

Lieutenant Colonel Steven M Windmill
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

Dear Colonel Steven

I am writing to acknowledge the help and support you provided to Iraq during your time with NATO in 2008.

As preparation for election security, you were instrumental in persuading Iraqi colleagues to support a series of Homeland Security exercises. Your willingness personally to meet Generals and other officials within the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of the Interior and then to visit each of the Regional Command Centers was key in garnering their support. Further, your actions underpinned their participation and heralded the success of 'Exercise SAQ'R'.

At short notice you accepted Command of all the participating Generals and the Regional Command Centers in two separate exercises. You succeeded in commanding up to 200,000 men from Iraqi Security Forces, Police and our Intelligence agencies.

You conducted yourself with dignity and brought honor to NATO and to those that trusted your judgment and skills to lead and command such a large, complex and important operation. The lessons learned from Exercise SAQ'R played an important part in the success of the 2009 elections.

I hope you will one day return to Iraq and that you will forever remain a friend of the Iraqi people.

Yours respectfully,

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