

NATO Mission Iraq (NMI)

At the NATO Summit in Brussels in July 2018, Allied leaders launched NATO Mission Iraq, following a request and upon invitation from the Government of Iraq. The mission was established in Baghdad in October 2018. Its current commander is Lieutenant General Lucas Schreurs from the Netherlands.

NATO Mission Iraq is a non-combat advisory and capacity-building mission that assists Iraq in building more sustainable, transparent, inclusive and effective security institutions and forces, so that they themselves are able to stabilise their country, fight terrorism, and prevent the return of ISIS/Daesh.

To achieve this, NATO advises relevant Iraqi defence and security officials in the Ministry of Defence, Office of the National Security Advisor, Prime Minister's National Operations Centre, and since August 2023, the Federal Police Command within the Iraqi Ministry of Interior. The mission also advises Iraq's professional military education institutions in the greater Baghdad area. Iraqi authorities have identified a number of primary objectives for cooperation with NMI. These include security education, logistics, cyber defence, and good governance.



Lieutenant General Lucas Schreurs

All efforts of NATO Mission Iraq are carried out on request and with the consent of the Iraqi government, and conducted in full respect of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity. As they operate in a non-combat mission, NATO personnel do not deploy alongside Iraqi forces during their operations. The Mission only advises members of the Iraqi security institutions and forces who are under the direct control of the Government of Iraq.

Throughout its activities, NATO Mission Iraq promotes inclusiveness, and respect for international humanitarian law and human rights.

With NATO support, Iraq's Ministry of Defence is gradually improving its procurement system and beginning to use NATO standards in various aspects of its courses and exercises.

All 32 NATO members as well as partners Austria and Australia contribute to NATO Mission Iraq. Currently, the mission consists of several hundred military and civilian advisors and support elements.

NATO complements the broader international effort to help Iraq eradicate terrorism and promote stability. NATO Mission Iraq coordinates with other stakeholders, such as the United Nations and the European Union Advisory Mission.



NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte visits Iraq (February 2025)



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NATO Mission Iraq Gender Advisor presents during a Code of Conduct and Harassment Course in Baghdad area (2019)



NATO Mission Iraq medical advisors are supporting the Iraqi Department of Military Medical Affairs in further developing military medical instruction (2019)



NATO Mission Iraq advisor explains fundamental training theories with Iraqi counterpart at Al-Rustimaya on February 3, 2021. (NATO photo by Sgt. I. Vega)



English language course



Commander NMI in discussion on Building Integrity Programme (2023)



Teaching on Soldier Card in 5th Division at Nineveh (2023)



1st Iraq CBRN Defence Battalion demonstrates capabilities during exercise (2023)



Iraqi military personnel attends Medical school workshop (2023)



Combined Arms Training Course (CAT-C), May-June 2024



Main Planning Conference for Command Post Exercise (CPX) 'Red Lightning', 27 June 2024



Core Planning Team Workshop, 26 June 2024



Commander NMI, Lieutenant General Lucas Schreurs, visits the Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Fuad Hussein, 13 June 2024



Mountain Warfare Course by Italian Mobile Advisory and Training Team, 13 May 2024



First operational flight Dutch Helicopter Detachment, 1 June 2024



Commander NMI, Lieutenant General Lucas Schreurs, visits the Dutch Helicopter Detachment at Al-Asad Air Base, 4 June 2024

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