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Iraq: Map Sources

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Summary

This report identifies selected websites for maps of Iraq, including government, library, and organizational websites. Maps of the Middle East, Iraq, facilities used by U.S. forces in the Gulf, and U.S. government humanitarian assistance and reconstruction activities in Iraq are also provided. This report will be updated as needed.

Map Sources

Links to basic static maps of Iraq and the Middle East region are provided below. Map resources are arranged in alphabetical order.

Central Intelligence Agency Maps
[http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/mapspub]

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) creates maps of various parts of the world and has started to make some available for viewing on the Internet. Purchase information is provided at this site. For the best selection visit the Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection site below.

Conflict with Iraq: Key Maps
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/middle_east/03/v3_iraq_key_maps/html/daily_strikes/link1.stm]

This website is a product of the BBC. Key maps include "Bagdad from the air," "Mass grave sites," "Campaign overview," "Iraqi oilfields," and "Presidential sites."

HIC Humanitarian Information Center for Iraq: Security Maps
[http://www.uniraq.org/library/maps.asp]

These U.N. maps are arranged into two sections — Geographic and Thematic — and you can search for specific products through the Map Catalogue.

Library of Congress Geography and Map Reading Room Online Map Collections

A limited selection of CIA maps is found at the Geography and Map collections website. These are historical collections covering the years 1500-1999. The division's *Places in the News* [http://tinyurl.com/cu723] site features a limited number of Iraq maps.

National Geographic Map Machine
[http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps]

This website offers "printer friendly maps" of many countries and provides a wide variety of geographic information on the nations of the world.

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), formerly the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) has produced unclassified maps of Iraq, Baghdad, and the Middle East. They can be viewed by clicking on the link "Special Reference Graphics" at [http://tinyurl.com/7sql4]. Printed copies of the maps are available through U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) by calling 1-888-ASK-USGS.

Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection: Iraq Maps
[http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/iraq.html]

The University of Texas website offers a variety of maps, including many maps from the CIA. It has many historical maps and provides links to Iraq maps on other websites.

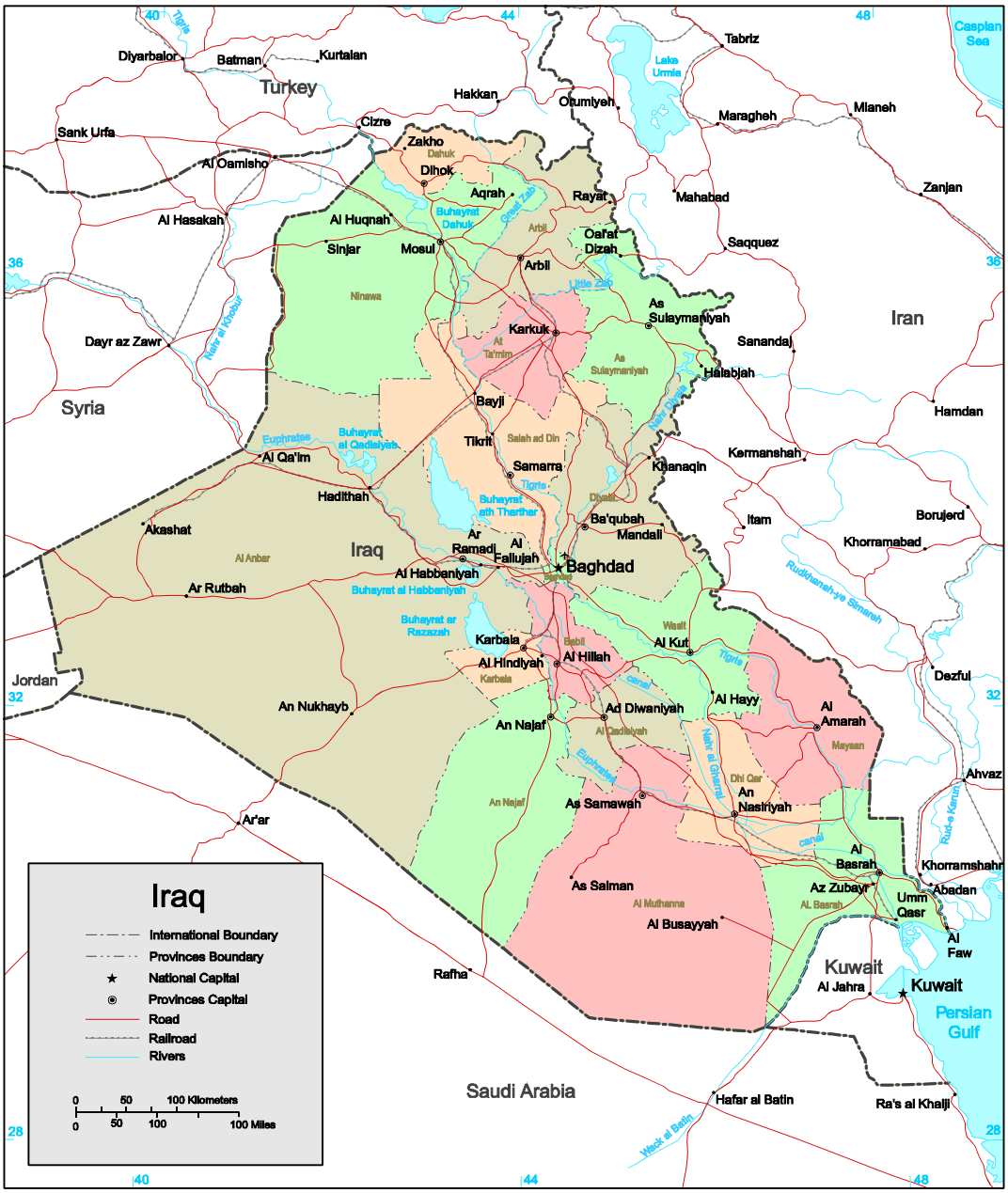
ReliefWeb
[http://www.reliefweb.int/w/map.nsf/Emergency?OpenForm&Query=Iraq]

The Relief website is a project of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and offers information and maps on areas of the world requiring humanitarian relief. Maps of Iraq located on this website include "USG Humanitarian Assistance and Reconstruction Activities in Iraq," "UN Security Situational Map," and other maps of general interest.

Special Report: War in Iraq
[http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/iraq/maps/index.html]

This CNN website offers many maps on Iraq, to include weapons of mass destruction (WMD) sites, Iraqi military, political, terrain, population, oil fields, regional, palaces, and the U.S. and coalition forces.

Figure 1. Map of Iraq



Source: Map Resources. Adapted by CRS. (01/03 M.Chin)

Figure 2. Map of Middle East

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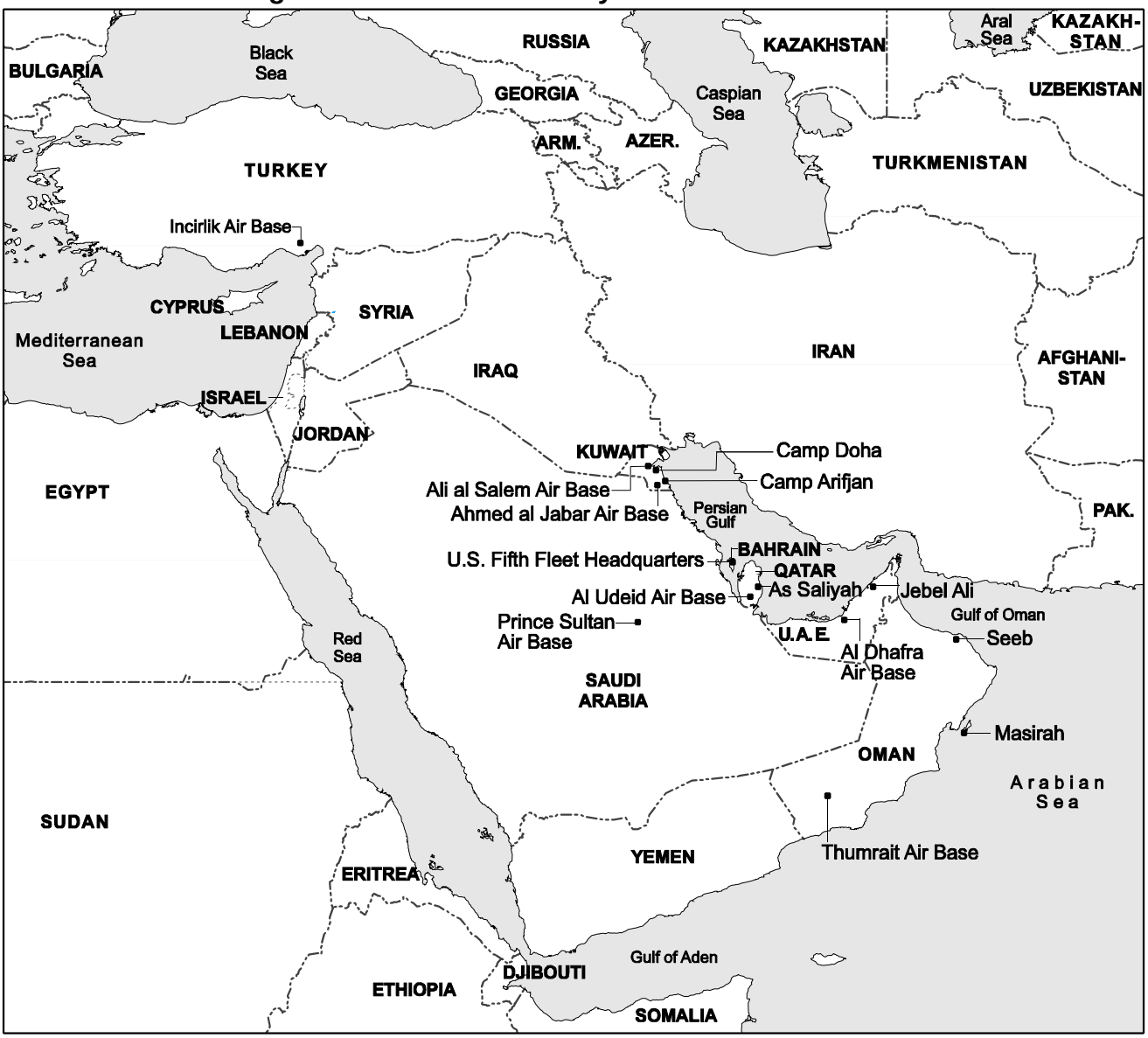
Figure 3. Facilities Used by U.S. Forces in the Gulf



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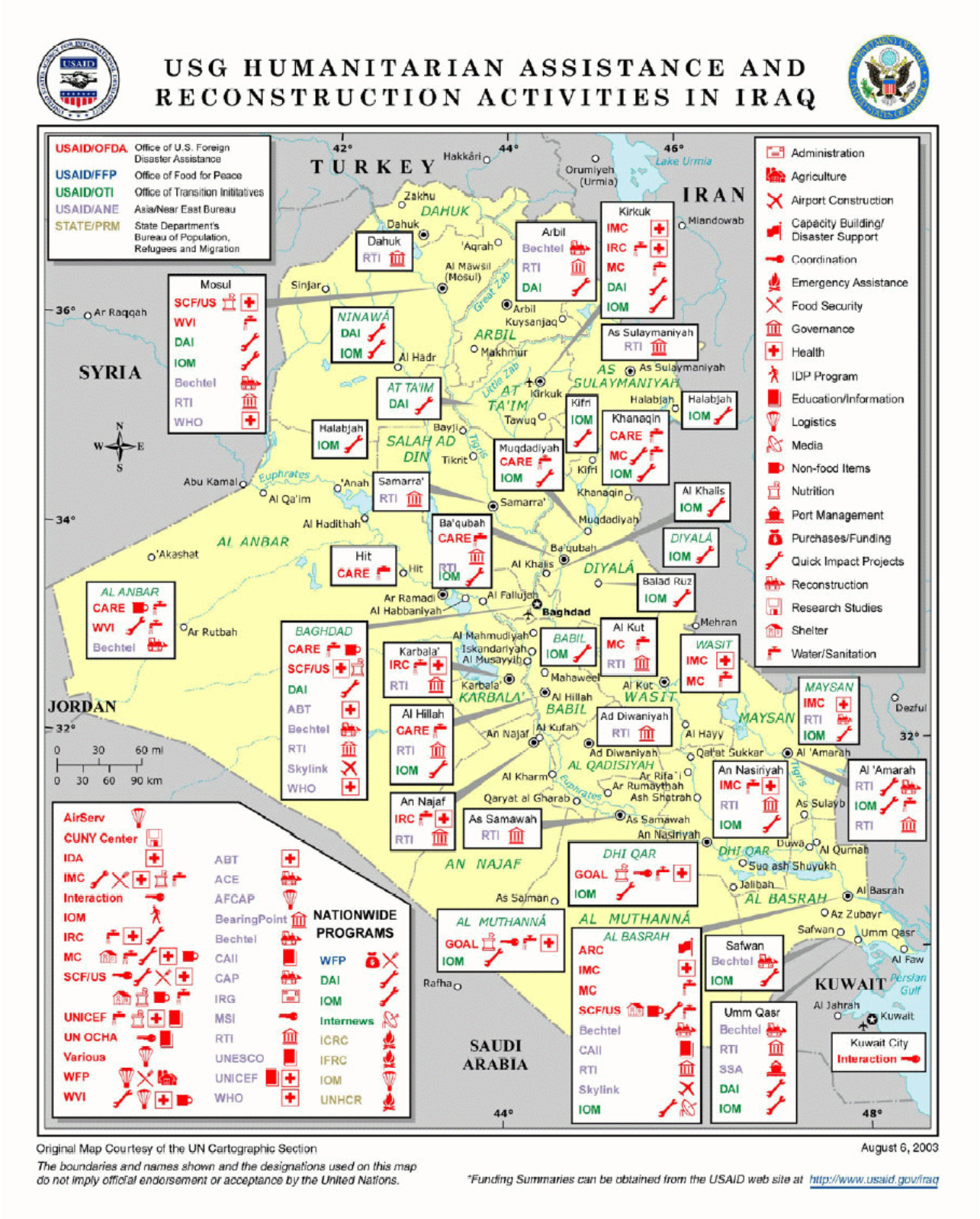

This map shows humanitarian assistance and reconstruction activities in Iraq. A clearer image of the map is available at [http://tinyurl.com/cbucl].