

**OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
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COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY
BAGHDAD, IRAQ**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGARDING THE CREATION OF A CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT OF
IRAQ AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE**

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The Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) hereby advises all citizens, residents of, and visitors to Iraq of the following security measure.

The CPA has taken steps to meet the urgent security needs of the people of Iraq and Coalition Forces by creating a Central Criminal Court of Iraq. This court will apply and operate under Iraqi law, as amended to ensure fundamental fairness and due process for accused persons, and will be modeled on the current Iraqi court system. The Central Criminal Court will consist of an Investigative Court, a Trial Court and an Appeal Court, with the right of further appeal to the Iraqi Court of Cassation. The judges and prosecutors will be locally selected Iraqis.

The Court will deal with serious offenses that most directly threaten the security and civil order in Iraq. This interim measure will address the immediate need for a reliable and fair system of justice. The CPA will continue to assist in restoring the capability of the Iraqi court system, as it recovers from years of Iraqi Ba'ath Party abuse and perversion.

In tandem with this measure, the CPA has modified the Criminal Procedure Code to accord the people of Iraq fundamental due process protections and shield them from human rights violations. The CPA has also introduced provisions ensuring that persons detained by Coalition Forces are treated in accordance with international law and receive prompt justice before Iraqi courts.