



Ms. Layla Jassim al-Mokhtar Iraqi Ministry of Defense Inspector General

Layla Jassim al-Mokhtar is the Inspector General of the Iraqi Ministry of Defense. She was appointed to the position in June 2004. Under Iraqi law the Inspectors General of the various ministries serve for five-year terms. She reports directly to the Minister of Defense and directs a staff of military and civilian professionals who are dedicated to improving Ministry performance, eliminating fraud, waste, and abuse of authority and assisting the Minister of Defense in improving the efficiency, effectiveness and integrity of the Ministry.

Her professional career began with the Iraqi Ministry of Trade in positions as an accountant, trade attaché section director, and salaries section director. Early in her professional life she also held audit positions in the Iraqi Atomic Energy Organization and later held audit management positions, including director of internal audit, for a company of the Military Industrial Corporation. She later served as senior director of internal audit at the headquarters of the Military Industries Corporation.

Under the Coalition Provisional Authority, she began working for predecessor organizations of the Ministry of Defense in January 2004 and served until her appointment as Inspector General of the MoD.

Layla Jassim al-Mokhtar holds a degree in accounting and business administration from the College of Administration and Economy of Al-Mustransirrya University. She has been active in the association of the 31 Inspectors General of ministries and departments of Iraqi government who were appointed pursuant to CPA order.

John Gregory (Greg) Townsend
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John Gregory (Greg) Townsend has worked with the US Department of State in the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office since August 2004. He is assigned to the Iraqi Ministry of Defense Advisory Team in Baghdad, where he advises two senior Iraqi Ministry of Defense officials, the Inspector General and the General Counsel. He also acts as the Deputy Senior Consultant and Chief of Staff for the multi-national Ministry of Defense Advisory Team. Townsend retired from a judicial career in January 2004 after serving more than 24 years as a Judge in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Illinois where, as Presiding Judge, he administered the judicial branch of government in Champaign County and also presided over major felony criminal cases as well as complex civil litigation. He has taught law as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Law. Before becoming a judge he was in the practice of law in Champaign, Illinois. Townsend served on active and reserve duty in the US Army for more than 33 years, retiring at the rank of brigadier general in May of 2000. He served in a wide variety of command and staff positions. Townsend is a summa cum laude graduate of the College of Emporia, Kansas with a BA in history and political science. His JD is from the University of Illinois College of Law. He is also a graduate of the Army War College.