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 Iraq, the Middle East, significant security incidents in Iraq, and public views of security in Iraq have been 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 also provides some historical maps as well as links to Iraq maps on other websites.

Center for Strategic and International Studies
http://csis.org/files/publication/091001_iraq_war_update.pdf
The Center for Strategic and International Studies report, *Recent Trends in the Iraq War: Maps and Graphs*, includes such maps as "Key Areas of Shi'ite Extremist Activity" (page 3), and "Ethno-Sectarian Violence, 2006-2009" (page 15).

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).

United Nations (U.N.) Iraq: Web Portal for U.N. Agencies Working in Iraq
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 attributes through the Map Catalogue.

Measuring Security and Stability in Iraq
 http://www.defense.gov/pubs/
This Department of Defense website lists the most recent "Measuring Security and Stability in Iraq" quarterly reports. These reports contain maps on the public views of security in Iraq and the average daily hours of electrical power per province.

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 2010, include "Return to Iraq: 2009-2010" (a map of individuals returning to Iraq after displacement) and "Projects of Japan ODA [Official Development Assistance] Loans in Iraq (as of 31 Mar 2010)."

Report to Congress on the Situation in Iraq
http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/110/pet091007.pdf
General Petraeus's 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/publications/quarterlyreports/index.html
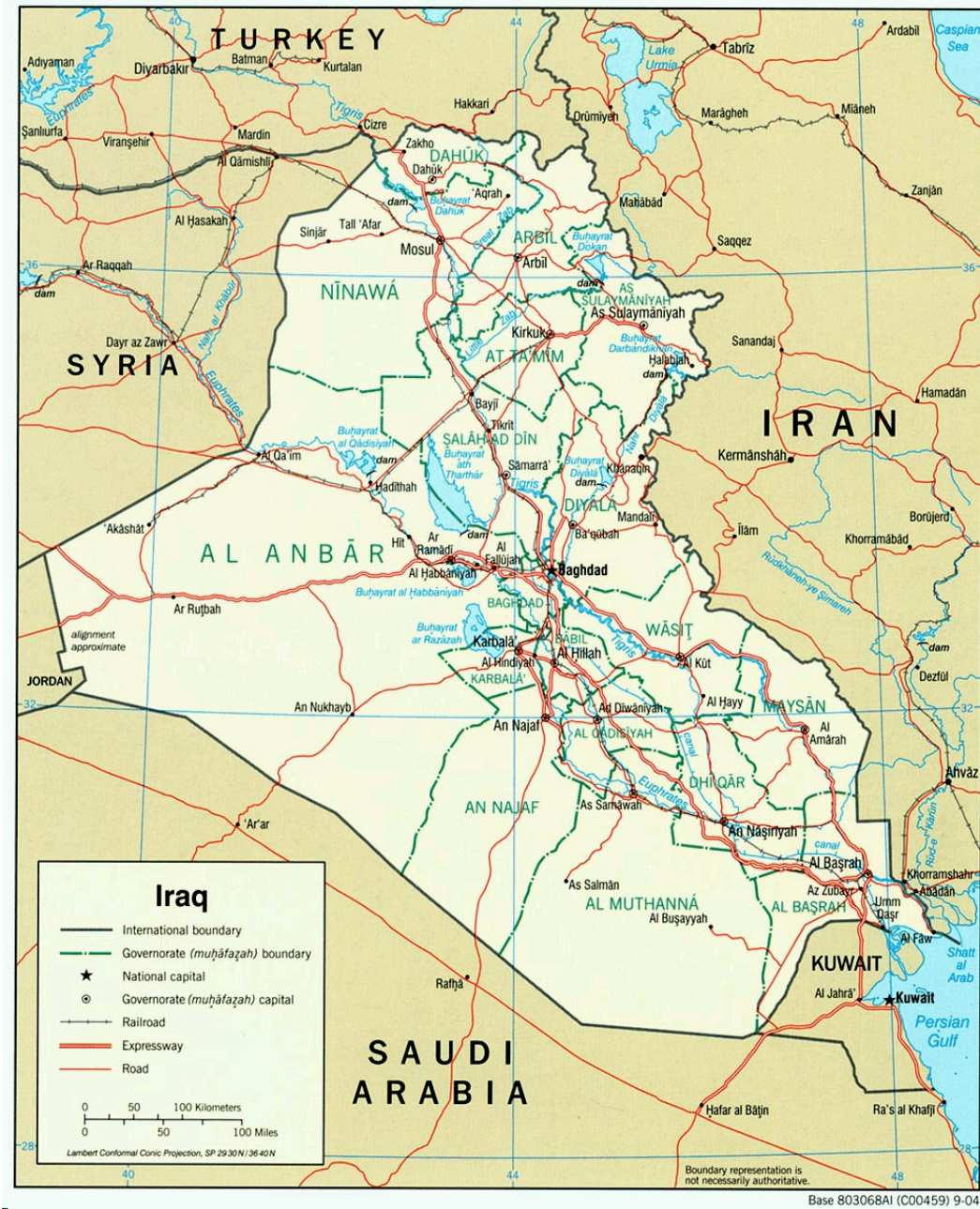SIGIR provides quarterly and semi-annual publically available reports directly to the U.S. Congress. The April 2010 report includes such maps as "International Commitments for Iraq" and "Significant Security Incidents by Region: January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010."

United Nations
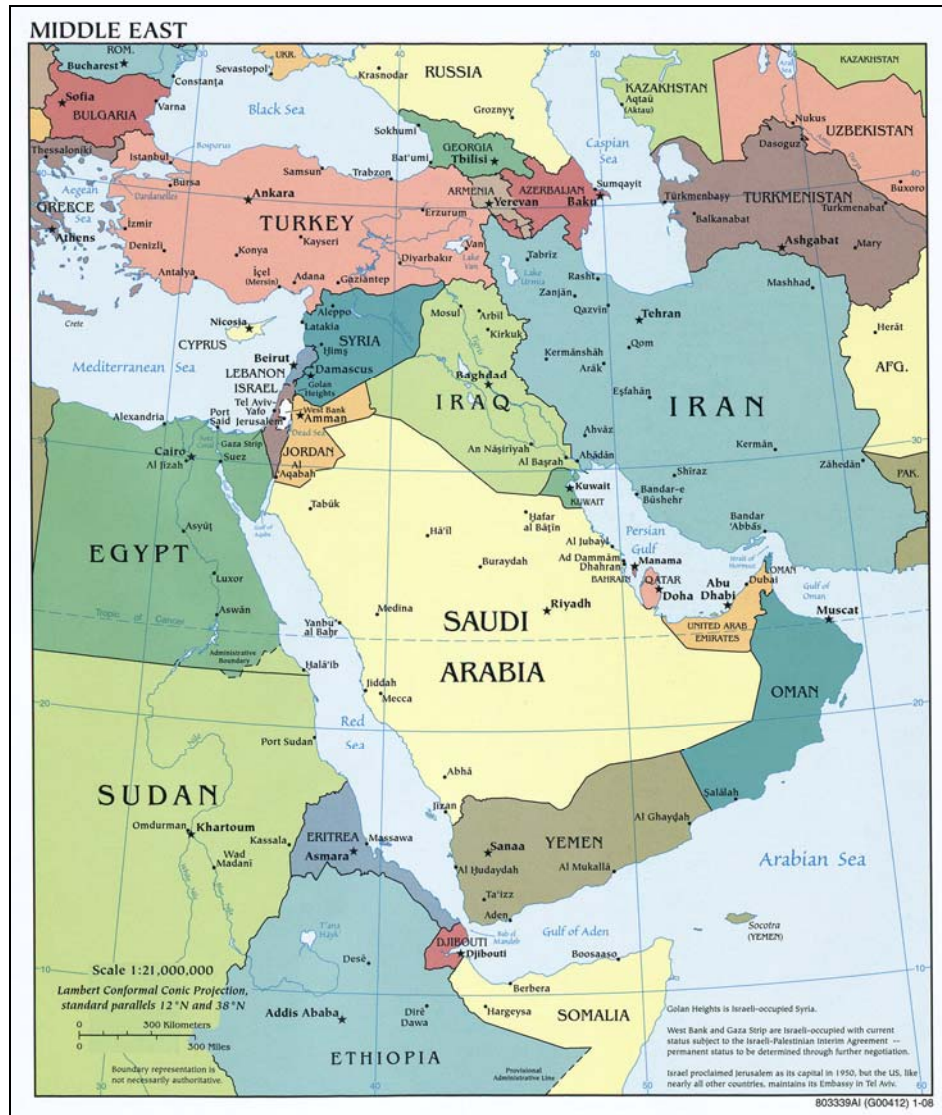http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/iraq.pdf
This website provides the UN reference map of Iraq in a one-page PDF.
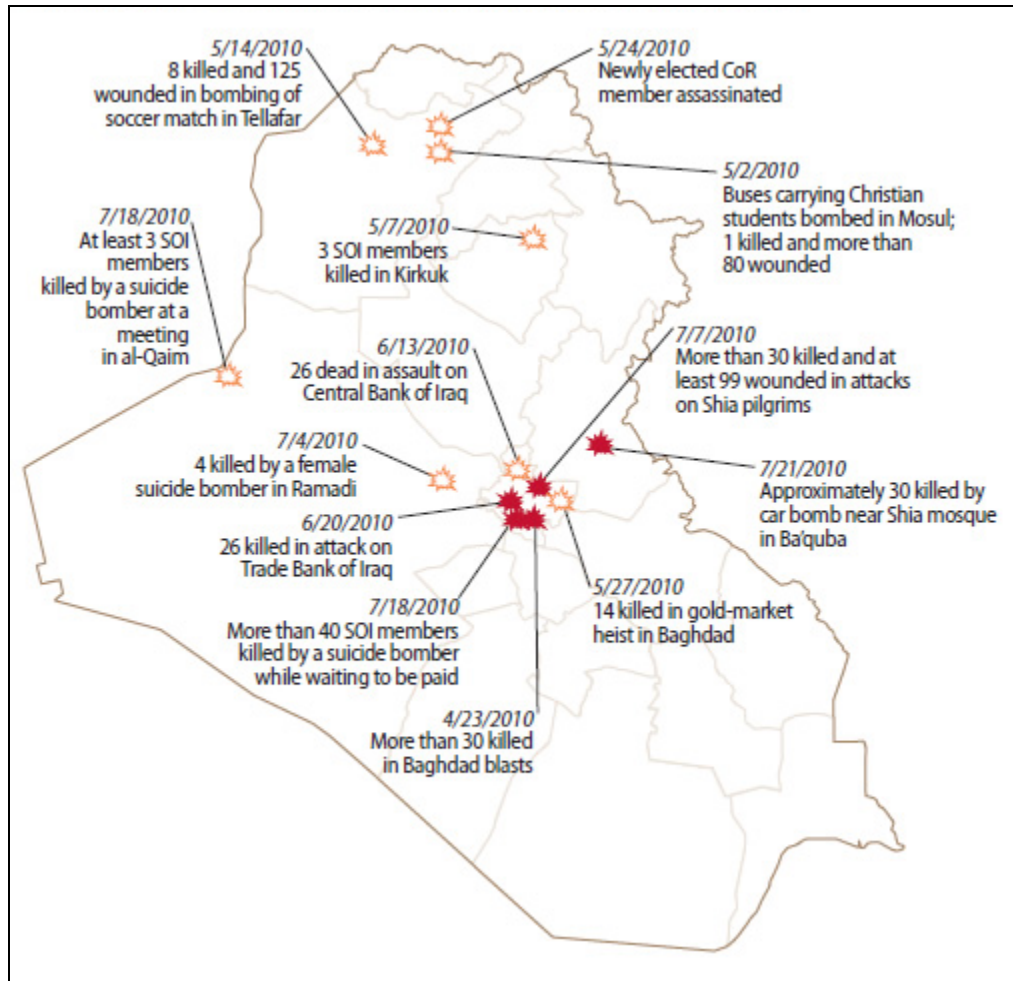
Figure 1. Map of Iraq

Source: CIA maps, provided by the Perry-Castañeda Library, at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east_and_asia/iraq_pol_2004.pdf
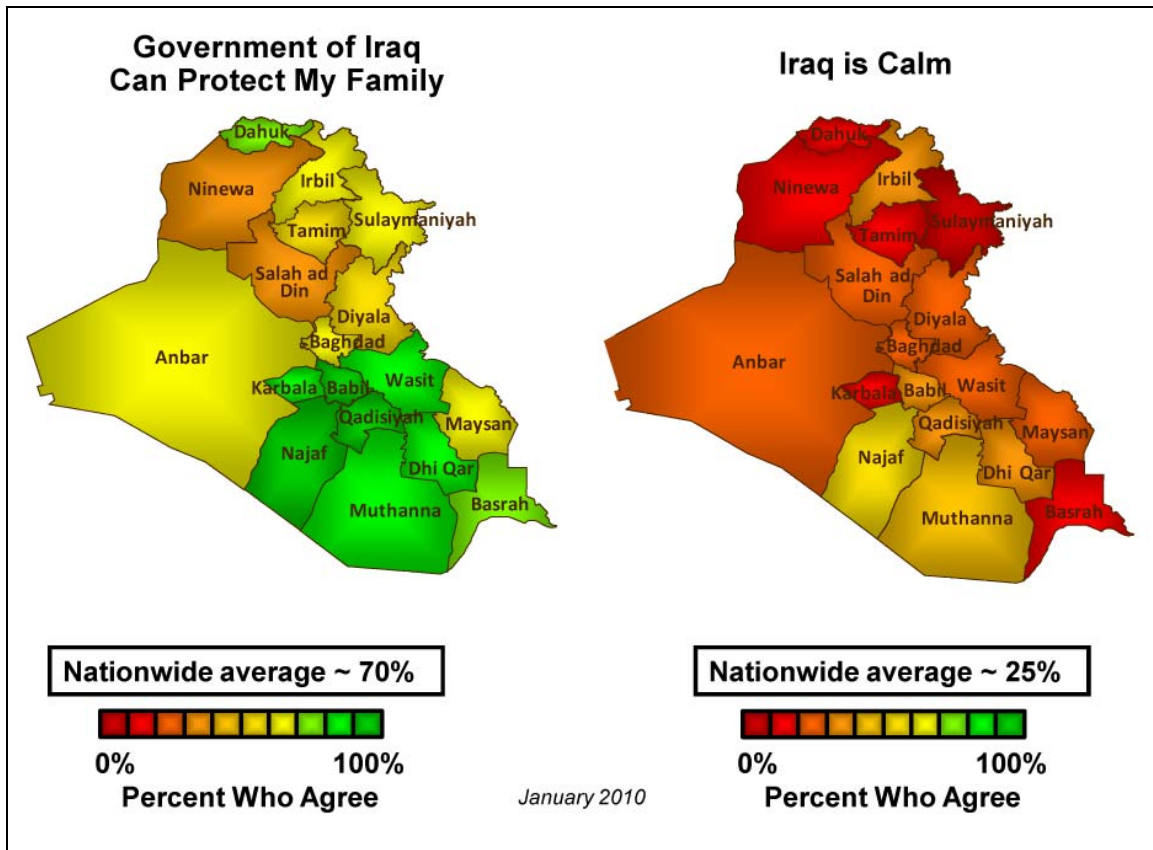
Figure 2. Map of Middle East

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. Significant Security Incidents: April 15, 2010, to July 21, 2010

5/14/2010
8 killed and 125
wounded in bombing of
soccer match in Tellafar

5/24/2010
Newly elected CoR
member assassinated

5/2/2010
Buses carrying Christian
students bombed in Mosul;
1 killed and more than
80 wounded

7/18/2010
At least 3 SOI
members
killed by a suicide
bomber at a
meeting
in al-Qaim

5/7/2010
3 SOI members
killed in Kirkuk

6/13/2010
26 dead in assault on
Central Bank of Iraq

7/7/2010
More than 30 killed and at
least 99 wounded in attacks
on Shia pilgrims

7/4/2010
4 killed by a female
suicide bomber in Ramadi

7/21/2010
Approximately 30 killed by
car bomb near Shia mosque
in Ba'quba

6/20/2010
26 killed in attack on
Trade Bank of Iraq

7/18/2010
More than 40 SOI members
killed by a suicide bomber
while waiting to be paid

5/27/2010
14 killed in gold-market
heist in Baghdad

4/23/2010
More than 30 killed
in Baghdad blasts

Source: Special Inspector General for Iraq (SIGIR), at http://www.sigir.mil/files/quarterlyreports/July2010/ Report_-_July_2010.pdf#view=fit. SIGIR sites the Government of Iraq, U.S., and open-source documents in Arabic and English.

Figure 4. Public Views of Security

Source: Department of Defense, "Measuring Security and Stability in Iraq," March 2010, at
http://www.defense.gov/pubs/pdfs/March%209204%20SecDef%20signed%2029%20Apr%202010_ID80.pdf.

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