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Construction start on Iraqi Army command site in Basrah

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This area on a military installation 15 kilometers south of the Basrah Air Base will soon have dozens of new structures as the home of the Iraqi Army's new Shaiba Location Command takes shape. (USACE photo)

BASRAH, Iraq – Construction has started on the Iraqi Army's new Shaiba Location Command in Basrah.

The \$42.7 million project will include dozens of structures providing office space, warehouses, fuel and ammunition supply, a dining facility for 1,000 people, barracks, laundry, barber shop, medical clinic and fire station.

The facilities are to be sited on a military installation 15 kilometers south of the

Basrah Air Base. Lt. Col. John Burgess and project engineer Fred Guese are overseeing the work for the Gulf Region Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Work is scheduled to be completed next year.

"That new base will be providing personnel to help ensure Basrah neighborhoods are safe," Burgess said. "It's great to be part of the effort."

Guese, who has 26 years engineering experience with the Defense Contract



Project engineer Fred Guese with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers speaks to the site manager where the new \$42.7 million Shaiba Location Command is being constructed in Basrah. (USACE photo)

Management Agency, volunteered last September for duty in Iraq. “We’re involved in a variety of projects helping Basrah move forward including a new regional courthouse, water and sewer work, road paving, electrical distribution lines, medical facilities, and schools. Hundreds of local residents are on the construction crews and they take pride in helping their community.”

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