

Iraq Regime Crimes Advisors Office

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Mission:

- Assist Iraqis in beginning investigations and prosecutions of selected major crimes by Saddam Hussein and key members of his regime
- Aid in establishing Iraqi Special Tribunal's court and infrastructure, including expedited selection of judges

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Regime Crimes Advisor

- Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals
- Former United States Attorney, Chairman of AG's Advisory Committee & AUSA
- U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)
- JAG and International Law Experience

Structure of RCAO

- Approximately 50 DOJ Personnel in Iraq
- FBI-Led Investigators, Document Analysts, Prosecutors, Admin. & Support, Public Affairs
- Led by Regime Crimes Advisor and Deputy
- Augmented by International Law Enforcement Presence

Operations

- Interviews of Key Witnesses and Targets
- Document Collection and Review
- Coordination of Exhumations and Forensics at Mass Graves
- Selection of Small Group of Offenses and Defendants
- Advising and Training of Iraqi Counterparts
- Liaison to International Community & NGOs

Timing

- 3/4/04: RCA Begins Assignment
- 3/6 – 3/14/04: RCA Assessment Tour in Iraq
- 3/23 – 3/25/04: RCAO Training in D.C.
- End of March: RCAO Deployment Begins
- Spring 2004: Selection of IST Judges & Staffing of Court
- Spring 2004: Adoption of IST Court Rules

Timing (Continued)

- Summer 2004: Establishment of IST Court Building & Administration
- Fall 2004: First Indictment
- End of 2004: First IST Trial Begins
- End of 2004/Early 2005: Phase-Out of RCAO

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Funding

- RCA to have budget authority within CPA over \$75 million fund appropriated for IST assistance
- RCA and other non-DOJ personnel to be hired by CPA and detailed to RCAO
- RCA may retain contract support and expert consultants as necessary

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Chain of Command

- RCAO functions as DOJ component within Coalition Provisional Authority
- RCA reports to CPA Administrator
- Attorney General directs RCA regarding substantive legal and investigative matters
- After transfer of sovereignty, all CPA responsibilities will devolve upon State Department's Chief of Mission

Commitments from Other Agencies: Defense Department

- Through CPA, support and sustain RCAO personnel in Iraq, including housing, food, medical, transportation, communications, security
- Provide access to relevant documents and declassification assistance
- Provide access to and transport of prisoners

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Commitments from Other Agencies: State Department

- Under RCA, lead assistance in establishing IST infrastructure and court facility and in expedited selection of IST judges
- Recruit international investigative and forensic teams

Commitments from Other Agencies: Intelligence Community

- Iraq Survey Group will make available relevant documents and facilitate declassification
- Supplemental security, communications, and transportation support

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