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Birth of a New Iraq



Capt Abbirose Adey, serving with 4th Armoured Brigade in Iraq, visits the delivery ward at Basrah's Al Faihaa Hospital on New Year's Day. The construction of the newly built delivery ward was supervised by British troops based in the southern Iraqi city.

A newborn baby, the unmistakable symbol of the regeneration of a nation, is delivered in the pristine wards of Basrah's Al Faihaa General Hospital. Osnabrück soldiers based in the southern Iraqi city have supervised the construction of the newly built delivery ward. On the first day of 2005, troops from 4th Armoured Brigade made a visit to inspect the quality of the construction of the ward, and to meet one of the first babies to be born in the new surroundings.

Al Faihaa General in north of Basrah is a former military hospital and one of the largest of six hospitals across the city. It has been the focus of much reconstruction work including the new delivery ward, paid for by Multinational Forces in Iraq. Engineer Faris, the Chief Engineer for the Health Directorate, requested the work to include an operating theatre, ward and doctors' rest room, and local firm, the Al Mawqed Company, carried out the work.

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Twenty four year old Territorial Army Captain Abbirose Adey is the British Army's Health representative working with Osnabrück-based 3/29 Battery Royal Artillery in Basrah city. She is responsible for liaising with her counterpart in the Provincial Directorate. She explained: "The work has been done to a very high standard and now means that the hospital has a custom-made facility for newborn babies and for their mothers."

Engineer Tariq is the Technical Manager of the construction firm that completed the work. His firm employed approximately twenty people for fifty days, and also completed work within Al Faihaa's outpatients and children's wards.

Under investment by the previous regime and thirty years of conflict in the region had left the city's healthcare system in a desperate state. Capt Adey now plans to target further British reconstruction funds into a new hospital laundry at Al Faihaa and eleven other hospitals across the province.

It is hoped that these efforts, and those of the Directorate of Health, can provide a better standard of life for the future generations of Basrah.