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SUBJECT: Georgian Contribution to UN Security Forces in Iraq

- A 550 person battalion from the Georgia Train and Equip Program (GTEP)-trained 1st Brigade has deployed to Iraq as part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq's Middle Ring security operation in Baghdad.
- This deployment, combined with a 300-strong contingent already serving with US forces in Baqubah, puts the total number of Georgian personnel supporting Coalition operations in Iraq at over 850.
- Although the Georgian battalion is carrying out a UN security function, it will remain subordinate to Multi National Forces-Iraq.
- The new unit will redeploy to Georgia in September, with another GTEP-trained unit replacing it.

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