

## IRAQ INSPECTIONS 3 December

Today teams from the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission -- UNMOVIC -- the International Atomic Energy Agency -- IAEA -- conducted an unannounced joint inspection of the one of the eight Presidential sites, the Sijood site, located on the west bank of the Tigris river in Baghdad.

This was the first inspection of a Presidential site since the return of the inspectors to Iraq and was carried out pursuant to UN Security Council resolution 1441.

The inspection team was able to enter the site within a few minutes. The site was frozen during the inspection in order to avoid any exit. However, senior Iraqi officials were allowed to enter. When the inspection was completed, the freeze was lifted. Access to the entire site was provided without difficulty and the planned inspection activity was completed.