

This week's briefs:

- **1st Iraq National Conference of the Ministry of Health**
- **1st Iraq National Nurses Conference**
- **Over 3000 tons in less than 60 days:**

This week more pharmaceuticals were delivered to regions throughout Iraq and to New Iraqi Army recruiting stations.

MOH 18-truck convoy delivers



18 truck loads of medical supplies arrive at Kimadia warehouse in Basrah.

Kimadia Delivers

18 truck loads of medical equipment and supplies were delivered to hospitals and clinics in Basrah to target specific shortages. On board were antibiotics, clinic, and surgical supplies. Mosul, Ramadi and Kut also received medical shipments this week.

Italian Red Cross "Adopts a Hospital"

The Senior Advisor for the Ministry of Health and the Italian Red Cross have co-signed a letter of intent to refurbish pediatric wards at the Al Easkan Pediatric Hospital in Baghdad.

After operating a field hospital in Baghdad for more than two months following the war, the Italian Red Cross has initiated a new project to reconstruct and refurbish a ward of the Al Easkan Children's Teaching Hospital in Baghdad.

The project will include complete renovation of wards, installation of new beds, lighting, and equipment, new neo-

natal incubators and training of hospital staff.

National Vaccination Day

The Iraq National Vaccination campaign continued at all Primary Health Care Clinics on July 22. The Al Habibia Pediatric Hospital focused outreach activities to mothers of young children to encourage them to bring their children to Vaccination Day events at the clinics.

Ministry of Health Medical Staff to Support New Iraqi Army

The Basrah Recruiting station moved into full swing this week with the addition of medical staff from surrounding facilities throughout the Basrah region. The team will provide physicals to potential recruits for the New Iraqi Army. The medical team will provide all medical procedures required for qualifying individuals for military service to include: Dental, Laboratory procedures, Mental Health, and Optometry.

FIRST OF A KIND. HUGE SUCCESS.

More than 250 persons representing the Medical Directors General and senior staff of each of Iraq's 18 Governorates and the Baghdad Medical City participated in this National Directors General (DG) meeting at the Ministry of Health. The conference was convened by the Senior Advisor for the Ministry of Health.

The many topics discussed included: Ministry of Health budget priorities for 2003; improved quality and service from the Kimadia distribution system; interim policy to restore minimal health benefit co-payments effective August 1st; and medical surveillance of public health threats.

Iraq National Nursing Conference

More than 300 management and lead nurse participants convened to discuss proposals for reform of the nursing profession in Iraq. The result of the conference will be a comprehensive plan for improvements in training and

education of nurses, which is a recognized priority throughout the medical community in Iraq.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) visits

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Dr. Bill Winkenwerder, visited Baghdad Medical Center. His visit included a roundtable discussion with more than 75 medical students, who freely expressed their desire for current medical technology and training, their concerns about continuing shortage of medical equipment, text books and laboratories, and security. They also discussed the status of Iraqi Emergency Rooms, and laboratory services.

Dr. Winkenwerder also visited the Al Tuweitha nuclear research site near Baghdad. He was briefed on protection of U. S. forces and also efforts by the Ministry of Health to conduct health screening of nearly 5,000 civilians in nearby villages.

Farewell to Lieutenant Colonel Dee Anderson, USAF

Lieutenant Colonel Dee Anderson leaves CPA this week for a new assignment supporting USAF Public Affairs at Camp Doha. A warm thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Anderson for her dedicated efforts at CPA and for all her work. LTC Scott Svabek, USA, will serve as interim Newsletter Editor. He can be reached at SvabekS@orha.centcom.mil.

Events Calendar:

July 31st -- 11:00 a.m. NGO-MOH Meeting on Health at the MOH building