

NATO Mission Iraq (NMI)

At the NATO Summit in Brussels in July 2018, following a request from the Iraqi government, Allied leaders issued direction to launch a new training mission in Iraq called NATO Mission Iraq (NMI). This new mission was established in Baghdad in October 2018.

The current Commander of the mission is Major General Jennie Carignan of Canada.

NATO Mission Iraq is focused on mentoring and advising Iraqi national defence structures and military education institutions, through a series of activities conducted with full respect for Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is designed to help Iraqi security structures and institutions further develop and sustain their capacity, so they can ensure ISIS/Daesh does not return. Through this mission, NATO provides technical advice to relevant Iraqi defence and security officials within the Ministry of Defence, the Office of the National Security Advisor, and Iraqi military schools and institutions. In those institutions, the mission is helping Iraq develop its capacity to build more sustainable, transparent, inclusive and effective national security structures and professional military education institutions, through the formation of a self-sustaining cadre of Iraqi instructors. NATO works closely with the Iraqi Ministry of Defence to train members of the Iraqi Military under the direct control of the Government of Iraq.

NATO Mission Iraq includes up to several hundred trainers, advisers and support staff from Allied countries and non-NATO partners. It includes military and civilian personnel who operate in a fully integrated manner through various specialized programmes. In all of its activities, NATO Mission Iraq aims at promoting key aspects, including leadership formation and gender issues, including with respect to their impact on the preservation of peace and security.

Since its establishment, NATO Mission Iraq has developed into an effective and credible partner to the Government of Iraq, helping to move the NATO-Iraq partnership forward. It focuses its efforts on several Iraqi professional military education institutions and training schools in Baghdad, Besmayah and Taji.



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg meets leaders, instructors and students at the Iraqi School of Military Communications a time Taji.



Major General Jennie Carignan



NATO Mission Iraq medical advisors are supporting the Iraqi Department of Military Medical Affairs in further developing military medical instruction.

Baghdad:

- Ministry of Defence
- Office of the National Security Advisor
- Prime Minister's National Operation Centre
- Defence University for Military Studies
- Computer Science School
- Military Medical School

Besmayah:

- Iraqi Army Bomb Disposal School
- Iraqi Armour School

Taji:

- School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- School of Military Engineering
- School of Transportation and Supply
- School of Administration and Logistics
- School of Military Communications
- Military Intelligence and Security School
- Non Commissioned Officers Academy



NATO Mission Iraq Gender Advisor presents during a Code of Conduct and Harassment Course in Baghdad area.

NATO Mission Iraq is a non-combat mission. NMI personnel do not deploy alongside Iraqi forces during their operations.

NATO is also a member of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS/Daesh, and NATO Mission Iraq coordinates closely with the United Nations, the European Union and individual countries in their efforts to support Iraq. Through this coordination, NATO Mission Iraq complements the broader international effort to help Iraq eradicate terrorism and increase the long-term stability of Iraq and the region.

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