USAID works with Iraqi engineers to provide a gateway for telephone service

Telephone Service Repair at Al-Mamoun



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Iraqi workers begin to splice cables into the new telephone gateway exchange.

The Al-Mamoun telephone exchange will restore telephone services to approximately 30,000 subscribers. Al-Mamoun is one of 12 telephone exchanges in the Baghdad region which were destroyed in the recent conflict. USAID partner Bechtel and the Coalition Provisional Authority are working with the Iraqi Telephone and Postal Company to restore landline telephone service and provide international telephone service. The first international telephone call through the new Al-Mamoun exchange occurred on October 23, 2003.



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