

Iraq

COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY
Paper for the Governorates
Payments to Iraq's Former Military
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The Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) has decided to pay interim stipends to former officers and career enlisted members of Iraq's military. These individuals will receive monthly stipends that are roughly comparable to, but somewhat less than, the salaries they received while in active duty. Amounts will be released with payment instructions. This is an interim program subject to review by CPA and a decision by the future Iraqi government whether to continue the stipends and, if so, on what terms.

All former members of the Regular Army and Republican Guard are eligible for stipends except:

- All military members who were senior Ba'ath Party officials (top four party ranks);
- All Special Republican Guard forces;
- All members of intelligence agencies, paramilitaries, and security organizations listed in the May 23rd dissolution order;
- Anyone against whom there is evidence of involvement in war crimes, human rights abuses, or the development or testing of WMD.

In addition to paying these monthly stipends to former career military, CPA will:

- Provide a one-time payment to each conscript released from service obligation by the May 23rd order;
- Continue pensions to military retirees and payments to the disabled, widowed, or former POWs;
- Provide a monthly lump sum to Kurdish authorities in the northern three governorates for payments for disabled and retired peshmerga and the widows of those peshmerga killed (these authorities will be responsible for disbursement of payments);

Procedures

We will begin disbursing these payments in mid-July. Officers and long-serving enlisted will receive their payments first. Instructions for reporting, receiving initial payments, and registering for future payouts will be published shortly. There will be a system which is "staggered" so that those paid are broken into manageable groups. Each payee will need to show proper identification and a military identification card.

Conscripts will receive their one-time severance pay after the first payment has been made to officers and career enlisted.

Each former military member will have to register before receiving his payment. We will develop a standardized registration process to ensure that we obtain certain information from each person,

including rank, time in the military, skills (military and otherwise), place of residence, number of dependents, etc. Local commanders can supplement the standardized registration procedures to separately glean additional information to be used in the process of selecting applicants for public works projects and other employment. This policy supercedes any arrangements made under local commanders before June 23rd to pay former military.

Appropriate efforts should be made to encourage people to find jobs, but no individual will be obligated to accept work as a condition of receiving his stipend; nor will any person be guaranteed follow-on employment as a result of registering. These payments are not conditional on service in the New Iraqi Army (NIA), nor do they connote any preference for participation in it. Procedures may be developed in the future to reduce, by an appropriate amount, the stipends of those who assume new jobs in the government sector. However, holding other employment will not affect the amount of stipend payments until and unless such procedures have been put in place by CPA.

The funds for the payments described above will come from vested Iraqi assets.

Conditions on Payments

All those receiving stipends will need to sign a form laying out the terms under which they accept the payment. This form will require the recipient to:

- Denounce the Ba'ath Party and any former or future involvement with it;
- Renounce violence and all illegal forms of expression;
- Not associate with any organization or group that uses such means;
- Accept that violent or illegal behavior, or a false statement with regard to the stipend process, will disqualify him from further stipends;
- Recognize that the stipend is interim in nature, subject to the on-going consideration of the CPA and the ultimate decision of the future Iraqi government whether to continue the stipend and, if so, on what basis;
- Acknowledge that the continued payment of the stipend may be subject to additional conditions as the coalition, Iraqi interim administration, or Iraqi government sees fit.