

Political

Basra Province

Basra Tribal Council meet UN official

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 02, 2015

Basra Tribal Council handed over a protest memorandum to the Director of UN in South Region, Kinan Rathinam to denounce the Saudi authorities' execution of the political activist and Shia cleric "Nimr Baqir al-Nimr". The director assured that he will submit the memorandum to UN office in New York. Furthermore, the citizens of Thi-Qar, Maysan, Al-Muthanna, Basra and PMUs protested and chant slogans against the execution of al-Nimr. At the same time, Friday demonstration is going on demanding for reforms, and calling for enhancing service deliver to Basra, Maysan, Al-Muthanna and Thi-Qar's residents.

Citizens' Bloc practice new administrative structure

Source: BPC Media office

Date: January 03, 2015

Citizens' Bloc at the BPC held a meeting to restructure administrative positions within the bloc. The meeting resulted to elect Waleed Hameed Qaytan the deputy chairman of the BPC as a bloc president, Eqtiba Sibahi as a first deputy, Jwad Al-Emera as a second deputy, Zaher Bachari as an official speaker, and Najla Al-Timimi as a reporter.

PUMs formed a Council

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 16, 2016

Leaders of PMU announced to form a council which includes all the PUM's units have currently battled with IS. Additionally, the council denounced the oppressive behavior of Iraqi Army and Special Force Task which recently arrived to Basra against Brigades of Martyrs. The leaders added that they will talk with Basra Operation and the Governor about the incident. They also assured that their action will be very strong if the incident has occurred again.

Sheikh Qais Al-Khazali arrived to Basra

Source: almirbad.com, ahlualhaq.com, BPC media office

Date: January 11, 2016

Qais al-Khazali, the founder and leader of Asaib Ahl al-Haq (AAH), an Iranian-sponsored Shiite militia and political party operating primarily in Iraq, arrived to Basra and met at AAH's political bureau in Basra with Chief of Basra Police Maj Gen. AbedulKareem Al-Mayhi and Intelligence Director Khalif Al-Badran, he is a former head of BIC, to discuss the security situation and tribal conflicts in particular.

During a press conference, Al-Khazali called GC, in control of BOC, to involve PMUs in protecting Basra. But, he affirmed that the security role of the PMUs might cause political controversial because the PMUs descend from parties that have their individual and political goals.

For this reason, he stressed that PMUs is currently served to provide intelligence and logistics supports to BSF. Moreover, al-Khazali stressed that PMUs is at ready to engage in security activities, if BSF is failed to defend Basra. He added that political conflicts, drug dealers, lowering the prestige of the state, distrust in government institutions, intervenes foreign intelligence and media exaggerations played a negative role to escalate triable conflicts and criminal activities in Basra. Al-Khazali encouraged Basra community to trust in government institutions and respect law to restore security in Basra. Furthermore, on January 07, al-Khazali received Sabah Al-Bazouni, chairman of the BPC at AAH's office in Basra. They talked about recent security development, financial crisis and opening regional bureau for AAH' in Basra to oversee all AAH's political activities in the south region

Al-Abadi attends a conference for Tribal Council

Source: Alsumarai, Prime Minister's Media Office

Date: January 12, 2016

During his speech at the conference for the official announcement of the Council of Tribes and Social Components of the province of Basra, Al-Abadi said losing the security will be obstacle reconstruction and prosperity in Basra and other provinces. He added that tribal clashes will lead to violations in security, increasing corruption and distorted Iraqi Army's victories against IS. On other side, observers said that Al-Abadi followed Al-Malki's steps when he created the Tribal Support Councils in March 2008 during security operations in Basra and Maysan provinces. Later, he started spreading them throughout southern Iraq to counter his political rivals. Originally, these were a way to organize local tribes to support the government counter militia and expand Abadi or Da'aw's political base.

Ukrainian Ambassador visits Basra

Source: Governor Media office

Date: January 16, 2016

Governor of Basra Majid Al-Nasrawi met Anatolii Marynets Ukrainian Ambassador in Iraq. The meeting discussed the possibility of overall relations issues of common interest and for potential reconstruction projects in Basra. Al-Nasrawi also called for Croatian companies to invest in Basra's reconstruction projects.

Iranian Counsel visits BPC

Source: BPC Media office

Date: January 20, 2016

Sabah Al-Bazouni chairman of the BPC met Iranian Counsel in Basra Hameed Ridha Abadi and Economic delegation accompanied him. They discussed the security, economic and bilateral relations. Al-Bazouni uncovered that Iran wants to create free zone between Basra and Khuzestan Provinces.

Coordinators for ten provinces gathered in Basra

Source: Al-Mada. almirbad.com

Date: January 23, 2016

Demonstration Coordinators in southern and south center provinces of Iraq held meetings for two days in Basra to call for decentralization, forming technocrat Govt. and criminalization of sectarian speech. To address these points, they decided to form the Popular Rally for Reform and Change (PRRC). The attendees were also talked about the future and unified demands of the demonstrations. PRRC are an organization with members from different protest coordination groups from all around Iraq. Its members represent their areas and cities for the activities of the Iraqi uprising that began in 2015 against the corruptions and poor performance of Iraqi Government.

The House of Commons delegation visit Basra

Source: BPC Media office

Date: January 28, 2016

Chairman of BPC Sabah Al-Bazunni received the House of Commons delegation. The both sides discussed how to hold cultural activities in Basra in the occasion of 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death which would be sponsored by U.K's IOC's and the House of Commons.

Maysan Province

U.S GC visits the Shrine of Ezra

Source U.S. Consulate General Basra

Date: January 23, 2016

Deputy Chief of Mission from U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Jonathan Cohen, and GC Steve Walker in Basra were paid a visit to the Shrine of Ezra in Maysan. Steve said that members of the community helped us understand the historical significance of the site and the efforts of the Government of Iraq to preserve it.

Economy

Basra Province

Outrage in Basra as Kuwait drills cross-border deposits

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 07, 2016

Ali Shadad Al-Faris Head of Oil and Gas Committee at the BPC stated that local officials in Safawan and Azubair districts reported that Kuwait Oilfields Authority launched to drill cross shared oilfields with Basra. Al-Faris added that KOFA practiced directional drilling which caused Hearth quick in the districts. For this reason, the Local Govt. decided to set up a special committee to discuss the matter with SOC, IDC and BSF.

Plans to Sell Shares in \$ 1.3bln Al-Faw Port

Source: Bloomberg Business

Date: January 4, 2016

MOT is planning to sell shares in the \$1.3-billion Grand Faw container port to the public. The head of BPC, Sabah Al-Bazooni, said that the local govt. in Basra will seek permission from MOT to set up a holding company to sell the shares; Iraq has banned the holding company structure since the Saddam Hussein era. He added that the BPC wants to list the holding company on the Iraq Stock Exchange, with the public shares representing a 25 percent stake, local government owning 26 percent, and foreign investors 49 percent. The BPC is in talks with American and Chinese companies with a view to possible investment.

The project was first proposed in 2011 on a much larger scale that included an oil export platform, and with an estimated cost of \$17 billion, but the subsequent collapse in the price of oil has caused it to be scaled back. Current plans are for 25 to 30 container platforms. Plans for the port have led to tensions with neighboring Kuwait, which is building its own 'Mubarak Al-Kabeer' container port nearby; Iraq had expressed concern that the Kuwaiti port may hamper may restrict access to Grand Faw.

Investigation for importing African cows, Commission

Source: Trade Link

Date: January 02, 2015

Integrity Committee in the BPC disclosed opening an investigation for importing African cows without taking necessary veterinary procedures amid suspicions of diseases and the death of tens of the cows in the cargo. Orders were issued to arrest some suspects in this case for not abiding by regular veterinary and medical rules. Preliminary reports that 40 cows were dead inside the vessel during anchoring in the Basra port, as well as some more were thrown in the sea. The reports said that the ship had mechanical troubles that obliged it stop in the sea for about two weeks that led in the decline of animal feed. At Basra port, the cows were in bad condition and skinny, the reports added. During the past three days, three vessels with cows and calves reached Khor al-Zubair port. People in Iraq prefer fresh meat amid reports that the imported canned meat contained the meat of donkeys and monkey and sold as cow's meat.

Petro China, Exxon Approached to Boost Production

Source: Reuters

Date: January 04, 2016

Iraq has reportedly approached Petro China and ExxonMobil about investing in a multi-billion dollar project to help boost output from a number of smaller southern fields. The Deputy Chairman of the (SOC), Basim Abdul Kareem, said that the "Integrated South Project" consists of building oil pipelines, storage facilities and a seawater supply project to inject water from the Gulf to maintain pressure and enhance oil recovery. The project targets the Luhais, Nassiriya, Tuba, Nahr Bin Umar and Artawi oilfields, which are currently producing about 240,000 bpd currently and SOC's initial plan calls for raising that to about 350,000 bpd in 2016. Petrochina has shown more interest than ExxonMobil in the project, according to another SOC official who declined to be identified.

COM change SOC into Basra Oil Company

Source: almirbad.com, Shafaaq, Iraq Oil Report, BPC Media office

Date: January 05, 2016

COM approved to change the name of South Oil Company (SOC) to Basra Oil Company (BOC). A change reflecting the company's reduced area of operations and local demands for increased control. The SOC, which had

been in charge of both Basra and Thi-Qar." Before, the SOC used to include Basra, Maysan and Thi-Qar provinces. Additionally, chairman of the BPC Sabah Al-Bazouni commented that BOC will be under BPC's control which allowed us to make independent decision to change and develop the management and work of the BOC. But, Ali Shadad Al-Faris Head of Oil and Gas Committee at the BPC said COM focused only on changing the name of the company and no managerial authority will be delivered to Basra. Citizens in Basra said MOC's decision was for political purposes and might evoke political conflicts in the province.

Japan plans to build Water purification station

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 09, 2016

Under Japanese ODA loans to Al-Muthanna, the governor of Al-Muthanna Falah Al-Azaydi and the representatives of Japanese's companies discussed to construct water purification plant in north of the province at the cost of \$360m, in a capacity of 120cms. The two years of the project specified for training of Al-Muthanna Water Directorate staff and operating period and a year for maintenance.

South gas chief retires

Source: Iraq Oil Report

Date: January 10, 2016

Ali Hussein Khudair will be retiring from the South Gas Company (SGC), having reached the state-mandated retirement age of Oil Ministry employees. The 63-year-old Khudair has played a key role in the Basra Gas Company (BGC), which is a joint venture between SGC (51 percent), Royal Dutch Shell (44 percent) and Mitsubishi (5 percent) tasked with capturing the massive amount of associated gas flared at the Zubair, Rumaila and West Qurna 1 oil fields in Basra. Khudair is chairman of BGC.

Al-Abadi visits to Basra

Source: almirbad.com, BPC media office

Date: January 11, 2016

Al-Abadi chaired ordinary session of MOC held at BIH. The session witnessed by Basra governor Majid Al-Nsrawari and Chairman of the BPC Sabah Al-Bzouni and other local officials in Basra. The MOC decided the following:

1-Contracting with consulting firm to work on feasibility study for identifying a place of Basra Dam and constructing seawater desalination plants 2- Deferred payment will be practiced to fund the water and other projects 3- Excluding Basra from contracting's procedures to build water and power projects. 4- Allowing Southern Oil Producing Provinces included Basra to create a strategy, in cooperation with CG, to develop underutilized and degraded oil and gas fields which included Al-lahis, Nahur Umr, Ratawi, Toba, Suba, and Sinbad fields. According to Iraqi Constitution, the MoO will take the necessary steps to involve Oil Producing Provinces actors in making decisions concerning the fields.

Prime Minister Opens Najibiya Gas Power Station

Source: Alsumarai

Date: January 13, 2016

Al-Abadi has inaugurated the new Najibiya gas-powered electricity station in Basra. Ministry of Electricity spokesman said that the station's total power is 500 MW, using GE generators. The project was carried out by the Turkish company; ANKA Eng.Co.Lit at a cost of \$400 million, under the supervision of the Ministry of Electricity. MOEL Qasaim Al-Fahdawi said that the capacity of the station will be cut off from 500MW to 400MW because crude oil will be consumed to operate the station.

Launching a project of E-Basra

Source: Governor Media office

Date: January 11, 2016

The Department of Citizens' Affairs at Basra Governorate announced to launch E-Basra Center of Citizens Affairs'. The Center will link 12 directorates such as Education, Water, sewage, Social and Public Work Affair, Municipalities, Health, ID, Traffic, Retirement, Ports and Basra Oil Company with the Department of Citizens' Affairs in order to facilitate and develop citizen service.

Basra's Governor opens Heroes of Al-Hashed Al-Sha'abi Bridge

Sources: Basra Governor Media office

Date: January 15, 2016

The brigade located in north the Basra and implemented by Dayer United Group and supervised by VSL of the Australian company. The length of the bridge is 400M and a width of 17M. On other hand, Thi-Qar PC announced that 200 projects will be suspend because financial crisis.

MoT Minister receive Basra's Governor and BPC head

Source: AL-Shafaqnews, BPC Media office

Date: January 18, 2016

Bager Jabber Al-Zoubydi MoT Minister discussed with Sabah Al-Bazouni chairman of the BPC and Governor of Basra Majid Al-Nasrawi the future of Basra Holding Co. and developing railways and road in Basra. On other hand, MoP Minister Salman Al-Jumili met with Al-Bazouni and Al-Nasrawi asked them to prioritize water and electricity projects which would be financed from 2016 Federal Budget. On other hand, Ministry of Health and Environment launched a process of demining Million km of Sindbad oilfield.

ICOs implements new projects in Basra

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 23, 2016

Chair of Gas and oil committee at the BPC Ali Shadad Al-Faris planned to send request MOO to increase Social Welfare Fund of ICOs from \$5 to 10m for 2016. On other hand, Hassan AL-Mudhafer Director of Foreign Affair in ROO said that we built a new fully equipped community clinic for the local community as with an advanced emergency room for its doctor, dentist, pharmacists and physicians to serve people living in the surrounding villages. We've aided the two local villages with the provision of drinking water via tankers and re-fuse collection services to almost 1200 households.

MOF pays \$300 m to BGC

Source: Al-Taghear

Date: January 24, 2016

Hosher Zebari MOF Minister assured that CG committed to pay \$300m from World Bank Loan to Iraq to BGC as outstanding fees.

Basra's Governor made agreement with MOF

Source: Governor Media Office

Date: January 25, 2016

Majid Al-Nasrawi Basra's Governor announced that he agreed with MOF Minister to release within a month \$10m for advisory services to build Desalination Water Plants and Basra's Dam. He added that the deferred payment would be applied to implement the projects.

Um-Qasr port receive three cranes

Source: motrans.gov.iq

Date: January 22, 2016

General Company for Ports of Iraq-Um-Qasr port received three specialist German cranes model LHIM400. The cranes specialized in lifting containers, and heavy equipment.

Imam Ali Shrine management plan to invest in Basra

Source: BPC Media Office

Date: January 21, 2016

Chair of Crossing Points Committee at the BPC Murtadha Al-Shahmani announced that in coordination with Imam Ali Shrine management and MOI .It referred new Shalamcheh border-point to Imam Ali Shrine management as an investment opportunity and allocated fund to restore the old border-point of Shalamcheh.

Antonoil Named Preferred Bidder for \$78m Iraq Deal

Source: Anton Oilfield Services Group

Date: January 24, 2016

Anton Oilfield Services Group has received a notification from an international oil company (IOC) customer operating at an oilfield in southern Iraq stating that Antonoil has been named as the preferred bidder for related oil production operation and maintenance services project on the site. In this regard, both the parties will proceed with finalizing internal approval procedures and contract signing. The contract, with an estimated value of no more than US\$78 million, encompasses the provision of general maintenance services covering engineering operation and related tools for the oil production station. The project is expected to commence in the second half of 2016, with services offered spanning for a term of three years. This secured and long-term oil production maintenance services project is destined to bring forth a steady source of income for Antonoil in the long term.

Schlumberger: Iraq Activity continuea to Decline

Source: Schlumberger

Date: January 24, 2016

Schlumberger reported that its activity in Iraq has continued to decline, adding: "In Iraq, Wireline introduced LIVE PL digital slickline production logging services for the Rumaila Operating Organization in the Rumaila Field. LIVE PL technology provided real-time production logs on wells where memory logging was previously the only option. The planned shut-in time for the operation was 400 hours, yet only 100 hours were required. As a result, the customer resumed production 12 days earlier than planned thereby avoiding 18,000 bbl in deferred production."Schlumberger used Sting Blade conical diamond element bit technology for BP to overcome the need for multiple drilling runs in wellbores in the Rumaila Field."Sting Blade technology helped increase footage drilled and ROP due to its superior wear resistance. As a result, the customer drilled an entire well section in a single run with a 63.5% improvement in ROP compared to the average offset wells' ROP, saving the customer more than three days of rig time."

NIC Announces New Project Opportunities

Source: NIC, investorsiraq.com

Date: January 22, 2016

The National Investment Commission (NIC) has announced new investment opportunities: Hotel, residences and offices in Basra

MOP Minister discussed with Basra Governor ongoing projects

Source: mop.gov.iq

Date: January 26, 2016

The ministry of planning held an extensive meeting, chaired by the Under-Secretary for Technical Affairs, Dr. Maher Hammad, participation of Basra governor, Dr. Majid al-Nasrawi, deputies of finance and construction and housing and municipalities and water resources and representatives of a number of ministries as well as the heads of departments of Basra governorate and the Directors-General of departments in the Ministry of Planning. Dr. Hammad said that the meeting hold in the light of the CoM's session decisions which held in Basra. He noted that the share of Basra petrodollar budget in 2016 would be 647 biqd and 453miqd and 96 biqd and 355 miqd within Regions development program.

The attenders also discussed ongoing projects and how can find best to finance those in light of the financial crisis in Iraq. For this reason, they believed that the best resources to fund those projects only via investment or deferred payment. Basra governor explained that there are 425 projects is implemented and 81 projects reached to 90% at the cost of 564 biqd .Al-Nasrawi pointed out that 186 projects are classified as a high priority with value of 1 trillion and 213 biqd. He added that the electric power projects for 2016 totaled 67 projects at the expense of 166 bidq and 31 projects worth at 831 biqd were excluded from the decision of the Commission on Economic affairs direct purpose during the current year.

Basra refuses to apply the new customs tariff law

Source: nasiriyah.org

Date: January 21, 2016

The BPC rejected to apply the new customs tariff law, demanding the Iraqi government to stop applying it. The BPC's members said that the law would prevent a lot of traders to bring goods through Basra and push them towards the Kurdistan region. Other BPC's members said that Basra depended on customs and ports' revenues to finance health's projects and the law contributed to stop those projects and cut off the revenues from 7biqd to 4miqd and decreased the ships which access to the port from 7 ships a week to one ship per two weeks. In this regards, Basra's PMs condemned exclude Kurdistan from applying the law and imposing 5% on goods which enter to the Kurdistan and imposing 30% on goods which enter to Basra. They added that this action would led to halt ports at Basra.

Thi-Qar Province

Demining Campaign starts to reconstruct Nasiriya Airport

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 04, 2015

Mohsen Azize, Thi-Qar Environment Director announced that Thi-Qar Civil Defense Directorate in cooperation with Demining Directorate in the MOEN have launched demining process to clean up the area of Nasiriyah Civil Airport from unexploded remnants. Aziz added that the process will take two month and target 4km of the Airport. He underlined that Thi-Qar PC allocates 6iqdm to fund the project. It will implement by local staff of the MOEN because of the lacking of budget and the high costs which must pay for International companies.

Establishing Thi-Qar Oil Company

Source: almirbad.com, Shafaaq, Iraq Oil Report, BPC Media office

Date: January 05, 2016

COM decided officially to create Thi-Qar Oil Company (TQOC), which will a province-focused firm spun out from the SOC. TQOC will supervise Thi-Qar oil fields and by Karim Yassir, the head of the Thi-Qar Oilfields Authority who will be the presumptive director general of the new the company. On other hand, the head of Thi-Qar PC Hameed Al-Gazi and other local officials stated that TQOC will offer 5000 jobs to province's residents and assisted to establish Oil Training Institute in the province.

AL-Muathanna Province

Investment Committee plans to hold investment Conference

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 28, 2016

Chair of Investment Committee at AL-Muthanna PC Talib Al-Mayli uncovered that his committee planned to hold investment Conference in the partnership with local directorates and NIC for introducing investment map in the province.

Maysan Province

Iraq proposes Deferred Payment to CNPC

Source: Reuters

Date: January 22, 2016

The head of the state-run MOC said that CNPC can go ahead with plans to double output at Halfaya to 400,000 bpd if it agrees to be reimbursed when the additional oil is actually produced. Adnan Noshi denied Iraqi media reports that the current oil prices of below \$30 a barrel may force Halfaya to close, saying that the cost of extraction at Halfaya is \$15pb. The news agency also quotes Oil Minister Adil Abd Al-Mahdi as saying that Iraq wants foreign oil companies to cut spending as the nation tries to narrow a budget gap caused by lower oil prices.

Security

Basra Province

Criminal activities and tribal Conflict going on in Basra

Source: Al-Madapress

Date: January 5, 2016

BSF recorded new tribal clashes in center and north of Basra but in general observers said that criminal activities such as killings, kidnappings, robberies and tribal disputes is recorded low level but it is still critical .On the other side, Maysan witnessed two assassination incidents in center of Amrah city. Further, the governor of Al-Muthanna Falah Al-Azaydi said that no information is available about Qatari hunters who kidnapped from their camp in the area of Busaya in Samawah desert near Saudi borders. He added that the hunters are now the focal point of investigators who they are continuing to conduct inquiries against the suspects. AL-Muthanna also registers kidnapping incident in center of the city. But, MSF shortly capture the suspects.

Disarm campaign Launch in Basra

Source: almaaloma, almirbad.com

Date: Jan 02, 2015

In an effort to boost security, high Crisis Cell in Basra, chaired by the governor of Basra Majid Al-Nasrawi, announced a door-to-door campaign to disarm tribes in Basra's northern called " Domestic Peace campaign". AL-Nasrawi warned provincial security forces and pro-government Shiite militias they would be disarmed, sacked and prosecuted if they take part in tribal fighting. After he met with Head and members of Settlement of Tribal Dispute Committee, He said that BFS will not be disarmed tribes who did not involve in reputeing conflicts and allowed them to keep their Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) .Al-Nasrawi assured that tribes who evoking clashes will be faced punishment of displacement and isolated from Basra community.Al-Nasrawi added that he plans to hold a conference to sign a code of honor and agreement with tribal leaders .The agreement will include dismiss drug and gun dealers and hand over a list of sponsors of tribal conflicts to BSF.Head of Settlement of Tribal Dispute Committee Yar'ab Al-Mohammedi said that the main reason of tribal conflicts is gun dealers who aim only to sell guns and collect money. He assures that the committee has settled successfully many tribal clashes which have recently erupted.Moreover,Chairman of Planning Committee at the BPC Nashait Al-Mansouri from Fadhala Party, commented that disarm campaign must target areas and tribal that involved in conflicts and should avoid selectiveness among areas.Additionally,Hadi Al-Emeri Head of Bader Org. and Karbala's tribal heads have called Basras'tribal to stop fighting and sit to make reconciliation based on tribal procedures or Iraqi Federal Law.

Disarm and search Campaign expands

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 10, 2016

Head of Security Committee at the BPC Jabber Al-Sa'di and Basra Operation Commander Mej Gen. Sameer Abedulkreem held a meeting to discuss security development especially tribal disputes in north of Basra.Al-Sa'di said that disarmament exercises achieved great results especially the number of arms controlled and arrest suspects. Abedulkreem assured that the disarm campaign is not recorded human rights abuses or law violation and it would be going on to end tribal clashes.Al-Sa'di uncovered that BSF has coordinated with Maysan and Thi-Qar security agencies to capture the suspects who travelling from one province to another .On other hand, High Crisis Cell in Basra decided to ban the movement of all vehicles belonged the PMUs and political parties.

The Cell added that only vehicles which got security clearance from BOC will be eligible to drive in Basra streets. Moreover, Al-Abadi said that Basra is safe but the political conflict, tribal clashes and criminal activities which made Basra unstable. For this reason, Al-Abadi instructed troops from Baghdad and Thi-Qar to deploy imposing stability in the province. The troops currently arrived to Basra and directly launched security operation and set security stand-points. On January 15, Friday Demonstrations went on and the protestors called to make a revision for ICO's contracts, and they demanded for reforms, civil state, and improve services.

Disarm and search Campaign expands

Source: almirbad.com, Al-Sumaria news

Date: January 20, 2016

BSF leaders announced that Campaign of Disarming heavy guns from tribes in north of Basra would be on going till fulfill its goal. They added that Forces had been deployed earlier to restore calm to rural areas north of the city departed Basra and BSF would be tasked with Disarmament Campaign.

On other hand, gunmen attacked by IED political activist's home in Al-Qibla area west of Basra city. Security source assured that no casualties were registered. On January 23, Friday Demonstrations in Basra, Maysan, Thi-Qar and Al-Muathanna went on and the protestors demanded for reforms, civil state, and improve services. However, Basra, and southern provinces witnessed some criminal activities and tribes clashes but those activities were not escalated the level of violence.

GCPI workers protest

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 23, 2016

General Company for Ports of Iraq employees gathered in front of Basra Governorate Office to call for piece of plot, salaries cutoff, stopping incentives and danger pay and reforming the management of GCPI.

Basra commences to install Surveillance camera system

Source: basrahcouncil.com, al-sumaria, al-Taghacar, altahreernews.com, basrahcouncil.com

Date: January 26, 2016

Chairman of the BPC Sabah Al-Bazouni met Dr. Safa Al-dean Rabie - Board of Trustees Council president and Council commissioners. During the meeting, Al-Bazouni declared that Basra got officially frequencies for CCTVs and the technicians started to install CCTVs in Basra's streets. On other side, Basra demonstrators demanded Iraq govt. to fight corruptions, reducing pollutions and install desalination water plants and find a solution for financial crisis.

On other hand, BSF successfully curbed tribal clashes erupted and sized arms and arrested suspects in Karmet Ali area in north of Basra. Moreover, Muinther Riyadh Al-Zamal member of the BPC escaped from assassination attempt in Abo Graiab area belonged to Abo-Al-Khaseeb district. Security source assured that no casualties were registered.

Further, Chair of Security Committee at the BPC Jabber Al-Sa'adi announced that Iraqi Defense Minister instructed to deploy 240 soldiers to impose stability and fight tribe's clashes. Al-Sa'adi added that the troops would be stay in Basra and work under BOC's instruction.

Thi-Qar Province

Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq's leader attacked

Source: nasiriyah.org

Date: January 21, 2016

IED targeted home of AAH coordination board member in Rifa'i district. No casualties were reported. Additionally, Sumer's residents staged to protest lack of basic services

Al-Muthanna Province

CCTV to watch Al-Samawh's desert

Source: almirbad.com

Date: January 27, 2016

Chief of Al-Muthanna Police Sa'aran Al-Ejibi announced that they would install Mobil towers holds CCTVs in cooperation with border Guards to watch Al-Samawh's desert and Iraq's border with KSA.