

**UNMOVIC IAEA Press Statement on Inspection Activities in Iraq
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Two UNMOVIC teams of missile inspectors visited separate locations involved in missile activity. One team visited the Saad General Company, which is located in central Baghdad and is owned by the Military Industrialization Corporation. The company is an engineering firm, which carries out engineering design work, construction and commissioning of projects. The second team inspected the Taji Fiberglass production plant, now part of the Thaat Al Sawary plant. When last inspected in 1998, the fiberglass plant employed very few people. Today it employs over 200 people. The plant is principally involved in the production of fiberglass tubing.

The UNMOVIC biological team inspected the Institute for Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering within the Baghdad University complex at Al Jadiriya in Baghdad. The Institute is engaged in training, teaching and research activities in biotechnology and genetic engineering. It is a new site included in the recent Iraqi declarations. The team completed full inspection of the whole building housing the Institute with the assistance of the Institute Director and the chiefs of two departments. The team then revisited the Al Amiryah Serum and Vaccine Institute in Baghdad to seek clarifications from the former Director of the Institute. The team took physical inventory of the Institute and took some samples.

The UNMOVIC chemical team inspected the Al Nassir Al Atheen State Company, formerly known as Heavy Engineering State Company. This is one of the main processing equipment production facilities. The team conducted rebaselining inspection, including changes that had occurred since 1998. The team inspected all the buildings and dual-purpose equipment at the site.

One IAEA team visited three sites: the Hatteen State Company, the Iskanderya Foundry (part of Hatteen) and the Iskanderya State Enterprises for Mechanical Industries. Following discussions with the sites' operators, the team took environmental samples, inspected the machine tools in the factories, and conducted a radiological survey of the sites.

Another IAEA team visited four sites: Al Qa Qaa, Mussayib Army Munitions Depot, Al Motaseem Factory, and the Hatteen Establishment's testing range. The team monitored the production of small rockets. These sites work as a unit in the Iraqi military armaments structure to produce and test munitions.

One IAEA team conducted a joint inspection with the UNMOVIC missile team of the Saad General Company that includes a number of personnel from the former nuclear weapons programme organization, Petrochemical Complex-3 (PC-3).

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