

### Principles of Partnership

A Statement of Commitment

*Endorsed by the Global Humanitarian Platform, 12 July 2007*

The *Global Humanitarian Platform*, created in July 2006, brings together UN and non-UN humanitarian organizations on an equal footing.

- Striving to enhance the effectiveness of humanitarian action, based on an ethical obligation and accountability to the populations we serve,
- Acknowledging diversity as an asset of the humanitarian community and recognizing the interdependence among humanitarian organizations,
- Committed to building and nurturing an effective partnership,

... the organizations participating in the **Global Humanitarian Platform** agree to base their partnership on the following principles:

#### o **Equality**

Equality requires mutual respect between members of the partnership irrespective of size and power. The participants must respect each other's mandates, obligations and independence and recognize each other's constraints and commitments. Mutual respect must not preclude organizations from engaging in constructive dissent.

#### o **Transparency**

Transparency is achieved through dialogue (on equal footing), with an emphasis on early consultations and early sharing of information. Communications and transparency, including financial transparency, increase the level of trust among

organizations.

o **Result-oriented approach**

Effective humanitarian action must be reality-based and action-oriented. This requires result-oriented coordination based on effective capabilities and concrete operational capacities.

o **Responsibility**

Humanitarian organizations have an ethical obligation to each other to accomplish their tasks responsibly, with integrity and in a relevant and appropriate way. They must make sure they commit to activities only when they have the means, competencies, skills, and capacity to deliver on their commitments. Decisive and robust prevention of abuses committed by humanitarians must also be a constant effort.

o **Complimentarity**

The diversity of the humanitarian community is an asset if we build on our comparative advantages and complement each other's contributions. Local capacity is one of the main assets to enhance and on which to build. Whenever possible, humanitarian organizations should strive to make it an integral part in emergency response. Language and cultural barriers must be overcome.

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## Iraq Context

### International

#### [UNSG Quarterly Report to the SC on the progress of UNAMI](#)

**Source:** [UNSC](#)

**Document:** Article

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*Un Secretary General's quarterly report to the Security Council on the work of UNAMI, pursuant to UNSCR 1830.*

#### [Romanian minister says 500 troops to leave Iraq](#)

**Source:** [Yahoo \(AP\)](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 6, 2008

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*Romania's defense minister says the country's 501 peacekeepers in Iraq will all leave by the end of the year. Teodor Melescanu said some Romanian military personnel will work in 2009 as counselors to local authorities and supporting the civilian population. Speaking Thursday in the western city of Arad, Melescanu he said was awaiting clarification of their new role from the Iraqi government.*

#### [Bulgaria To Withdraw Troops From Iraq By Year's End](#)

**Source:** [IU](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 7, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Bulgaria's defense ministry said Thursday that it would withdraw the country's troops from Iraq once its mandate expires in December 2008. Currently, Bulgaria has some 155 soldiers in Iraq, who are guarding a facility for the re-integration of convicts. Though Bulgaria had deployed more than 500 troops in Iraq in August 2003, it later downsized its troop levels in the war-torn country to 135 and moved them to a safer location.*

#### [Troops prepare for early exit](#)

**Source:** [Guardian](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 10 , 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*The 7th Armoured Brigade was the first British unit to enter Iraq in both Gulf wars and will be the last to leave, officially around July. But as reveille sounded over Remembrance Sunday in Basra, many soldiers were preparing to depart earlier, perhaps by April. At the Remembrance parade, Padre Mark Christian evoked memories of his friend who was blown up in the Falklands and read the names of several brigade members killed in Iraq. In front of him stood 400 soldiers and officers, many of whom spoke afterwards about being home by Easter - if not Christmas.*

#### [Azerbaijan considers withdrawing forces from Iraq](#)

**Source:** [KUNA](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 10, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*President Ilham Aliyev asked his country's parliament to agree on withdrawing Azerbaijani forces from Iraq. Interfax agency quoted Azerbaijani sources as saying here that the parliament's security and defense committee supported the president's request. Member of the committee MP Zahid Oruj said that the step would not negatively affect Azerbaijan's relations with the west, noting that the mission of his country's forces in Iraq is "done".*

#### [German minister plans first postwar visit to Iraq](#)

**Source:** [Yahoo \(AP\)](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 8, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Germany says it plans to send a government minister to Iraq early next year — the first since the 2003 US-led invasion. Germany's refusal to support the invasion to topple Saddam Hussein caused a rift in trans-Atlantic relations. It lasted until Angela Merkel was elected*

chancellor in November 2005. The Foreign Ministry said Saturday that the trip by Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier remains in the planning stages and it declined to give further details. Steinmeier served as chief of staff to Merkel's predecessor, Gerhard Schroeder.

### [So We've Got a Date?](#)

**Source:** [NYT](#)

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The United Nations mandate that allows American troops to operate in Iraq expires at the end of December. And for months, the Bush administration and Iraq's government have been wrangling over a so-called status of forces agreement to replace it. The good news is that both Baghdad and the Americans (at least on paper) have agreed that it is time to start planning for a withdrawal of American troops. The other good news is that Iraqis are increasingly eager to run their own country.

### [Iraq spokesman says US security offer not enough](#)

**Source:** [Yahoo \(AP\)](#)

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**Date:** November 10, 2008

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Iraq's government spokesman said Monday the proposed U.S. changes to a draft security agreement were "not enough" and asked Washington to offer new amendments if it wants the pact to win parliamentary approval. The comments by spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh were the first by the Iraqis since the U.S. submitted a response last week to an Iraqi request for changes in the draft agreement, which would keep U.S. troops here until 2012 and give Iraq a greater role in the management of the U.S. mission.

### [Iraq Struggles to Convince Neighbors of Security Pact's Value](#)

**Source:** [MET](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 10, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

As the Iraqi government struggles to finalize a crucial security pact with the United States that can be accepted by Iraqi leaders, it is also making diplomatic efforts to assure its neighbors and fellow Arab states that the accord is not as dangerous to their security and sovereignty as they fear. But the U.S. raid last month on the Syrian town of Albu Kamal has made Baghdad's efforts to reassure the Iraqis and their neighbors – especially Syria and Iran – an even more arduous task.

### [وزير التخطيط العراقي: أوباما لن يشجع الشركات على الاستثمار في العراق](#)

#### [Security pact crucial for investment](#)

**Source:** [Niqash](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 12, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

يخشى العراقيون من أن يسهم التغيير الحاصل في مكانة العراق في سلم الإدارة الأمريكية في تراجع أولويات الإدارة الجديدة، كما تبرز مخاوف عراقية من أن يؤدي عدم توقيع الاتفاقية الأمنية بين الولايات والمعروفة باسم (سوبا) إلى التأثير المتحددة والعراق بين الطرفين على جوانب أخرى غير أمنية في العلاقة أهمها الجانب الاقتصادي.

Niqash talks to Ali Baban, Iraq's Minister of Planning and Development Cooperation, discussing the Iraqi economy and the likely effects upon it of the Obama administration and the signing of the U.S-Iraqi security pact.

#### [Iraq Crisis Report \(IraqHAR\)](#)

**Source:** [Centre of Excellence on Disaster](#)

**Management and Humanitarian Assistance**

**Document:** Weekly report

**Date:** November 12, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

On Thursday (November-6), Romania's defense minister announced that the country's 501 peacekeepers will leave Iraq by the end of the year. According to the Associated Press (AP), some Romanian military personnel will work in 2009 as counselors to local authorities and will support the civil population. Romania awaits clarification of its new role from the Iraqi government. Two Romanian soldiers have lost their lives in Iraq since 2003.

## National

### [Iraqi local elections set for January 31](#)

**Source:** [Yahoo](#) (AFP)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 9, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Iraq on Sunday timetabled long-awaited provincial elections for January 31 as an opinion poll showed religious parties apparently losing support. The elections, seen by Washington as a key benchmark for achieving national reconciliation, will take place "in one day in Baghdad and the other provinces," Qazim al-Abudi, administrative director of the Iraq High Electoral Committee, told AFP.*

### [Iraq moves on minorities bill](#)

**Source:** [AJ](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 9, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Iraq's president and two vice-presidents have approved a resolution that guarantees local council seats for Christians and other minorities. The bill, which will reserve six seats on local councils for minorities, has proved controversial, with some minorities arguing that it gives them too little representation. The United Nations had suggested they should get 12 seats.*

### [Maliki calls for stronger central govt](#)

**Source:** [SG](#) (AP)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 9, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Iraq's prime minister on Saturday called for changes to the Iraqi constitution to give more power to the central government, especially in security and other key fields. The comments by Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki, who was a member of the committee that drafted the constitution in 2005, appeared directed at the Kurds, who enjoy extensive autonomy in their three-province region of northern Iraq.*

### [بنود جديدة يرغب العراقيون تضمينها للاتفاقية.. بعيدا عن ساستهم](#)

### [Sovereignty or electricity?](#)

**Source:** [Niqash](#)

**Document:** Article

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*هل ترغب بإضافة مادة إلى المعاهدة طويلة الأمد بين المتحدة تنص بأن تمنح واشنطن 30 العراق والولايات شرائح مليون جواز سفر اميركي يوزع على كافة الشعب العراقي"، استفتاء شعبي تقدم به احد المواقع المهتم بنقل الإخبار العراقية والى جانبه الالكترونية مترابطة وبداخل صورة لعلمي البلدين وهما في حالة الصورة تقع أيضا نسخة للغلاف الخارجي لجواز السفر وعبارة "هل تريد الحصول على جواز سفر الأميركي؟" أميركي.*

*"Do you want an article to be added to the long-term US-Iraqi agreement stating that Washington will give US passports to all Iraqis?" asked one Iraqi news web-site, to a background of America and Iraqi flags, in a recent online poll.*

### [After the carnage, life returns to Baghdad bazaars](#)

**Source:** [Guardian](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 8, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*In the bazaars and back streets of central Baghdad, a new palette of noises colours the air. Hammers and drills resound through scarred neighbourhoods in need of a facelift. As recently as six months ago, some of the darkest moments of Iraq's slide into anarchy were played out in these streets. Locals had become accustomed to an altogether more sinister soundtrack; guns, explosions, screeching brakes, the rumble of tanks and the pervasive whine of ambulance sirens.*

## وصفات سحرية لإعمار النجف

### A new Najaf rises up

**Source:** [Niqash](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 7, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

خيراء، أصبح بمقدور فؤاد فليح (57 عاماً) الطلب من عند باب منزله، في قرية "آل سائقي التاكسي إيقافه مؤاش" شرقي الكوفة، اكبر الأضية في محافظة النجف، في حين كان هذا الطلب شبه مستحيل قبل عام دخول تلك الاوحوال حيث ليس بمقدور سيارة، والمستنقعات والحفر، ومن ثم الخروج منها بسلام.

*For the first time in years Fuad Flaih is able to take a taxi all the way to his house in Kufa, one of Najaf province's biggest districts. Until just one year ago, cars were unable to enter the area as a result of considerable road damage and swamps.*

### University Life in Baghdad

**Source:** [Asharq Alaswat](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 9, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Professor Ali is thinking about the day that he will no longer teach at Munstansariya University in Baghdad following the resolution issued by the Iraqi government that has imposed a mandatory retirement age of 63 year old for university professors. This resolution, according to the university professor who asked to be referred to as Professor Ali, is a concern for him and his counterparts and will push university education towards an abyss.*

### Iraqi army prepares to pay Sunni fighter groups

**Source:** [USA Today](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 10, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*In a potentially dangerous phase of the transfer of powers from the U.S. military, Iraq's government will begin paying salaries this week to more than 51,000 members of Sunni neighborhood patrol groups. Known as the Sons of Iraq, or Awakening Councils, the U.S.-created program helped turn the tide against the insurgency by offering steady employment to disaffected Sunni Arabs in exchange for help battling al-Qaeda and other militant groups.*

### In Iraq, Muqtada Sadr's followers struggle for relevance

**Source:** [LAT](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 10, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*The Mahdi Army fighter gets nervous every time he passes an Iraqi army checkpoint in Sadr City. He has even shaved his beard, a sign of his piety and his fealty to the Shiite Muslim militia, so the soldiers won't recognize him. "I am hunted. I can't stay home. The neighbors are informing on us," 28-year-old Bassem said at a recent rally for his leader, cleric Muqtada Sadr. Using a derogatory term for the Iraqi army, he added, "Four times, the dirty division has raided my house."*

### Baghdad reopens bridge closed since deadly stampede

**Source:** [Google \(AFP\)](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Authorities in Baghdad on Tuesday opened a major bridge that was closed for more than three years after nearly 1,000 Shiite pilgrims perished in a deadly stampede. The move is expected to ease traffic in the bustling capital and help repair the deep sectarian divisions that have plagued the city since the eruption of Sunni-Shiite violence in 2006. Scores of people, including Shiite and Sunni clerics and other Iraqi officials, walked across the bridge linking historic Sunni and Shiite districts of the capital, hugging and kissing cheeks in a show of national unity.*

### هل تتحول البصرة الى إقليم قائم بذاته في اطار دولة فدرالية؟

### Will Basra turn into an Iraq federal region?

**Source:** [Al Sumaria](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*في اطار حملة يساندها محافظ البصرة محمد مصباح وائل عبد اللطيف ويشارك الوائلي، وعضو البرلمان فيها آلاف الناخبين وشيوخ العشائر، قدم النائب عبد اللطيف طلبا يحمل أكثر من اربعة وثلاثين ألف توقيع*

العليا المستقلة للانتخابات يطالب إلى رئيس المفوضية فدرالي. وفي اصحابها فيها بتحول البصرة الى إقليم مقر المفوضية كانت لعبد اللطيف وقفة امام الصحافيين . ان هذ المطلب قديم وليس جديداً قال فيها

*As part of a campaign supported by Basra Governor Mohammed Mosbah Al Waeli and Parliament member Wael Abdul Latif in which thousands of voters and tribal sheikhs have participated, MP Abdul Latif Talaba submitted a request with more than 34,000 signatures to head of the high independent commission for elections calling to turn Basra into a federal region.*

**سيحيو كركوك: أين يفتقون وأين يتفقون؟**

[Divisions split Kirkuk Christians](#)

**Source:** [Niqash](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

المسيحيون في كركوك هم الركن الرابع للمعادلة والتركماني. يشغلون حالياً السياسية بعد الكرد والعرب مقعدين في مجلس المحافظة، بالعضوين إدوار اوراها وسيلفا بوياء، لكن الأخيرين لا ينالا اعتراف معظم نقاش) السيد مازن ( مسيحي كركوك كما يؤكد لبطرس القيادي في "الحركة الديمقراطية الأشورية" أبرز القوى المسيحية هناك إحدى

*As the fate of Kirkuk province continues to remain contentious and undetermined, Kirkuk's Christians are often sidelined in the political debate. This, despite the fact that they are considered the fourth pillar of the political equation in the province after the Kurds, Arabs and Turkmen and that they*

*occupy two provincial council seats (held by Edward Orah and Silva Boya).*

[Kurds urge separation of powers](#)

**Source:** [UPI](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Members of the Parliament of Iraqi Kurdistan discussed military and police reform at their latest conference in the regional capital, Erbil. Kurdish Parliamentary President Adnan Mufti led the session to discuss bringing regional armed groups into line with the Iraqi army as well as power-sharing arrangements with the Kurdistan Regional Government and the central government in Baghdad.*

[Kurdistan Is a Model for Iraq](#)

**Source:** [WSJ](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 12, 2008

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*M. Barzani: Iraq's Kurds have consistently been America's closest allies in Iraq. Our Peshmerga forces fought alongside the U.S. military to liberate the country, suffering more casualties than any other U.S. ally. And while some Iraqi politicians have challenged the U.S.-Iraq security agreement, Iraq's Kurdish leaders have endorsed the pact as essential for U.S. combat troops to continue fighting terrorists in Iraq.*

## Violence and Security Issues

[يعرب الممثل الخاص للأمين العام للأمم المتحدة عن غضبه وصدمة إزاء استمرار القتل المستهدف ضد الأقليات الدينية](#)

[The SRSG shocked and outraged at the continuous killings targeting religious minorities](#)

**Source:** [UNAMI](#)

**Document:** Article

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أعرب الممثل الخاص للأمين العام للأمم المتحدة في العراق ستافان دي ميستورا عن صدمته وغضبه جراء استهداف وقتل الأقليات الدينية وذلك بعد مقتل شقيقتين

مسيحيتين في مدينة الموصل الواقعة شمال العراق والتي شهدت مؤخراً نزوح الآلاف من سكانها في أعقاب حملات تهديد وهجمات.

*The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq (SRSG) Staffan de Mistura expressed his shock and outrage at the continued targeting and killing of religious minorities, following the murder of two Christian sisters in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, which has recently seen thousands of its inhabitants flee their homes after a campaign of threats and attacks.*

### [Iraq suicide bombing kills eight](#)

**Source:** [BBC](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 8, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Eight people have been killed in a suicide bombing near the city of Ramadi, in Iraq's Anbar province, west of Baghdad, Iraqi police say. Several policemen were among the dead. At least 14 other people were injured. Ramadi was formerly an insurgency stronghold but attacks have fallen as Sunni tribal militias have joined the US and Iraqi government forces.*

### [Baghdad rocked by fresh bombings](#)

**Source:** [BBC](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 4, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Police in Iraq say that at least 11 people have been killed in two separate explosions in the capital Baghdad. Seven people died and a number of others were wounded in one blast, which occurred in a car park in east Baghdad. The bomb was hidden under a car at a bus station. Police say four people were killed in a second attack, a roadside bomb in northern Baghdad.*

### [Triple Baghdad blasts kill dozens](#)

**Source:** [BBC](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 10, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*At least 28 people have been killed by three bombs that exploded just moments apart in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. The first two blasts were car bombs and then a suicide bomber detonated his charges in*

*the crowd that had gathered to help, police say. Another 68 people were injured in the blasts, which took place during morning rush hour in the Shia area of Kasra.*

### [Bombings raise spectre of al-Qaeda](#)

**Source:** [BBC](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 10, 2008

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*The triple bombing during Baghdad's morning rush hour may have come as a surprise to many in the outside world, who now have the idea that Iraq is on the path to stability. For Iraqis it was a depressing reminder not only of the recent past, but also of the reality that the stability they crave is still far away.*

### [UN warns of possible violence in Iraq elections](#)

**Source:** [Yahoo \(AP\)](#)

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*Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said passage of a law clearing the way for provincial elections in Iraq was "a milestone" in the process of national reconciliation, but he warned of the possibility of election violence. In a report to the U.N. Security Council, Ban said the provincial elections "represent the most significant political event in the coming months in Iraq as they can advance political dialogue, establish representative provincial councils and empower community leaders to meet the needs of local citizens in cooperation with the government."*

## Iraq Humanitarian Environment and Space

### **IDPs and Refugees**

#### Christians trickling back to their homes in Mosul

**Source:** [IRIN](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 6, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

About 400 Christian families, (some 2,400 individuals) have returned to their homes in the northern city of Mosul after a spate of threats and killings led them to flee in early October, according to officials.

"We have so far registered nearly 400 Christian families who have returned to their houses and jobs, and resumed normal lives thanks to the deployment of security forces," said Jawdat Ismaiel, head of the Ministry of Displacement and Migration in the province.

#### Displaced Christians in northern Iraq begin to return home

**Source:** [UNHCR](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

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The United Nations refugee agency reported today that some of the Christian

families forced to flee their homes in northern Iraq last month are beginning to return to Mosul as the security situation in the city shows signs of improvement. Early October saw a dramatic increase in violence against Christian communities in and around Iraq's second largest city, which led to some 2,200 families, or over 9,000 people, escaping the area for fear of threats and intimidation.

#### Iraqi refugee camp in Saudi Arabia empty

**Source:** [UPI](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

All of the former Iraqi army deserters and prisoners of war at the Rafha refugee camp in Saudi Arabia have vacated the enclave, Iraqi media report. The Iraqi daily Azzaman said the camp in northern Saudi Arabia is empty of all refugees. Rafha at one time housed more than 35,000 Iraqi refugees who fled persecution from former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein following the U.S.-led liberation of Kuwait in 1991.

### **Education**

#### لاب جامعة بغداد بين همّ الدراسة وهمّ الوصول الى الصف

#### Baghdad students can't reach class on time

**Source:** [Al Sumaria](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

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ايّ همّ سيحمله طلاب جامعة بغداد، همّ الدراسة ام همّ الوصول الى الصف؟ على منافذها، على مفاصلها. وفي كلّ شارع فيها الصورة هي على الشكل الآتي، بغداد مطوّقة امنيا. انتشار امنيّ مكثف تابعة للجيش العراقي الذي لا يسمح إلا بمرور سيارة وراء الا بين ثلاث واربع نقاط تفتيش

What are Baghdad University students supposed to worry about? Is it their studies or the main concern of reaching class on time? The picture is as follows.

## Food security and livelihoods

### [Entrepreneurs launch hotel, business center at Baghdad airport](#)

**Source:** [LAT](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 8, 2008

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The hotel receptionists from the Philippines wear gray blazers and smiles. Bellhops in gold-buttoned vests wait for luggage to carry. Plastic red dandelions and white roses decorate the shiny white linoleum corridor. The bar is stocked with beer and whiskey, and you can wander into the hair salon if you need a trim before clinching that million-dollar deal. Inside a compound at the Baghdad international airport, a few entrepreneurs are betting that boom times are around the bend.

### [Iraq plans to cut 75% of govt jobs](#)

**Source:** [Iol](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 9, 2008

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Iraq's planning minister has ambitious plans to trim the fat from the government, reducing its workforce by 75% in 10 years and rebalancing a fiscal budget almost entirely reliant on oil exports. "I don't want to give an exact figure but I think in a

period of 10 years we can give up at least 75% of these people," Ali Baban said in an interview at his office in central Baghdad.

### [تقرير جديد يقول إن الأمن الغذائي في العراق تحسن ولكن الوضع لا يزال متقلباً](#)

### [New report says Iraq food security better but situation still volatile](#)

**Source:** [WFP](#)

**Document:** Article

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تشير نتائج تقييم مشترك أجراه كل من الحكومة العراقية وبرنامج الأغذية العالمي للأمم المتحدة أن عدد الأشخاص الذين يعانون من نقص الغذاء في العراق قد انخفض بشكل ملحوظ، حيث أشار التقرير إلى أن هناك تحسناً ملحوظاً في مسألة الأمن الغذائي بالعراق، فقد انخفض عدد الأشخاص الذين كانوا يعانون من نقص الغذاء من حوالي أربعة ملايين شخص عام 2005 إلى 930 ألفاً فقط العام الماضي.

The number of people without adequate access to food in Iraq has fallen dramatically, according to the findings of a joint assessment carried out by the Iraqi Government and the UN World Food Programme (WFP).

## Water and Healthcare

### [Cholera outbreak in Maysan](#)

**Source:** [NCCI](#)

**Document:** Report

**Date:** September, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

A collection of reports and articles about the "cholera outbreak" in Maysan; updated regularly.

### [Almost five million children reached in latest Iraq polio drive](#)

**Source:** [UNICEF](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 4, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

In its determination to maintain polio-free status, the Government of Iraq successfully

completed another national drive in delivering vaccinations to almost 5 million children under five years of age throughout the country. Special focus was given to areas with a high influx of newly returned IDPs.

### [Iraqi doctors wary of carrying guns](#)

**Source:** [AJ](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 7, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

Iraq's medical professionals have reacted with caution to a government waiver that doctors be allowed to carry arms for self-defence purposes. The Baghdad government is hoping the arms initiative

will improve security conditions to lure doctors who now reside in Syria, Jordan,

Egypt and the Gulf back to the country.

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**Source:** [OCHA](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** October, 2008

**Access:** [Members](#)

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**Source:** [CS Monitor](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 7, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*Mahdi Fadil wasn't sure how his family could ever afford the operation to fix 6-year-old Husain's cleft lip. We have no money. And there was nowhere else to go," says Mr. Fadil. "In the 1970s, Iraq had the best medical system in the Middle East. Now we have the worst in the world." But late last month he sat next to his son, stroking his curly brown hair as he recovered from an operation in a southern Iraq military camp. He was among about 100 young Iraqis who were helped by the team of Italian volunteers from Smile Train. The procedure has a big impact on children's lives.*

## Finance and Funding

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**Source:** [OCHA](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*NGO Micro Grant and Humanitarian Response Fund Bulletin No. 13 - October 2008.*

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**Source:** [NCCI](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** October 29, 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** GOI

**Document:** Strategy Paper

**Date:** March, 2007

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** [EC](#)

**Document:** Article

**Date:** 2006

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** [ICRC](#)

**Document:** Code of Conduct

**Date:** 1994

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** [UN](#)

**Document:** SC Resolution

**Date:** 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

*The latest UN Security Council resolution regarding Iraq and UNAMI.*

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**Source:** [UN](#)

**Document:** SC Resolution

**Date:** 2007

**Access:** [Open](#)

*The UN Security Council resolution regarding Iraq for 2007, including the expanded UNAMI mandate*

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**Source:** [UN](#)

**Document:** SC Resolution

**Date:** 2003

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** [UN](#)

**Document:** SC Resolution

**Date:** 2003

**Access:** [Open](#)

*The UN Security Council resolution establishing UNAMI*

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**Source:** [GoI](#)

**Document:** Compact

**Date:** 2006

**Access:** [Open](#)

*The International Compact is the initiative of the Government of Iraq for a new partnership with the international community.*

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**Source:** [UN](#)

**Document:** SC Resolution

**Date:** 2003

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** [UN](#)

**Document:** SC Resolution

**Date:** 2007

**Access:** [Open](#)

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### [Helsinki II](#)

**Source:** [CMI](#)

**Document:** Multi-National Agreement

**Date:** July 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** [IRFFI](#)

**Document:** Fund

**Date:** 2004

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** Sphere Project

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**Date:** 2004

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** USAID

**Document:** Report

**Date:** 2008

**Access:** [Open](#)

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**Source:** ILD

**Document:** Database (Arabic)

**Date:** September 2008

**Access:** **Open**

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**Source:** [InterAction](#)

**Document:** Guidelines

**Date:** 2005

**Access:** **Open**

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**Source:** [NCCI](#)

**Document:** **Timetable**

**Date:** October 2008

**Access:** **Members**

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**Source:** [NCCI](#)

**Document:** Guidelines

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**Access:** **Open**

*Guidelines of the Iraq Ngo Assistance Office for registering international NGOs in Iraq.*

### Schedule Updates

We encourage you to check regularly our Weekly Schedule on our [Website](#) for updates.

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – POT Meeting - 2pm UNHCR Iraq, Amman
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Food SOT – 10am, WFP Iraq, Amman

### Upcoming important dates

- November 21/Thw al-Qi'dah 23 – November 21/Thw al-Qi'dah 23 - Anniversary of Imam Redha's Martyrdom

### Updates & Announcements

If you have an announcement, if you are aware of meetings, events, humanitarian update or if you would like to make known some information, please details to [webmanager@ncciraq.org](mailto:webmanager@ncciraq.org)

- Call for candidates for the 30th International Human Rights Training Program, Montreal, Canada, June 14 to July 3, 2009. Further information can be found [here](#)
- CVs can be uploaded [here](#)
- CVs can be checked [here](#)
- Employment opportunities can be examined [here](#)