



## For the Reconstruction of Iraq

—Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Activities in Iraq—



*"Many students will graduate from this school and will contribute to the reconstruction of this country. We thank you, Japanese people and the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF)"*

*(Principal of Hadbar Elementary School, Muthanna Province.)*

*And now the children, who will bear the future of the country on their shoulders, are studying hard at their desk of the primary schools far away from Japan.*

*Actual cooperation conducted by the JSDF.  
There is indeed what the JSDF can do on its own at that place.*

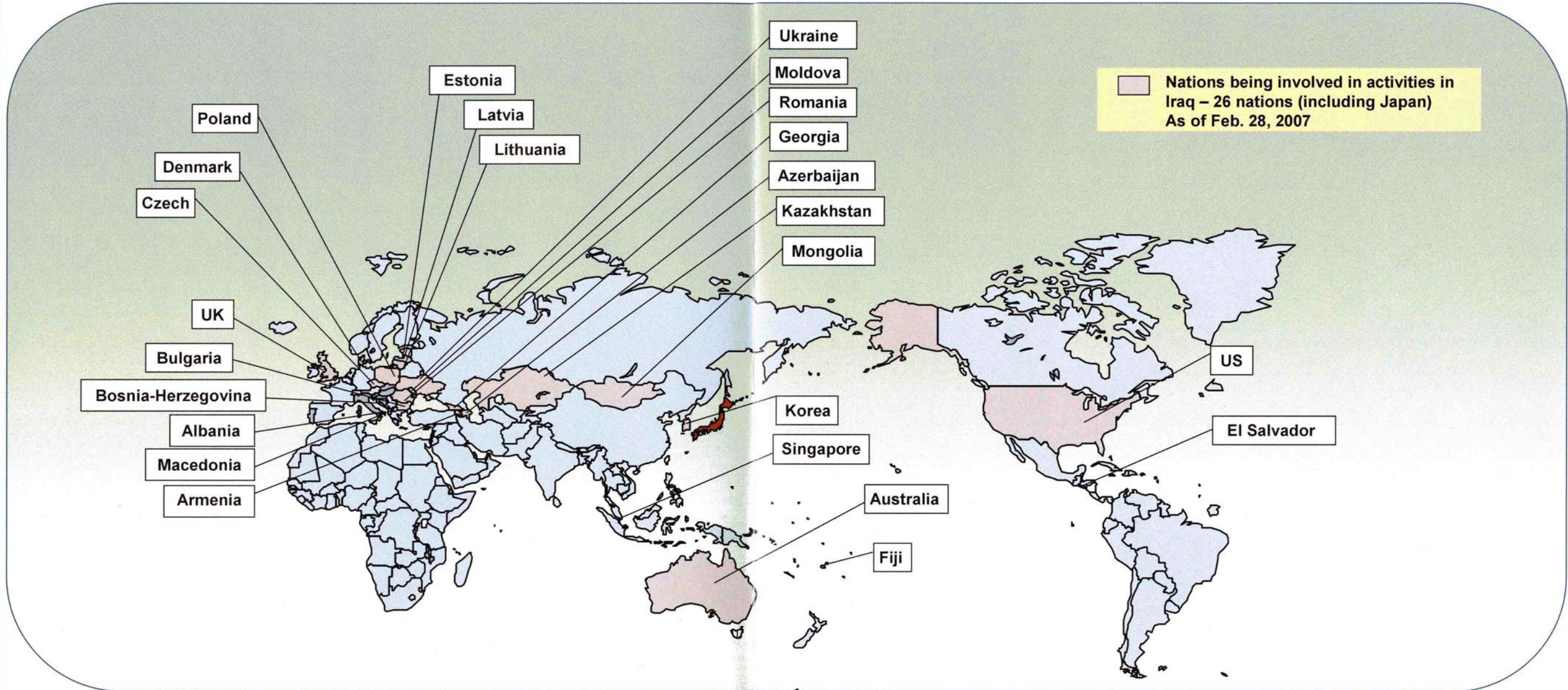
**Japan Ministry Of Defense**

# Reconstruction of Iraq is the wish of the international community

For the reconstruction of Iraq, the assistance of nations of the world continues.

26 nations of the world are cooperating on the reconstruction of Iraq. Japan is dedicating its efforts to the actual humanitarian and reconstruction assistance conducted by the JSDF, as a member responsible for it in the international community.

Aiming at the earliest possible reconstruction of Iraq

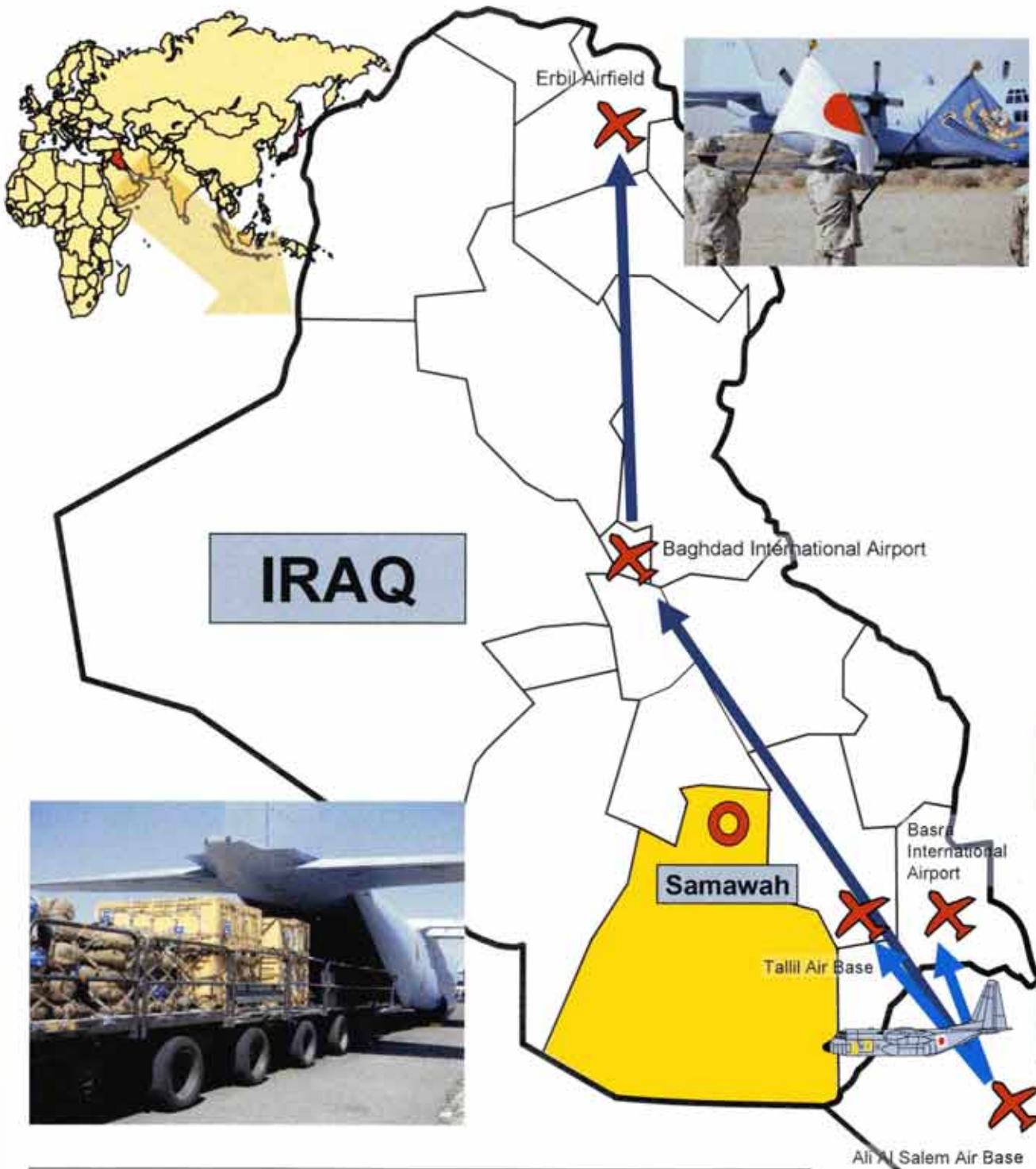


## Bridge for Reconstruction Assistance Established in the Sky of Iraq

The Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) continues to provide air transport services for the United Nations (UN) and the multinational forces as a representative of our nation.

The JASDF is continuously cooperating on the reconstruction of Iraq by transporting personnel and supplies of the UN and multinational forces to airfields in Iraq, as based in Kuwait.

Activities of dispatched units of the JASDF



The JASDF is transporting Japan's supplies for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance and supplies and personnel of the UN and the related nations (Total of 474 times and total weight of approximately 512.69 tons for transport supplies from Mar. 3, 2004 to Mar. 1, 2007.)

To clarify the activities of the JASDF dedicating itself to the task of the reconstruction of Iraq to the extent possible, information on the number of transport times and the weight of transported supplies are seen on the Website

(JASDF <http://www.mod.go.jp/asdf/>)

## Q How does the support of the JASDF serve ?

**A** The UN and many nations carry out their reconstruction assistance activities in Iraq, and there is an increasing need for the transportation of supplies and personnel. The airlift services of the JASDF plays an important role, as so-called "blood" of the support from the international community.



The 11th Iraqi dispatch  
Air Transport Squadron  
Captain Misato Higuchi

"I am now on duty as a copilot and in a bit trouble over communication with air controllers who use peculiar expressions with strong local accents. When I made my first flight, I was impressed that the border of Iraq and Kuwait was visible."

### Activities of the UN The UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)

Under the UN Security Council resolution 1546, they carry out their activities including assistance for politics as well as humanitarianism, reconstruction and development in Baghdad, Erbil and other places.

### Activities of Multinational Forces

They maintain public peace and in addition, they carry out their activities for improving local government's capabilities etc. by deploying Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT).

### Airlift Support being Conducted by the JASDF



## Q How do they secure the safety of flight?

**A** Based on daily information on safety, they make a flight outside the range of missiles. When taking off and landing within the range of missiles, they fly their planes within narrower space than usual by high-rate climbing and diving, etc.  
In addition, transport planes are equipped with such devices as a bubble window for wider sight and flares against missiles.



Bubble window



Flares

# Flashing and keeping smiles together in Iraq

For about two and a half years, the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) provided its actual assistance in Samawah, Iraq.

The JGSDF carried out reconstruction activities such as provision of medical treatment and water supply, and restoration and improvement of public facilities in Samawah, Iraq, and established the basis for self-reconstruction of Muthanna Province.

Achievement of activities carried out by the dispatched units of the JGSDF

## Medical Support Activities

- Practical instruction in the techniques of medical examination and treatment at 4 hospitals
  - Improvement of 29 Primary Health Centers (PHC) etc.
- ➔ Decreasing the death rate of new-born babies to 1/3 at the maternity hospital in Samawah
- ➔ Enabling all people of the Province to use basic medical treatment services



## Restoration and Improvement of Public Facilities

- By the JGSDF and Official Development Assistance (ODA)
- Improvement of about 1/3 schools (about 40 by the JGSDF, about 70 by ODA)
  - Improvement of life-roads of about 130 km (about 90 km by the JGSDF)
- ➔ Great improvement of an educational environment
- ➔ Relief from traffic blocks and jams at life-roads



## Improved Capability of the Administrative Organizations

- Results of conducting various sorts of coordination with Provincial administrative authority
- The administrative authority explored needs and drew up projects by itself.
  - The Construction and Development Committee of Muthanna Province was established.
- ➔ Improved capabilities of the Muthanna Provincial administrative authority



Commanding Officer of the 10th Iraqi Reconstruction Assistance Group  
Colonel Toshihiro Yamanaka

"Iraqi children were very lively and so cute with their glistening eyes. The fact that they said to me, "Thank you, Japanese" in their language, waving to me is very impressed on my memory. I believe our activities were useful to these children."



## Water Supply Activities

- Water supply activities to Feb. 2005 (for approximately 11.89 million people)
  - Improvement of the filtration plant etc.
- ➔ Providing a stable supply of clean water

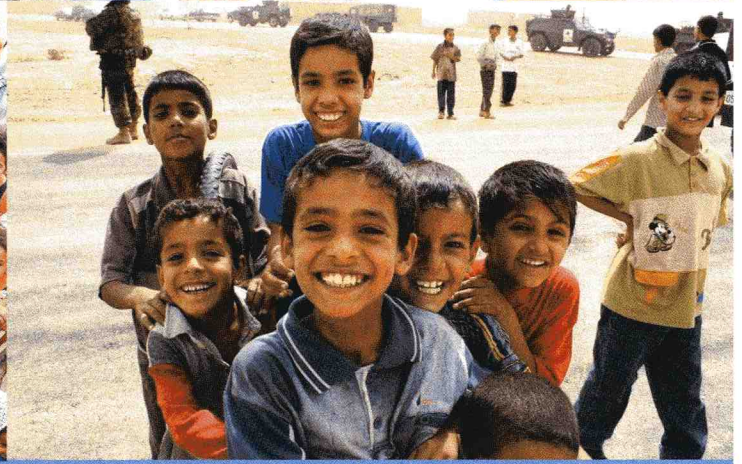


## Chronology of Activities of the JSDF and Iraqi Reconstruction

Year	Month	Activity	JSDF Assistance Group	JSDF Task Planning and Liaison Unit for Iraq	JSDF Iraqi Reconstruction Assistance Group	JSDF Air Transport Squadron
2003	July	Enactment of Iraq Special Measures Law				
	Dec.	Cabinet decision about a basic plan Departure of advance element of the JASDF				
	Jan.	Departure of advance element of the JGSDF	1st			
	Feb.	Departure of main body of the JGSDF Commencement of assistance activities by the JGSDF unit	2nd			
2004	Mar.	Departure of the JMSDF				
	Apr.	Commencement of airlift by the JASDF unit Return of the JMSDF unit to Japan				
2004	June	Establishment of the Iraqi Interim Government				
	Dec.	Extension of the basic plan for one year				
2005	Jan.	Election of the National Assembly				
	Aug.	Drawing up of a draft Iraq Constitution				
	Oct.	National referendum on the draft Constitution				
2005	Dec.	Extension of the basic plan for one year Election of the National Assembly				
	May	Establishment of the new Iraq Government				
2006	June	Decision and announcement about withdrawal of the JGSDF				
	July	Completion of withdrawal of the JGSDF from Iraq Commencement of airlift to Baghdad etc. by the JASDF				
2006	Sept.	Commencement of airlift services to the UN by the JASDF				
	Dec.	Completion of return of the JGSDF to Japan Extension of the basic plan for about 6 months				
2007		The JASDF continues to carry out their activities				

Total of Approximately 5600 Members

Total of Approximately 2100 Members



**June, 2006**  
**Prime Minister Maliki**  
 (Talk with Prime Minister Koizumi by Telephone)

“On behalf of the Iraqi Government, I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the activities of the JSDF and the support of Japan to the whole Iraq. The activities of the JSDF has given a good image of Japan to Iraqi people.”



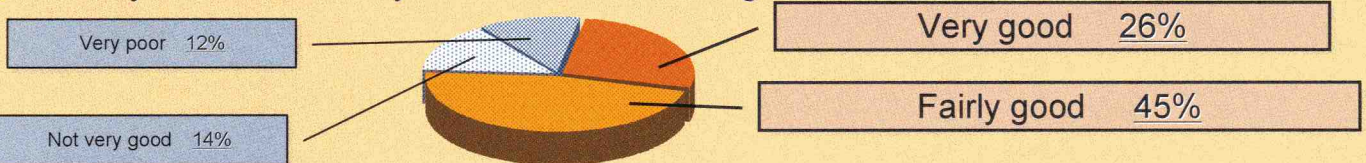
**August, 2006**  
**Letter (Extraction) from UN Secretary General Anan**

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“The support of Japan has improved mobility in the region of activities in the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, and especially it supports newly-established Erbil regional office. I am expecting Japan’s continued support to the UN activities in Iraq.”

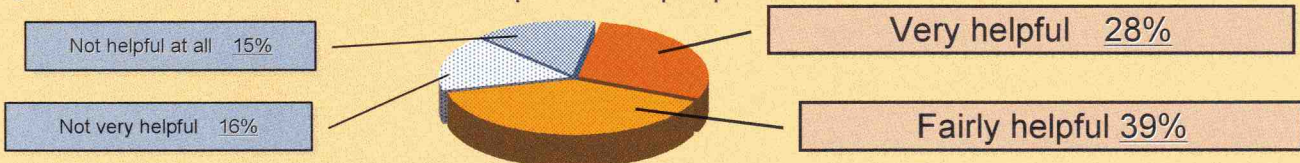
**Questionnaire to Local Residents** (Joint questionnaire of “Uruk”, a local newspaper in Samawah and Asahi Newspaper, August 2006)

● How do you evaluate the 2 years and a half stationing of the JSDF?



⇒ **71% evaluated as “good”**

● Were the activities of the JSDF helpful to the people?



⇒ **67% evaluated as “helpful”**