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## Fact Sheet: Al Taqaddum Air Base, Iraq

### History

- Al Taqaddum Air Base (TQ) is an Iraqi military base located 80 kilometers west of Baghdad.
- Since 2015, TQ has hosted U.S. and other Coalition forces who trained Iraqi Security Forces and served as advisors in the Iraqi operations center in support of the fight against ISIS.
- TQ was primarily operated by U.S. Marines under CJTF-OIR, with the mission to advise and assist members of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) conducting operations in the Anbar province, primarily in the Ramadi area.
- In early 2016, the team advised the leadership of the 8th Iraqi Army Division during its recapture of Ramadi and Fallujah from ISIS control.
  - “As far as the role that was played in the securing of Ramadi, really all the credit goes to is the ISF,” said U.S. Marine Col. Christopher J. Douglas, task force commander at the time. “[Ours] was a limited role in the planning and coordination of operations.”
- Training at the base has included tasks such as communications and radio operations, artillery, explosive ordnance disposal, barricade breaching, medical techniques, and wide area security force training.
- In the operations center, Iraqi troops call in from the frontlines to report encounters, firefights and intelligence data. As Coalition advisors, the Marines help coordinate operations, such as airstrikes and counter attacks on the spot. All strikes and operations are ultimately approved by Iraqi leaders.
- The Coalition’s military movements are conducted in coordination with the Government of Iraq. Al Taqaddum Air Base will remain under Iraqi control.

### Partnerships

- Anbar Operations Command, Iraqi Security Forces
- 8th, 10th, and 16th Iraqi Army Divisions
- Anbar National Police
- Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service.

### Departing Units

- U.S. Marine Corps
  - Task Force Anbar, I Marine Expeditionary Force
  - 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment
- U.S. Army
  - Military Working Dog Team
  - Forward Logistics Element
  - Forward Surgical Team
  - Unmanned Aerial Surveillance platoon, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team
- U.S. Air Force
  - 442nd Air Expeditionary Squadron
- Spanish special operations forces
- Italian Carabinieri
- Canadian armed forces



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## Base Population

- Approximately 500 military personnel

## Equipment Transferred to Iraqis (*Approximately \$3.5 million*):

- Containerized housing units and re-locatable office buildings
- Soft-shell tents, containerized latrine and shower trailers
- Operations center building and office furniture
- Hangar facility, dining facility, gym facility and associated equipment
- Assorted office furniture, beds
- Sand and concrete bunkers and force protection walls