

**UNMOVIC/IAEA Press Statement on Inspection Activities in Iraq**  
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One UNMOVIC team of missile inspectors inspected the Al Battanee Centre (Baghdad Space Research and Development Centre) in Baghdad. This center is a scientific group, which does space technology, space optics, atmospheric studies and remote sensing. Al Battanee provides the telemetry systems for the Al Samoud missile system. Another missile team inspected the site of the Taji Technical Battalion, located 40 km north of Baghdad. The site belongs to the Iraqi military. It is a missile storage area and a former Scud dumpsite.

An UNMOVIC chemical team inspected the Al Nahrawan site, which is part of the Al Basil Company. This facility consists of several pilot plants involved in the production of some chemicals, mainly on request from other companies. This site was previously declared to be using dual-use equipment and chemicals.

An UNMOVIC biological team inspected the Al Kindi Company for the Production of Veterinary Vaccines in Abu Ghraib, 43 km northwest of Baghdad. It is a mixed sector company, partially owned by the Ministry of Agriculture and partially privately owned. This was a previously declared and monitored site. It produces a variety of viral and bacterial veterinary vaccines, using basic glassware and techniques.

The IAEA inspected three sites: the Mansour State Company, the Farabi Computer Centre, and the Tahrir Institute of Welding Technology.

The Mansour State Company is an electronics factory subordinate to the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) that produces piece components (such as transistors and diodes) and some finished electrical goods for the Iraqi military and civilian sectors. It also produces industrial gases and purified water.

The Farabi Computer Centre is a branch of the Al Kwarzi Company. It specializes in programming computers for business applications and provides contract services for documentation, archiving, and data processing services.

The Tahrir Institute of Welding Technology is a teaching institution in the MIC structure. It prepares secondary school graduates to be welders in a two-year academic programme.

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