
IRAQ RECEIVES FIRST SHIPMENT OF RUSSIAN BMP-3 INFANTRY VEHICLES

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Baghdad (IraqiNews.com) The First shipment of the Russian BMP-3 infantry fighting vehicle has arrived to Iraq, news reports said on Wednesday.

The Iraqi army previously mentioned that the personnel were trained on operating the BMP-3 in Russia.

The Russian vehicle will be used along with the T-90 tanks.

There has been an agreement between Russia and Iraq over sending Russian T-90C / CK tanks to the Iraqi army in 2017.

Uralvagonzavod, the manufacturer of T-90 tanks said Iraq will 73 tanks, in accordance with the contract.

Previously, news reports said Iraqi army received fighter jets and other items from Russia.

Russia had previously pledged to maintain military assistance to Iraq in its war against Islamic State. In 2016, It opened a military command center in Baghdad and provided Iraq with tons of anti-chemical weapons kits in 2015.

However, Moscow has not partaken in the U.S.-led military alliance backing the Iraqi forces in their campaign against IS which has run since 2014.

In December, the Iraqi Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi announced gaining control on all the territories that were captured by Islamic State, since 2014. However, the group still has dormant cells, through which it carries out attacks, across Iraq like it used to do before 2014.

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