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**PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAMS (PRT)  
FACT SHEET**

*"We regard Iraq's success as our own success. We are partners in building this new Iraq. The PRTs use all of our tools, military and civilian, to get behind the ideas the Iraqis feel are most important to build their national institutions to offer a better hope for the Iraqi people's economic future."*

**--Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad in Al-Hillah, Iraq November 20, 2005.**

- The Provincial Reconstruction Team initiative is a civil-military effort that is becoming the primary interface between U.S. government or Coalition agencies and provincial governments throughout Iraq, helping provide a sense of hope and a visible path towards self-reliance. The PRT program is in direct support of the "National Strategy for Victory in Iraq".
- The PRTs will assist Iraqi provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.
- The first US-led PRT, in Ninawa Province, was inaugurated during the visit of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in November, 2005. Three more US-led teams have now been inaugurated: PRT Ta'mim (Kirkuk), PRT Babil (Hillah) and PRT Baghdad. Two Coalition-led teams have begun operation in the southern provinces of Basrah (U.K.) and Dhi Qar (Italy). Three additional US-led PRTs (Anbar, Diyala and Salah ad Din) are in the personnel staffing stage and have already completed their initial training. These nine provinces contain over one-half the population of Iraq.
- Depending on the needs of the individual province, the teams may have up to 100 members including approximately 30 locally employed staff. The PRTs may be manned by personnel from Department of State, USAID, Multinational Force Iraq, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Gulf Region Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multinational Corps Iraq and representatives from the Coalition partners.
- The U.S. Embassy National Coordination Team (NCT) provides operational guidance and direction to the PRTs, with strategic and policy guidance given by the Joint Executive Steering Committee (JESC). The JESC is comprised of U.S. Mission officials, representatives from U.S. and Coalition military as well as Coalition partners, and the Iraqi government.
- Support for the PRT program comes from a variety of sources, including the U.S., Coalition partners, NGOs and donor nations. Sources include the Iraq Reconstruction and Relief Fund (IRRF), the Commanders Emergency Response Fund (CERP), the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) and new funding targeted specifically for USAID Focused Stabilization, Community Action and Local Governance Program (LGP) as well as PRT development funding.