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Iraq: Map Sources

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Summary

This report identifies selected websites for maps of Iraq. Selected government, library, and organizational website addresses are provided. Maps of the Middle East, Iraq, Facilities Used by U.S. Forces in the Gulf, and USG Humanitarian Assistance and Reconstruction Activities in Iraq are also provided. This report will be updated as needed.

Map Sources

Basic static maps of Iraq and the Middle East region are provided below. Map resources are arranged in order of approximate usefulness, and resources are subject to change.

ReliefWeb

[<http://www.reliefweb.int/w/map.nsf/Emergency?OpenForm&Query=Iraq>]

The Relief website is a project of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and offers information and maps on areas of the world requiring humanitarian relief. Maps of Iraq located on this website include “USG Humanitarian Assistance and Reconstruction Activities in Iraq,” “UN Security Situational Map,” and other maps of general interest.

HIC Humanitarian Information Center for Iraq: Security Maps

[<http://www.hiciraq.org/mapcentre/catalogue/index.asp>]

These U.N. maps are arranged according to several themes including administrative, demographics, food, fuel, energy, water, and several additional subjects. “The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on the maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.”

Conflict with Iraq: Key Maps

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/middle_east/03/v3_iraq_key_maps/html/daily_srikes/link1.stm]

This website is a product of the BBC. Key maps are presented on “Bagdad from the air,” “Mass grave sites,” “Campaign overview,” “Iraqi oilfields,” and “Presidential sites.”

Special Report: War in Iraq

[<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/iraq/maps/index.html>]

This CNN website offers many maps on Iraq, to include weapons of mass destruction (WMD) sites, Iraqi military, political, terrain, population, oil fields, regional, palaces, and the U.S. and coalition forces.

Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection: Iraq Maps

[<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/iraq.html>]

The University of Texas website offers a variety of maps, including many maps from the Central Intelligence Agency. It also has many historical maps and provides links to Iraq maps on other websites.

Central Intelligence Agency Maps

[<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/mapspub/80.shtml>]

The CIA creates maps of various parts of the world and has started to make some available for viewing on the Internet. Purchase information is provided at this site. For the best selection of CIA maps, visit the Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection site above.

Library of Congress Geography and Map Reading Room Online Map Collections

A limited selection of CIA maps are found at the Geography and Map collections website. These are historical collections covering the years 1500-1999. The division's *Places in the News* [<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/plnews.html#map2>] site features a limited number of Iraq maps.

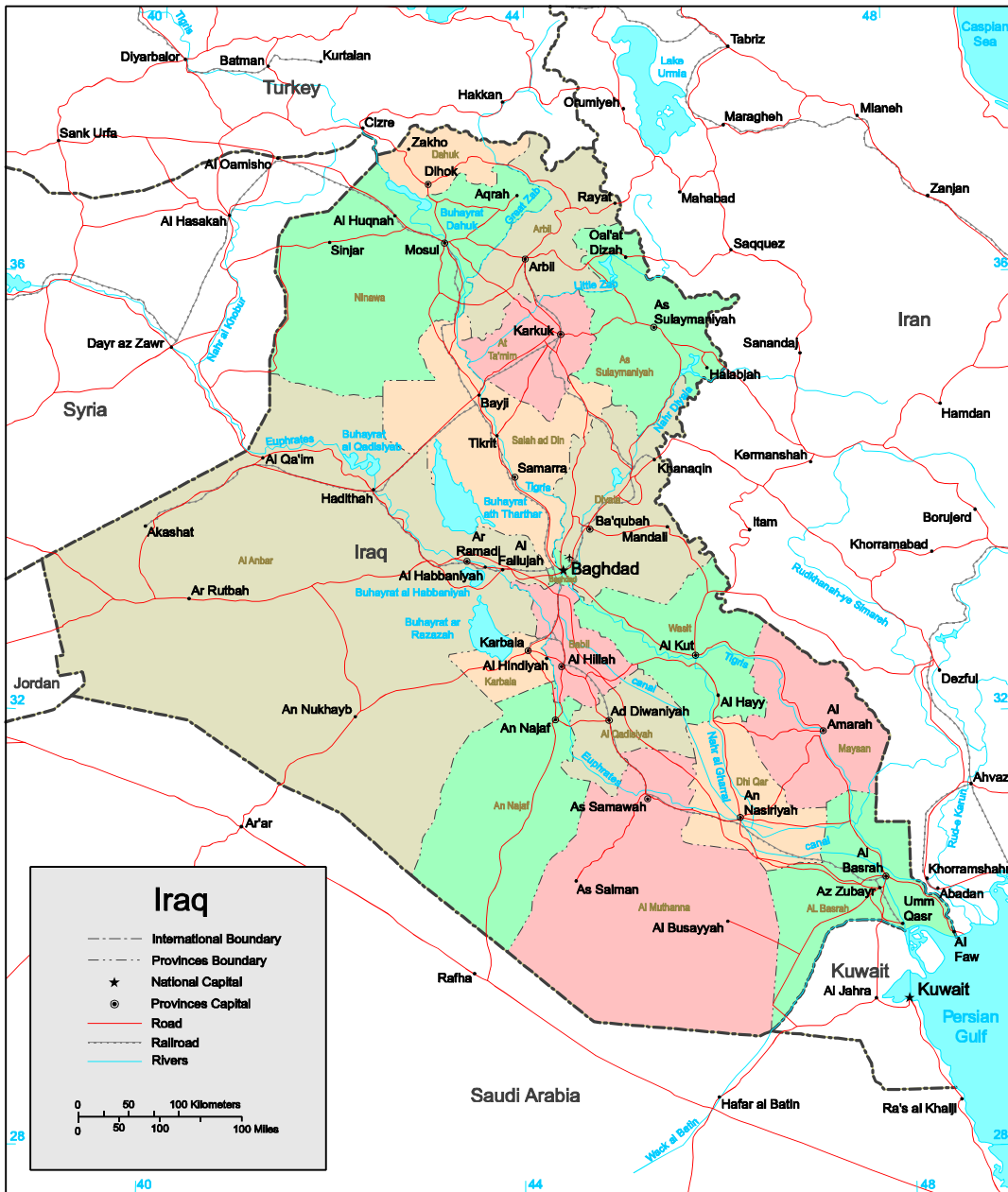
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)

NGA, formerly the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) has produced unclassified maps of Iraq, Baghdad, and the Middle East. They can be viewed by clicking on the link "Special Reference Graphics" at [<http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/nga01/>]. Printed copies of the maps are available through U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) by calling 1-888-ASK-USGS.

National Geographic Map Machine

[<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps>]

This website offers "printer friendly maps" of many countries and provides a wide variety of geographic information on the nations of the world.



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Map of Iraq



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Map of Middle East

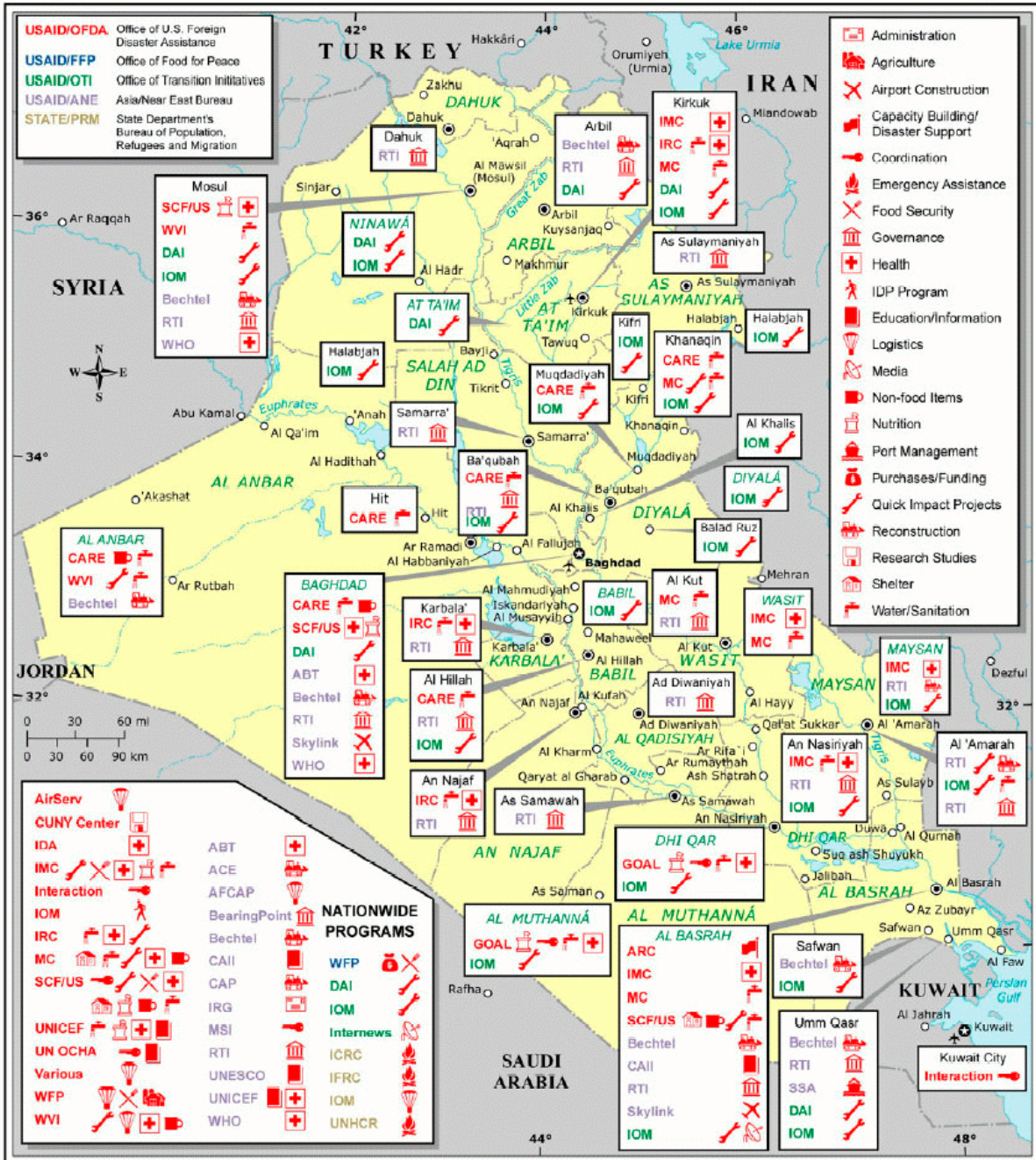


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Facilities Used by U.S. Forces in the Gulf



USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ



Original Map Courtesy of the UN Cartographic Section
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 *Funding Summaries can be obtained from the USAID web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/iraq>

This map shows humanitarian assistance and reconstruction activities in Iraq. A clearer image of the map is available at [<http://www.Reliefweb.int>], click on Iraq, then Maps (in blue), then USG Humanitarian Assistance and Reconstruction activities in Iraq.