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## *Postal facility opens for Iraqi city*

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has built all sorts of projects in Iraq, large and small, depending on the needs of the various regions and local communities.

The people of Diwaniyah needed a post office and a post office they have received.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently to mark the opening of the Diwaniyah Postal Station, which will provide essential and reliable postal services to Diwaniyah City. A delegation from the Ministry of Communication in Baghdad was on hand to officiate.

The facility was constructed at a cost of \$485,000 with Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund money and employed about 30 skilled and unskilled workers on average daily.

An estimated 20 postal workers will be employed at the post office, said Su-Chen Chen, Qadisiyah resident engineer with the USACE Forat Area Office. The post office will serve an estimated 500 persons a day, according to Chen.



Interior view of the Qadisiyah Postal Station. (USACE photo)

The post office is equipped with air conditioning, electrical lighting, a latrine, a kitchen, and an auxiliary generator, she said.

Diwaniyah is located in Qadisiyah Province, one of the nine southern Iraq provinces served by the USACE Gulf Region South district. The district to date has completed over 1,300 projects costing more than \$2.5 billion. It still has over 200 projects costing about \$815 million on the books.

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