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Ambassador Hill Meets with Returned IDPs in Diyala Province

U.S. Ambassador Christopher R. Hill visited the village of Al-Mujaddad in the Khalis region of Diyala Province on February 8. The population of Al-Mujaddad was displaced due to insurgent activity, but many internally displaced persons (IDPs) have begun to return. The U.S. is assisting them through support for UNHCR shelter construction, International Organization for Migration (IOM) livelihood grants, and school refurbishment and irrigation projects.

While visiting Al-Mujaddad, Ambassador Hill met with local village leaders and residents, and listened to their concerns and hopes for the future. Ambassador Hill expressed his gratitude for the chance to hear from the people of Al-Mujaddad. Addressing the issues raised by the villagers, Ambassador Hill was confident that “Together we will work to resolve them.”

After his visit to Al-Mujaddad, Ambassador Hill paid a courtesy call on Dr. Abdul-Nasir Al-Mahdawi, the Governor of Diyala Province, in his Baqubah office. The Ambassador and Governor discussed the issue of IDPs and areas for possible cooperation.

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