

**UNMOVIC IAEA Press Statement on Inspection Activities in Iraq
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Two UNMOVIC teams of missile inspectors visited separate locations in missile activity. One team inspected the Ibn Firnas State Company, which is located about 18 km northwest of Baghdad. The company is owned by the Military Industrialization Corporation and conducts work on aircraft and remotely piloted vehicles (RPV) for the Armed Forces. Most of the work is of a research and development nature. The second missile team traveled approximately 45 km from their headquarters to the site of the Al-Harith Missile Maintenance Workshop. The workshop is an anti-aircraft missile maintenance facility for the SA-2 (Volga), SA-3 (Pechora), and SA-6 (Kvadrat) missile systems. Over 30 buildings were inspected during a 4 hour and 15 minutes inspection.

One UNMOVIC multidisciplinary team inspected a guesthouse in the Al Rashidiya region. The team entered the site, following a 20-minute discussion on procedural matters at the gate. The team leader, accompanied by an UNMOVIC interpreter and an Iraqi NMD official, entered two buildings at the site and completed the inspection.

An UNMOVIC chemical team inspected Falluja III, part of the Al Tariq Company (former Muthana SE), located at about 100 km west of Baghdad. This was the second visit to the site. The first visit occurred on 8 December. The team inspected the site to establish the current status of the site and its activity.

An UNMOVIC biological team inspected facilities at the Ibn Al-Baetar Centre at Al Taji, which is located approximately 28 km northwest of Baghdad. The Centre was a previously declared and inspected site. The inspected facilities were: the Veterinary Drug Research Production Centre, the Chemical Production and Analysis facility, and the Biological Research and Development Department.

The UNMOVIC biological team, which went to the Mosul region on 17 December, inspected two sites on 18 December: the Department of Biology-College of Sciences at Mosul University, where the team inspected several buildings and storages and took some samples; and the Mosul Sugar and Yeast factory, where the team inspected the buildings related to yeast and alcohol productions. The team returned to Baghdad today. (Note: The information on the team's return date should be corrected to today).

The IAEA sent a team of inspectors to the Mosul area in the North of Iraq for the last three days. These teams broke into sub-teams and carried out multiple inspections.

One team concentrated on underground facilities, inspecting two projects associated with electricity generation and irrigation. These deep underground facilities were inspected as to their function and their recent activities.

Another team inspected former nuclear facilities near Mosul, at Al Jesira. The Jesira site is declared to be carrying out common industrial chemical projects. Sites associated with movements of materials and equipment from Jesira were verified.

The teams came together to inspect the Jaber bin Hayam site that produces chemical protection equipment for the military and some civilian products. They also inspected the Al Kindi State Company in Mosul. Kindi is a site associated with missile and rocket development. It also produces electronic and industrial products for the civil sector.

The team returned to Baghdad on Thursday evening.

A team that stayed behind in Baghdad continued to inspect and monitor dual-use equipment known to the IAEA and to inspect new equipment. The sites inspected today are known as Nahrawan and the Mamoun factory of the Rasheed State Company. Nahrawan is a conventional metals machining plant. Mamoun produces propellant for solid fuel missiles and was associated with the previous Iraqi nuclear program.

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