



**U.S. Embassy Regional
Reconstruction Team
Iraqi Kurdistan Region**

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United States Deputy Secretary of State Visits Erbil

Erbil – Mr. Jacob J. Lew, United States Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources and a delegation including Ambassador Nancy J. Powell, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, and Ambassador Peter Bodde, Assistant Chief of Mission for Assistance Transition in Iraq, from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, traveled for a one day visit to Erbil.

Deputy Secretary Lew is in Iraq to review recent developments and to discuss plans related to the September 1 transition and the continued civilian presence in Iraq. He is meeting with Iraqi leaders, embassy staff, and U.S. forces in Iraq to discuss progress on the transformation of a relationship with Iraq from one focused on security to a civilian-led partnership based on mutual interests, shared values, and above all mutual respect. In addition, Director General Powell visited the U.S. Regional Reconstruction Team Erbil compound and met with all American and Iraqi employees. As the Director General, Ambassador Powell is the American official responsible for all personnel matters at the U.S. Department of State.

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