

NATO's Iraq Training Mission: New HQ in Green Zone

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The new NATO headquarters in Iraq has been formally unveiled. High-ranking officials from NATO and the Iraqi Defense Ministry attended the opening ceremony.

NATO has provided training and equipment for Iraq, helping the development of its security forces.

NATO's Assistant Secretary General, Martin Howard, is optimistic about maintaining a good relationship between the two sides.

The Iraqi Defense Minister, Al-obeidi, said Iraq was carefully coordinating the training and equipping of its forces with NATO and the US.

Iraq hopes to meet its security responsibilities when US combat troops withdraw in August, 2010. Iraq has more than 640,000 security personnel, with hundreds of thousands still in need of training and equipment.

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