Political

Basra Province

The Governor of Basra visits SICI President

Source: almejlis.org Date: Oct05, 2015

Majed al-Nasrawi the Basra governor met in Baghdad with Amar al-Hakeem SICI President. They focused in particular on Cholera, salt water crisis, tribal clashes, electricity and security. Al-Nasrawi said that Basra will experience a period of political calm and introduce a series of administrative reforms.

Chairman of BPC receive UNIAMI

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct11, 2015

Sabha al-Bazoni chairman of the BPC met with the representative of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq(UNAMI) in south region Kanan Rijth . The two sides discussed the agreements which have already signed between UNAMI and Basra Local Govt.especially those related to Housing camps, Health and food assistance and migration applications for DPIs. In addition to technical assistances which provided by UNAMI's agencies to build the capacity of Basra Local Govt's staff and officials in both side the legislative and executive one .

Committee for Tribal settlement held first Conference

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct11, 2015

The committee held its first annual conference at the Culture Oil Center Hall. The conference witnessed by more than 500 persons such as the chairman of the BPC Sabha al-Bazoni , Daya al-Sadi, Head of Harar bloc in Iraqi parliament , Sheik Abod al-Esawi,, chairman of Tribal Committee in Iraqi parliament, Rihab al-Eboda, Basra representative in Iraqi parliament, Chief of Basra Police, Faysal Ebadi ,Chairman of Security of the BPC, Jabber al-Sa'adi , the representative of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq(UNAMI) in south region, the commander of BOC,Sameer Abedal Kareem ,the representative from christens and other religious minorities and the heads of tribal from Basra, Maysan and Thi-Qar .They have discussed at the conferences the tribal 's conflicts which erupted from time to another in Basra and encourage the heads of tribal to educate their followers to respect the security and reduce the conflicts which may impact to decrease the level of investment in the province.

BM receives new authorizations

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct13, 2015

Basra Municipality (BM) director, Haytham Ali announced that BC received 38 out of 54 authorizations handed by the MMPW. He pointed out that all authorizations would be completely handed over in the next month. Ali added that BM has currently managed its work based on those authorizations and started to issue official letters carried Basra Governorate and BM logos not the MMPW one. Ali affirmed that authorizations which BM received include: Administrative and rent industry pieces of lands for craftsmen. Ali stressed that all authorizations would be managed by the governor of Basra and his deputies.

Economy

Basra Province

Kuwait Energy and Egypt's EGPC announced their partnership in Block 9, Iraq

Source: kuwaitenergy.co, petroleum.gov.eg

Date: Oct01, 2015

Kuwait Energy and Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation ("EGPC"), the national oil company of Egypt, have jointly announced the signing of an agreement whereby EGPC has farmed in a 10% participating interest in Block 9. It is a field located in the Basra. With this agreement; EGPC has become a partner with Dragon Oil Holdings Limited

and Kuwait Energy, in the Block 9 license, where Kuwait Energy is the operator. The Exploration, Development & Production Service Contract ("EDPSC") pertaining to Block 9 was signed in January 2013 after the award in 2012. The first discovery was made in September 2014 in the Mishrif formation resulting in a flow rate of circa 2,000 BOPD on 32/64 inch choke, and the second discovery followed shortly in December 2014 in the Yamama formation resulting in oil flow rates of circa 8,000 BOPD on 64/64 inch choke.

Basra Gas Company Wins Flaring Reduction Award

Source: Basra Gas Date: Oct 02, 2015

The Basra Gas Company (BGC) has recently been awarded the World Bank's prestigious Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership (GGFR) Excellence Award for 2015. The GGFR Excellence Award recognizes governments, oil companies and other organizations that have made a significant contribution to gas flaring reduction in the upstream sector of the industry through associated gas utilization projects, partnerships, and innovative use of technology or business approaches. Speaking about the award Deputy Minister of Oil for Gas Affairs, Dr. Hamid Younis said: "I am very pleased to hear that BGC has won the GGFR Excellence Award. The company has achieved a lot in the two years it has been in existence. Already we can see a significant drive towards delivering on the Government's mandate to turn flared gas into a valuable asset for the people of Iraq.

IOCs contribute to end water crisis in Basra

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct 03, 2015

Aqeel al-Khalidi, Chairman of Economic and Development Committee of the BPC announced that the MoO authorized BPC to commit the International Oil Companies in Basra to fund and setting up desalination plants.

BGC revives Industry in Basra

Source: almirbad.com, nasiriyah.org

Date: Oct 01, 2015

Director of BGC, Ali Hussain Khudier announced that the BGC has recently supplied gas to Cement Factory, Fertilizer plant and will be injecting 55mcm of gas for Petrochemical plant which was stopped for 12 years. Khudier added that the BGC increased supplied gas from 380-560mcm to electric power stations and it will rise the amount of supplied gas to 630mcm in next two months to feed Rumaila Gas Plant. For the BGC exporting plan, Khudier underlined that BCG will be exporting natural benzene in the next week and Liquid Gas in the first quarter of 2016.

MoT decides to replace GCPI director

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct05, 2015

The Minister of the MoT Baqer Jabber decided to refer GCPI's director, Ameran al-Timmi to retirement and appointed Raydh Swadi Shamghi as an acting director of GCPI.

SRC builds new Refining Crude Oil unit

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct06, 2015

Director of SRC Mahmood Abedal Amer said that the MoO contacted with Czech Company to construct a Refining Crude oil unit in the Shuaiba refinery with a capacity of 70 000bpd, at the cost of 125\$m. The unit would contribute to increase the production of petroleum products and improving its quality. Abedal Amer added that SRC has currently 4 Refining Crude Oil units with a total capacity of 280,000bpd. Abedal Amer underlined that SRC has already produced jet fuel in a capacity of 100 mc to supply Basra Airport but for technical complications, the suppling of jet fuel has been stopped. Abedal Amer noted that the production of SRC was not stable due to the deterioration of the first and second refining units that have been created in the seventies of the last century.

IBBC Visits Khor Al Zubair Fuel Depot

Source: IBBC Date: Oct 9, 2015

Iraq Britain Business Council (IBBC) delegates visited the Khor Al Zubair Fuel Depot this week as part of a Mission to Basra. Host Mike Douglas, CEO of SKA International, welcomed the delegation and highlighted the following

points on making business in Iraq:" You need to be tenacious, as well as patient, in order to succeed in Iraq. What you see today is the latest stage of a \$250M investment plan which is part of our Joint Venture with our partners BP and is an investment in the future of Iraq. Our project is unique, in that it is the first privately owned, purpose built, commercial storage and distribution facility in Iraq for refined petroleum products." Iraq needs over 800,000 barrels of refined products every day and can only produce 60% of this requirement. The high quality products that we import and distribute help to make up the shortfall. We help keep the lights on, the air conditioning running and cars and trucks moving on the streets.SKA have been in Iraq for the last 12 years and we will still believe Iraq offers huge opportunities and our continued investment in this kind of infrastructure is testimony to that belief. 'The visit was the second day of an IBBC mission that included the conference 'Basra: Open for Business' on the 5th October.

RSK, Basra Uni, to Train Iraqi Oil Engineers

Source: iraq-businessnews.com

Date: Oct12, 2015

RSK Group Plc and the University of Basra have agreed to enter into a partnership to help train the next generation of Iraqi engineers and to give them practical experience which would help them to obtain jobs in the Iraqi oil industry. The partnership will give University of Basra students access to oil field work experience, internships and for some, hopefully, jobs at RSK's Iraq Energy City base. It will also enable RSK to recruit Iraqi employees trained as specialist engineers for the oil and gas industries.RSK is a UK-headquartered environmental, social, health, safety and engineering services company, whose Iraq operation provides ESHS services to clients including Iraq's South Oil Company (SOC) and Basra Gas Company in relation to major energy projects in Iraq's currently employs 20-30 Iraqi staff in Iraq Energy City, and is hoping to grow this number by bringing in specialists trained at the University of Basra. Working with the University of Basra's College of Engineering, RSK will help design specialist vocational training courses targeted at particular employment opportunities in Iraq's oil fields, for example training students to run and maintain oil processing facilities. Lecturers at the university will deliver the courses. Under the agreement; RSK will also help graduates of these courses to connect with universities in the UK which have appropriate post graduate opportunities.

British Council opens its office in Basra

Source: Shafaaq Date: Oct13, 2015

BC announced through ceremony held at BIH.Ali Ebadi Trade and Commercial officer at BC office in Basra said that the main purpose of the BC office was to identify, build and develop key relationships for the British Council in both public and private sectors in Basra, and to identify and develop market opportunities and partnerships for our products and programs. As the United Kingdom's international organization for cultural relations and educational opportunities, the British Council creates opportunities for the people of the UK as well as of Iraq, in order to build trust and understanding, and maintain mutually beneficial relationships. The British Council is working to support the rebuilding and revitalization of the education system and to meet the demand for English and Skills to aid employability of young Iraqis.

Kuwait may Import Gas from Iraq

Source: Shafaaq Date: Oct14, 2015

The Chief Executive of the **Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC)** Nizar Al-Adsani has said that his company has conducted negotiations with both <u>Iran</u> and Iraq to import gas. Al-Adsani added that Kuwait is in need of gas for power plants but up until now we have not agreed on the quantities and prices.

Basra-Houston Sister Cities Agreement under discussion

Source: basrah.usconsulate, basra.gov.iq

Date: Oct18, 2015

The U.S GC Steve met with the Governor of Basra Majid al-Nasrawi to discuss the next steps in implementing the Basra-Houston Sister Cities Agreement. Ms. Mais Abousy, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Legal Adviser, discussed with Governor Nasrawi the creation of a joint public-private committee drawn from key members of Basra's

business community and provincial government. The committee's goal will be the establishment of key programs designed to create local jobs by enhancing the Sister Cities Agreement."

Economic officials from Southern's governments visit the U.S GC in Basra

Source: basrah.usconsulate

Date: Oct19, 2015

The U.S GC Steve presented the keynote address to a group of key economic officials from the governments in Basra, Thi-Qar, Maysan, and Muthanna, all of whom were visiting the Consulate to attend a workshop on public/private partnerships (PPP). The workshop was headed by Ms. Mais Abousy from the U.S. Department of Commerce. The workshop's purpose is to provide greater expertise in attracting western investors interested in partnering with Iraq on key projects, all aimed at improving southern Iraq's infrastructure and economy, and increasing job opportunities. Additionally ,the U.S.GC led commercial and economic delegation to meet with a group of private Basrawi businesspeople at the offices of Sheik Tawfiq(Ja'afari's Trend). During this roundtable discussion we explored actions needed to create jobs through the further develops of commercial investment and trade between southern Iraq and the United State.

The U.S. Department of Commerce met with Local Media

Source: basrah.usconsulate

Date: Oct20, 2015

Ms. Mais Abousy of the U.S. Department of Commerce met with members of the local media to discuss the economic and commercial initiatives currently underway between the United States and southern Iraq. Ms. Abousy wrapped up a week of activities that focused on further enhancing the Basra-Houston Sister Cities Agreement. She hosted a series of commercial development workshops and meetings with members of the local business community and key government officials, all focused on building stronger commercial, cultural, and educational ties between our two countries.

Workshop with leading businessmen and businesswomen in Basra

Source: basrah.usconsulate

Date: Oct20, 2015

Ms. Mais Abousy of the U.S. Department of Commerce conducted a business development workshop with leading businessmen and businesswomen from the Basra. The focus of the workshop was franchising – outlining the steps an entrepreneur needs to take in order to negotiate franchising agreements with key international companies. This workshop is designed to provide members of Basra's private sector with important skills that will assist them in their efforts to attract western companies, improve the local economy, and create additional job opportunities.

Block 9 has reached Production in Record Tim

Source: Kuwait Energy Date: Oct 20, 2015

Kuwait Energy has announced that the consortium comprising of Kuwait Energy (60%) as the operator, <u>Dragon Oil</u> (30%) and the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation(10%) has commenced oil production from Faihaa-1 well in <u>Block 9</u>, Iraq. The Faihaa-1 well is located in Block 9 field, which is situated in the hub of Iraq's oil industry in the Basra Governorate. Production has begun from the Faihaa-1 well in the order of 5,000 bpd on 32/64 inch choke. Sara Akbar, CEO of Kuwait Energy, said: "We are proud to have begun production in record time after making the discovery last December, which demonstrates the feasibility of executing such a fast track project in world record time in South Iraq. "This would not have been possible without the cooperation and full support of the Iraq Ministry of Oil, the South Oil Company, the Block 9 Joint Management Committee ("JMC") Chairman and its members, the support of our partners, Dragon Oil and the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation, and the diligent and determined Kuwait Energy team in Basra and Kuwait."

Petrofac Wins Training Contract at Majnoon

Source: Petrofac

Date: Oct13, 2015

Petrofac has been awarded a multi-million dollar technical training contract with Shell Iraq, achieving their fourth win with a major operator in the country. Effective October 2015, Petrofac Training Services (PTS) has joined Shell in the management and operation of Shell's Majnoon training center in the Majnoon oil field development in Southern Iraq for two years, with an optional one year extension. The center was opened in 2013 and has focused on providing quality technical and non-technical training to the Majnoon workforce. Through its focus on competency development the training center is making a strong contribution to the growth of Iraqi capabilities.

PTS will also provide human resources, including Project Managers, HSE, Technical, and English Language Trainers, as well as Administrators, with a focus on supporting the competency development of the national workforce. Petrofac was first awarded a contract by Shell to deliver engineering, procurement and construction management at Majnoon in 2011 and now operates in four locations across the country on projects worth a total of more than US\$1 billion.

Fayhaa 1 starts commercial production

Source: Iraqi directory Date: Oct16, 2015

Production in the concession area's first well, Fayhaa1 oil filed within bloc 9 in Basra, begin in October with an initial return of 5,000 barrels per day (bpd) with the number expected to reach 150,000 bpd by 2020.

Thi-Qar Province

NO Federal's decision to invest the Industry city in Thi-Qar

Source: almirbad.com, nasiriyah.org

Date: Oct 02, 2015

The Governor of Thi-Qar Yahiya al-Nassri called on the Federal Govt. to invest or authorizing Thi-Qar Local Govt. to do so in order to avoid the destroying of its infrastructure with the passage of time. Al-Nassri added the investment of the city could play a vital role in decreasing the unemployment and improving economic activities in the province On other hand, the director of the industry city of Thi-Qar Rashid Zuid said that the second phase of the city resumed again after allocating 5 BIQD. Zuid added that the staff of the project began the second phase in constructing water purification unit with a capacity of 800 cubic meters per hour. It should be noted that the first phase of the project formed 60% of the project and it will be providing 106 factories on an area of 116 acres as an investment opportunities.

Airport to be finished in 2015 and will operate as civilian and military airport

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct22, 2015

The Governor of Thi-Qar Yehya Al Nasiri announced that he made agreement with the ministers of defense and transportation to complete the administration's procedures and complete the construction of the infrastructure to operate the new Nasiriyah airport in Thi-Qar. The Governor said that the infrastructure for the airport would be completed soon .the airport will be a joint civilian and military airport. He added that the airport would be commissioned in 2015 but did not mention costs of the project, which has an area of nearly 20,000 square metres and is located at Imam Ali Military Air Base.

AL-Muthanna Province

MoO opens new Oil Pump Station in Al-Muthanna

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct 06, 2015

Senior deputy at the MoO Fayth Hassin Ne'ama opened the second oil pumping station which located at south of Al-Muthanna province. The project accomplished by a local company which used technical equipment from General Electric the U.S Company. The construction period of the project has taken three years at the cost of 50\$m and with the capacity of 400,00 bpd. Hassin added that the station would contribute to pump enough oil crude to all electric stations and refineries in Baghdad and other Central Provinces.

GCIP discuss with JICA master plan for developing ports

Source: Nina news Date: Oct 08, 2015

The General Company for Iraqi Ports Japanese loan body held a conference to discuss the comprehensive plan for the ports of Iraq in cooperation with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA). According to a statement of the GCIP "The conference discussed the strategy concerning the activities of the ports of Umm Qasr, Khor Al-Zubair, Maqal, Abu Flus, Khor Al-Zubair and Faw."The representative of the JICA in Iraq said that "the Agency will provide expertise in several areas such as port operations management, logistics, cargo handling, loading and unloading systems of modern ports". He added, "The Agency will assist in the development and rehabilitation of waterways that help sea units in access to Iraqi ports and it will provide studies and courses for the development of a competent professional staff and this plan (MASTER PLAN) will be working up to 2035.

Iran Pipeline to pump 5MCM/D Gas to Basra

Source: farsnews Date: Oct05, 2015

The 25-kilometer pipeline which is agreed to carry Iran's gas from Khorramshahr to Iraq's Basra is scheduled to pump 5 million cubic meters of gas daily to the neighboring port city in its first phase upon signing of the contract. "We are ready to put the project into operation as soon as the contract is signed," Managing Director of the Iranian Gas Engineering and Development Company (NIGSENG) Hassan Montazer Torbati said.

On the transfer of gas to the capital city of Baghdad, the official also said that testing the pipeline is in the final stages and it is expected to be launched in the near future. International relations director at the National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC), Azizollah Ramezani, said last week. Iran is ready to supply Iraq with up to 35 million cubic meters of gas on a daily basis given a new amendment to the gas export contract, mainly for generation of electricity during 5 hot months of the year.

Iran completed its share of the 97-km pipeline in late August. Alireza Gharibi, managing director of Iranian Gas Engineering and Development Company, earlier in July that the final tests as well as cleaning and calibration pigging on the pipeline were completed and the pipeline was ready to export Iranian natural gas on August 20.

The pipeline, 48 inches in diameter, is also linked to Iran's gas trunklines (IGATs) to deliver natural gas from Iran to Iraq. In its first phase, the pipeline will carry 5mcm/d of natural gas from Iran to Iraq, and the amount will rise once the line is linked to IGATs. The 270-kilometer pipeline stretches from the village of Charmaleh, located in Iran's western province of Kermanshah, into the town of Naft Shahr on the border with Iraq. The pipeline, which is estimated to earn Iran 3.7 billion dollars a year in revenues, will be fed by the massive offshore South Pars gas field in southern Iran. Iraq needs Iranian gas for power generation to solve a part of its load-shedding problem which is causing unrests in parts of the country during hot summer days. Besides the envisaged gas supply, Iran will also provide Iraq with training programs for its technical, financial and executive manpower.

Russian-Iraq to build a giant Petrochemical plant in west of Qurna

Source: Nina news Date: Oct03, 2015

Ministry of Industry and Minerals announced that it plans to make a partnership contract with the Russian company Lukoil to set up a giant petrochemical project in the West Qurna field in Basra province. The Information Office of the Ministry quoted the Chairman of the petrochemical and fertilizer industries as saying during a meeting with representative of Russia's LUKOIL Elijah Andlj: "The economic and technical feasibility showed positive results for the establishment of a project for the production of petrochemicals by the extensive preliminary study prepared by both sides since earlier in 2013, in order to invest the surplus gas associated with crude oil in the West Qurna field. "He added: "This meeting came to complete the project's requirements, such as provision of fuel and the allocation of land to set up the infrastructure, in preparation for the conclusion the partnership agreement, which commits both

parties to work together for the success of the project which is worth of speculative 8-10 billion US."He concluded that views had identical on the establishment in the province of Basra because it contains sources of energy.

Intertek wins Inspection Contract from SOC

Source: tradearabia Date: Oct07, 2015

Intertek, a leading quality solutions provider to industries worldwide, has won a third party inspection procurement contract for the South Oil Company in Basra. The multi-year agreement is the first time SOC has appointed a third party inspection company to help ensure the quality and safety of all their projects, which are contracted to various oil and gas companies. Intertek's scope of work will include conducting inspections of components and materials used by SOC-managed oil and gas companies. Intertek's network of experienced staff will verify the quality of products and processes throughout the supply chain; from the sourcing of materials through to the manufacturing and fabrication of products. Some of the technical inspection services will take place at the factories to oversee the way the production process is piloted and to ensure it complies with international standards and adhere to the specifications set by the client, said the statement. Other inspections and testing will be conducted in Intertek laboratories across the world, it said. Hussain Al-Atrakchi, Intertek vice president of Industry Services, Middle East, North Africa and West Asia, said: "We are pleased to be engaged in the testing and inspection of the materials used all projects conducted by SOC." Intertek's global coverage across markets and functions, combined with laboratory expertise, provides the South Oil Company with the required support needed throughout the value chain."

IBBC Hosts Basra: open for Business Conference

Source: iraq-businessnews

Date: Oct05, 2015

The Iraq Britain Business Council (IBBC), in partnership with the Iraq Energy Academy (IENA), held a successful conference 'Basra: Open for Business' at the Shams Al Basra Hotel. Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, Executive Chairman of IBBC and UK Trade Envoy for Iraq, HE Dr Ibrahim Alolom, Founder of IENA, and Mr Akeel Al Khalidy, Chairman of the Investment Committee of the BPC welcomed the audience before opening sessions on Oil and Gas, Water, Training and Environmental Challenges in the region.

The Oil and Gas Sector Update was given by IENA's Dr Sabah Al-Jowhar and Dr. Ishan Al Attar. Their presentations gave insights on the future vision for gas utilisation and a successful programme on investment and privatization for the sector. Hans Nijkamp, Shell's Vice President, spoke about unlocking Iraq's Oil and Gas potential.Mr Hussain Ali of the South Oil Company spoke on Water Injection in the South of Iraq in a session chaired by Prof Dr Ali Mashat from IENA. Dr Sadik Aljawad, IENA, followed with a presentation on a new water strategy for Iraq.Dr Mashat also chaired the Training session which counted with the participation of Dr Hussain Baker, IENA Board of Trustees, Dr Ali Nasir, Iraq Country Director for the AMAR Foundation, Muhammaed Hassan Al-Hasani, Manager of Abo Al Khasseb Training Centre, Ali Kamil Al-Maliki, Manager of Khor Al Zubair Training Centre.

Peter Hunt of HWH Associates, one of IBBC's members, chaired the session on Environmental Challenges. Ayad Al Naser of Rumaila Operating Organization and Steve Rowan of EAME discussed this important topic. The conference finished by remarks from Eng. Rasmi Al Jabri, IBBC Representative in Iraq, followed by a speech by Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne. IBBC and IENA signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2013 and have ever since cooperated in a number of activities.

Security

Basra Province

Car bomb strikes in Basra kill over 10, injure dozens

Source: almirbad.com, Thageer T.V

Date: Oct05, 2015

The IS, which was thought to have limited reach in the deep Shiite south, struck a busy market area of Souk al-Halaqin in the commercial district of al-Zubair in southern Basra province. The attack killed 10 people and injured 25 when an exploded. "The soldiers of the caliphate managed to detonate a parked car bomb amidst a gathering of polytheist Rafidha in Basra," claimed the IS in a post on social media. The Basra governor, Majid AL-Nasrawi has cut his Bghadad visit after car exploded and he has recently announced that Basra SF has arrested the doer of the explosion in al-Zubair who he lived in Al-Faw district. For this reason, the member of the BPC decided to host a Chief of Basra Police Faysal AL-badi to question him about the incident of car blast and increasing of kidnapping, assassinations and criminal incidents in Basra. On other hand, protestors gathered at the gate of Narhan Omer oil filed which operated by SOC called for jobs.

Demonstration going ahead in Basra

Source: almedapress Date: Oct05, 2015

Thousands of protesters had gathered outside the provincial government building in Basra calling for tangible reforms, sacking BPC and the Basra Governor, solving salt water crisis, Petro dollars budget and fighting corruption. This followed related protests in Maysan and Thi-Qar and AL-Muthanna provinces.

BPC plan to sack security companies

Source: almirbad.com Date: Oct11, 2015

Chairman of Oil and Gas Committee of the BPC, Ali Shadad al-Frais said that the BPC will put a plan to replace the forgings staffs who was working with the security companies which protect the IOCs by trained and equipped Iraqi staff.

Basra demonstrations going ahead

Source: Waradana Date: Oct16, 2015

Basra Protestors called for early election, announcing Basra as a region, fighting corruptions, and economic and administrative reforms.

New Tribal clashes erupted

Source: Waradana, almirbad.com

Date: Oct25, 2015

Tribal clashes erupted in Abo Skhyer area in north of Basra closed to Basra University. Chief of Basra police attended with Basra SF to stop the clashes. On the other hand, most of the employees of Basra directorates protest scale of salaries which decided recently by Iraqi Govt. Futher, criminal and assassination incidents were still there but its level has gotten high and down from time to another.

MOI appointed new Police Commander in Basra

Source: Shafaaq, basra.gov.iq

Date: Oct13, 2015

The Ministry of Interior decided to appoint Maj-Gen. Abedal Kareem Mustafa al-Ameri (اللواء عبد الكريم مصطفى) as a new Chief for Basra Police successors the chief of Basra police Maj-Gen. Faysal Ebadi .The MOI's also appointed new Chief for al –Muthnna Police Brigadier Sa'aran Al-Eajibi(سعران الإعاجيبي).