

Sulaimaniyah – Basmaq Route Survey



SUMMARY

The road from Sulaimaniyah to the Bashmaq border crossing point, (Hwy 46), can be classified as a finished surface road, with dirt/stone shoulders. It alternates from 4 lane divided near urban centers to 2 lane in the countryside between urban areas. There is one major checkpoint 6 km south of Sulaimaniyah. All other checkpoints are small (Guard Hut with 3 – 6 KSF). The entire route is capable of supporting up to and including fully loaded 40 ft. tractor-trailer type trucks. The drive in a Toyota Land Cruiser was approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes in fair weather. It is approximated for truck traffic to take from 3 – 5 hours depending on seasonal climatic conditions. In the higher mountainous area close to the border, it may even close during severe winter weather.

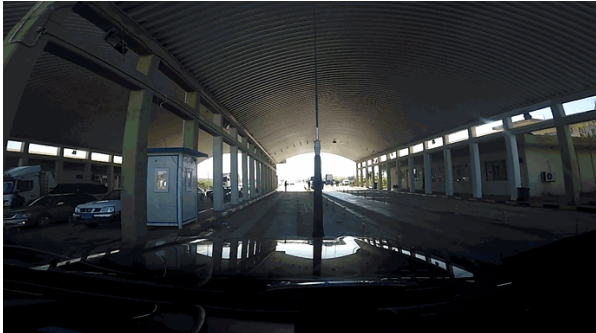
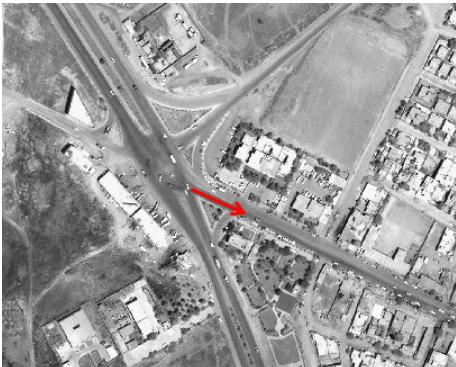





Notes:




- For all distance measurements below, stating point was the traffic circle south of Sulaimaniyah (35. 51213 N, 45.44025 E).
- Clinics are easily decernable along the route by white flags with a centered red crecent.



Key Points

Point	Distance	Coordinates	Description
1	6 Km	35.47247 N 45.48350 E	Security Check Point 
2	16 Km	35.42947 N 45.57973 E	Arbat Intersection, veer left. Gov't Bldg on Left. Hosp. on right 

Point	Distance	Coordinates	Description
3	21 Km	35.40531 N 45.63124 E	Arbat Airport Non-commercial 
4	26 Km	35.38250 N 45.68313 E	Check Point, sometimes manned, sometimes not 
5	40 Km	35.35972 N 45.86223 E	Saraw Check point and clinic 

<p>6</p>	<p>68 Km</p>	<p>35.57414 N 45.85588 E</p>	<p>Steep Grade Begins</p>	 
<p>7</p>	<p>73 Km</p>	<p>35.58191 N 45.86278 E</p>	<p>Baily Bridge, dual lane</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>100 km</p>	<p>35.61571 N 46.00772 E</p>	<p>Bashmaq Border Crossing</p>	