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Major Changes

- The American administration is trying to help the new Iraqi government to organize and train various security organizations. These include, besides a national army and a public order police force, a border police, and a facilities protection service. Military hardware (which includes MBTs, APCs and light aircraft) is being donated by various countries, including Jordan, Poland, Greece, Hungary, Denmark, UAE and USA.
 - A large occupation force is still present in Iraq. This force is still mainly American and British but personnel from some 20 countries are present in Iraq (though some countries have been slowly withdrawing their forces from Iraq). Besides military personnel the Americans employ private companies in both logistical and purely military duties.
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General Data

Official Name of the State: The Republic of Iraq

Commander of Allied Forces in Iraq: Lt. Gen. George Casey

Head of State: President Jalal Talabani

Prime Minister: Ibrahim Jafari

Minister of Defense: Saadoun al-Dulaimy

Minister of Interior: Bayan Baqer Solagh

Chief of General Staff: Lt. General Babkir Bederkhan al-Zibari

Commander of the Ground Forces: General Abdul Qadir Jassim

Commander of the Air Force: Lt. General Kamal al-Barzanji

Commander of the Navy: Captain Nasser Thamir

Commander of Coastal Defense Force: Colonel Hameed Balafam

Commander of National Guard: Major General Muzher al-Mullah al-Rashidi

Area: 432,162 sq. km.

Population: 25,100,000 est.

Demography

Ethnic groups

• Arabs	19,929,400	79.4%
• Kurds	4,267,000	17%
• Turkmen	602,400	2.4%
• Assyrians and others	301,200	1.2%

Religious groups

• Shi'ite Muslims	13,805,000	55.0%
• Sunni Muslims	10,542,000	42.0%
• Christians, Yazidis, and others	753,000	3.0%

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Economic Data

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
• GDP (current prices)	\$bn	25.3	33.6	29.3	26.8	19.9
• GDP per capita	\$	1,119	1,448	1,226	1,094	793
• Real GDP growth	%	18	4	-6	-6.5	-21.8
• Consumer price index	%	12.6	5.0	16.4	19.3	29.3
• External debt	\$bn	78.4	82.0	85.8	89.8	93.9
Balance of payments						
• Exports fob	\$bn	13.07	18.74	12.87	10.24	7.59
• Imports fob	\$bn	9.09	11.00	11.15	7.74	6.56
• Current account balance (including services and income)	\$bn	-0.12	1.75	-1.77	-0.001	1.13
Population	m	22.6	23.2	23.9	24.5	25.1
Official exchange rate	ID: \$1	1,972	1,930	1,928.8	1,956.5	1,936

Sources: EIU Quarterly Report, EIU Country Profile, IMF International Financial
Statistical Yearbook, SIPRI Yearbook

Note: economic data on Iraq are scarce and unreliable.

Foreign Military Cooperation

Type	Details
Cooperation in military training	GCC states (2005) , Kuwait (2005), UK (2005)

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Arms Trade

Arms Procurement and Security Assistance Received

Country	Type	Details
Australia	• Military training	Instructors in country (2004)
Denmark	• Arms transfers	Fennec helicopters (2006)
Germany	• Arms transfers	Trucks (2004), engineering equipment (2005)
	• Military training	Training of Security Forces personnel (2004)
Greece	• Arms transfers	BMP-1 IFVs (2005)
Egypt	• Military training	Training of Security Forces personnel (2005)
Hungary	• Arms transfers	T-72 tanks (2005)
Italy	• Arms transfers	al-Assad corvettes (2005)
	• Military training	Trainees in Italy (2005)
Iran	• Assistance	Funding and training for Islamic fundamentalists (2005)
Jordan	• Arms transfers	UH-1H helicopters (2005) , C-130 aircraft (2004), Seeker aircraft (2004) , Spartan APCs (2004), BTR-94 APCs (2004), M113 APCs (2004) , Sama CH2000 aircraft (2004)
	• Military training	Training of Security Forces personnel (2003)
NATO	• Military training	Instructors in country (2005)
Norway	• Military training	Trainees in Norway (2004)
Poland	• Arms transfers	Mi-17 and Sokol helicopters (2005) , upgrading of T-72 tanks (2005), BTR-80 APCs (2005), Dzik-3 Light armored vehicles (2005)
PRC	• Arms transfers	Patrol craft (2004)
Slovenia	• Arms transfers	Mortars & light arms (2005)
South Africa	• Military training	Training of Iraqi Special Forces (2004)
Turkey	• Arms transfers	Otokar and Cobra APCs (2005)
	• Military training	trainees abroad (2005)
UAE	• Arms transfers	Comp Air aircraft (2004) , Panhard M3 APCs (2004), patrol boats (2005)
	• Military training	Training of Security Forces personnel (2004)
UK	• Arms transfers	Light armored vehicles (2005)
	• Military training	Trainees in UK (2005)
USA	• Assistance	\$10.6 billion in military aid (2006)
	• Arms transfers	RIBs (2004), Light armored vehicles (2005) , C ² systems (2004) , C-130 aircraft (2005)
	• Upgrading facilities	upgrading AFBs, Border Posts (2004)

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Armed Forces

Order-of-Battle

Year	2003	2004	2005
General data			
• Personnel (regular)	5,560	9,750	100,000
Ground forces			
• Number of Battalions	45	60	120
• Tanks	0	10	97
• APCs/AFVs	0	56	260 (360)
Air force			
• Reconnaissance aircraft	0	7	2(16)
• Transport aircraft	0	0	3
• Helicopters	0	6	9 (21)
Navy			
• Patrol crafts	0	5	8

Note: The number in parentheses refers to the total inventory.

Personnel*

	Trained	Reserves	Anticipated
Ministry of Defense			
Iraqi National Army (including National Guard)	96,000		158,000
Air Corps	500		1,500
Costal Defense Force	800		
Special Operation Forces	2,000		
Total	100,000		160,000
Ministry of Interior			
Police Commando Force	10,000		
Mechanized Police Force	1,500		
Public Order Police	8,000		
Department of Border Enforcement	17,000		28,000
Emergency Response Unit (ERU)	90		450
Total	43,500		48,000
Paramilitary Forces			
Facility Protection Service	78,000		

Note: The numbers are in constant flux. The numbers for Interior Ministry do not include Civilian Police Force. The data above is as of November 2005.

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Foreign Military Personnel

Approximately 138,000 US troops. International Coalition forces includes Albania (120) , Australia (850), Armenia (50), Azerbaijan (150) , Czech Republic (100), Denmark (530), El Salvador (360) , Hungary (150) , Fiji (155) Georgia (160) , Italy (2,600) , Japan (500), Jordan (400), Latvia (120), Lithuania (50), Macedonia (45), Mongolia (130), Poland (900) , Romania (750), Singapore (180), Slovakia (100), South Korea (1,800) , Turkey (1,500) UK (8,000),

Ground Forces

Formations

	Fully operational Battalions	Trained Battalions	Anticipated Battalions
Ministry of Defense			
Mechanized Infantry		72	92
Iraqi Intervention Force		5	
Special Operations Force	1	3	
Mechanized Division		2	9
Naval Infantry Regiment		1	1
Subtotal	1	93	
Ministry of Interior			
Police Commando Force	2	3	6
Public Order Police		4	10
Mechanized Police Force		1	3
Border Police			36
Emergency Response Unit		1	1
Subtotal	2	9	

Note: the Iraqi Intervention Force is part of the Iraqi Armed Forces. The number of units is projected for 2006.

Allied Coalition Formations

British division	UK, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Romania.
Polish Division	Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, South Korea
USA Divisions	1 st Infantry division, 2 nd Infantry division, 25 th Infantry division, 1 st Cavalry division, 1 st Marines division, 10 th Mountain division, 82 nd Airborne Division, 24 th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Tanks

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
MBTs				
• T-72	77	77	2005	
• T-55	20	20	2004	
Total	97	97		

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APCs/AFVs					
Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes	
APCs					
• Spartan	100	36	2004		
• BTR-94	50	39	2004	With the Mechanized police force (MPB)	
• Panhard M3	44	+	2004		
• MT-LB	44	44	2004		
Subtotal	238	~140			
IFVs					
• BMP-1	50	50	2005		
Light armored vehicles					
• Dzik-3	22	22	2005		
• Up-armored trucks	50	50	2005		
• Defender-110	72	72	2005		
Total	360	~260			
Future Procurement					
• BTR-80	115				
• BMP-1	100			Being delivered	
• Dzik-3	600			Being delivered	
• Otokar	573				
• M1151 (HMMWV)	400				
• M1114 (HMMWV)	713				
• M113	175				
• ASV 150	43				

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Air Wing

Reconnaissance Aircraft

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
• SB7L-360 Seeker	2	2	2004	
• Comp Air 7SL	6	0	2004	
• Sama CH2000	8	0	2004	
Total	16	2		
Future procurement				
• Sama CH2000	8			Additional deliveries postponed

Transport Aircraft

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
• C-130E	3	3	2005	

Helicopters

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
• Bell 206	5	5	2004	
• UH-1H	16	4	2005	
Total	21	9		
Future procurement				
• Fennec				
• Mi-17	34			
• Sokol	20			
• UH-1H	4			Under negotiation

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Navy

Patrol Craft

Type	Quantity	Length (m.) / displacement (t.)	Notes / armament
• PBs	5	27m	
• Al-Uboor/ Al-Faw	3	30m	
Total	8		
Future procurement			
• Al-Uboor/ al-Faw	6	30m	Being delivered
• Assad	2	62.3/685	

Special Maritime Forces

Type	Quantity	Length (m.)/ displacement (t.)	Notes/armament
• Fast attack boats	24		
• RIBs	10	11/9	

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Major Non-Governmental Paramilitary Forces

Pro-Governmental organizations

Personnel

	Active	Reserves	Total
• Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP)	25,000	30,000	55,000
• Kurdish Workers Party (PKK)	3,000		3,000
• Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK)	18,000		18,000

Note: There is an attempt to unite the various Kurdish organizations and integrate them into the Iraqi military.

Equipment

Organization	Category	System	Quantity	Notes
PUK	Tanks	• T-54/55		

Anti Governmental organizations

Various Organizations are fighting against the American occupation of Iraq. No data is available as to their size or organization.

Personnel

	Active	Reserves	Total
• Ansar al-Islam			+
• Ansar al-Sunna			+
• Badr Brigades (SCIRI)			30,000
• Former Baath Party			30,000
• Jaysh Mohammed	800		800
• Jaysh Mahadi			6,000
• Tawhid and Jihad (Zarqawi network)	1,400		1,400