

THE NATO TRAINING MISSION-IRAQ (NTM-I)

The NATO Training Mission-Iraq (NTM-I) was launched on 14 August 2004 at the request of the Iraqi Interim Government, with the aim to provide tangible assistance in the training and equipment of the Iraqi Security Forces. The help is directed at the development of an effective, democratically-led and enduring security sector. The activities of the NTM-I are focused on the training and education of mid- to senior-level officers and the creation of energetic and reliable military leadership at the strategic and the operational level. In its essence, the NTM-I is not a combat mission; it is a separate operation, auxiliary to other international efforts aimed at the relief and reconstruction of Iraq.

Our country regularly participates in the mission, contributing military instructors depending on specific needs.

In 2006 we contributed 4 military personnel (military adviser on leadership and ethics to the Iraqi Commander of the training, education and doctrine Center of Excellence of the Iraqi Army in Baghdad; military adviser on PANDA (Personnel and Administration) issues, military adviser on logistics at the Joint Staff College in Baghdad, and a translator).

Since the beginning of 2009, we have renewed our contribution to the NTM-I, deploying two military personnel to the Headquarters of the mission.

More information about the mission is available at:

http://www.afsouth.nato.int/JFCN_Missions/NTM-I/NTM-I.htm