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Building security institutions in conflict-affected environments: Learning from Iraq

Date:	Thursday, 30 April between 12:00 – 13:30
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Building effective and legitimate security and justice institutions is crucial for the stabilisation of conflict-affected environments and the development of fragile states. The UK has been heavily involved in providing such support in some of the most challenging environments, notably in the Greater Middle East and Africa.

Libra, which has led innovative programmes of security and justice sector support, and King's College, which has led academic research and teaching in this area, have teamed up to convene a series of seminars on this topic. During spring and summer 2009, these seminars will focus on three of the most difficult environments – Iraq, Afghanistan and the Palestinian Territories. The aim of the seminars is to bring together practitioners, scholars and policy makers to learn lessons from these experiences.

Building the Iraqi Ministry of Interior: What we've learnt about institutional development in unstable environments

This seminar will review the UK Institutional Development programme for the Iraqi Ministry of Interior (MOI), the challenges the programme faced, and lessons which can be drawn from Iraq for institutional development programmes in conflict-affected or other unstable environments. Using the example of reforming the Iraqi MOI, this seminar will explore some of the key lessons that have been identified and how we can learn from these lessons for future donor programmes.

Key themes of the discussion will include:

- The challenges of institutional reform during conflict
- Delivering civil effect in a military environment
- Security capacity building vs. institutional development
- Measuring the effectiveness of SSR during conflict.



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About Libra Advisory Group

Libra is a specialist security and justice consultancy with extensive experience in key Security and Justice Sector Reform (SJSR) and stabilisation environments including Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Pakistan and countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Libra Director Alex Martin has spent the last two years working in Iraq, including leading the UK-funded institutional development and management reform programme of the Iraqi Ministry of Interior.

About Centre for Defence Studies

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