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ITPC DG Mr. Al-Hassani participates in Arabsat Meetings

Iraqi Telecommunications and Post Company participated in Arabsat meeting of the session (133,134) in Morocco. The head of the ITPC's delegation Mr. Kassim Al-Hassani and the



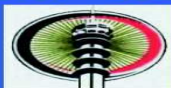
delegation discussed many issues regarding the role of Iraq in Arabsat council. Also The participants discussed many important issues such as Arabsat financial year 2010 and the next year targets of Arabsat.

FTTH

The first FTTH Conference 2011
Ministry of Communications
WABTEL - Iraq



Beirut - Lebanon



Under the patronage and attendance of his Excellency Mr. Mohammed Tawfiq Alawi, The Minister of Communications and under the supervision of Mr. Qasim Mohammed Al Hasani, the DG of ITPC, and the attendance of the managerial and technical team of ITPC, and in cooperation with WABTEL, an Iraqi FTTH investing company in Iraq. An FTTH investment conference to be

held in Istanbul for the period from 26/6/2011 to 27/6/2011. The aim of this conference is explaining to the investors the rules and basis of this project and the facilities that will be available for them and discussing any possible obstacles that may arise in order to reach the ultimate goal in providing communication services to all citizens.

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Three new switches in Kirkuk

Iraq Telecommunications and Post Company aims to enhance its switches and increase Numbers of land phones in all provinces as well as providing best services for its Customers. For this purpose ITPC installed

new NGN Switches in Kirkuk Province. Also ITPC technical staff installed tow new Switches in Baba Gorger City and Alton Kobri City. The Three Switches are operated successfully in Kirkuk.



Baghdad Communications Tower to be completed soon

Baghdad communications Tower is one of the active and cultural milestone in Baghdad, in spite of the tower has been largely affected during the military operations in 2003, but the Iraqi Ministry of communications and I.T.P.C continue working on rebuilding this important tower . The administrative deputy of the minister stated that 90% of rebuilding works in Baghdad

Communications Tower are completed. This center will be used for the purpose of investment business besides providing modern communications services. Senior officials affirmed that Baghdad communications tower will be completely achieved within the next short period.



ITPC , its partner to provide communication services for Basrah Sport City

ITPC held meeting with many representatives of private companies and official representative from Basrah sport City to make a deal to provide communications services for the Sport City . The parties agreed to provide modern internet services by Scopesky company which is one of ITPC partner.



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GBI Project to be completed in Al-Faw soon

Director General , Mr. Kassim Al-Hassani of ITPC announced that official delegation from ITPC held meeting in Istanbul with the joint working group and discussed the updates of GBI project . This project will connect Iraq with its neighbors and will provide very modern and strategical services . Many issues were discussed in the meeting and the parties agreed that Donez company will be in

charge of installing works in Al-Faw . ITPC will do all arrangements to facilitate the task for Donez company. The participants in the meeting recommended to hold another meeting with the representatives from Ministry of Oil and Ministry of Transportation to avoid any interferences in projects .



Iraq new member in IPV6 Forum

The IPv6 Forum welcomed Iraq as its newest country member under the leadership of his Excellency Minister Allawi, Minister of Communications , as the Chairman of the IPv6 Forum and Mrs. Itidal Hasoon as the co- chair. The main objective of the IPv6 Iraq Council is to promote modernization of the national networks at large by deployment and swifter uptake of the new technologies. Minister Mohamed Tawfiq Allawi pointed

out the importance of using the best technologies to provide best services for people while Mr. Latif Ladid, IPv6 Council President talked about the benefits of Iraq`s participation in this forum . The IPv6 Iraqi Council will engage and involve as an open community and be the arena where professionals, experts and technology meet to discuss and collaborate.

ITPC to use Video Conference Technology

ITPC held a short conference to discuss the importance and the advantages of the video conference technology . Using this technology is great solution to held conferences , workshops and interviews as well as this technology can help largely in exchanging experiences and points of views . For the significance of this

technology , ITPC adopted a project to use this technology as well as ITPC announced for the willingness companies to invest in this project .





The UAE's first satellite ,Y1A , has successfully taken off from French Guiana

The Y1A satellite, owned and operated by Yahsat, was launched on an Ariane 5 rocket from the European Space Centre at 1.37am UAE time. The satellite will now be maneuvered into position over the UAE, before beginning operation as a commercial and government communications satellite. Jassem Mohamed Al Zaabi, CEO of Yahsat and executive director of Mubadala Information, Communications and Technology, the Abu Dhabi Government's strategic investment company which owns Yahsat commented: "I would like to express my pride and gratitude during this moment of achievement. This success is the direct result of the unwavering vision, dedication and hard work of our leadership, Mubadala, the UAE Armed Forces and the entire Yahsat team. As a result of this work, we have not only stepped

into space, but taken a significant stride in driving economic diversification and progress with our partners across the UAE." Waleed Al Mokarrab Al Muhairi, chairman of Yahsat and chief operating officer of Mubadala Development Company, said: "The launch of Y1A is hugely important for Mubadala and Abu Dhabi. Satellite communications are an integral component in establishing the world-class information and communication infrastructure that will support the continued economic diversification of the Emirate. The successful launch of Y1A is a tremendous step forward in delivering an advanced technology and communications offering based here in Abu Dhabi."

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Microsoft to acquire Skype for \$ 8.5 Billion in cash

Microsoft Corp. announced a deal to buy Internet phone company Skype Technologies SA for \$8.5 billion in cash- the most aggressive move yet by Microsoft to play in the increasingly converged worlds of communication, information and entertainment. Skype will become a new business division within Microsoft, and Skype CEO Tony Bates will assume the title of president of the Microsoft Skype Division, reporting directly to Microsoft

CEO Steve Ballmer. Buying Skype gives Microsoft a recognized brand name on the Internet at a time when it is struggling to get more traction in the consumer market. The deal ranks as the biggest acquisition in the 36-year history of Microsoft
The Wall Street Journal



Details of 100 Million Facebook Users Published Online



The personal details of 100 million Facebook users have been collected and published online in a downloadable file, meaning they will now be unable to make their publicly available information private.

However, Facebook downplayed the issue, saying that no private data had been compromised.

The information was posted by Ron Bowes, an online security consultant, on the Internet site Pirate Bay.

Bowes used code to scan the 500 million Facebook profiles for information not hidden by privacy settings. The resulting file, which allows people to perform searches of various different types, has been downloaded by several thousand people.

This means that if any of those on the list decide to change their privacy settings on Facebook, Bowes and those who have the file will still be able to access information that was public when it was compiled.

Bowes' actions also mean people who had set their privacy settings so their names did not appear in Facebook's search system can now be found if they were friends with anyone whose name was searchable.

Scary privacy issue

On his website, www.skullsecurity.org, Bowes said the results of his code were "spectacular," giving him 171 million names of which were 100 million unique. "As I thought more about it and talked to other people, I realized that this is a scary privacy issue. I can find the name of pretty much every person on Facebook," he wrote. "Facebook helpfully informs you that "[a]nyone can opt out of appearing here by changing their Search privacy settings" . "Once I have the name and URL of a user, I can view, by default, their picture, friends, information about them, and some other details," Bowes added. "If the user has set their privacy higher, at the very least I can view their name and picture. So, if any searchable user has friends that are non-searchable, those friends just opted into being searched, like it or not! " . He said he discovered the top first name in the list was Michael, followed by John, David, Chris and Mike. The top surnames were Smith, Johnson, Jones, Williams and Brown. A privacy expert expressed concern at the implications of

Bowes' actions. Simon Davies, of campaign group Privacy International, told the BBC that some Facebook users "did not understand the privacy settings and this is the result." .

"Facebook should have anticipated this attack and put measures in place to prevent it,"

he told the BBC. "It is inconceivable that a firm with hundreds of engineers couldn't have imagined a trawl of this magnitude and there's an argument to be heard that Facebook have acted with negligence."

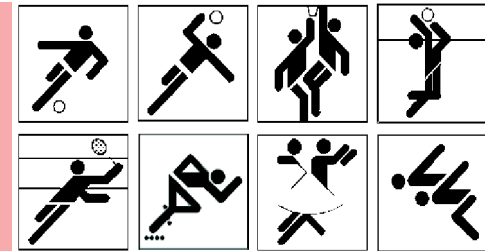
A little terrifying

Some users of Pirate Bay shared his concerns. This is awesome and a little terrifying," " lusifer69 wrote on the site. And another, Porkster, said: "I don't think this is a hack, but a collection from public domain info that people have shared. The importance of the info is structuring it and allowing someone to search or compute the data." However, jak322 said: "I've got to say, who cares. All the info here is already in the public domain, is not sensitive and as a developer I already have access to what could be deemed personal and private data through the Facebook API. In a statement emailed to msnbc.com, Facebook agreed, saying the information on the list was already available online." People who use Facebook own their information and have the right to share only what they want, with whom they want, and when they want," it said. "Our responsibility is to respect their wishes. In this case, information that people have agreed to make public was collected by a single researcher. This information already exists in Google, Bing, other search engines, as well as on Facebook," the statement added. "No private data is available or has been compromised. Similar to a phone book, this is the information available to enable people to find each other, which is the reason people join Facebook. If someone does not want to be found, we also offer a number of controls to enable people not to appear in search on Facebook, in search engines, or share any information with applications."

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Communications Club wins Boxing Championship



The communications Club for Boxing won the first place of the Iraqi Clubs Boxing championship which took place in Babel and organized by the Iraqi Boxing Central Union with participation of 40 clubs and 170 players of 15 - 17 years old . The participants were from all Iraqi provinces including

Kurdistan provinces .The second place went to Al Janoob Club, while the third one shared by Dijla and Al zawra'a Clubs.It is worth mentioning that the winners in this Championship are qualified for the International Boxing championship.

Communications Club wins Sliver Medal in Fencing

The communications club for fencing won the silver medal in the championship of Arab Clubs which is hosted by Al-Qadesya club in Kuwait from 17-20\4\2011 .

The performance of communications club for fencing was commended by many people and participants who watched its matches. It's worth noting that ITPC won many

championships and tournaments during this year and that came within ITPC strategies to support the young people and sport in Iraq.



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