

**UNMOVIC IAEA Press Statement on Inspection Activities in Iraq
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The first U-2 flight took place yesterday, 17 February.

The IAEA conducted two interviews in private, each with a scientist previously associated with Iraq's former gas centrifuge enrichment programme.

As of today, we have 104 inspectors from UNMOVIC and the IAEA. Out of 104, 86 are from UNMOVIC and 18 from the IAEA. With the addition of newly trained inspectors, UNMOVIC has a roster of roughly 350 inspectors. The IAEA has a reservoir of nuclear inspectors within the Agency.

Today's inspections:

Four UNMOVIC missile teams inspected five separate sites: Al Khadima that is responsible for the final assembly of the Al Samoud 2 missile; Al Harith that is involved in the research and development (R&D) and maintenance of a missile with the engine and gyroscope similar to those of the Al Samoud 2 missile; Al Qaid Factory that is responsible for the filling of Al Samoud 2 warheads; the location of some deployed Al Samoud 2 missiles; and Al Radwan Factory that manufactures missile parts and containers. The teams continued to verify Iraq's declarations and to tag missile components.

UNMOVIC chemical and multidisciplinary teams returned to Al Mutanna to continue the process of destroying the artillery shells filled with mustard. Due to weather conditions, the team postponed the work. Another chemical team conducted a rebaselining inspection of the Dar Al Salam Factory for Chemical Industries located roughly 70km west of Baghdad.

An UNMOVIC multidisciplinary team inspected the Mansour Electronic Company, located 20km west of Baghdad. A second multidisciplinary team went to the Sa'ad State Company in Baghdad, which is a mechanical engineering and design centre, where a geophysical survey was planned.

An UNMOVIC biological team inspected the Qadasiyah Dairy Factory, located 180km south of Baghdad.

One IAEA team inspected the Al Tahidi Company, an electronics facility east of Baghdad. A second IAEA team inspected the Al Naser Al Adheem General Company (formerly known as Daura SEHEE) in the Daura district of Baghdad. A third IAEA team performed a car-borne radiation survey in the Al Mansoor and Rashdiya districts of Baghdad.

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