

“Arms Agreements between Iraq and the Soviet Union Signed in 1981 and 1983”



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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Republic of Iraq
The Office of the President
Public Affairs Department

(Memorandum)

Number / Public Affairs / Dept. / 4 / 899
Date /13 / Rajab / 1409 Hijri
Corresponding to: 19 February 1989 Gregorian

To: Legal Affairs Department
RE: Mr. Jamal Muhammad Amin

Your memorandum / Q / 9 / 3384 dated 28 December 1988.
Attached is a copy of both letters from the Intelligence Apparatus No. 5206 dated 6 December 1988 and the Public Security Directorate No. 16493 dated 13 February 1989.

We look forward to hearing your opinion with regard to this matter.

Regards,

[Signature]
Sa'dun `Alwan Muslih
Head of the Public Affairs Department
19 February 1989

Enclosures

2 Copies of the letter

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2. The authorities of the contracting party assigned to the area where the accident happened shall provide all medical treatment and legal protection required by the crew and passengers of the vehicle which suffered the accident and which is registered within the other contracting party's area.

Article 21
Joint Committee

The parties contracted to the present treaty shall form a joint committee of representatives of both parties in order to examine all questions which arise with respect to the execution of the present treaty. The sessions shall be held alternately in Iraq and Hungary at the request of either party.

Article 22
Assigned Authorities

1. The assigned authorities are the following:

On behalf of the Government of Iraq, the Ministry of Transportation and Communication or the State Organization of Continental Transportation; on behalf of the Government of Hungary, the Ministry of Transportation and Postal Services and the Ministry of Finance--the latter only with regard to the 13th and 16th article--or in both cases any other authority or legal entity assigned to perform the present function of the aforementioned governments.

2. The assigned authorities of the contracting parties shall keep in direct contact with regard to any questions related to the execution of the present treaty.

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Article 23
Modifications

The present treaty may be modified by the mutual agreement of both contracting parties. Modifications come into effect on the 30th day following the exchange of diplomatic registers, which certify the agreement of the government of each contracting party.

Article 24
Contracts

Contracts made under the terms of the present treaty shall remain in effect after the expiration of the present treaty.

Article 25
Discrepancy in Interpretation

Any discrepancy in interpretation by the contracting parties related to the application of the present treaty shall be clarified by the joint committee formed in accordance with the 21st Article.

Article 26
The Date of Effect, the Date of Expiration

1. The present treaty shall take effect 30 days after the day contracting parties notify each other that they have satisfied any necessary constitutional requirements.

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2. The present treaty shall be in force for one year and shall be extended by tacit agreement every year unless one contracting party gives written notice to the other party of its withdrawal from the present treaty at least three months prior to the expiration date of the agreement.

Prepared and signed in Budapest, on June 30, 1983, in duplicate copies in the Arabic, Hungarian, and English, each version being equally authentic; in the event any interpretation differs, the English version shall be considered authoritative.

On behalf of the Government
of the Republic of Iraq
[Signature]

On behalf of the Government
of the Hungarian People's Republic
[Signature]

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ATTACHMENT

I. General Conditions

With regards to tarps, customs locking ties, and customs locks, the following conditions shall be met:

1. They shall be strong, durable, and resistant against severe weather conditions.
2. They shall be easily fixed and easily removable.
3. They shall be checked from a security aspect.
4. They cannot be removed without leaving clear signs of removal, cannot be untied, and cannot be mutilated.

II. Conditions Pertaining to Tarps

1. Tarps shall be made of material such as canvas or other fabric which protects goods from severe weather conditions.
2. Tarps shall consist of one piece; welding and sewing are allowed.
3. Tarps shall be undamaged in order to exclude any possibility of allowing access to the goods.
4. The tarp shall wholly cover the goods.

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III. Conditions Pertaining to Customs Locking Ties

1. Customs locking ties shall consist of one piece.
2. Customs locking ties shall be long enough to join the ends of the ropes together around the tarp through hooks and steel rings. They should be able to fasten the tarp in a way appropriate to the vehicle.
3. It should be fastened in such a way to make access to the boxes and goods impossible without unpacking or breaking. Goods should be wholly encompassed by the ties.

IV. Conditions Pertaining to Customs Locks

1. Locks shall be of a shape and size that can be seen clearly.
2. They shall be made of material strong enough to resist all tearing and damage arising from natural causes.
3. They shall be made in such a way that they are not reusable.
4. They shall contain the text, signs, and codes appropriate to the internal regulations of the contracting parties.
5. They cannot be forged.
6. Slots and holes on them shall be wide enough to thread ropes through and fasten tightly when locks are sealed.

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The Presidency of the Republic
The Legal Department

Memorandum Number: Q / 14 /158
Date of Memorandum: 15 September 1983

Top Secret and Personal

To: The Revolutionary Command Council —Secretariat Office
RE: Supply Expedition Protocol signed with the Soviet side in Moscow on the 29th of
August, 1983.

We hereby submit to you a photocopy of the Ministry of Defense's letter, number 9168 of
September 14, 1983, along with copies of its attachments. Please take the necessary measures.

Regards,

[Signature]
Sa'd `Abd-al-Jabbar al-Allush
Head of the Legal Department

Enclosures

A copy of the draft law along with its rationale

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Top Secret and Personal

The Ministry of Defense
Baghdad
Number: D /26 / 4 / Arming / 9168
Date: 14 September 1983

Presidency of the Republic No.: 20053 Date: 15 September 1983

To: The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic
RE: Supply Expedition Protocol signed with the Soviet side in Moscow on the 29th of August, 1983

On August 29, 1983, and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Iraq, Staff Major General Usama Mahmud al- Mahdi, Director of Armament and Supplies in our ministry, signed the protocol to expedite the supply of some special equipment to our ministry from the years 1984 and 1985 to the current year 1983 [*military gear that would have been furnished in 1984 and 1985 have been moved up to 1983 instead, to be delivered sooner*]. That was the subject of a contract signed with the Soviet side, as per both arming agreements signed on September 19, 1981 and April 21, 1983 for the amount of U.S. \$230, 077,091 and 60 cents.

The protocol stipulated that the Iraqi side is to pay the amount of (75) seventy-five million U.S. dollars in 1983 at the rate of 25 million U.S. dollars out of the protocol amount each on the 15th of October, the 15th of November, and on the 15th of December in 1983. The remaining amount is to be paid off in the years 1984 and 1985 according to the specified schedule confirmed as per the aforementioned agreements without deferred interest.

Please review and take the necessary measures to obtain the required approvals for the ratification of the protocol, and to enact the law related to its implementation. Enclosed, find the draft law related to this matter along with its rationale.

With our appreciation,

Specialized Department: Legal [Signature] September 15 Stored File Number: 14
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[Signature]
Staff Major General
Zakariyya `Abdallah 'Abbas
For the Minister of Defense

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

In the Name of the People
Revolutionary Command Council
Decision Number _____
Date of Decision / September / 1983

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of the forty second Article and paragraph (D) of the forty third article of the interim constitution, and in accordance with what the Deputy of the Armed Forces General Commander and the Minister of Defense have proposed, the Revolutionary Command Council has decided in its session, which was convened in September 1983, to enact the following law:

Number () for the year 1983
Law

For the ratification of the Iraqi-Soviet protocol which was signed in Moscow on the 29th of August, 1983, and related to supplying the Ministry of Defense with some special military equipment, in accordance with the contract as per both arming agreements signed on the 19th of September, 1981 and the 21st of April, 1983 by the Soviet Union.

First Article: The Iraqi-Soviet protocol which was signed in Moscow on the 29th of August, 1983 is to be ratified. Said protocol includes the supply of some special military equipment pertaining to the Ministry of Defense which was contracted for according to both arming agreements that were signed on the 19th of September, 1981 and the 21st of April, 1983 by the Soviet Union.

Second Article: The authorized Ministers shall implement the provisions of this law.

Saddam Hussein
President of the Revolutionary Command Council

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The Rationale

In the interest of strengthening the friendly relations between the Government of the Republic of Iraq and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the area of military cooperation, the protocol was signed in Moscow by the Soviet Union on the 29th of August, 1983, which entails the Soviet Union supplying some military equipment to the Ministry of Defense.

This law was enacted in order to implement this protocol.

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

The Republic of Iraq
The Revolutionary Command Council
The Office of the Secretary

Office of the President of the Republic
Incoming Mail No.: 19151
Date: September 5, 1983

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No. 3/ 17 / 3170

Date: 4 September 1983

To: The Ministry of Defense

RE: Agreement Approval

Your letter number D / 26 / 4 / DQ / 8551 dated the 28th of August, 1983. We are returning to you enclosed the agreement signed by both the Government of the Republic of Iraq and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics in the area of military cooperation which was ratified through law Number 85 for the year 1983.

Please confirm the receipt of the document.

With our appreciation,

Enclosures

The agreement in Russian and English

[Signature]

Khalid `Abd-al-Mun'im Rashid
Acting Secretary General for the
Revolutionary Command Council

Cc:

The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic- The Legal Department/ In reference to your memorandum number Q /14 / 136, dated the 28th of August, 1983.

The Decisions Section – To be filed along with the original referenced law

Specialized Department: Legal
[Signature]
September 5
Stored File Number: 14

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The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic
The Legal Department

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Memorandum No.: Q / 14 / 136

Date: August 28, 1983

To: The Revolutionary Command Council — the Office of the Secretary
RE: Agreement Approval

We hereby turn over to you enclosed the priorities of the above-mentioned subject, which are listed. Please take the necessary [*steps*] in that regard.

With our appreciation,

[Signature]

Sa'd `Abd-al-Jabbar al-Allush, Ph. D.
Head of the Legal Department

Enclosures

- 1- A photocopy of the Ministry of Defense letter number 8551 dated August 28, 1983.
- 2- A draft law along with its rationale.
- 3- A governmental agreement in Russian and English, requesting that it be returned back directly to the Ministry of Defense, knowing that we have previously informed the Ministry of Defense through our letter number Q / 11 / 3116 of March 9, 1983 not to send the [*final*] agreements and to settle for sending the draft of the law only.

[Item 1, 2, and 3, above are handwritten comments in the original document]

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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The Ministry of Defense
Baghdad
Number / D / 26 / 4 / DQ / 8551
Date: August 28, 1983

Presidency of the Republic No.: 18511 Date: August 28, 1983

To: The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic
RE: Agreement Approval

Enclosed, find the draft of the law dealing with the ratification of the government agreement that was signed in Moscow on the 13th of April, 1983 between the Governments of the Republic of Iraq and that of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, with relation to setting up a project for the intermediate repair for the [illegible] rockets along with its rationale.

Requesting that you present it, please, to the Revolutionary Command Council for their approval and thence return it back to us.

Regards,

[Signature]
`Adnan Khairallah
The Minister of Defense

Enclosures

A draft law with its rationale
A government agreement in Russian and English

Specialized Department: Legal [Signature] September 5 Stored File Number: 14

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

In the Name of the People
The Revolutionary Command Council

Decision Number /
Date of the Decision / August / 1983

Pursuant to paragraph (A) of the forty second article and paragraph (D) of the forty third article of the interim constitution, the Revolutionary Command Council has decided in its session, which was convened in August 1983, to promulgate the following law.

Number () for the year 1983
Law

The ratification of the governmental agreement signed in Moscow on the 13th of April, 1983 between the Governments of the Republic of Iraq and that of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics in the field of military cooperation.

First Article: Ratifying the agreement that was signed in Moscow on the 13th of April, 1983, related to the establishment of a project for the intermediate repair of the R-13-M rockets in Iraq.

Second Article: The authorized Ministers shall implement the provisions of this law.

Saddam Hussein
President of the Revolutionary Command Council

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The Rationale

Beginning with the desire to develop a stronger and friendlier relation based on sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs between the Governments of the Republic of Iraq and that of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the governmental agreement was signed in Moscow on the 13th of April, 1983 between the two countries in the field of military cooperation. Said agreement deals with the construction of intermediate repair project for the R-13-M rockets in Iraq, to be built by the Soviet Union. And this law was enacted in order to implement this agreement.

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The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic
The Legal Department

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Memorandum No.: Q / 14 / 121

Date: August 13, 1983

To: The Revolutionary Command Council — the Office of the Secretary

RE: The Iraqi-Soviet Arming Agreement Signed in Moscow on July 29, 1983

We hereby turn over to you the enclosed originals of the above mentioned subject documents as listed below.

Hoping that you shall do whatever is necessary in that respect.

Regards,

[Signature]

Sa'd `Abd-al-Jabbar al-Allush, Ph. D.
Head of the Legal Department

Enclosures

- 1- A photo copy of the Ministry of Defense letter No. 7966 dated to August 11, 1983
- 2- A draft copy of the Law
- 3- The rationale
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The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic
The Legal Department

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Memorandum No.: Q / 14 / 176

Date: October 20, 1983

To: The Revolutionary Command Council — the Office of the Secretary
RE: The Ratification of a Governmental Agreement

We hereby turn over to you the enclosed photo copy of the Ministry of Defense letter number 10129 dated October 19, 1983 along with the attachments listed below.

Hoping that you shall do whatever is necessary in that respect.

Regards,

[Signature]

Sa'd `Abd-al-Jabbar al-Allush, Ph. D.
Head of the Legal Department

Other Attachments

- 1- A draft copy of the law along with its rationale
- 2- The original governmental agreements in both languages, English and Russian, requesting that it be returned back directly to the Ministry of Defense

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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The Ministry of Defense
Baghdad

Number / D / 26 / 4 / D Q / 10129
Date: October 19, 1983

Presidency of the Republic Incoming Mail No.: 22371 Date: October 19, 1983
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To: The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic
RE: Governmental Agreement Approval

Enclosed, find the draft of the law along with its reasons for the obligation, dealing with the ratification of the governmental agreement between the Governments of the Republic of Iraq and that of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics that was signed on October 2, 1983 with relation to the development of an airplane repair project in Iraq.

Requesting that you do what is necessary to ratify it and to enact it so that it can be implemented.

Regards,

[Signature]
`Adnan Khairallah
The Minister of Defense

Enclosures

A draft law along with its rationale

1. The original governmental agreement in both English and Russian

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

In the Name of the People
The Revolutionary Command Council

Decision Number
Date of Decision / October / 1983

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of the forty second article and paragraph (D) of the forty third article of the interim constitution, and based on what was presented by the Minister of Defense, the Revolutionary Command Council has decided in its session, which was convened in October 1983, to promulgate the following law:

Law
Number () for the year 1983

The ratification of the governmental agreement related to the development of the airplane repair project in Iraq and which was signed by the Soviet side in Baghdad on October 2, 1983.

First Article: The governmental agreement related to the development of the airplane repair project which was signed with the Soviet side on October 2, 1983 is to be ratified.

Second Article: The authorized ministers shall implement the provisions of this law.

Saddam Hussein
President of the Revolutionary Command Council

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The Rationale

In the interest of strengthening the bilateral relations between the Government of the Republic of Iraq and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics in the field of military cooperation, the governmental agreement related to the development of an airplane repair project in Iraq was signed on October 2, 1983 in Iraq. This law was enacted in order to implement this agreement.

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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The Ministry of Defense
Baghdad

Presidency of the Republic
Incoming Mail No.: 12932
Date: October 26, 1983

Number / D / 26 / 4 / Armament and Supply / 10339
Date: 25th of October, 1983

To: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Special Bureau
RE: Request for Authorization for Document Signature

Please take the necessary measures to issue a document that will authorize signing the protocol which was signed in Moscow on the 29th of August, 1983 by Staff Major General Usama Mahmud al-Mahdi, Director of Armament and Equipment in our ministry, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Iraq. The agreement stipulates expediting the supply of some equipment to our ministry—which was contracted for in accordance with both armament agreements signed on the 19th of September, 1981 and the 21st of April, 1983 respectively—from the years 1984 and 1985 and moving their delivery up to 1983. Send it [the document] to us to be delivered to the Soviets. Please take into consideration that the verbal approval of the President Leader, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, has previously been granted to sign the aforesaid protocol.

Regards,

[Signature]
Staff Major General Special Forces
Nizar `Abd-al-Karim Faysal
On behalf of/ the Minister of Defense

Copy to:

The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic; please be informed.

Regards,

Specialized Department: Legal
[Signature]
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Date: October 25, 1983

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

In the Name of the People
The Revolutionary Command Council

Decision Number _____
Date of Decision / August / 1983

Pursuant to paragraph (A) of the forty second article and paragraph (D) of the forty third article of the interim constitution, the Revolutionary Command Council has decided in its session, which was convened in August 1983, to promulgate the following law.

Number () for the year 1983
Law

The ratification of the Iraqi-Soviet Armament Agreement signed in Moscow on the 29th of July, 1983, related to the Soviet Union supplying Iraq with special military equipment.

First Article: Ratifying the agreement that was signed in Moscow on the 29th of July, 1983, related to military cooperation [*whereby*] the Soviet Union will supply Iraq with special military equipment.

Second Article: The authorized Ministers shall implement the provisions of this law.

Saddam Hussein
President of the Revolutionary Command Council

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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The Ministry of Defense
Baghdad

Presidency of the Republic
Incoming Mail No.: 17247
Date: August 13, 1983

Document Number / D / 26 / 4 / Supply / 7966
Date: 11th of August, 1983

To: The Head of the Office of the President of the Republic
RE: The Iraqi-Soviet Armament Agreement Signed in Moscow on the 29th of July, 1983

On the 29th of July, 1983, Staff Major General Usama Mahmud al-Mahdi, Director of Armament and Supplies in our ministry, signed the Iraqi-Soviet Armament Agreement in Moscow on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Iraq. The Agreement stipulates the supply of special military equipment for an amount of 85 million rubles.

Please review, approve its ratification, and enact the special law to implement it. Enclosed is the draft of the law with regard to this matter along with the rationale.

Regards,

[Signature]
Staff Major General
Zakariyya 'Abdallah 'Abbas
On behalf of/the Minister of Defense

Enclosures

- 1- The draft of the law
- 2- The rationale

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The Rationale

In the interest of strengthening the bilateral relations between the Government of the Republic of Iraq and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the field of military cooperation, the Iraqi-Soviet Armament Agreement was signed by the Soviet Union in Moscow on the 29th of July, 1983, which stipulates that the Soviet Union will supply Iraq with special military equipment. This law was enacted in order to implement this agreement.