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On request and invitation from the Iraqi government, Allied leaders decided to establish NATO Mission Iraq (NMI) at the NATO Summit in Brussels in July 2018. The mission was launched in Baghdad in October 2018.

NMI is a non-combat advisory and capacity building mission, which assists Iraq in building more sustainable and effective security institutions and armed forces in order to prevent the return of ISIS and stabilize the country.

NMI currently advises relevant Iraqi defence and security officials in the Ministry of Defence, the Office of the National Security Advisor and Iraqi professional military education institutions.

Currently, NMI consists of several hundred staff officers, civilian and military advisors and support staff from NATO Allied and Partner countries, including Australia, Sweden and Finland.



Former Minister of Defence Morten Bødskov visited Iraq and Danish personnel in April 2022. Photo: The Danish Ministry Defence.

Danish contributions to NMI

Current Danish contributions to NMI include:

- Staff officers and civilian and military advisors
- Force protection personnel
- A national support element

The main part of the Danish contribution is currently stationed in Baghdad. In June 2022, the number of Danish deployed personnel to NMI is app. 100 persons.

The national mandate for the Danish contributions to NMI was agreed in the Danish parliament on 11 June 2020.



Two Danish EH-101 transport helicopters were deployed to NMI for one year. Photo: The Danish Defence.

Withdrawal of Danish contribution

The Danish force protection personnel and the national support element will be withdrawn from NMI in February 2024. Denmark will continue to contribute with staff officers and civilian and military advisors to NMI.

Previous Danish contributions to NMI

From November 2020 to May 2022, Denmark was commanding NMI. In addition to the force commander, Denmark also contributed with a close protection team. From May 2021 to May 2022, Denmark also contributed with two transport helicopters to NMI. The EH101 helicopters were stationed at Al Asad Air Base. From September 2018 to January 2019 and again from November 2022 to March 2023 parts of the Danish DCM-unit were deployed to NMI.