Iraq: Map Sources

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Summary

This report identifies online sources for maps of Iraq, including government, library, and organizational websites. These sources have been selected on the basis of their authoritativeness and the range, quality, and uniqueness of the maps they provide. Some sources provide up-to-the-minute maps; others have been selected for their collection of historical maps. Maps of the Iraq, the Middle East, the status of Al Qaeda in Iraq, and the movement of refugees in Iraq are provided. This report will be updated as needed.

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Map Sources

Links to basic static maps (non-interactive, printable image files) of Iraq and the Middle East region are provided below. Map resources are arranged in alphabetical order, with the exception of the Perry-Castañeda Library website. The Perry-Castañeda Library website description has been placed first because of the exceptional breadth of Iraq maps and links to Iraq maps offered by the Library's website.

Perry-Castañeda 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 CIA. It has many historical maps and provides links to Iraq maps on other websites.

Center for Strategic and International Studies
http://www.csis.org/media/csis/pubs/071005_iraqoverview.pdf
The Center for Strategic and International Studies report, *Political, Military and Economic Dynamics in Iraq: A Graphic Overview*, includes such maps as "Ethno-Sectarian Violence" in Baghdad (page 12) and "Sunni Response in Anbar" (page 17).

Central Intelligence Agency Maps
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/cia-maps-publications/Iraq.html
The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) creates maps of various parts of the world and makes some available for viewing by the general public on the Internet. Purchase information is provided at this site.

Global Security
http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/iraq/maps.htm
Global Security is an online resource that provides background information and news on defense, space, intelligence, WMD, and homeland security issues. Maps found on this website cover administrative, demographic, political, and military topics (including many maps from Department of Defense briefings in 2003 of early Operation Iraqi Freedom military operations).

HIC Humanitarian Information Center for Iraq: Security Maps
http://www.uniraq.org/library/maps.asp
These U.N. maps are arranged into two sections—Geographic and Thematic—and can be searched for specific products through the Map Catalogue.

National Geographic Map Machine
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/iraq/
This website offers a large variety of geographic information on nations of the world, including a few maps of Iraq and Baghdad.

New York Times
http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2007/09/06/world/middleeast/
20070907_BUILDUP_MAIN_GRAPHIC.html#
The *New York Times* has put together an interactive map of post-surge Baghdad neighborhoods, with information on the makeup and outlook of various neighborhoods.

ReliefWeb
http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/doc404?OpenForm&cc=irq&rc=3
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, dated 2001 through 2009, include "OCHA Presence in Iraq (in 2009)," "Iraq: Humanitarian Profile – December 2008," and other maps of general interest.

Report to Congress on the Situation in Iraq
http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/110/pet091007.pdf
General Petraeus' September 2007 report to Congress includes a number of maps of Iraq, including "State of Al Qaeda Iraq" on page 20.

Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR)
http://www.sigir.mil/reports/quarterlyreports/Jan09/pdf/Report_-_January_2009_LoRes.pdf
SIGIR provides quarterly and semi-annual publically available reports directly to the U.S. Congress. The January 2009 report includes such maps as "Major Ongoing GRD [Gulf Region Division] Infrastructure Projects" and "Reconstruction by Province."
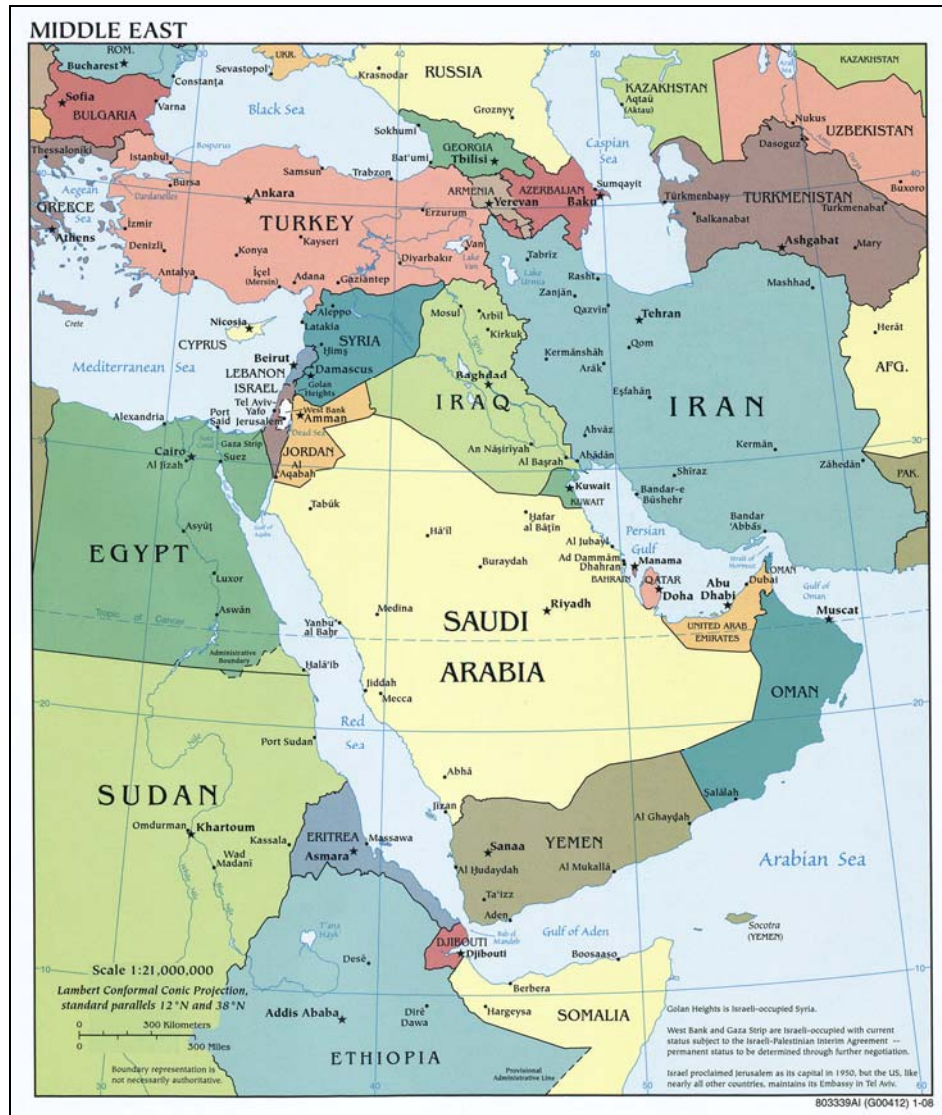
United Nations
http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/iraq.pdf
This website provides the UN reference maps of Iraq in a one-page PDF.
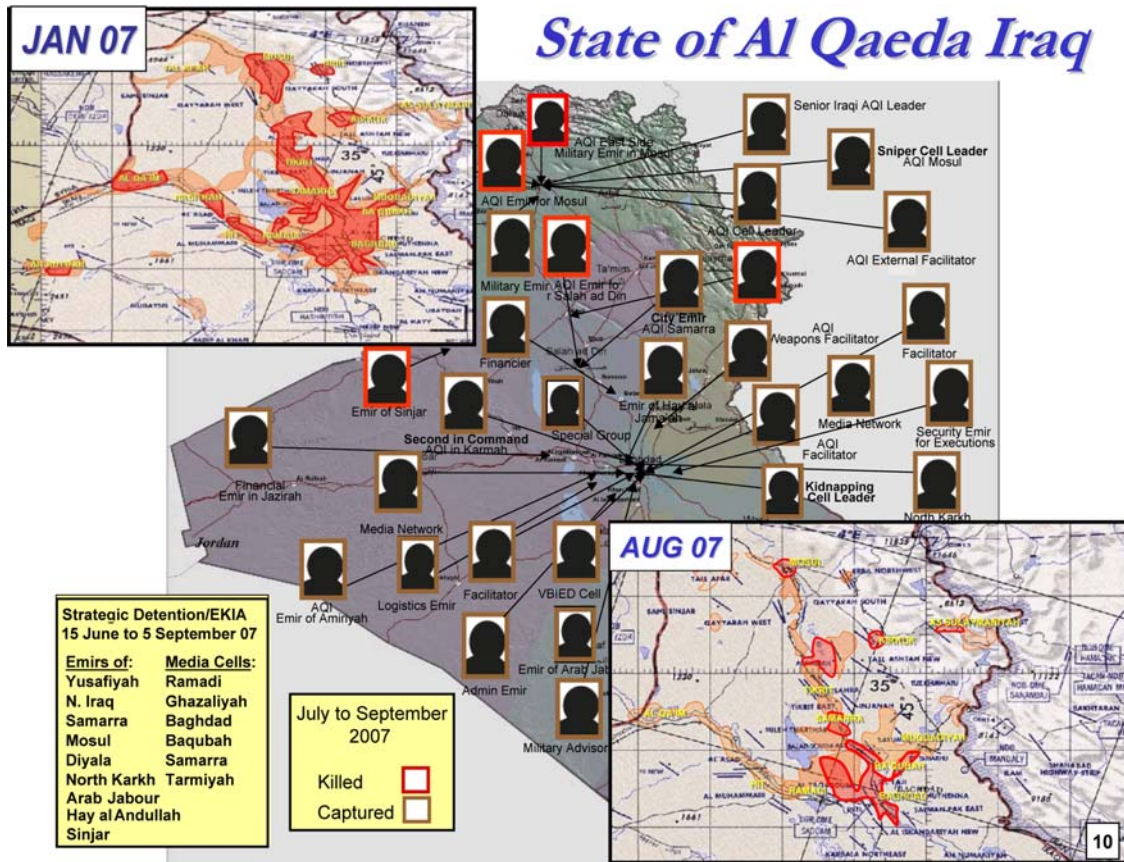
Figure 1. Map of Iraq

Source: CIA maps, provided by the Perry-Castañeda Library, at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/ middle_east_and_asia/iraq_pol_2004.pdf.

Figure 2. Map of Middle East

Source: CIA maps, provided by the Perry-Castañeda Library, at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/ middle_east_and_asia/txu-oclc-192062619-middle_east_pol_2008.jpg

Figure 3. State of Al Qaeda Iraq

Source: General Petraeus, September 2007, "Report to Congress on the Situation in Iraq," pg. 20, at http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/110/pet091007.pdf.

Figure 4. Infrastructure: Major Ongoing Gulf Region Division [GRD] Projects

Source: Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR), at http://www.sigir.mil/reports/ quarterlyreports/Jan09/pdf/Report_-_January_2009_LoRes.pdf. GRD, response to SIGIR data call, 1/5/2009; GRD, "Basrah Children's Hospital: Overview and Status Update," 1/5/2009. Photos: GRD, *Essayons Forward*, Vol 4, Issue 2; DoD, http://www.defenselink.mil/news/briefingslide.aspx?briefingslife=317, 1/13/2009; http://www.symbion-power.com/experience/sub_farabi.html, 1/13/2009; GRD, *Essayons Forward*, Vol 5, Issue 2.

Notes: Figures are estimates; locations on map are approximate. Numbers affected by rounding.

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