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Construction starts on new Iraqi Army command in Maysan

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The site superintendent for Al Teek Company, an Iraqi construction firm, briefs CDR Terry Hart about the current status of ongoing work including the new 300-meter by 600-meter perimeter fence being built at the new Al Maymona Location Command compound located south of Amarah. Hart is the Adder Area Office deputy commander for the Gulf Region Division South District. (USACE photo by Norris Jones)

AMARAH, Iraq—Construction has started on the Iraqi Army’s new Al Maymona Location Command in Maysan Province.

The \$35.9 million project will include dozens of structures providing office space, warehouses, fuel supply, a dining facility for 1,000 people, barracks, an ice factory, laundry, barber shop, medical clinic, fire station, water and wastewater treatment. The 44-acre facility is located south of Amarah, Maysan’s provincial capitol.

“This Location Command will support Iraqi Army units stationed in our area,” explained Iraqi engineer Ali Abdul who is overseeing the construction for the Gulf Region Division. “The first phase is scheduled to be completed in November, the final phase next February. It will ensure our Iraqi soldiers have the supplies they need as they improve security in our area.”

Currently, more than 60 local Iraqis are on the construction crew erecting a 600-meter by 300-meter perimeter fence as well as the footings for the 37 new buildings that will be located there. “It’s great to be part of this effort,” said Ali, who is a lifelong resident of Maysan.



Local Iraqi workers help build the new \$31 million Maymona Location Command in Maysan Province. (USACE photo by Norris Jones)

Other projects he is managing include the renovation of the Amarah Landfill with a new bio-medical waste incinerator, 25 kilometers of new road between Amarah and Maymona creating a 4-lane highway there, and the construction of a new \$12.7-million surgical hospital in Amarah.



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