

## **Fact Sheet**

### **2010 Council of Representatives Elections Security**

#### **Who is responsible for providing security?**

The Iraqi Security Forces consisting of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense, Iraq National Intelligence Service, The State Ministry for National Security Affairs, Baghdad Operation Command and the Anti Terrorism Service.

#### **Who is responsible for planning security?**

The Prime Minister has established the Elections Supreme Security Committee (ESSC). The ESSC is responsible for designing and implementing the National Security Plan in support of the CoR election. The ESSC is chaired by Deputy Minister of Interior Lt Gen Dr Iyden Khadar, the ESSC comprises members of all security agencies in Iraq. Lt Gen Iyden has established ESSC sub committees in each governorate to design and implement individual governorate security plans in accordance with the National Security Plan.

#### **Will United States Forces - Iraq be involved?**

The USF-I will only become involved in accordance with the bi-lateral security agreement between the Government of Iraq and the United States Government.

#### **What security arrangements will be in place at polling centers?**

Each polling center will be protected by at least two rings of security, the first ring will be provided by Iraq Police, a second ring of security will consist of either police or military. This will be dependent on the operational command where the polling center is located.

#### **What else are the security forces protecting?**

Security forces will also protect convoys carrying sensitive materials like ballots, ink and stamps; they will also provide security for warehouses where elections materials are stored, count centers and governorate electoral offices.

#### **Will USF-I provide security to international observers?**

Yes USF-I will provide security to United Nations, United States and other diplomatic missions' observers and monitors. This will occur in close cooperation and with the support of the Iraq Security Forces.

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