



# ANTICORRUPTION EFFORTS IN IRAQ

PROFESSIONALISM  
PRODUCTIVITY  
PERSEVERANCE

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## Working toward UNCAC Compliance

**United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC)**  
In November 2008, the GOI signed the UNCAC, a legally binding international anticorruption instrument. As a state party to the UNCAC, the GOI committed to developing and implementing effective anticorruption policies and managing public affairs and property in a transparent and accountable manner.

The UNCAC outlines the obligations of member states to one another in applying four principles of fighting corruption: **Enforcement, Education, Accountability, and Transparency.**

**Iraqi National Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2010-2014 (NACS)**

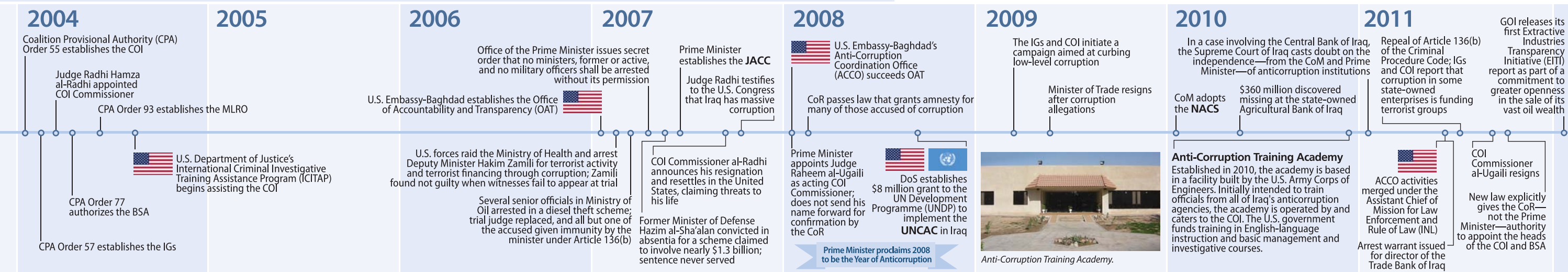
- Set up a system for political financing.
- Monitor the tendering process in all ministries.
- Appoint an adequate number of supervisors to check project implementation and compliance.
- Verify documents via advanced mechanisms and techniques.
- Prepare tighter internal controls by automating the personnel and payment systems.

**Joint Anti-Corruption Council (JACC)**  
The JACC comprises representatives from the Council of Ministers (CoM), COI, IGS, BSA, and HJC. Its primary task is coordinating the implementation of the NACS.



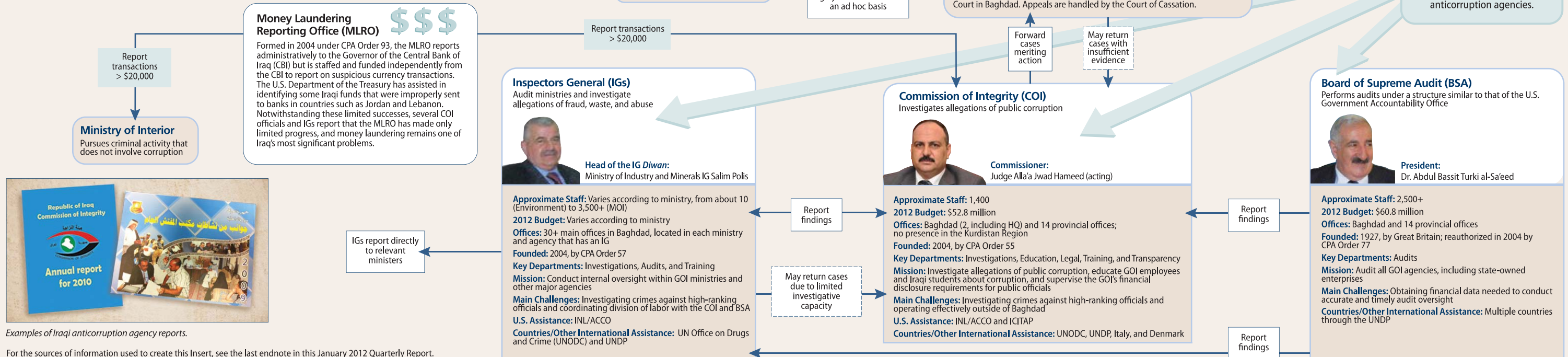
Residents of Falluja protest corruption and the lack of public services, February 2011. (Radio Falluja photo)

During February 2011, a number of public demonstrations—some violent—erupted in Iraq. Two themes characterized them: lack of public services and a belief that most government officials are corrupt. The Council of Representatives (CoR) held public hearings in response to the demonstrations, sending a number of cases to court and repealing the law that allowed ministers to block prosecution of their subordinates. Last summer, at the urging of the CoR, the former Minister of Electricity was referred to court on corruption charges, and the director of the Trade Bank of Iraq was accused of corruption involving hundreds of millions of dollars.



## Enforcement

How Iraq's anticorruption institutions report, investigate, and adjudicate anticorruption cases.



Examples of Iraqi anticorruption agency reports.

For the sources of information used to create this Insert, see the last endnote in this January 2012 Quarterly Report.