

Baghdad Diplomatic Security Centre

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Introduction

In late November 2014, most of the 200 Australian Special Forces Task Group personnel [were relocated](#) from Al Minhad Air Base in the UAE to the Baghdad Diplomatic Security Centre in the Baghdad Airport Precinct. At that point the SATG was conducting assistance for close air support of Iraqi operations, and was [preparing to move](#) to forward operating bases with their assigned Iraqi Security Force partners in Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Services.

In late 2012 the Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center [was described as](#)

'a 350-acre State Department-managed facility located next to the Baghdad International Airport (not within the IZ). BDSC houses 41 individual agencies or groups, totaling approximately 1600 personnel. The BDSC dining facility is a 2244 square meter facility that serves 1800* residents and transient personnel three meals per day. A grab-in-go (soup and sandwich bar) is open 14 hours daily (0830 - 2230). The dining area is 1182 m2, kitchen 531 m2 (warehouse 531 m2, which is connected to the kitchen) and serving lines 55 linear meter.'

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