

CORRECTION: Post edited December 6, 2019 with accurate information.

In November, 2019 the Iraqi Government authorized an increase in funding for the salaries of the originally authorized soldiers of the Nineveh Plain Protection Units to approximately \$900 a month. In addition, natural vacancies of soldiers who left the NPU for personal reasons were allowed to re-enlist, partially overturning a prior order freezing the filling of vacancies. Some vacancies remain.

However, counter to our previous report, Regiment 74 was not included in this funding authorization increase. The Government of Iraq authorized the 100 soldier force in late 2018 and they completed training in January of 2019. Regiment 74 remains unfunded. The NPDF regrets the error that occurred due to a simple misunderstanding of verbal information.

What has sustained Regiment 74 this past year was the generosity of their fellow NPU soldiers. The founding NPU soldiers agreed to share their salaries to provide some support to Regiment 74 soldiers until this full funding was authorized. Now that the founding soldiers will increase to \$900 a month, the salary sharing will increase modestly for the soldiers in Regiment 74.

As previously reported, the NPDF made contributions totaling \$20,509 to Regiment 74 when it was initiated almost one year ago. We donated \$4,000 in graduation awards, \$7,074 in food supplies during their training, and \$9,426 in uniforms and jackets. The jackets are the same jackets that the soldiers wore at the official mass at the Church of Saint John the Baptist in Baghdeda on the occasion of Iraqi National Armed Forces Day last January, 2019.

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