

Press Release

In record time SAFE ID Solutions won and completed entire passport solution for the Ministry of Interior of Iraq

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The Ministry of Interior of Iraq awarded SAFE ID Solutions to design and implement a state-of-the-art passport solution. As sole contractor SAFE ID provides the entire solution including hardware, personalization management software, operator training as well as service and maintenance for the Iraqi personalization center that opened in April 2009. The project emphasizes the security of the document and people's identities as well as the implementation of a scalable and adaptable system. That enables the Iraq Passport Department to operate the personalization system independently and increases the personalization capacity to more than 10.000 passports per day.



Within three months after contract signature a delegation of officers and technicians got a comprehensive training at SAFE ID's headquarters for several weeks and had detailed inspection of the project progress. After successful factory acceptance test the system was shipped to Baghdad in December 2008 where the setup, training and joint operation was conducted within the first quarter of 2009.

In spite of the challenging environment of Iraq, SAFE ID achieved full customer satisfaction of the MOI due to the project implementation in record time that based on close cooperation and the strong support and alignment of the Passport Department.

The citizens of Iraq now benefit from the alignment to international security standards and a faster application and passport issuance process. Since the personalization center was opened by the Honorable Minister of Interior Mr. Bolani, it has been inspected by delegates from the EU, the US and other countries. All of them congratulated the Iraqi MOI to its modern system and processes, which complies with the latest security standards acknowledged worldwide. With the integration of biometric traits in the Iraqi passport SAFE ID increases the document security.

The foundation to long a lasting cooperation between the Ministry of Interior and SAFE ID is based on the company's commitment and quest to improve Iraq's security and living quality.

About SAFE ID Solutions AG

SAFE ID Solutions AG provides integrated security solutions to the global ID market with systems optimized for new generation electronic documents containing RFID technology, biometric features and advanced encryption algorithms. The required shift to standardized and interoperable identity infrastructures is given through SAFE ID's portfolio that covers Passport, Visa, ID Card, Border Control as well as all related infrastructures.

The innovative and flexible solution portfolio, the outstanding project experience and a faithful partner network enable governments working with SAFE ID to maximize the level of security and to assure the issuance and authentication of latest ID documents. Currently SAFE ID has more than 30 reference projects worldwide.

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