

U.S. building "enduring bases" in Iraq

The Bush administration is constructing 14 so-called "enduring bases" for a permanent, large-scale presence in Iraq of some 100,000 U.S. troops. Pentagon planners view the \$4.5 billion project as vital both to protect oil interests and as launchpads for future operations in the Middle East

1 Mosul, Post Freedom:

Built at Saddam Hussein's former palace

2 Kirkuk, Camp Renegade:

Located near oil fields, refinery and chemical plant

3 Tikrit, Camp Speicher

SYRIA

JORDAN

4 Baghdad area: Camp Victory:

Base housing up to 14,000 troops

5 Camp Liberty North:

Accommodation for 14,000 troops

6 Camp Cook:

Former Iraqi Republican Guard military city, equipped with Burger King, Subway and Pizza Hut restaurants

7 Camp Anaconda:

15-square-km facility can accommodate 20,000 soldiers. Camp boasts two swimming pools, gym, miniature-golf course, and first-run movie theatre. Nearby **Balad Airbase** is ideally positioned to project U.S. power throughout Middle East

TURKEY

8 Fallujah, Al Taquaddam:

Believed to be near railway station, details unknown

9 Baghdad, Green Zone:

Houses offices of major American companies and U.S. Embassy

10 Al-Sarq, Camp Falcon:

Planned to house 5,000 soldiers

11 H3:

Details unknown

Bagdad

IRAQ

SAUDI ARABIA

KUWAIT

12 Salman North:

17-sq-km base with 3,000 metre runway

13 Nasiriyah, Tallil Air Base:

30-square-km camp with \$22 million double-perimeter security fence, guard towers and moat

14 Basra:

Joint U.S.-British base

160km

100 miles

Oil fields

Persian Gulf