

UNMOVIC IAEA Press Statement on Inspection Activities in Iraq
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An UNMOVIC team carried out an inspection at the Falluja II site of the Al-Tariq Company. This site is located in the Falluja district about 100 km west of Baghdad and is nearby to the Falluja III site, which was visited yesterday by the same inspection team.

The Fallujah II site comprises the headquarters of the Al-Tariq Company and a factory area. Only the factory area was inspected. Two separate chemical plants are in the factory area and their major activity is the production of phenol and chlorine. The chlorine plant is currently inoperative.

The site contains a number of tagged dual-use items of equipment, which were all accounted for. All key buildings were inspected in addition to the chlorine and phenol plants. The objectives of the visit were successfully achieved.

The IAEA inspected three sites: Tuwaitha, Ash Shakyli and Al Qa Qaa.

Tuwaitha is a large complex site. Five teams were deployed to the site. They utilised a wide range of inspection techniques, ranging from visual inspections to sampling for detection of any potential radiological activity using Gamma surveys, water sampling and swipe sampling techniques. The team also started to take a physical inventory of nuclear materials from Tuwaitha's, which are the last known remnants of the past nuclear programme.

A detailed inspection was made of Ash Shakyli. All buildings were inspected and sampled for the detection of radiological materials.

An IAEA team at Al Qa Qaa began inventorying known explosive materials from the past nuclear programme that were previously under the control of the IAEA. Other tasks involved inspecting a number of key buildings and outdoor sites within the huge Al Qa Qaa complex.

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