

Mammoth new U.S. Embassy in Baghdad

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is the world's largest, most expensive and most heavily fortified embassy. Costing \$592 million to build, it will have working space for about 1,000 people and a budget of \$1.2bn a year. The 42-hectare complex is the size of 80 football fields



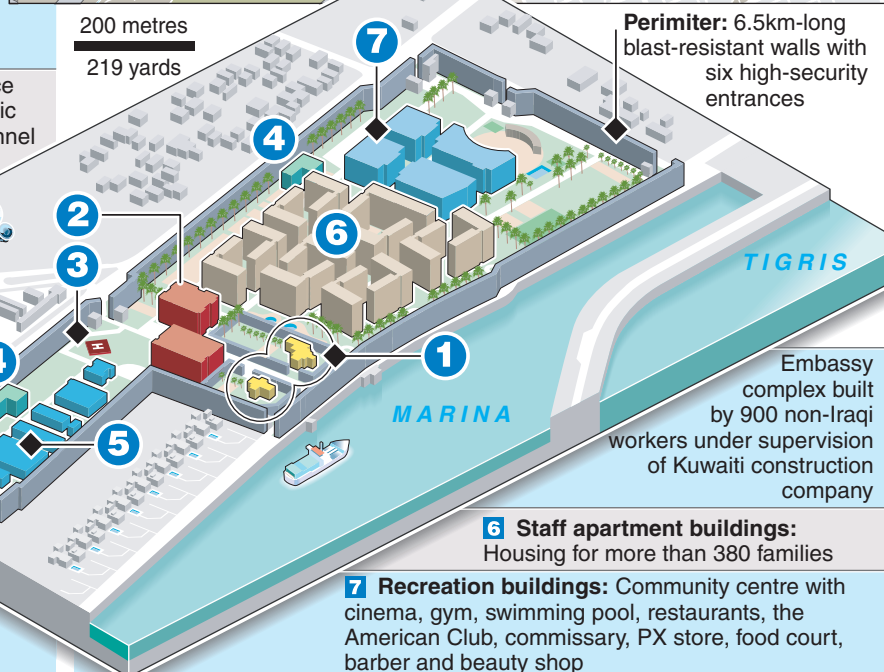
1 U.S. ambassador: Chief of mission **Ryan Crocker** will have residence totalling 1,485 square metres. Deputy chief's residence measures 883 square metres

2 Embassy offices: Desk space for 1,000 U.S. staff, including public diplomacy, consular affairs personnel and U.S. Agency for International Development. Separate building for CIA

3 Helicopter pad

4 Marine security guards' quarters

5 Support facilities: Water purification and waste treatment systems, power plant, fire station, vehicle maintenance



Perimeter: 6.5km-long blast-resistant walls with six high-security entrances

Embassy complex built by 900 non-Iraqi workers under supervision of Kuwaiti construction company

6 Staff apartment buildings: Housing for more than 380 families

7 Recreation buildings: Community centre with cinema, gym, swimming pool, restaurants, the American Club, commissary, PX store, food court, barber and beauty shop