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**Summary:**

Iraqi Shia welcome Iranian support due to the sole fact support from anyone is considered welcome and good to Iraqi Shia. Iraqi Shia do not necessarily want Iranian support but feel any support is better than no support, regardless of the origin of the support. Iraqi Shia are afraid to lose their new-found power and position within Iraq. For three decades the Shia were oppressed by the Sunni and now the Shia control the Iraqi government. The Shia accept support from Iran due to the fact Iranians are also Shia. Iraqi Shia are superior to the Iranians; however, the Iraqi Shia accept support from Iran because of the sectarian brotherhood.

The Iranians help the Iraqi Shia in an attempt to further accomplish Iran's own goals. [Detainee] has no knowledge of Iran's goals for Iraq. [Detainee] has no knowledge of the goals of Iran for the government of Iraq.

Iranians do not have skills Iraqis fail to possess. Iraqi Shia are superior to Iranians in every way, especially in regard to religion. Iraqi Shia are proud individuals whereas Iranians are only show-offs. Iraqi Shia believe they are superior to Iranians. The only advantage Iranians have over Iraqi Shia is the fact that Iranians have a clean and organized country.

Iraqi Shia are superior to Iranians because Iraqi Shia are moral, good, compassionate, and emotionally sensitive. Iranians are not moral, are not sensitive, and believe they are superior to everyone. Iraqi Shia are not scared of Iranians. [Detainee] has no knowledge of JAM orders forbidding the acceptance of Iranian support. [Detainee] has no knowledge regarding Iranian facilitators or Iranian selection of targets for Iraqi Shia.

Iraqi SG trainees do not like their Iranian trainers. The Iranians do not show the SG trainees any respect and feel they are better than the SG trainees. The SG trainees like and respect the Lebanese Hizbollah trainers because the Lebanese trainers speak Arabic and treat the SG trainees with respect. The Iranian trainers and the SG trainees did not get along during the SG training.

The Shia in Iraq should be led by an Iraqi. Even a bad Iraqi leader is better than a good Iranian leader. The Shia from Lebanon to Iran will never unite under one leader because of the difference of cultures in each country. [Detainee] has no knowledge regarding how the Iranians truly feel about the Iraqi Shia. Individuals from each country believe they are better than the other. Iraqi Shia do not want an Iranian presence in

Iraq after CF leaves Iraq. Iraqis will not be able to provide social services without the aid of other countries when CF leaves Iraq.

[Detainee] has not personally encountered any IRGC-QF propaganda or anti-CF messages. The only anti-CF messages [Detainee] has encountered are messages played throughout Arab television and satellite channels. Any individual can turn on the television at any time and find an anti-CF message being propagated through the news. The Arab news stations play video clips of CF in firefights and state CF was involved in killing and attacking innocent individuals.

The best way to combat anti-CF messages, and the best way to propagate CF and the Iraqi Government's message is to broadcast pro-CF messages on television. Television is the best medium by which to communicate with the Iraqi public. The only message which will truly affect the Iraqi public is the proliferation of jobs and services. The Iraqi public will listen to whoever is able to provide jobs and services throughout the country.