

<p>Public Order Battalions</p>	<p>MOI</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>A lighter force which conducted counter-insurgency operations but primarily performed a traditional police function in very hostile environments.</p> <p>The Public Order Battalions were recruited almost entirely from Shia neighbourhoods around Baghdad and locations in southern Iraq and were not under Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq (MNSTC-I) supervision. They were later regarded by Sunnis as evidence of Shia abuse of their power as head of the MOI.³⁷⁰</p>
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