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DAHUK PROVINCE WITNESSES RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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The total cost of various projects implemented in Dohuk province, Autonomy region, since the outbreak of the war two years ago, was over 7.5 million dinars, according to local Government sources.

The money was spent on tens of projects covering the fields of transport, health and education, agriculture, housing, water and sewage and civic buildings.

By far the largest amount was spent on the construction of roads and bridges. The total cost of projects implemented by the Provincial Department for Roads and Bridges was ID. 32 million. These projects included a 219 kilometre long network of local roads in the province and three bridges in Dohuk city centre.

Major improvement and alteration work was carried out on Dohuk city road system which included widening arterial roads leading to the city. Work has begun on the construction of the second lane of fifty kilometre long international road between Dohuk and Zakho.

About ID. 17 million went on health and education projects. To accommodate increasing primary school enrollments following the enforcement of universal primary education, 32 schools were built, each with 12 to 24 classes. 24 intermediate and secondary schools were also built in addition to 38 various buildings for different educational purposes including illiteracy eradication classes. Among the health projects were the expansion of hospitals including the ones in Dohuk and Zakho and the construction of a new hospital in Al-Shafa district in Dohuk city. A number of drug store houses, dentistry and external clinics were also built. A number of

housing schemes for medical staff were also completed during the past two years. Housing projects in the province included the construction of 242 flats together with all their supplementary amenities.

Work also went ahead according to schedule to supply drinking water and electricity to all parts of the province, country side included. Four villages and Brooshki district in Dohuk city have been supplied with clean water. The water pipe network in Dohuk city and those of many towns and districts in the province were improved and expanded. Two new water systems were built, one in Amadyia district and the second in Bamerni subdistrict. The total cost of these and other projects was about ID. 2.5 million.

Several modern market places, garages, trade and industrial centres, play grounds for children, rest houses and scores of buildings including several for social clubs were also built during the last two years. Their total cost is put around ID. 12 million. Moreover another ID 3 million was spent on the construction of 30 mosques around the province.

During this period several construction projects in the agricultural sector were also implemented. They included, 30 houses to accommodate agricultural officers, several offices for agricultural departments, agricultural centres, stores for consumer goods in the countryside, crop warehouses and others. Their total cost was ID 2 million.