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Maysan Surgical Hospital to be Built for Iraqi's Future Generations

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Adel Mohdr Rhady, Maysan governor speaks to attendees in the presence of a member of Iraqi Parliament, Dr. Adel Al-Shawi and a number of members of the Maysan Provincial Council, representatives of political parties and religious and political movements. [USACE Photo]

MAYSAN, Iraq – Marking the transition of a brighter and healthier future for Maysan province, a ground-breaking ceremony was held March 6 for a new surgical hospital, touted to be one of the best medical projects in the province.

Barry Stuart, resident engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region South district, said expressing the importance of the new project is “hard to put it into words. I know this is a great moment for both the people of Maysan and the

people of Iraq. This hospital will be a much needed facility due to the fact that it will be the only modern hospital in the province.”

Adel Mohdr Rhady, Maysan’s governor, in remarks to Iraqi Parliament members, members of the Maysan Provincial Council, and representatives of political and religious parties who attended the ceremony, said, “We have faced many challenges and problems in the progress of the reconstruction movements and it’s time to focus on major projects to develop strategy and service projects in the province. Through them we can move a step forward.”

Stuart said, “Every engineer and contractor with whom I have met have all commented on the importance and excitement felt throughout the communities about this project. You can tell the importance of this facility with the number of citizens, community and provincial leaders who attended the ground-breaking.”

The new project involves the construction of a two-story surgical hospital which will have about 100 beds and house a surgery department, an obstetric / gynecology department, an X-ray department and clinic, as well as ancillary support services, according to the GRS district’s Iraqi deputy resident engineer. The total cost of the hospital will be about \$12.7 million, he said.

The 62,000 square-meter facility will include a support building. This structure will contain a morgue, laundry, materials management, engineering, external wall and medical gas storage. There will be also a physician resident building to house about eight physicians, he said.

“The start of construction for the new Maysan Surgical Hospital marks an important step for improvement in healthcare for the people of Maysan,” said Thomas Eidson, chief of Engineering and Construction for the USACE GRS district. He said that essential medical services that will save lives will soon be more available to the people in undeveloped urban and rural areas of Maysan Province as a result of this project.

He added that the availability of medical professionals and medical facilities will have a significant impact to the local economy as Maysan province transitions to a brighter and healthier future. This facility will be a positive catalyst for growth and development and improvement in the way of life and standard of living for each person in Maysan.



The ground breaking ceremony held in Maysan on March 6, 2008 marks the beginning of construction of one of the best medical projects in the province. [USACE photo]

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