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Assistance for stabilization in newly liberated areas
(Counter-IED Trainings for Iraqi Police officers)

1. In response to the request from the Ministry of Interior of the Government of Iraq, the Government of Japan has decided to newly provide counter-IED training courses for Iraqi Police officers, in addition to the existing training programs.
2. The training program will take place in Jordan in coordination with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Public Security Directorate of the Government of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The counter-IED courses include:
 - (1) Post Blast Investigation (6 officers / starting from October, 2015)
 - (2) Counter IED training for trainers (6 officers/starting from October, 2015)
 - (3) Diagnose and defuse chemical IED (6 officers/starting from November, 2015)
 - (4) Create experts and processors of IED and address booby traps
(6 officers/starting from December, 2015)
 - (5) Explosive techniques (Level 5) (6 officers/starting from January, 2016)
 - (6) Create experts for IED processing (6 officers/starting from January, 2016)
3. Since 2009, the Government of Japan has provided training program for officials of the Ministry of Interior of the Government of Iraq, including police officers. Approximately 840 Iraqis have received training in Jordan in such fields as investigation of terrorist groups and organized crimes, cybercrimes, strategic security planning, tracking of financial assets for terrorism, and money laundering.
4. The Government of Japan hopes that this program contributes not only to the capacity building of Iraqi police officers who are engaged in the stabilization of the newly liberated areas from ISIL terrorists, but also to the early realization of the return of IDPs who live in the strained circumstances to their original home and resumption of their normal life.

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