

JTI Intel Report 26/2/2010

Received several emails Willem about movement of CF goods from Turkey to Iraq, this first report was email to ATC on Thursday 25, 2010.

Feb 26th 11:00HRS UAE time (10:00HRS Iraqi Time): After several emails and Call with Willem, activated Erbil team to respond and perform surveillance actions.

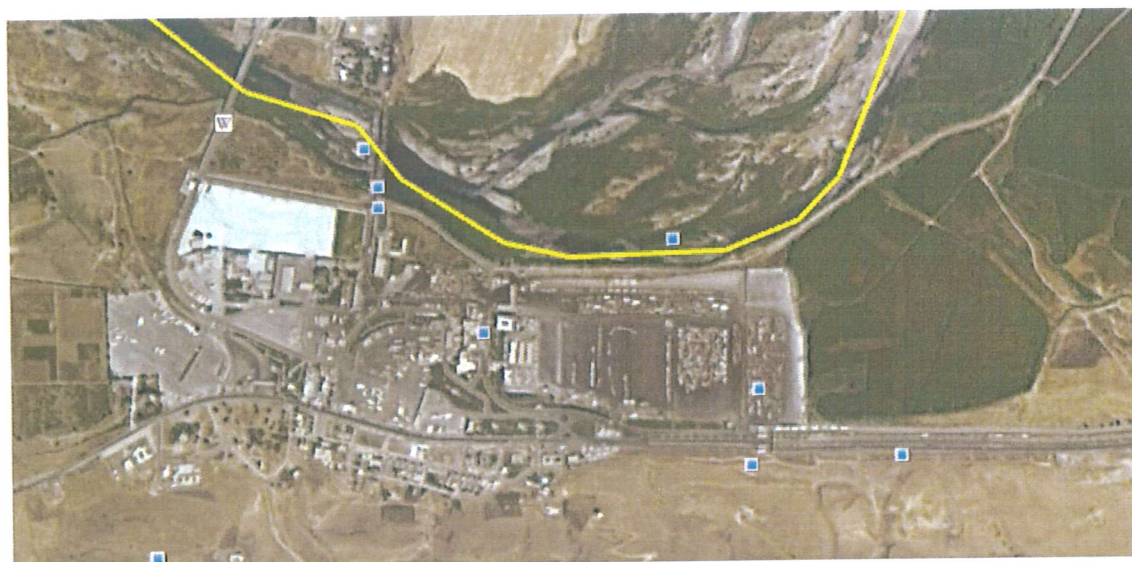
Information Willem provided: *Willem* "that I received a late phone call that a truck with 400 MC WINSTON Ultra Lights is on its way from Mersin to Iraq - via the Habur border crossing. At this stage, we do not have any information if these are counterfeit or diverted cigarettes"

Feb 26th 1828HRS UAE time and (1728 HRS Iraqi Time) received email from Willem stating truck is now at the Habur border crossing, I responded with asking any indentifying marks, colors, or tag number of truck

Feb 26th 2010HRS UAE time and (1710HRS Iraqi Time) Team still awaiting any word on description of vehicle, team less than 1 km away

Feb 26th 20:36HRS Time (19:36HRS Iraqi Time) Received noticed that there are now two trucks. Information was one truck grey color and a logo ATAK, (which the team stated was ATK) was carrying 400 MC Winston Ultra lights also the second truck had 40 MC of Camel lights , truck was off white and license plate was 33HV896 with logo of ATAK.

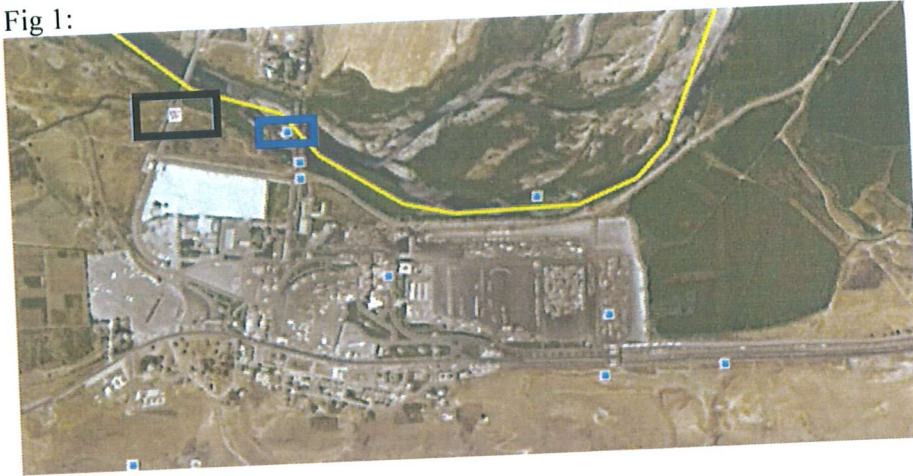
Below is a Ariel view of the Border crossing.



The above picture has two known Crossings, first one is the Habur Gate Crossing and the other is the Ibrahim Khalil Border.

OPERATIONAL PHOTOS:

Fig 1:

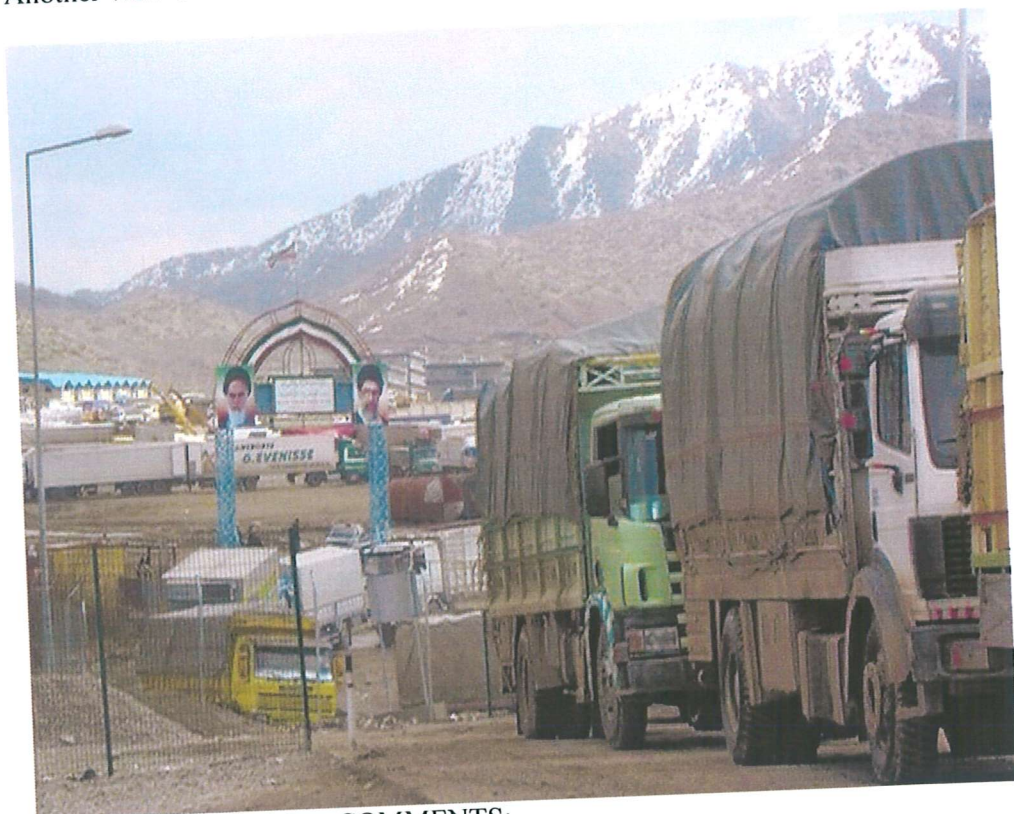


Note two crossing in this locations Black crossing is known as Ibrahim Khalil Border and the second one in purple is Harbur Gate.

Picture of the Border crossing ; Below “ Bashmakh border’



Another view of the Border



SPECIAL FINDINGS or COMMENTS:

Surveillance Log: ATC Erbil Surveillance report

Surveillance Target: *TEKNOTAS INTERNATIONAL TRADE & TRANSPORT LTD. CO*

Target Vehicle: 1. Brand of truck **Mercedes**, color White – trailer has a Grey color and on the trailer is the name/logo **ATAK**
2. brand DAF, color White – the license plate number of the trailer of this truck is **33HV896** and also has the logo **ATAK**.

Location: Address (address in local language)

Date: 26- 3 – 2010(Friday)

Serial No.	Time	Location	Event	Remarks
1	1000HRS	Erbil	Activated Erbil team to respond and perform surveillance actions	Figure 1 (reference for pictures taken, which are then attached as JPGs)
2	1936 Hrs	Harbur Gate Crossing	Trucks being released, advise now 2 trucks in play	Figure 2
3	1950HRS		Trucks left Habur border headed east, team noticed second truck tag to read 56JE213, this was the truck with 400 MC Winston Lights.	Lat: 37° 8'19.69"N and LONG 42°35'28.04"E 3
4	2133HRS		Trucks split, Called and advised, to follow the truck 56je213 with the larger load. As the other load was moving towards the central border (Baghdad)	Lat: 37° 8'6.21"N and LONG: 42°40'40.19"E
5	2230HRS		Gas stop	Lat: 37°10'35.93"N LONG: 43° 0'47.53"E

Next Date: 27 – 3 – 2010(Saturday)

Serial No.	Time	Location	Event	Remarks
1	0600HRS	Bashmakh border	Truck reached town called Bashmakh border on the Iraqi side they drove though the range of the Zago Mountain Range . This is a normal route. Crew bunked at a local hotel for sleep	
2				Figure 2
3				Figure 3
4				

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SPECIAL FINDINGS or COMMENTS:

2050HRS UAE time (1950HRS Iraqi Time) Trucks left Habur border headed east, team noticed second truck tag to read 56JE213, this was the truck with 400 MC Winston Lights. Lat: 37° 8'19.69"N and LONG 42°35'28.04"E

2233HRS UAE time (2133HRS Iraqi Time) Trucks split, Called Willem advised, Willem stated to follow the truck 56je213 with the larger load. As the other load was moving towards the central border (Baghdad) Lat: 37° 8'6.21"N and LONG: 42°40'40.19"E

2330HRS UAE Time (2230HRS Iraqi Time) Gas stop Lat: 37°10'35.93"N LONG: 43° 0'47.53"E

Feb 27th 0700HRS UAE time (0600HRS) truck reached town called Cheekha Dar on the Iraqi side which sit next to t, Iran city side called Gyndah Zhur, they drove though the range of the Zago Mountain Range LAT: 36°46'25.34"N and LONG: 44°55'17.48"E. This is a normal route. Crew bunked at a local hotel for sleep

Suggestions:

We start to place tracking devices and give JTI heads up, devices are load and if JTI wants to see truck moves, then go to the web and view live tracking.

34° 23' 51.60 N
40° 58' 38.07 E



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CLIENT PO# JTI PO 4500923448

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
31-Jan	Operational Expenses Advance	1	\$20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Total				
				SUBTOTAL
				\$20,000.00
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28 Feb 2010	Snap Shot JTI (UAE)	1	\$1,750.00	USD	1,750.00
28 Feb 2010	Port Watch (UAE/Oman)	1	\$3,000.00	USD	3,000.00
28 Feb 2010	Project Beagle	1	\$22,000.00	USD	22,000.00
28 Feb 2010	Syria	1	\$3500.00	USD	3500.00
Payment is Net 30 Days			SUBTOTAL	USD	30.250.00
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			OTHER		-
			TOTAL	USD	30.250.00

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31 MAR 2010	Azzam	1	4000.00	USD 4000.00
31 MAR 2010	Operational Expense		2000.00	USD 2000.00
Payment is Net 30 Days			SUBTOTAL	USD 36,250.00
				-
			OTHER	-
			TOTAL	USD 36,250.00

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Intelligence Report

Subject: Kurdistan, Iraq

The meeting of the Kurd Colonel Taha who is the director of Security for the MOI in Erbil:

Colonel ISMAIL (his cell phone is +9647504107475), does not speak English and brought his translator (SANGAR SALIH) email is SANGAR BALISANY [balisany@windowslive.com] to the meeting at the KMOI which had taken place at 0930 am. I was introduced to Colonel TAHA number is +96475044612166. I had my guy Eddy with me to translate. Colonel TAHA said he was briefed by Colonel ISMAL about our dinner meeting and that he was here to help me succeed in his country. Colonel ISMAL said that they would welcome a cigarette factory and that he would become my partner to ensure that no one would stop or view the products. He said we would be given MOI badges and could also carry weapons in Kurdistan under his protection. He asked about the size of the operations, what kind of cigarettes I wanted to make and did I need to work with Mr. ARAFAT AKRAWI? I said well no, but he brought me to you.. Colonel TAHA stated that MR ARAFAT AKAWI has not been on our president good side and that he was going to be out of business, as they have allowed others to come into Kurdistan and are selling his business for a good price. He asked if I wanted to buy the place and I said I have not seen it. I said I would like to have a walking inspection of the place and he said not problems and would I like to meet his other partners in other companies he has who is making cigarettes? I asked you mean there are more people doing this and he said only 4 and you will be the last one. Colonel TAHA said there is plenty of money in Cigarettes and this is how we make our money. The meeting last for an hour and he had another meeting. Colonel TAHA asked when we can go to the site and I informed him I would be back in the middle of May. He asked for my phone number which I gave him and I asked for his and my translator and employee has it.

Intelligence Report

Subject: Kurdistan, Iraq

The meeting of the Kurd Colonel ISMAIL who is in Kurd Intelligence group:

Mr. Arafat Akrawi and I had a meeting in Erbil on the 15th of April in talks about cigarettes factories and how I can have some product manufactured or how I can put in my own manufacturing plant.

Mr. Arafat made a phone call and set up a meeting with me and Colonel ISMAIL. This was a dinner meeting which had taken place at the Chwarchra Hotel, located on Sherh Abdulsalam Barzani Street, Erbil, the same location where I had meet Mr. Arafat last month.

April 16th at 2100 Hrs I was introduced to Colonel ISMAIL (his cell phone is +9647504107475), does not speak English and brought his translator (SANGAR SALIH) email is SANGAR BALISANY [balisany@windowslive.com] I do not have a cell phone number on him yet. I had my guys with me to translate as well. I was told at this meeting that the government is going to start shutting down locations that do not pay what he called government fess for having cigarette factories. ISMAIL though his translator (SANGAR) stated anyone who wants to produce cigarettes must get a license though the colonel of the MOI security and this Colonel must also become a partner, as he can provide protection and safety and no one will interfere with his business. ISMALI said that many people had made money in making cigarettes and asked if I knew the Sheraton hotel, I said yes, he said that was from money of cigarettes. He said we do not care what kind of cigarettes you make, we care you pay us and we give you support. He said tomorrow we meet Colonel TAHA (April 17th)

Please note picture and the person on my right is Colonel ISMAIL the younger person to my left is SANGER

INFORMATION REPORT

Client:	JTI
IR Number:	J11609

Title:	Abkazia Factory
Date of Information Received:	18 th of June, 2009
Source of Information:	Open and restricted Sources
Information Admiralty Scale	
Source:	A1
Information:	B1
Input Priority:	Urgent
Location:	Iraq, Erbil and Baghdad
Information:	

Abkazia Factory has been in business since 1995, this factory was supported by the Saddam regime, as well as his son **Udai Saddam Hussayn al-Tikriti** (June 18, 1964 – July 22, 2003)

Introduction

Since 1997 Iraq has earned an average of \$6 billion a year in civilian goods *via* the United Nations Oil-for-Food program, the country's only legitimate source of income, through which Iraqi oil is exported in exchange for imports deemed by international experts to have no military utility. On top of this, Saddam, aided variously by his two sons and close relations before them, has managed to earn more than \$2 billion a year in hard currency by illegally exploiting the UN system and running extensive smuggling operations outside it.

This brief provides you with the history of some of the sources of that estimated \$2 billion, which is projected to increase to \$2.5 billion in 2002. Note to date these same routes and individuals run a very lucrative counterfeit operation which is currently being used.

In 1997 Oil smuggling accounts for 90 percent of the estimated 2.5 billion of revenue. Outlined herein are nine channels outside the Oil-for-Food program through which the Baghdad regime has managed to export oil in exchange for hard currency and goods *not* subject to UN oversight during the program, but today are still being used for counterfeit operations

These channels involve Turkey, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iran and the Gulf States and are widening over time.

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Profiled briefly as well are four key principals whom Saddam has tapped to establish his global smuggling network and to handle the logistics of financing his regime: sons Uday, 38, and Qusai, 36, who are rivals for succession; half-brother, Barzani Ibrahim al-Tikriti, 51, whose daughter was for a time married to Uday and who for years used his diplomatic perch in Geneva to build a clandestine financial and corporate global network for Saddam; and Hussein Kamel Hassan al-Majid, Saddam's late cousin, son-in-law and formidable Military Industrial Commission head who amassed millions from kickbacks while building Saddam's weapons.

An introduction to these actors is essential to appreciating both the character of Saddam's criminal enterprises and how he appears to be revising the script for his own succession.

View:

Kurdistan consists of Iraq's three most northern provinces, Dohuk, Erbil, and Sulaymaniya. Under the 2005 Iraqi constitution it is an autonomous region. It has had far more stability than the rest of Iraq, which has allowed its economy and government to grow. The UN as well as different agencies still find that major rights violations and criminal activities such as beatings, torture, warrant less arrests, detention without access to lawyers, disappearances, as well as drugs and counterfeiting operations are still the norm.

Much of this is due to the activities of the criminal faction within the Asayish security forces as well as the two intelligence agencies run by the governing parties.

Now Cigarettes

Background:

In 1995, it was stated that most of the Middle East tobacco exporters commented it's not possible to export cigarettes into the parts of Iraq controlled by Saddam Hussein, without paying off members of his family.

We are aware in an interview with Mr. A. Al-Janabi, who currently resides in Mosul. Mr Al-Janabi states that he served as a private secretary to Uday Hussein, Saddam's eldest son, from 1984 to 1998, describes some of the process of how the counterfeiting operations had taken place. Mr. Al-Janabi stated that until 1995, Hussein Kamel, Saddam's son-in-law and at that time a government minister, collected taxes on every imported "master case" of 10,000 cigarettes.

We know that Mr. Kamel was murdered in Baghdad in 1995, Mr. Al-Janabi states that the profits from this trade went to Uday Hussein, who dramatically increased the flow of imports, as well as to launch a campaign, this campaign had a two prong approach: First approach was to grow his own and repackage it and sell to the cigarette smugglers and let them distribute. The second approach was to resell purchased cigarettes imported into Iraq and repackage them to cigarettes smugglers to who took them to Iran or turkey and Syria. " He adds that many of the cigarettes flowed from Cyprus into Iraq via Jordan, Syria, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey. To date, this is still the current flow of Counterfeit cigarettes

When Uday business began to grow, the start of the Abkazia Factory was born. Since the beginning of the war, the Barani family has taken over the operations and has grown the business. The factory in question is protected by the local police as well as the MOI.

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Comments/Recommendations:

BPI has nominally identified one initial informant, BPI has outline the first approach in our outline to JTI

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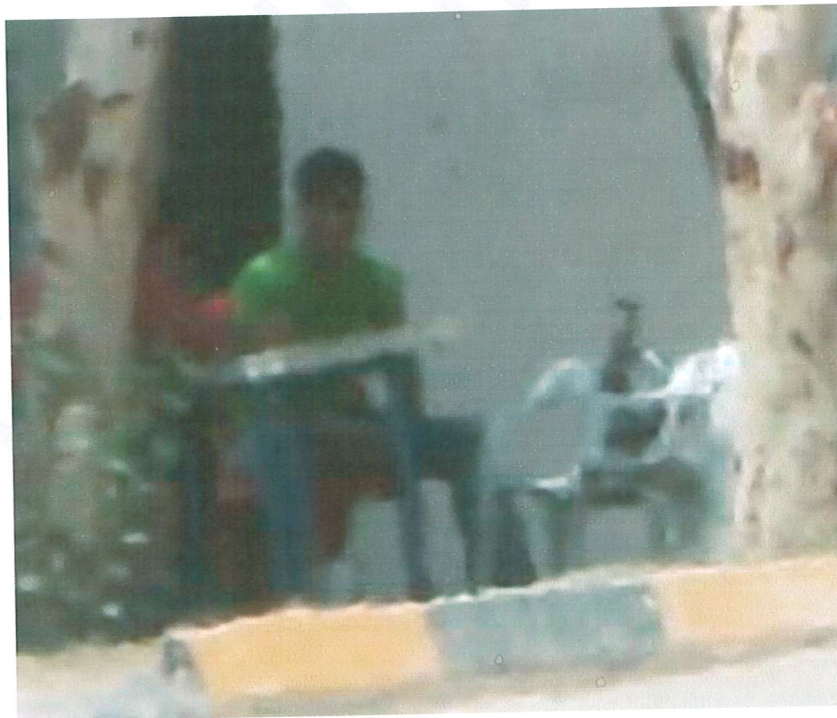
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INFORMATION REPORT

Client:	
IR Number:	J 230709

Title:	Operation Smoke House
Date of Information Received:	25 July 2009
Source of Information:	BPI
<u>Information Admiralty Scale</u>	
Source:	A1
Information:	A1
Input Priority:	Routine
Location:	Iraq
Information:	

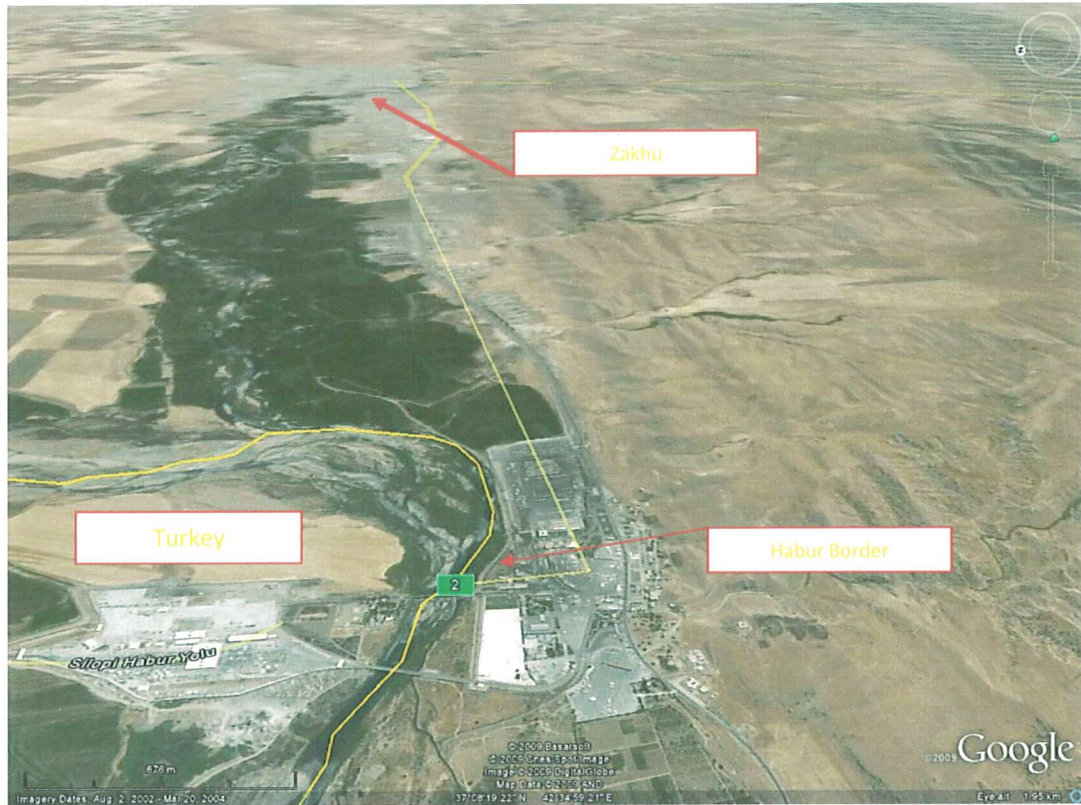


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We met our informant at a crossing point called Habur Bridge or gate (37° 8'36.26"N, 42°34'9.89"E) which is the border for Turkey (4 km from Kasrik, Şırnak Turkey), we aware of more than 200 other routes, but this one seems to be used the most.



I choose to meet him at the Customs office (37° 8' 25.53" N 42° 34' 19.43" E) to gain insight on this truck and see if customs actually searched the vehicle.

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July 10, 2009

Departing UAE en route to Erbil

July 11, 2009

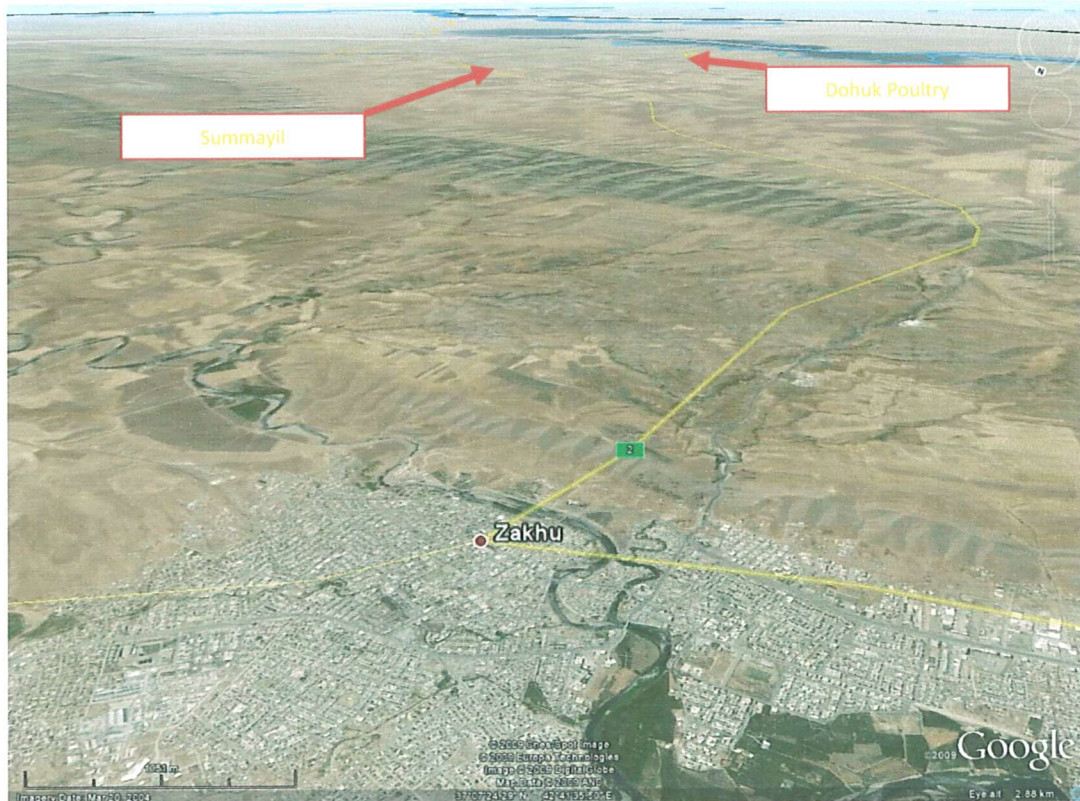
Departure from Erbil at 0500am

BPI utilized the information provided by the client for the location of the target building. Information suggested that this was on the main road to Turkey near the Habur border, near to a village called Summayil.

The information and direction of the target given by the *client's informant* is not concise, and nothing was located at that location.

Decided to meet with our informant who provided us with information on a truck due in that day

Traveled North toward the Turkish border to a town called Zakho (37° 9'8.99"N, 42°40'58.29"E). This town is known at for the crossing of counterfeit goods and weapons.



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Met with Informant who point out truck, sat outside of the office intake area, and watched subject truck (RED1) going thru the custom check (none was made). Decided to track truck based upon information that our informant gave me, Truck is heading east towards the city of Zakho, RED1 moved thru the streets of Zakho and pulled off the road at a off the road eating place (37° 08'20.75"N, 42°40'12.24"E). Driver ate and decided it looks like to spend the night in the truck. GREAT! Stayed with the truck all night.

July 12th 2009

Driver went to have prayers and eat, departed Dohuk at 0900 am RED1 turn right at coordinates (37° 8'11.71"N, 42°40'40.46"E), two hours in tailing Red1, driver pulled off, to pick up rider and fuel, this is before mountain pass (37° 5'5.31"N, 42°39'32.86"E) after 3 and a half hours trucks turns right at coordinates (36°51'48.63"N, 42°50'22.83"E) this road is now a dirt road, passed by old Village on right side of the road (36°51'19.78"N, 42°47'26.76"E), after twenty minutes we hit a gate: this gate stated that it was part of Ministry of Agriculture and the University of Dohuk, Poultry project Coordinates are as follows: (36°49'48.93"N, 42°45'22.43"E).



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Decided to turn around and come back in the morning, as it was already late.

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Arrived back at location but got off the road before we hit the gate and to Recon the locations.
Coordinates of surveillance site Site(36°49'45.31"N, 42°45'49.25"E)

Note results of RECON Towards north of our location within the compound

- House 1 (36°49'59.90"N, 42°45'11.70"E)



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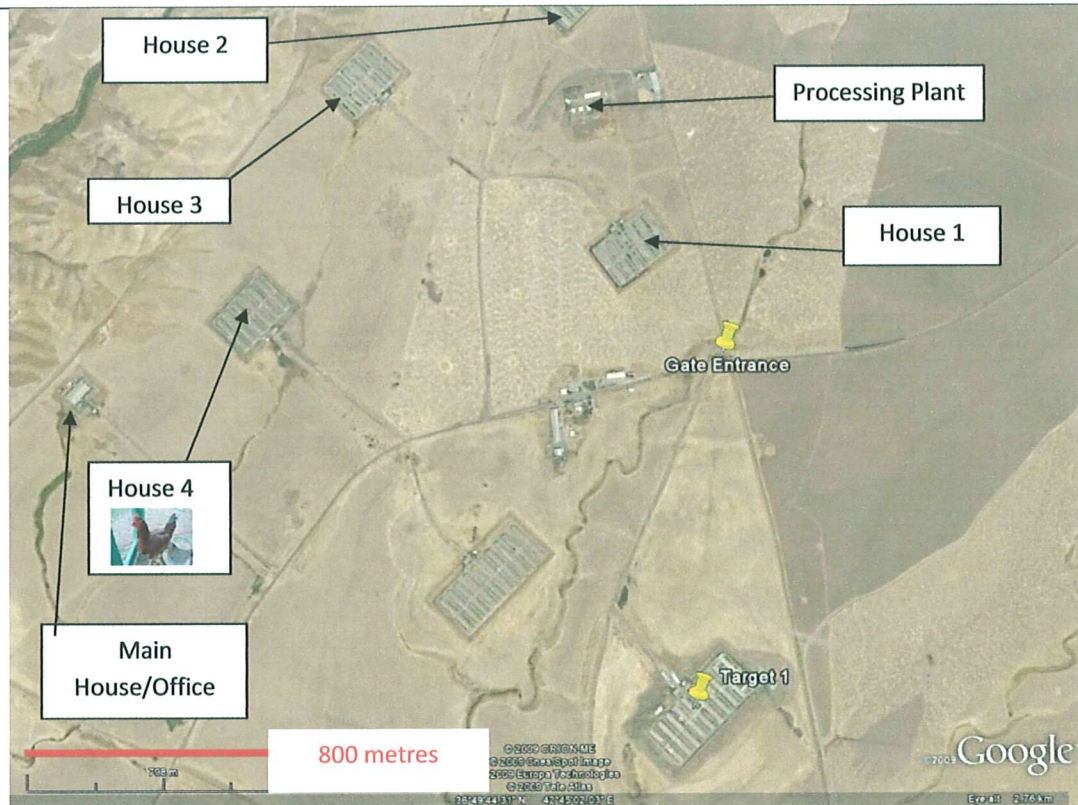


- Processing plant 3k from House 1 (36°50'13.46"N, 42°45'6.28"E) old equipment laying around, four generators, barbwire fence all around, but found open hole.
- House 2 2k from Processing plant (36°50'24.66"N, 42°45'5.33"E), got into the house2, no chickens in here, but full of trash.

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- House 3 1.5k from house2 (36°50'15.99"N, 42°44'39.05"E)

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- House4 (36°49'53.78"N, 42°44'28.07"E) Chicken house (real one)

Okay getting hot, we will have to come back in the evening.

- Located Main house and office, guards are located around this house/Office (36°49'46.53"N, 42°44'6.48"E)
- House 5 (36°49'25.19"N, 42°43'50.02"E)

July 14^h, 2009

Bold moved, decided to drive to the gate and seek information, drove to the gate at around 1000 am (36°49'48.93"N, 42°45'22.43"E). Drove up to the gate and frank spoke to him in Kurdish and stated that we are looking for the tobacco farm, as I was a foreigner who had come to look at export companies that could produce me with products. The guard stated that he would let us through, we would have to go left and turn up the road and you will see the gate.

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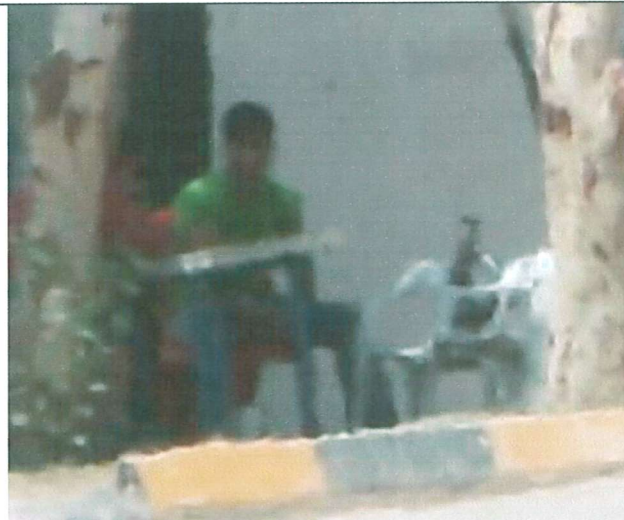
View from looking back from the truck, you could see the guard



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Drove the way the guard told us and went to another gate (note below, Coordinates 36°49'19.17"N, 42°45'17.10"E, heavily guarded and armed).



Pulled up to the gate and where met by an armed guard asking what we wanted, stated that I was a foreigner looking to find some tobacco companies who are willing to export. We were asked to wait. On our left side a guard was in the tower. The guard came back and asked us to pull into the compound. We were greeted by five men, one went to the back of our truck and called in our tag numbers, (okay

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rented car). We exited out of the truck and we asked to sit down, I was introduced to Mr. Abo Bshar Maan and Christian as he stated and spoke very good English. I asked if he spoke Spanish and said no, English, so I talked to him and stated that I was looking for an export company that could provide my firm with cigarettes. He removed from his pocket a pack of Marlboro and asked if I wanted a cigarette, so I said yes and can I have some Chi, he laughed and said are you sure you are not and Arab.

We talked about my operation in the Dominican Republic and he asked for my passport and gave it to him, looks at the stamps and gave it back. Asked me would I like to look at their operations here, but most of the work for the summer is done in Baghdad at their two locations, he said they are well funded and in the summer it is too hot here. We were asked to leave cell phones behind and follow them; we walked with two guards, to the door. Walked in and saw three Mark -9 machine going at it, I also noticed a repair person who was not Arab, Asian.

He explained that they process the cigarettes here and have another place where they can do packaging and printing.

In walking around the warehouse, I found out that Abo Bshar Maan was an engineer by trade and has been doing this for over 9 years, he talked about fighting Saddam. We walked back out and asked if we wanted lunch and we said not thank you, but could he set up an appointment for me in Baghdad to talk to someone their about my needs, Abo Bshar Maan, said he would call me and had taken my number down of my UAE number and I got his 0096407504457147. We thanked him, got into the truck and pulled out.

Note the view of the location



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Note the view from the rear of the truck leaving the compound:



Broke off this part of the investigations, well need to make another trip next month, to search 8 other locations and have completed 9 locations (big location)

Reached Erbil at 2100 hrs.

July 15th 2009

Decided to go back to head to Baghdad and wait for the call, to view the Baghdad operations.

July 16th 2009

Landed in BIAP, met with US customs and Iraqi Custom people, to gain number of how many containers were being searched for counterfeit goods, they stated that they just started the program and really only focused on weapons and explosives. Met with Sam Andersen ICE and Lt Ahmed Magdy of BIAP. Need to work with this guy, to focus on task at hand.

July 17th and 18th, 2009

Weekend here.

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July 19th, 2009

Went to look for locations that were spoken about in the Intel that was provided to the client, the Baghdad office is not at this location. Will have to spend more time on this operation, I was told then moved to the old Baghdad Airport location

July 20th, 2009

Called Abo Bshar Maan, he said that the person I needed to meet was on holiday, it is a holiday here, so he was off for a couple of weeks and I could meet him first week of August.

End of program

Comments/Analysis/Recommendations:

BPI conducted this task under one of our covert companies related to the industry.

The target factory was located, and is active and fully operational with links to operations in Baghdad.

It appears with this operation, the primary manufacture of the cigarettes is done in Sumayil with the printing being completed in Baghdad. No samples were seen on this visit as they were waiting the arrival of the packaging from Baghdad. Maan stated that he could label any brand we wanted.

BPI is currently in the process of gaining more information on the Baghdad operations and to plan a trip there in August, prior to Ramadan.

Our recommendation is to:

1. Plan an August trip back to Dohuk and Baghdad to progress the information gathering and obtain samples for analysis.
2. Upon return submit an options paper for future actions.

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