

CPA OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL  
ADF LEGAL OFFICER

SITREP 2: PERIOD 24-30 NOV 03

Introduction

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For the Reporting Officer the key issues for this period were as follows:

- Central Criminal Court of Iraq.
- Anti-smuggling operations.
- Iraqi Special Tribunal.
- Detention.

Central Criminal Court of Iraq

AMB Bremer expressed a strong interest in the progress of two cases referred to the Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) involving two Al-Jazeera employees. One case involved an allegation of a failure to disclose prior knowledge of an attack against an Iraqi Civil Defense facility. The other case involves an allegation of involvement in planning attacks against Coalition forces

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### Detention Issues

The Officer was involved in a number of detention issues which arose during the reporting period. The key issues were:

- " Al-Jazeera detainees. Two of the Al-Jazeera cases have been referred to the CCCI and are addressed above. A third Al-Jazeera is in Coalition custody having been detained on about 13 Nov 03. A substantial number of queries were dealt with regarding these detainees from various sources including the CPA Front Office and Al-Jazeera itself.
- " Iraqi Minister for Human Rights Meeting 28 Nov 03. The Officer represented the OGC in an impromptu meeting with the Iraqi Minister of Human Rights, Mr Abdul Basit Turki. The Minister had a number of allegations to make regarding Coalition detention practices. The general concerns were in the methods used at the time of detention (hooding, 'lack of respect'), accuracy of information used to detain, treatment in detention, access to relatives and lawyers and treatment of women. The allegations lacked specificity but represent an unhealthy perception at least of Coalition detention practices.
- " ICRC Meeting 29 Nov 03. The Officer coordinated a meeting at CPA Baghdad between the ICRC Protection Co-ordinator for Iraq and CPA and CJTF 7 staff regarding detention issues.

### Other Matters

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