FOB Justice) c. The HQs of the 3rd Division (Almansour-Al Bijiyah) -- in the future this Division will be assigned to Samarra. d. The Mechanized Division (Al-Qadsiyah Province). e. The Logistics Support Brigade (Al-Harthiya) f. Abo Risha Brigade in Ar-Ramadi. g. Al-Mosul Brigade (two battalions currently in Mosul) . h. Al-Basra Brigade (two battalions currently in Al- Basra). i. Alaskreen Brigade in Samarra. (4th Emergency Div could be Ninawa INP/IP Div, 5th Emergency Police Corps could be OC or MoI Region.) [RFI Response by TSgt Chris Stagner, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center Press Desk](#)
- Oct28: 1st Route-clnc team for 10IAD. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25633
- Oct29: "...next weeks will witness the hand over of the security file of Kirkuk and Salah el-Din." (PIC for Kirkuk without 140 settled.) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=102072>
- Oct29: INP Bde sent to Mosul. (Candidates are 1/1, 2/1, and 6/2; prob 6/2) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23361&Itemid=128
- Oct29: 3rd IA Div now has a commando Company. (Put that with the Div Scout Co and you have the beginnings of a Recon Bn.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25705
- Oct30: IP adding professional courses. Investigations, forensics, etc. ERB is INP and has own training battalion and is independent of INP now. ERU is Province, working on standardizing; defense force; some trng/not formal. 4th Emergency Div he has not heard of. INP 3rd Div is in progress. When asked if 4th was assoc with KRG: he had not heard of such an association. MoI has big Fuel problem; also food; No sustainment mindset in MoI. Kirkuk has no backlog of IP to train; all trained; has no DFAC/Billeting-commute to work. New trng Ctr for Kirkuk. Returning to former UK areas to re-develop IP. Anbar has log problems; Fuel. INP is aggressive. Most PDOP do not like to send IP to other provinces. Diyala OK; Trng ctr is on FOB and thus well supported/secure. Ninawa/Mosul is problem; no billeting now; 500 trng capacity expanding to 1000. Q: Mech INP Div? Bde; haven't seen it. Not heard of growing to Div (I am taking that literal; the M1117 FMS order conflicts.) INP is aggressive; NATO training; when last bn arrived they were professional comming in. Unlike some in past. 1st Bn, 3rd INP Div in phase III. http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2008-10/10310809491120081030_ColBequette_transcript.pdf
- Nov01: "The [National] ERB has a battalion in Baghdad as well as four regionally based Special Weapons and Tactics units in Mosul, Tikrit, Hillah and Kut." http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25817
- Nov02: Kirkuk and Salahadin are on list for next transfer to PIC. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=102331>
- Nov02: 7SFG trng 1-32/8 Bn. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=125742
- Nov02: 3/1 IA Bde sent to Mosul and an additional two INP battalions trained and deployed there. IZAF Helo emphasis for fire support. Life support battalions for mortars forming (Bde Fire Support Bns). Bayji equipment storage depot also food and fuel (Sust Brigade, it has ammo Depot/Bn already). IED Jammers for HMMWVs in 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 11 Divs. Air purchases contracts for: helos: 24 Bell 407; 24 EC-635; Fixed: 24 AT-6 trainers; 36 F-16; 516 total combat aircraft to be purchased. (Five year plan; Type numbers represent 2011 deliveries only.) Aircraft receipts during 2011-2015. 9th and 10th Bdes in Mosul (mistranslated as battalions).

http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/Press_briefings/2008/november/081102_transcript.pdf

- Nov03: First 4 of 15th SpecOps Sq's helos have arrived. 22 more by end-year. (Early, was scheduled for 2009 delivery.) http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=25845
- Nov03: Justice Bn failed in March fighting. Unity Bn replaced it in Kadhimiyah. <http://www.longwarjournal.org/index.xml>
- Nov03: Balad ERU. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=125980
- Nov04: "Under current Iraqi law, former regime officers in the rank of major or below have the right to return to active military service. Officers in the rank of lieutenant colonel and colonel can be accepted back to active service based on the needs of the Iraqi Army. Those officers in the rank of brigadier general or above are not eligible for return to active status but are retirement eligible. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23437&Itemid=128
- Nov04: 2nd rt-clnc class 10IAD. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23440&Itemid=21
- Nov04: New name or split of Baqubah ERB; Diyala Emergency Police. (Redesignating/reorganizing ERBs; standardize?) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=102478>
- Nov04: Elems 3 INP Div Mosul. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23455&Itemid=128
- Nov06: "They are buying new ones. We are going to set up a training program wherein we conduct some training on our M1s while waiting for the ones they bought to arrive. Our M1s will remain under our control the entire time, but it will give them a head start." [RFI Response by Naething, Robert R COL MNSTC-I CAATT](#)
- Nov07: Five more Bell 206s arrive for 12th Sq. http://www.thedonovan.com/archives/2008/11/friday_fripperi.html
- Nov07: "The Iraqi air force, for example, announced this week that it has ordered French- and American-made fighters, but its planned 32 squadrons won't be fully up and flying until 2015." (Plan is 38 squadrons and 6 not ready would be right for 2015.) http://news.yahoo.com/s/time/20081107/us_time/willobamahavetoadjusthistimetableoniraq
- Nov08: Newly formed 41st IA Brigade. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=127012
- Nov08: 5-7/2 IA Bn. (new) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23533&Itemid=128
- Nov09: INP Div taking over west Mosul (3rd). 8/2 Bde replaced by 3/1 Bde; 8th in Habbenayah for 60 days training and reorganization starting late October. [From My War - Iraq 2008 - 10; October 2008](#)
- Nov09: 4-11 IA Bn sw of Kirkuk. (Possible incorrect ID. Also possible that a new bn for 3IAD was trained at K1 and is field training in Kirkuk.) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=102785>
- Nov09: INP at 42,000 of 100,000 projected planned goal. Deal to transfer KRG SP has not been completed. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/11/08/AR2008110801029.html>
- Nov09: Elements of 8/2 IA Bde training in maintenance at FOB Kalsu. (Why Kalsu? Why the home of Cdo training?) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=127235
- Nov10: 10 more FSB to deliver in Dec08. Last 10 by summer09. (Upgrade of boarding force capabilities.) http://www.navytimes.com/news/2008/11/coastguard_iraqnavy_110908/
- Nov11: 4-38/10 Bn (First report of a 4th bn in 10th Div. Expanding the Div strength?) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23587&Itemid=128
- Nov11: Emergency Response Unit within 1-3/1 INP Battalion? Or is the 1-3/1 the ERU for 3/1 Bde? http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=127606
- Nov12: 2IAD receiving staff trng. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23599&Itemid=128
- Nov14: 1-12/3 IA and "4th INP Battalion" in Mosul. (What 4th INP Bn? First report of a 4th INP Bn. First operational report of 1-12/3 IA Bn) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23639&Itemid=128
- Nov15: "newly-formed 10th Iraqi Army EOD Team" (Old one go to 14th or augmenting 10th capabilities?) http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23696&Itemid=128
- Nov16: "Don't know of an old 41st Bde, just the one we are standing up now." (Old 41st disbanded in early 2008? Probably broken up for elements to 8th and 14th Divs.) [RFI response by Colonel Naething MNSTC-I CAATT](#)
- Nov18: "2nd Battalion, Iraqi National Police Command" in Mosul. (New command?) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=129345
- Nov18: New 41st IA Bde. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=26480
- Nov18: First IA Bde to have a Route-clnc platoon for each of its bns is the 31/8. Still pending receipt of equipment. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=26477
- Nov18: Salah INP Bn in Mosul. (Named INP bns are usually QRF Bns for INP Divs. 4th INP Div in Mosul?)

- http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23845&Itemid=128
- Nov20: 7DTC new facilities open.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23879&Itemid=128
- Nov21: Iraq's MoD decided to follow the U.S. military's structure of defense by instituting chemical specialists throughout all the battalions of their Army and eventually into all of its military forces. "As you know, we have 17 battalions in our Army, and we are going to establish chemical support throughout the Iraqi armed forces, including the Air Force and Navy, just like the United States," said Ali.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=26660
- Nov23: 45/11 IA Brigade graduated Besmaya Unit Set Fielding on 20 Nov 2008. (Light numbers, 2 bns and BSTB?) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=130555
- Nov24: 1800 personnel in 45/11 IA Brigade graduated on 20 Nov 2008. (Light numbers, either 2 bns and BSTB, understrength inf bns, or not infantry bns.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23944&Itemid=128
- Nov25: 2-30/8 Battalion graduates Warfighter. Fourth battalion to graduate this program.
http://dr15.ahp.dr1.us.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23979&Itemid=128
- Nov27: New graduation of 142 ERB personnel on 20 Nov 2008. Operator Selection Course. 6 more classes to fill out the brigade.
http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24035&Itemid=128
- Nov27: Iraq Army Engineer School Chemical Defense Section. (New section.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=131959
- Nov30: Muthanna IP getting HMMWVs. (Muthanna EPB motorizing?) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=103932>
- Nov30: Maysan Operations Center. (Every province getting an OC?) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=103924>
- Dec01: 300 graduate "special training course" at K1. (What is the course?) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=103949>
- Dec01: "An Iraqi interior ministry's Quick Response force..." (Expanded Wassit EPB?)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=103966>
- Dec01: Iraqi Navy.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24114&Itemid=128
- Dec01: 10th IA Div indirect fire trng on 25 Nov.
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=27037
- Dec01: (pg8) Jisr Diyala ERU forming. http://www.dvidshub.net/pub_show.php?id=4209
- Dec02: SF training Diwaniyah based elements of 8th Div. (First 7th SFG was training 32/8 Bde in Wassit, now Diwaniyah elements being trained by USSOF.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/CombatCameraDaily/2008/December/081202_pod.pdf
- Dec02: 1st Bn, Knight's Ride Bde, 3rd INP Div graduated Phase III training. Next class to start in Dec. Expanding to 900 per class next year.
http://www.afsouth.nato.int/JFCN_Missions/NTM-I/Articles/08/NTMI_A_30_08.html
- Dec04: 12th Div HSC, plus 47th and 48th Infantry Bdes graduated Unit Set Fielding in Kirkuk on Nov 30. (Official commissioning of 12th Div and 47th/48th Bdes.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24161&Itemid=128
- Dec05: 3rd Sq getting 3 more Caravan ISR.
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=27217
- Dec05: 2nd Sq receives five more Jet Rangers on Dec4 and is consolidating at Kirkuk by January. (2nd?: 2nd is the Hueys, 12th is the Jet Rangers. Redesignation/consolidation?)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=27216
- Dec05: "The Iraqis have signed a case for 140 M1A1s, not 240. They also signed a request for an additional 140. The second 140 has yet to be approved by congress but DoS is about to officially deliver the notification to congress when session begins (I think 8 Dec)." (140/yr buys.) RFI response by Colonel Avery, MNSTC-I SAO via LTC Bill Gazis, MoD PAO Action Officer MNSTC-I
- Dec05: Opening of Colonel Adnan Distribution Center, Taji National Support Depot on Dec4.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24179&Itemid=128
- Dec05: AAslt exercise by ISWCS and 15th SOS.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=27219
- Dec05: "It is the 2nd." (2nd Squadron has the Jet Rangers and is moving to Kirkuk. Redesignated. Is the UH-IIIs also still there?) RFI response by MNF-I Press Desk, Media Operations Center
- Dec07: New facilities for IGFC.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24216&Itemid=128
- Dec07: A new agency will be created to secure archaeological sites. A similar directorate has already been established to protect embassies and diplomatic missions; "In the near future protection of (the American Embassy) will be the responsibility of the Iraqi National Police and the movement of political missions will be under the Iraqi protection of the national police forces." INP also will work with MoI to create a protection force for the Green Zone. The Central Bank in Baghdad, which will get a battalion of about 500 to 600 officers. An INP brigade will

be stationed in each of Iraq's 15 provinces.

http://www.khaleejtimes.ae/darticlen.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2008/December/middleeast_December134.xml§ion=middleeast&col=

- Dec09: Taji based 9th Divisional Training Center's new facilities near completion. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24252&Itemid=128
- Dec09: Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of (64) Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelters (DRASH), (1,500) 50 watt Very High Frequency (VHF) Base Station Radios, (6,000) VHF Tactical Handheld Radios, (100) VHF Fixed Retransmitters, (200) VHF Vehicular Radios, (30) VHF Maritime 50 watt Base Stations, (150) 150 watt High Frequency (HF) Base Station Radio Systems, (150) 20 watt HF Vehicular Radios, (30) 20 watt HF Manpack Radios, (50) 50 watt Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency (VHF/UHF) Ground to Air Radio Systems, (50) 150 watt VHF/UHF Ground to Air Radio Systems, (50) 5 watt Multiband Handheld Radio Systems. \$485 Million. <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-11.pdf>
- Dec09: Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of (80,000) M16A4 5.56MM Rifles, (25,000) M4 5.56MM Carbines, (2,550) M203 40MM Grenade Launchers <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-10.pdf>
- Dec09: Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of 26 Bell Armed 407 Helicopters. <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-09.pdf>
- Dec09: Possible sale of 140 M1A1 Abrams tanks modified and upgraded to the M1A1M Abrams configuration, 8 M88A2 Tank Recovery Vehicles, 64 M1151A1B1 Armored High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), 92 M1152 Shelter Carriers, 12 M577A2 Command Post Carriers, 16 M548A1 Tracked Logistics Vehicles, 8 M113A2 Armored Ambulances, and 420 AN/VRC-92 Vehicular Receiver Transmitters. Also included are: 35 M1070 Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET) Truck Tractors, 40 M978A2 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) Tankers, 36 M985A2 HEMTT Cargo Trucks, 4 M984A2 HEMTT Wrecker Trucks, 140 M1085A1 5-ton Cargo Trucks, 8 HMMWV Ambulances w/ Shelter, 8 Contact Maintenance Trucks, 32 500 gal Water Tank Trailers, 16 2500 gal Water Tank Trucks, 16 Motorcycles, 80 8-ton Heavy/Medium Trailers, 16 Sedans, 92 M1102 Light Tactical trailers, 35 635NL Semi-Trailers, 4 5,500 lb Rough Terrain Forklifts. <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-08.pdf>
- Dec09: Possible sale of 400 M1126 STRYKER Infantry Carrier Vehicles (ICVs), 400 M2 HB 50 cal Browning Machine Guns, 400 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles (ASVs), 8 Heavy Duty Recovery Trucks. <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-05.pdf>
- Dec09: Possible sale of (20) 30-35meter Coastal Patrol Boats and (3) 55-60 meter Offshore Support Vessels, each outfitted with the Seahawk MS1-S30MA2 mount using a 30 x 173mm CHAIN gun and short range Browning M2-HB .50 cal machine gun. <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-07.pdf>
- Dec09: Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of 20 T-6A Texan aircraft. <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-06.pdf>
- Dec09: Possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of 36 AT-6B Texan II Aircraft. <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/PressReleases/36-b/2009/09-04.pdf>
- Dec11: Diyala IP says ready to take over. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=104497>
- Dec13: Recruiting a new bn from Mosul for 3rd Bde, 3rd INP Div. 1500 recruits. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=27630
- Dec14: Joint Repair Parts Command at Taji. (possible Bn or Bde level joint MoI/MoD support element.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=136011
- Dec14: "The 400 ASVs and 400 Strykers that were notified were for the Army. This is not the ASVs that the Police are buying--they were already notified and the case is already offered. This is separate action in preparation for Army APC buys, the Iraqis have not yet decided but are looking harder now at Strykers and LAVs (LAVs also already notified). They are not looking as hard at the ASV anymore. They are also looking at Romanian APCs...bottom line, not final decisions on APCs made by Iraqi ARMY yet." (APC competition between M1117, M1126, LAV-25, RO BTR80 variant, and/or MLI-84. MLI-84 is only tracked APC in this mix. Interest in M1117 for this role is fading.) [RFI Response by Colonel Avery, MNSTC-I SAO via LTC Gazis, MNSTC-I PAO](http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=27630)
- Dec14: Weapons purchases from US, France, UK and others. Focus on Tanks and atk Helos. (What from UK? Others?) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=video/video_show.php&id=51259
- Dec15: 7th Phase III INP battalion is 1-6/2 INP Battalion, started 13 Dec 2008. Next year they start training two battalions at a time. (Normally, the rest of the Brigade is in Rasheed or Taji during Phase III, receiving other training and equipment.) http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24369&Itemid=128
- Dec16: 45/11-Salman Pak. (1st rpt since USF.) http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=27741
- Dec16: Bayji Depot hand-off. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24404&Itemid=128
- Dec16: Karbala NERB receiving HMMWVs. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=104771>
- Dec18: "[MoI] having logistics issues across the board, in terms of fuel distribution, ammo distribution, maintenance. We are -- we and the MOI are building fuel distribution points, regional maintenance facilities. We've

recently seen an increase in fuel distribution and training ammunition." "And then the next step of this four-phased program will be regionalization of the national police, where the minister's objective is a national police brigade or battalion in each province."

http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2008-12/122208142502200812191030_Milano_transcript.pdf

- Dec24: M1A1 tank orientation, first group of 28 M1A1 tank crewmen Dec. 21. Crewmen, selected from cadre of Armor School instructors and 9th Division, will continue orientation through Jan. 2. Final selectees will then participate in a three month train-the-trainer course at Besmaya. The graduates will serve as instructors for the remaining Iraqi Army crews prior to the arrival of their own M1A1 tanks. This will allow the IA to significantly accelerate the fielding of its new armor regiments. GoI purchased 140 advanced M1A1 Abrams Integrated Management Situational Awareness tanks scheduled to arrive in the fall of 2010. "The M1A1 tank is the future of Iraq; the Soviet equipment is our past....the M1A1s will lead us into the future," said Iraqi Army Col. Ghazi, Iraqi Army Armor School Commandant.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24544&Itemid=128
- Dec24: With the new buildings, IMSS will be able to handle about 450 students at any given time, compared to 230 prior to construction.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24552&Itemid=128
- Dec26: Iraqi National Emergency Response Brigade instructors initiated the 20th operator selection course Dec. 20 in order to meet its growing needs as a newly established brigade. "The primary goal for this class is to increase numbers [of personnel] in the SWAT units at Mosul and Tikrit, which have the lowest numbers in the Brigade," said an ERB advisor. "The secondary goal is to bring personnel numbers at the Brigade's 1st Battalion in Baghdad to 100 percent and increase numbers in its support battalion, also in Baghdad."
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=28155
- Dec27: 87th Composite Squadron at Al Muthanna uses King Air ISR and Lt Transport aircraft. (First report of this squadron.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24602&Itemid=128
- Dec30: 17th Div's 55th Bde taking over Rasheed District of Baghdad? (Wording of caption subject to interpretation, only 1 bn ID'd in Rasheed ATT.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=139397

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- Jan01: "Baghdad Brigade"? <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=105591>
- Jan01: Basrah Riverine SWAT formed. http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=28356
- Jan01: "Baghdad Brigade"? (New IA formation.) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=105613>
- Jan01: 3rd ISOF Battalion received convoy training. (1st ISOF Brigade BSB)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24678&Itemid=128
- Jan02: "The Baghdad Brigade is different from the Presidential Brigade. The Iraqi Army's Presidential Brigade is used primarily for the President's Office protection. It consists of three battalions, one for the president and one for each his two deputies. The Presidential Brigade was established after the collapse of the previous regime. The Baghdad Brigade reports directly to the Prime Minister and its commander is Brig. Gen. Emaad Yahseen Al Zuhary." (IA Security/MP Brigades.) [RFI response by CPT Charles Calio MNF-I MOCPress Desk](#)
- Jan02: 1-36/9 "Mechanized" Battalion in Basrah during Dec08. (Mech Bn? That was an T55 equipped Armor Bn. Did they trade in their T55s?)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=140589
- Jan03: 5-44/11 Battalion in Sadr City. (First report of a 5th Battalion or the inferred 4th Battalion in 44th Brigade.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24707&Itemid=21
- Jan03: New years graduation of 41/10 IA Bde from initial training at Besmaya. (elements have been training in south since at least Oct08.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24709&Itemid=128
- Jan04: "Baghdad Brigade belongs to Iraqi Army under the supervision of the office of the General Commander of Armed Forces." [RFI response from GoI National Media Center.](#)
- Jan08: 1797 new graduates for INP 3rd Division. Most to the Abu Risha Brigade in Mosul. (Expansion or gap filling?) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24787&Itemid=128
- Jan09: Kut AB under renovation for operations. "Future mission plans include stationing Iraqi Air Force Mi-17 helicopters at the FOB, as well as an Intelligence-Surveillance-Reconnaissance ground station for downloading data from ISR aircraft. The IqAF is in the process of procuring fuel trucks to support aircraft and generator requirements." (5th IZAF AB to be made operational.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24806&Itemid=128
- Jan09: "A force from the Iraqi interior ministry's Quick Response Department..." (Separate Department in MoI for Emergency Police?) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=106031>
- Jan11: "The courses provide the basic technical skills for each career field and prepare NCOs to contribute to the mission when they report to their Communications Squadrons. The graduates will be stationed at Taji, New

al-Muthana, Kirkuk, Basrah, and Al Kut Air Bases, and the Iraqi Air Operations Center." (Battalion sized communications units at the airbases and AOC.)

http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24827&Itemid=128

- Jan11: 8th IAD receiving mortar training. (Recent emphasis on mortar training indicates they will be first Div to receive heavy Mortars.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=143083
- Jan12: Rebuilt T72s for Iraq? (False, see RFI response below. Numbers/prices are wrong. This is a repeat of the 2 year old Defense Solutions proposal and is not a finalized deal.)
<http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=3896249&c=FEA&s=CVS>
- Jan12: "DJ, We are pushing back on this story because, as you have stated, it is full of false information and misquotes. Thank you for pointing this out to us. We picked it up this morning and are in full push back mode. R/LCDR Russell" RFI response by LCDR David Russell, USN, Press Desk Officer MNF-I CJ9 COMMS DIV to Defense News story on 2000 rebuilt T72s for Iraq
- Jan13: "Al-Maliki also ordered to form a special force to protect the region, including women to search female visitors," (New unit in Kadhimiyah?) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=106255>
- Jan13: Dec08 9010 Quarterly Report released.
http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pdfs/9010_Report_to_Congress_Dec_08.pdf
- Jan13: 34/9 Bde in QRF training course.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/CombatCameraDaily/2009/January/090113_pod.pdf
- Jan15: The 8,500 HMMWVs are to be transferred by July vice end-year.
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=28861
- Jan15: T/A-50 and co-production with KS? (also mention of armored vehicles and artillery as part of tour.)
http://www.koreancenter.or.kr/news/news_foreign_view.aspx?menu_code=02001000&news_id=AEN20090115000100315
- Jan15: Armored vehicle assembly facility for Iraq as part of KS deal? (155mm SP Howitzers? AFV/IFVs? Wheeled APCs? Tanks?) http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2009/ea_skorea0044_01_15.asp
- Jan16: Current bases include Taji, Basra, NAMAB, Kirkuk and Kut. The Iraqis service plan indicates they will expand as soon as they have the personnel, funding and equipment to the following bases: Ali, Suwayrah, Al Asad, H2, Irbil, Habbaniyah, and Shaiba. Basra may or may not remain a permanent base after Shaiba opens and H3 is not currently in the service plan. RFI response by SSG Susan James, MNF-I Press Desk, Media Operations Center
- Jan17: "This is one of several humanitarian events the National Police, 1st Battalion, Basra Brigade, 4th Division have..." (First Report of a 4th INP Div)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24961&Itemid=128
- Jan17: 3rd Contingent (Bn) of Telecom Security in Mosul. (FPS) <http://en.aswataliraq.info:80/?p=106499>
- Jan18: "Good evening, I have spoken with my journalist and he said the following: "Sir, I have the unit "NP 1BN, Basra BDE 4th Div" written down in my notes by both the Iraqi LTC and the unit's XO." Please let us know of any specific questions that you may have and we will try and get the information to you. RFI response by Cpt. Jeffrey A. Johnson, 123rd MPAD, US Support Element PAO Basra
- Jan18: 2nd report from MND-SE of the "1st Battalion, Basra Brigade, 4th Division". (No data on other planned components of 4th INP Div.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24964&Itemid=128
- Jan19: "I called the unit to triple check their name and ask about your questions. Here is what they told me: 1) Are there any other components to the 4th INP Div or is the still building Basrah Bde the only element so far? They are still building the brigade. The third battalion is in the planning stages. The 1st Bn., at Basra Palace; and 2nd Bn., out side of the city; are QRFs. They will be renamed later on. 2) And what adjacent province(s) is the 4th Div also planning to own? We don't know at this point what other province they will control. The permanent headquarters hasn't been identified as of yet." RFI response by SSG Aaron Thacker, MND-SE, PAO NCOIC
- Jan25: "According to the commanding general of the Iraq Air Force, MOD is only in discussions with South Korea on the purchase of TA-50 aircraft. There is no agreement, no quantity, and no schedule at this time." RFI response by 1LT John A. Brimley, MNF-I Press Desk, Media Operations Center
- Jan25: "We are getting information that the commanding general of the Iraq Air Force stated MOD is only in discussions with South Korea on the purchase of TA-50 aircraft. There is no agreement, no quantity, and no schedule at this time." RFI response by LCDR David Russell, USN, Press Desk Officer, MNF-I CJ9 COMMS DIV
- Jan25: "At approximately the same time, IA soldiers serving with 2nd Battalion, 55th Brigade, 17th IA Division, found three 60 mm mortars in East Rashid." (Second bn of 55th operating in Bayaa; Adjacent to 54th; 15th Div forming in west Baghdad?)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25118&Itemid=21
- Jan28: First 30 M1A1M instructors start training at Besmaya. "...the instructor candidates will serve as assistant instructors when the initial crews begin arriving in April 2009, building basic M1A1 skills prior to the arrival of the 140 Iraqi M1A1 tanks in the fall of 2010." (3 months to train trainers, then 18 months to train before they get their first purchased M1s. Lend/lease?)

- http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25161&Itemid=128
- Jan28: 4,000 HMMWV xfer'd.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25167&Itemid=128
- Jan30: Serbian Lazar APC proposal to Iraq. <http://www.forecastinternational.com/abstract.cfm?recno=156277>
- Jan30: SIGIR Quarterly Report. ISFF construction projects. ISFF funding. PIC order is Salahadin/Kirkuk, Diyala, Ninawa, then Baghdad. MoI has limited trng facilities while MoD has hiring freeze due to budget. Completion dates on select LCs and other facilities. (26th Bde facilities in Ramadi complete 25 Feb 2009; explains why 26th is still in Basrah & 53rd is still in Baghdad; they are awaiting 26th's new facilities.)
<http://www.sigir.mil/reports/quarterlyreports/Jan09/pdf/Report - January 2009 LoRes.pdf>
- Feb02: Taji RTC finally getting barracks for students.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25234&Itemid=128
- Feb03: 2/1 INP Bde elms AAslt.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_gallery2&Itemid=99999999&g2_itemId=7469
- Feb05: First mention of "Habbenayah SWAT".
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=29695
- Feb07: "The 2009 Force Generation Plan calls for: The completion of the last 4 Location Commands; The fielding of 20 81mm Mortar Platoons and 10 120mm Artillery Batteries; The fielding of 2 Tank Battalions (T72); The fielding of key enable capabilities; 12 Service Regiments; 6 Engineering Regiments; 1 MP Company; 1 Fuel Transport Company; 13 Signal Tactical Operations Centers (TOCs); 13 Divisional Low Level Voice Interceptor and Light Motor Recon Platoons." http://www.mnstci.iraq.centcom.mil/iraqi_army.aspx
- Feb07: 5th ISOF Bn redesignated from training to Recon. Budget problems.
http://www.mnstci.iraq.centcom.mil/iraqi_National_Counter_Terrorism_Force.aspx
- Feb07: USMC Force Recon training elements of 1-1/1 IA Bn at Ramadi.
[http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/public/InfolineMarines.nsf/\(ArticlesRead\)/5BB9A4D59D5075A64325755D006C62D7](http://www.mnfwest.usmc.mil/public/InfolineMarines.nsf/(ArticlesRead)/5BB9A4D59D5075A64325755D006C62D7)
- Feb08: INP Academy at al Amarah.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/CombatCameraDaily/2009/February/090208_pod.pdf
- Feb10: Baaj Emergency Battalion. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=107855>
- Feb10: 4-18/5 Bn. (1st report)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25341&Itemid=128
- Feb11: Oil Police Northern Regional Training Academy in Kirkuk. 200 cadets. 8 week course.
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=150672
- Feb11: 2nd Sq still at Taji and getting Night Vision Training in their Hueys. (It is becoming obvious that the report of "2nd Sq" getting Jet Rangers and moving to Kirkuk was wrong and that that was 12th Sq despite the assertions to the contrary...)
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=150613
- Feb11: "Gen. Helmick said the Iraqi military had already ordered 140 M1 Abrams tanks, up to 24 Bell Assault Reconnaissance helicopters and 6 C130-J transport airplanes. The tanks will not be delivered until 2011, and the helicopters and transport planes will not arrive until the end of 2012 or possibly in 2013."
<http://washingtontimes.com/news/2009/feb/11/iraq-buys-us-gear-beyond-troop-deadline/>
- Feb11: "...third Brigade of the Quick Intervention Corps (QIC)..." (First mention of a corps. No number, just name...) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=107950>
- Feb11: Lasta-95s first flight test. Still expect to deliver 20 to Iraq.
<http://www.emportal.rs/en/news/serbia/78647.html>
- Feb12: "DJ - From the Deputy Director of our SAO... - I would say the MoD is working to prioritize their budget and would not make any assumptions about individual programs that they may delay. On MoI- They do not have all the same budget issues as MoD and I would not make any assumptions about delays in fielding any forces. On other programs impacted by budgets...too early to speculate how their prioritization will turn out and if they will get a supplemental from cash reserves to pay for equipment, but it is safe to say their current funding levels need to be significantly increased or many programs will need to be stretched out. No plans that I have heard regarding transfer of M113s. The Iraqis have not asked for them which would be the start of a process to release them. As an aside, the Iraqis have not been real interested in tracked vehicles." (Budget crunch effects undetermined.) [RFI response by Lt. Col. Bill Gazis, USA, MoD PA Action Officer MNSTC-I](http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=29942)
- Feb12: "Each Iraqi route clearance team consists of 3 M1151 (up armored HMMWV) and one Badger route clearance vehicle with Ferret Arm." http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=29942
- Feb12: "Quick Intervention Corps (QIC)'s 3rd Brigade" (Second mention of QIC.)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=108000>
- Feb13: 533 members of 1-6/2 INP graduated Phase III training on 12 Feb. Next class will be 900 pers. (Expanding to 2xBns; M1117s in 1-6/2 INP Bn)
http://www.mnstci.iraq.centcom.mil/Press_Releases/htmlVerPA/release_090213-01.aspx
- Feb13: SWAT competition for Al Qaim, Anah, Hadithah, and Rawah SWAT at Rawah. (SWAT elements of the

four ERUs of 2nd PSF Bde meeting at Bde HQ.)

http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25370&Itemid=128

- Feb13: 2nd Sq completes NVD training 8 Feb.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=29985
- Feb12: Taqaddum surveyed for Trng and/or logistics AB.
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=video/video_show.php&id=54304
- Feb14: Growing Diver Force.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25393&Itemid=128
- Feb14: Iraqi Navy Diving Squadron receiving RHIB training at Basrah. (First report of Iraqi Navy Diving Squadron.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25391&Itemid=128
- Feb15: "There has been some discussion by the GoI about creating Corps, but there is no timeline." [RFI response by TSgt Chris Stagner, USAF, MNF-I Media Operations Center](#)
- Feb15: "Quick Intervention Department (QID) forces ...south of Tikrit," (4th IAD AOR.)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=108126>
- Feb16: 6th Bn in Falluja Bde? <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=108219>
- Feb18: Raid by Baghdad Brigade? (is supposed to be IZ security...) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=108342>
- Feb18: "Quick Intervention Corps" (third mention) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=108346>
- Feb19: New Iraqi Army Artillery School at Besmaya. Fielding 81mm and 120mm Mortars starting in Jun09. Light Artillery Wing is for the mortar training. (The "Light Artillery Wing" infers that there is a "Heavy Artillery Wing" planned for howitzers.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25451&Itemid=128
- Feb19: Slide 1-"Iraqi Special Forces" patch on chest of 8th IAD soldier in the photo training. (Is this only a part of 8th Division or is it "8th Special Forces Division".)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/CombatCameraDaily/2009/February/090219_pod.pdf
- Feb20: 38/10 IA Brigade receiving 120mm mortar training. (First IA Bde to be reported receiving 120mm mortar training.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=30236
- Feb22: 6th Emergency Battalion in DhiQar? (1st report of more than 3 bns there.)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=108516>
- Feb23: "I would like mention that the 16th Brigade was never moved to Tikrit. They went from Sulaymaniyah to Tuz in June 08. I was an advisor to the brigade during that time frame. The 15th and 16th Divisions are due to stand up in the Sulaymaniyah province somewhere. From visiting the Sulay recruiting station it is my understanding that the divisions have been fully recruited against but the central gov't will not activate them. The 49th Brigade of the 12th Div will be activated in Kirkuk as well. [e-mail](#)
- Feb24: Mr. Mark Bangsboll, JHAATT M1A1 Project Officer/Advisor, stated, "Currently, the first four American tanks are at Besmaya Range Complex, with another 18 to be delivered within the next month. The 22 tanks will be used to train 11 Iraqi tank crews in each of thirteen future 45-day rotations. Iraq has purchased 140 M1A1 Abrams tanks, scheduled for delivery in August 2010." Salazar added, "We currently have 30 Iraqis in the M1A1 Train-the-Trainer course for the first phase of the process. The second phase will involve these new instructors training the new crews. They are committed to providing the best possible training to the Iraqi Army before they receive the first new tanks." (This sounds more like delivery completion of the first 140 in Aug 2010.)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25548&Itemid=128
- Feb25: Tikrit reviewed for possible air base location by IZAF. (Supporting 4th IA Div?)
http://pentagontv.feedroom.com/?&fr_story=4cacdd8884ede8ae72dafb3278f09ba71ec0a65f&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mnf-iraq.com%2Findex.php%3Fflang%3Denglish&autoplay=true&skin=oneclip&rf=ev
- Feb26: These two Divisions did form on their own, but are not supported with money, equipment, or personnel through the IA system nor by the US. They are basically the two Kurdish Divisions in the North/Northeast, and are totally self-sufficient as far as we can tell. Occasionally we hear rumors they may join the IA, but almost immediately the MoD disavows those rumors. There certainly is nothing official out, nor, as far as I know, are there any U.S. individuals invited to the inner discussions (if any are happening) on such a merger. [MNSTC-I PAO](#)
- Feb26: Redesignating the Emergency Bns as Emergency Security Units? (New name to distinguish the differing units?) http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=30486
- Mar01: "Iraqi Army Field Engineer Regiments began receipt and training with the Symphony electronic counter-measure system in Jan. 2009. Produced by U.S. defense contractor Lockheed-Martin, the Symphony Improvised Explosive Device jammer is a vehicle-mounted, programmable, radio-frequency IED-defeat system that emits radio interference to prevent remote triggering of roadside bombs."
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25622&Itemid=128
- Mar01: We recognize 13. They recognize 14 [Divs]. (the old 17IA issue again). We do know it exists though. We/they are calling a 6-tube 81-mortar unit a mortar platoon, and the 6-9 tube 120 mortar unit a battery. They had some old 82s around, but what they are buying now are 81s. Hope that clears it up. [RFI response by Naething.](#)
[Robert R COL MNSTC-I JHAATT](#)
- Mar05: :Yeah, on the intel side, we've built an intelligence academy at Taji. Their throughput is about 400 students

per class. They run approximately three classes a year, along with intermediate and advanced courses. But, you know, we're trying to -- I think we have a requirement to train, you know, 40,000 intel folks, and to date, we've trained maybe 2,500 of them. So the throughput is increasing significantly, but clearly the capacity isn't there to train as many as we would like all at one given time."

http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2009-03/03050916362520090304_Lukefahr_transcript.pdf

- Mar08: Q-I am seeing mentions that the Malaysians were unable to deliver the 15 patrol boats for the Iraqi Navy. 1. Is this correct? 2. If so, then is the FMS notice from 9 Dec the replacements? A- 1. yes. 2. yes. [RFI response from CDR Mark Escoe, USN, MNSTC-I, CNATT Chief of Staff, Naval Logistics Plans Officer](#)
- Mar08: DR. AL-DABBAGH (GoI Spokesman): (Speaks in Arabic.) INT: "I want to say that we have problems with the budget because of the oil. We -- The Iraqi (inaudible) the Council of Representatives are trying through -- by restructuring the, the budget, to, to fulfill all our needs. There are -- certain sectors are not going to get affected. One of them is the purchasing of equipment and the expansion of the Iraqi Security Forces because it's a big responsibility, which we have a big responsibility which is taking over the security responsibility after the American forces leaving Iraq. And we have to have the right number of equipment in order to have -- be self-reliant and self-sufficient -- and after 2011." (ISF is being shelded from Iraqi government budget cuts.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25714&Itemid=128
- Mar09: Iraqi SF patch. (Is 8th IAD becoming the 8th Iraqi Special Forces Division? Vice Commando?) http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=155869
- Mar09: AAslt training for "The Dhi Qar province's 5th Tactical Security Unit..." http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=30879
- Mar09: 3-41/10 Commando Bn. http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=30910
- Mar10: Q: Corps structure and development? 14 Divs and only IGFC, IA recognizes they need intermediate structure. IA still looking at options since 14 does not fit neatly into standard structure. They will probably study/plan thru this year and might start forming in 2010 and later. CTB place in this? Curently under the PM. Troops are payed by MoD. Plan to pass CT law in 2009. Arguably CTB could belong to MoD or MoI; ownership debate. Doing excelent work. Q: Kurds? Relationship? MNSTC-I does not have a relationship with KRG. There is a dialogue with counterparts in MoD/MoI, KRG, and MNF-I. http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2009-03/03120911114320090310_Lacey_transcript.pdf
- Mar10: "...6th Iraqi Army Division's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Battalion." (First report of a divisional ISR battalion. This could explain the 8th Div pers training with SF patches and the 7th Div pers being trained by USMC Force Recon.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=30956
- Mar10: Taji National Maintenance Depot to be completely Iraqi by 1 Jan 2010. <http://www.defenselink.mil//news/newsarticle.aspx?id=53424>
- Mar11: Maint elemt DBE Reg IV. http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25717&Itemid=128
- Mar11: "General Dynamics Land Systems, a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), has been awarded a contract worth \$33 million to purchase long-lead materials for the production of 140 M1A1 SA (Situational Awareness) tanks for the Iraq program. The SA enhancements to the M1A1 for Iraq include a second generation FLIR thermal site, Tank Urban Survivability (TUSK) enhancements and a driver's vision-enhancing thermal viewer. The tanks will also be equipped with the TIGER engine, the Pulse Jet System, and embedded diagnostics. The TIGER engine has a monitoring system that is able to identify and alert the crew if there are potential issues with the tank." (Lead items for second buy of 140 M1A1s for Iraq.) <http://www.gd.com:80/>
- Mar11: 2nd Unity Battalion. (Gave Unity Bn a number. It is the QRF Bn in 2nd INP Div. Prob the other two Div QRF Bns are also numbered for their INP Div.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25727&Itemid=128
- Mar11: Saqlawiya PSF located NW of Falujah (Falujah Provencial Security Force Bde becoming two Bdes? Named "PSF" is usually a Bde.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25731&Itemid=128
- Mar14: "...6th Emergency Response Battalion, Iraqi national police headquarters building to conduct a training class and discuss the training and material needs of the battalion." (New Emergency Bn in Basrah. Notice they are listing them with INP.) http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=157132
- Mar14: 2nd Basrah INP Bn is former IV DBE Region Commando Bn. Re-flagged in March 2008. (Explains the speed of fielding the BPPF in March 2008.) http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25766&Itemid=128
- Mar14: 3-15 IA Bn graduated Warfighter training at K1 on 12 Mar 2008. (Report has wrong Division listed.) http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25769&Itemid=128
- Mar15: T-50 contract. NFI. http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2009/03/205_41302.html
- Mar15: "There has been a hiring freeze by the Government of Iraq as I understand it regarding security forces, primarily tied to their budget."

http://www.mnf-iraq.com/images/stories/Press_briefings/2009/march/090315_transcript.pdf

- Mar16: SAO has both M1126 and LAV-25 FMS case paperwork standing by for decision on APC buy. 24 Bell 407 with option for 26 more.
http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2009-03/03160915192820090316_Avery_transcript.pdf
- Mar16: "Quick Response Department (QRD)" in Babil. (Reorganizing ERBsERUs?)
<http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=109915>
- Mar18: Aviation support for OPD? (IZAF or MoI getting helos?)
http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/KC18Ak01.html
- Mar19: Hillah IP K9 Unit. (First report)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=31324
- Mar19: GENERAL DYNAMICS LAND SYSTEMS, INC., Sterling Heights, Mich., was awarded on Mar. 5, 2009, a \$33,182,318 a no Fee cost contract for material for the Iraq program to purchase 140 M1A1 Abrams vehicles, with an estimated completion dates of Sept. 1, 2009.
<http://www.defenselink.mil/contracts/contract.aspx?contractid=3986>
- Mar20: "Participating in the shooting course were members of the 7th Division's commando battalion, engineer regiment, and military police company." (7th ISR Bn)
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=31364
- Mar25: 6th IA Engrs receiving equip Aug 2009.
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=31577
- Mar25: M1A1 training at Besmaya. First 140 to be delivered by August 2010. "Each student is trained in a variety of skills on the Abrams including how to drive, load, fire and perform basic maintenance. To be proficient in all areas of the Abrams the students will rotate between the four different positions on the M1A1 to learn the different skills needed to run the tank. Previously Iraqi soldiers were only trained on their primary position and knew little to nothing about the other soldiers' skills."
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=31598
- Mar25: 24 EC635 sold to Iraq by France.
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20090325/w1_mideast_afp/franceiraqmilitary
- Mar25: "They have on contract four patrol ships, 53-meter patrol ships, that they have contracted with Italy, the first of which is due to sail mid this year, due for arrival in Umm Qasr later in the year with the remainder following in about two or three month intervals. And the first of the Iraqi crews are currently undergoing training." "Currently, they don't have any organic naval aviation that's dedicated to the Iraqi navy. They have plans to deliver both a maritime surveillance capability and support helicopter lift capability. At present, that's at the requirement stage. And it may be that the most cost-effective way of delivering that is in partnership with Iraqi air force which, as you know, is currently growing as we speak." "The new pier and seawall will allow them to berth all of the existing craft and the forward-looking equipment program with no problems at all." "In terms of Seabees or what we would have anything that you would recognize as that. We still provide a level of support in that. But there are aspirations to deliver an (N-7 ?) piece. One of the difficulties we have is that the Iraqi navy is relatively small. And there are obviously competing demands on what we need the personnel for. So areas such as intelligence, engineering, construction support, they are very much in the embryonic stage, but they are target headlines for us to achieve in 2009, 2010." "Yes, they're taking on very much what you and I would understand as a traditional, albeit smaller naval organization. There is a head of the navy, there is a headquarters -- (inaudible) -- type staff that's based here in Baghdad. There is a base and an operations commander down in Umm Qasr. The naval activity is organized into Iraqi marines, Iraqi navy personnel. The Iraqi navy will be ultimately delineated into a series of squadrons, whether they're patrol ships, patrol boats, and then there will be a logistics and support squadron which will be made up of the two offshore support vessels and the requisite support organization, logistics organization down in Umm Qasr. And as I said, they are growing things like the enabling functions into intelligence, there's very much a very active personnel branch up here in Baghdad that's started to get its head around how it makes this a long-term, sustainable activity."
http://www.defenselink.mil/DODCMSShare/BloggerAssets/2009-03/03260913041520090325_Hine_transcript.pdf
- Mar25: 1. Q-The schedule of Iraqi naval vessels delivery.(Especially the replacement PB order.) A-There is no firm delivery timelines for the 15 PBs/2 OSVs as no contract has been signed. 20 more Defenders are due to arrive before the summer and 24 more small FABs will arrive before the end of the year. The first Italian Patrol Ship is due early summer with the remaining 3 following at 3 month intervals. 2. Q-The planned size of the Iraqi Marines. A-The IqM will consist of 2 Bns - the first is formed and is conducting OPLAT protection and other maritime security duties. The 2nd is forming and will be trained to conduct similar roles and port security. It is hoped to have both at full strength before the end of 2009. [RFI response by Van N. Williams, Public Affairs Specialist, Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq](#)
- Mar26: Tactical Commanders Course at Taji. "On March 22, the Iraqi Army held the opening ceremony for the new Battalion and Brigade Command Level Training Course. The course is designed to provide commanders and prospective commanders with a "toolkit" for success that addresses unit operations, staff functions, administrative suspenses, and training all of which will be compulsory for newly designated battalion and brigade commanders in

the Iraqi Army." (Mandatory course for field command.)

http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25901&Itemid=128

- Mar26: Seconded 5-36/9 Bn person training in M1A1s. (Second report of 5-36th. Temp desig? Trng Bn? Building new bns in 9th pending adding BSB/BSTB for new Bdes? T72 tanker, which means 5-36th could be future recipient of NATO donated T72s. First report was on Feb4. That was corrected to 1-5-6. Currently 1-54th Bn. Could 1-54th be reconfiguring as Armored. Or used as a source of pers for a new bn?)
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25900&Itemid=128
- Mar26: "Tactical Security Unit" is another term for an emergency brigade. RFI response by Lt. Kathy Ferrero, MNC-I PAO
- Mar26: "Iraqi Special Forces VIII" shoulder patch noted on unit member training in Diwaniyah. (Prob 8th ISR Bn.) http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=160188
- Mar26: "ICTF" Patch in Diwaniyah. (ISOF Iraqi Counter Terrorism Task Force unit assigned to Diwaniyah?)
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=160145
- Mar26: "Iraqi Special Forces" Patch in Diwaniyah. (8th or 9th time this patch noted in photos of trng in Diwaniyah, poss it is ISR Bn for 8th Div. However, the ICTF patch noted above indicates this may be a new ISOF bn. Or ISOF is providing Cadre/Trng for 8th Div's ISR/Cdo Bn.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=160188
- Mar27: First mention of an IA Off-site Training Team. Civil Affairs Class for 10th Div provided by instructors from Taji's Counter-Insurgency Academy.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25912&Itemid=128
- Mar27: "The members of Military Transition Team 7, working with the Reconnaissance Platoon of Regimental Combat Team 8, recently launched a month-long training course designed to hone the skills of the 7th Iraqi army division's Special Operations Battalion." (This makes the potential association of ISOF with the ISR Bns even more likely. They are refering to them as commandos...)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=31706
- Mar27: Contract for the procurement and delivery of (22) Mi-17CT helicopters in support of the Iraqi Government. Work is to be performed at Warner Robins, Ga., (15 percent), Dubai, United Arab Emirates, (20 percent), and Ulan Ude Russia, (65 percent) with an estimated completion date of Aug. 31, 2010. 3-year indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract for 18,390 M16 A4 rifles for Iraq. estimated completion date of Mar. 8, 2010. (New Special Operations Squadron and additional M16s.) <http://www.defenselink.mil/contracts/contract.aspx?contractid=3993>
- Mar28: "I double checked with our advisors working with the ISOF and they said there is not a unit being stationed in Diwaniyah." (ISOF Patches noted are probably ISR Cadre/trng.) RFI Response by LTC Gary Kolb, MNSTC-I Public Affairs
- Mar28: Six-week Mortar Training Course for 8th IA Division ended on March 24. (The photos indicate this was 120mm mortar training.) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=31730
- Mar29: "The American advisors have trained five squadrons of 55 pilots and 6 gunners." MNSTC-I's April 2009 Advisor
- Mar30: First graduation from Northern Oil Police Directorate's Kirkuk Regional Training Center. 200 OPF personnel graduates.
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=161425
- Mar31: March 2009 9010 Quarterly report to congress released. pg43: The most significant difference between the MoD and the MoI budget execution success—and the reason the MoI is realizing greater progress—is that the MoI effectively delegates decision-making authority, including areas of budget execution, contracting, and hiring. In contrast, all management decisions within the MoD (e.g. approving all but very minor facility maintenance and all contracting requirements) must be approved by the Minister of Defense, and in some cases, by the Prime Minister. Until this process is replaced with delegated decision making, MoD's acquisition, force management, and logistics processes will continue to be hampered. Despite these challenges, both ministries achieved a near 100% budget execution for 2008. However, the increasing public friction between the Minister of Interior and the Prime Minister may produce unintended or unforeseen consequences in MoI functionality. pg 44: 175 IA bns operational; 4 new formed; 179 total. 5 ISOF bns. 5 SIB. 57 of 64 INP units accessed and 7 forming; Coalition advisors shifting to INP Bde level focus except for new bns formed. pg45: The MoI began fielding a NP Sustainment Brigade in October 2008 with the purchase of property and Coalition force-contracting for construction of facilities commencing in March 2009. The NP Sustainment Brigade will be a mobile organization providing support to the four NP divisions and separate brigades during operations. The NP will complete organic support units in each division during 2009. pg51: National Police Depending on funding, the NP will expand with the completion of the 3rd Division units in the northern region, and begin generation of the 4th Division HQs and subordinate units in the southern region. Additionally, the NP has assumed three new security force missions. The new special security unit missions are the Central Bank of ISF, Embassy Protection Force, and the Antiquities/Ruins Security Force. With the planned addition of these units, the 2009 authorization for the NP has increased to over 60,000 members. The NP had 43,000 personnel assigned as of January 2009 and will continue to recruit and train to meet the generation of the new 3rd and 4th Division units. Based on projected MoI budget shortfalls for 2009, the NP will likely struggle with hiring,

training, and equipping the additional personnel required to reach the desired end strength of approximately 60,000. The 3rd Division units will expand to provide a presence in Diyala, Mosul (to add to existing units in Salah ad Din), and Anbar. The 4th Division will generate units in Wasit, Maysan, and Dhi Qar in addition to the units already in Basrah. As part of the plan to regionalize the NP and provide direct support to Provincial Directors of Police (PDoP), it is projected that the NP will have a battalion or larger presence in nine of 15 provinces by the end of 2009. In the KAC, in East and West Rashid, the 5th and 7th NP Brigades have assumed most of the security responsibility from the Coalition and are in the lead. Progress continues in the RAC, with the NP Brigades expected to assume full security responsibility from the Coalition by mid-year 2009. Continued expansion of the NP into the provinces is supported by a three-year plan to base a brigade-sized NP force into each of the provinces, with a regionally based division HQ and division support battalions controlling these units and providing logistical support. The DBE is divided into five regions, 13 brigades, and 52 battalions, as well as the Coastal Border Guard, which is assigned to Region 4 at Basrah. Seven of the DBE battalions are mobile commando battalions that perform operations based on the orders of the DBE Regional Commander. There is no current plan for additional force generation by the DBE, which is authorized 45,000 personnel with more than 40,000 currently assigned. pg52: The OP operates 12 Battalions in three districts—south, central, and north. With additional funding, the MoI plans to form (funding permitting) an additional seven battalions over the next year and an additional 13 battalions by 2012 to provide nationwide infrastructure security coverage to this critical national resource. During this reporting period, the OP completed formation of two new battalions. Currently, select units of the IA guard designated areas of the oil production infrastructure, with the MoI scheduled to resume full responsibility for this mission in late 2010. pg57: Iraqi Army *Organization* The IA currently has 13 infantry divisions and one mechanized division organized under the IGFC. Ground forces include 201 fully generated and trained IA battalions and 55 IA brigades with a force generation focus on enabler units to complete the divisional force structure. Of the 201 battalions, 179 comprise the IGFC combatant battalions. The other 25 battalions make up the Iraqi Infrastructure Battalion (5), the Presidential Brigade (5), the Baghdad Brigade (1), and the Independent Security Force battalions (13). Of the 55 brigades, 53 comprise the IGFC combatant brigades. The remaining two belong to the Presidential Brigade and Baghdad Brigade, respectively. pg58: *Training* In October 2008, the IA suspended Basic Combat Training (BCT) after it surpassed its mandated manpower authorization. Approximately 73,000 Iraqi soldiers completed BCT in 2008. pg61: no new data on IZAF. No mention of squadron counts for the third time in a row.... pg62: IZN looking at 2011 to early 2013 for the OSV and PB replacement orders to be delivered. Budget issue. Jun arrival of first PS. pg63: 6,500 IZN by 2015 is target. Under Prime Minister Directive 61, signed in April 2007, the INCTF is independent of both the MoD and MoI. A bill still awaits CoR approval to establish the CTB as a separate ministry, formalizing a ministerial-level position for the CTB Director. 2.4 Iraqi National Counter-Terrorism Force Besides its payroll, INCTF continues to rely on MoD support for finance, logistics, medical, aviation, and engineer support and training. In December 2007, the CTB and MoD concluded a MOA by which the IqAF provides air support for ISOF operations. The MOA is in effect until the CTB law is passed but does require MoD and CTB to revisit the MOA each year to discuss possible updates or changes. The MoD's IqAF provides Mi-17 helicopter and Cessna KingAir ISR support for ISOF training and operations. In October 2008, air elements were incorporated for the first time in initial ISOF training, and in November 2008, the first of two ISOF personnel completed the Iraqi Forward Air Control training. pg64: The ISOF brigade currently has 824 soldiers who passed the Selection Course in May 2008 but cannot be added to the official rolls due to the hiring freeze. These personnel would be sufficient to bring all units to full operational capability by July 2009 and complete force generation. However, the ISWCS has encountered persistent difficulties obtaining support from the MoD for ammunition, equipment, and pay for the trainees, causing courses to be postponed. Failure to resolve the funding issue for the 824 Selection graduates is already having a significant impact on INCTF's sustainment capability. INCTF advisors have made this a priority in the months ahead.

[http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pdfs/Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq March 2009.pdf](http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pdfs/Measuring_Stability_and_Security_in_Iraq_March_2009.pdf)

- Mar31: Russian company confirms deal for 22 Mi17s to Iraq. <http://en.rian.ru/russia/20090331/120839066.html>
- Mar31: 17th Division receiving 120mm mortar training. http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=161466
- Mar31: DBE using UAVs. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=110800>
- Apr01: "Officials said the U.S. military has transferred surplus UAV systems to the Iraqi military and security forces. They said U.S. advisers have helped operate the UAVs and trained Iraqi personnel." http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2009/me_iraq0263_04_01.asp
- Apr01: "Lt. Gen. Anwar Ahmed said he hoped to sign a contract for 18 advanced F-16s as the centerpiece of billions of dollars Iraq is expected to spend on arms in coming years. "This is very important to us," he said in a telephone interview while visiting Washington. "It is a priority." Provided funds are made available by Iraq's Parliament, he said his goal was to acquire up to 96 F-16s through 2020. He cited the F-16C/D Block 50/52 models now being produced for Poland, Israel, Greece and Pakistan. (This is a reduction in the initial order. The original plan from November 2008, as briefed by the same officer, was for an initial purchase of 36 F16s. Two Squadrons. By 2011. Now they are talking one F-16 Squadron by 2012. And they are talking fewer trainers than the 20 in the FMS notice. The budget crunch. They are stretching out the buys of high cost items...)

<http://www.armybase.us/2009/04/iraqi-air-force-chief-says-us-officials-supportive/>

- Apr02: K9 training of Tikrit IP.
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=162264
- Apr02: At least 12 122mm howitzers in video article segment about salvaging equipment for IA. Battalion ID noted is 2-34 which indicates this is the 34th Brigade. Renewed emphasis on salvaging equipment in the boneyards. (Listing 1-9FA.) http://www.mod.mil.iq/clips/html/humat_155.html
- Apr03: 28 M1A1 trainers graduated train the trainer course on 31 March.
http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26008&Itemid=128
- Apr03: First report of the 4th DhiQar Emergency Battalion. <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=110936>
- Apr04: "Thi-Qar Police Department (TQPD)'s al-Sadeq Division....south of the city of al-Nassiriya" Col. Radi Niema commanding. (Bn?) <http://en.aswataliraq.info/?p=110998>
- Apr09: 1-46/12 Bn training on 120mm mortars in Diyala Province. (If 12th Div is already training, then all IA Divs are training on 120mm. In Diyala? Reinforcing? Tracked mounted 120mm mortar from bn in Kirkuk in Diyala. What is 12th Div to be when complete?)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=163815
- Apr10: Wassit IP K9 trng at FOB Echo. (Babil, DhiQar, Salahadin, and Wassit IP receiving K9 training. Priority this spring.) http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=163929
- Apr10: Basrah Emergency Police Brigade is now Tactical Support Unit. (All IP Paramilitary Bdes in Region V are now being called TSU.)
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=163904
- Apr12: "Taji National Maintenance Depot, now known as the Joint Base Factory (JBF)" (New name for enlarged facility.) http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26245&Itemid=128
- Apr14: 2-6/2 IA receiving K9 training. (It appears that they reached dog training on the ISF checklist and are trying to get it done in very short order...)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=32399
- Apr15: 4-41/10 IA Battalion at FOB Hunter. (1st report of this bn.)
http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=32414
- Apr17: 17th Div Cdo/ISR Bn. (Redesignated ?-55 Bn?)
http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=32532
- Apr18: 26th IA Bde preparing to depart Basrah; elements of 53rd IA Bde arriving Basrah/Shaibah. [e-mail](mailto:)
- Apr18: Basra Air Base quarters expansion. "...this expansion is vital for the 450 additional airmen who will be reporting for duty here" (gaining a squadron or 2?)
http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26310&Itemid=128
- Apr19: IA Al Memona Location Command completion scheduled by Sep 2009. (18th Div?)
http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26315&Itemid=128
- Apr21: 10th Div (1-38/10 Bn markings on vehicle doors) conducted a CALFEX w/mortars, DZIK, HMMWVs, Mi-17s, and troops including US air and artillery support on Apr 19. Exercise Lion's Roar. (First CALFEX.)
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=32674
- Apr22: 3rd Squadron receiving AC-208 AG training.
http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26336&Itemid=128
- Apr25: 5,000 M1114 transfer on April 22. Target goal is still 8,500 by July 2009. (3,500 in 2.5 months? They are behind schedule.)
http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26374&Itemid=128
- Apr25: 46th and 47th IA Bdes receiving 120mm Mortar Training. (If 12th Div is already being trained, then all of them are training(ed).) http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=32868
- Apr26: ISOF ISWCS Graduated 80 from commando training on April 16. To be assigned to 7th (Mosul) Commando Battalion.
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26385&Itemid=128
- Apr28: 3-39 IA Bn training as commando battalion at Camp Ur. (That makes 2 Commando Bns in 10th Div. Split 10th Div into 10th and 18th Divs then that would be the ISR/Cdo bn for each of them: 3-39 in Nasariyah for 10th and 3-41 in Amarah for 18th.)
http://www.dvidshub.net:80/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=32963
- Apr28: 42nd IA Brigade receiving M120 120mm mortar training in M113 mortar carrier on 25 April at Taji. (Five of the 10 brigades planned to get 120mm mortar batteries this year have been ID'd: 23/17, 38/10, 42/11, 46/12, and 47/12.) http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=images/images_gallery.php&action=viewimage&fid=168516
- Apr29: PS701 "Fatah" to set sail for Iraq from Italy. Official reflagging on May 15. 29 day trip with training en route. New flagship of Iraqi Navy.
http://www.cjtf7.army.mil/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26411&Itemid=128
- Apr29: Bell Helicopter Textron Inc., Hurst, Texas was awarded on Apr. 27, 2009 a \$ 60,302,880 firm fixed price contract for the production of 24 Bell 407 helicopters for the country of Iraq, with an option to purchase up to 26 additional 407 helicopters. This contract will have a 27 month period of performance for the base requirement and up to a 13 month additional period of performance if the option is exercised.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/contracts/contract.aspx?contractid=4016>

- Apr30: Khawr al Amaya under Iraqi command.

http://www.dvidshub.net/index.php?script=news/news_show.php&id=33052

- Apr30 The Air Force is modifying a firm fixed price contract with Lockheed Martin Corp....This contract will provide four C-130J aircraft for the Iraq government. (Trimmed 2 fm the order.)

<http://www.defenselink.mil/contracts/contract.aspx?contractid=4017>