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New Maysan Surgical Hospital taking shape

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The concrete construction foreman for the Iraqi firm, Eastern Defaff Al-Nareen Construction Co., explains the ongoing work at the Maysan Surgical Hospital to Cmdr. Terry Hart, Adder Area Office deputy commander. (USACE photo by Norris Jones)

AMARAH, Iraq—A new \$12.7 million surgical hospital in Maysan Province is under construction.

“This project will provide the only state-of-the-art modern surgical hospital in Maysan and is viewed by the Minister of Health as the single most important development here,” said Iraqi Engineer Ali Abdul with the Gulf Region Division who is overseeing the work.

The 100-bed hospital is located in Amarah, Maysan’s provincial capitol. “Maysan’s governor recently visited the work site and was very happy with the construction quality,” said Ali.

The 62,500-sq.-meter hospital will include four operating rooms, a delivery room, an emergency room, a pharmacy and various labs. The facility will house clinics for Pediatrics, Internal Medicine,



More than 60 local Iraqi laborers are helping construct the new \$12.7 million Maysan Surgical Hospital in Amarah. That project is currently nearly 20 percent finished and is scheduled to be completed in August 2009. (USACE photos by Norris Jones)

Surgery, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Dental and Nuclear Medicine.

"This new facility will improve medical care for 250,000 residents living in Amarah," Ali noted. "It will serve as a teaching hospital for students attending Maysan University's Medical College. I am very proud to be involved with this effort."

Currently the construction crew consists of 65 local Iraqi laborers with that force expected to increase as progress continues.

Construction on the new hospital, located in north Amarah, is scheduled to be completed in August 2009. It will include a residence building providing housing for 16 physicians.

"We're overseeing several other projects improving essential services here and this is my favorite," said Ali, a lifelong resident of Amarah. "Other projects we're managing include the renovation of the Amarah landfill with a new bio-medical waste incinerator, and 25 kilometers of new road between Amarah and Maymona creating a 4-lane highway there."

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