

U.S. to hand over key Iraqi province

The long-delayed handover of the once-turbulent Anbar province to Iraqi control – originally scheduled for March – is finally to go ahead. However doubts remain as to how the unofficial U.S.-backed patrols who maintain order in the province will be incorporated into the Iraqi security forces

Anbar province

Pop. 1,271,000 (2003)

Awakening Councils

Grassroots movement manning patrols and checkpoints. 99,000 mainly Sunni members include former insurgents – seen as threat by security forces

IRAQI CONTROL

Population

Kurdish Autonomous Territory

1 Duhok	817,000
2 Erbil	1,334,000
3 Sulaymaniya	1,606,000
4 Karbala	742,000
5 Najaf	950,000
6 Qadisiya	916,000
7 Dhiqar	1,539,000
8 Missan	848,000
9 Muthanna	570,000
10 Basra	1,981,000

MULTINATIONAL CONTROL

1 Ninawa	2,521,000
2 Tamim	882,000
3 Salahuddin	976,000
4 Diyala	1,271,000
5 Baghdad	6,500,000
6 Babil	1,409,000
7 Wasit	939,000

Falluja

Ramadi

Baghdad

IRAN

SAUDI ARABIA

160km

100 miles