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Seminar gets Iraq back on track

Military police share 'tricks of the trade' with Iraqi police

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Two dozen high ranking Iraqi police officers participated in a leadership seminar July 23 at Baghdad Police Headquarters.

The seminar, conducted by officers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Military Police Brigade, was the first in a series designed to strengthen and enhance leadership within the Iraqi police force.

Although Iraqi police leaders have been making significant progress, Col. Richard Swengros, 42nd MP Brigade commander, and Gen. Razzaq, Baghdad police chief, said they felt the Iraqi leadership would benefit from further training.

The seminar, "Police Leadership in an Insurgency Environment," covered how to be an effective leader, with a focus on four major areas: leadership traits, principles, habits and challenges.

Gathered around a large rectangular table, Razaaq opened the session with welcome remarks, followed by Swengros, who explained the intent of the seminar.

"This (seminar) is a step toward getting to know each other and being able to share ideas and opinions of leaders," said Razaaq, who has been Swengros' counterpart for the past eight months.

Following Razaaq's remarks, Swengros encouraged the group to ponder this question: "Why should leaders discuss leadership?"

The immediate response was silence, but the answer became evident in a series of exercises that followed.

Breaking up into four small groups, the Iraqi police and U.S. Soldiers gathered around dry erase boards, brainstorming concepts of leadership. After coming up with a list of answers to questions like,



photo by Pfc. Laura M. Bigenho

An Iraqi policeman writes responses given by his fellow policemen during a group discussion at a leadership seminar held at Baghdad Police Headquarters.

"What traits do good leaders have?" the U.S. leadership compared their list to the Iraqi's answers, then regrouped to discuss ideas.

The seminar provided Iraqis a chance to retune and focus their leadership skills, while learning more about fighting crime in an insurgency environment.

The hardest obstacle for Iraqis to overcome is being able to listen more to their subordinates, which isn't easy to do in a society that is accustomed to dictatorship.

"They need to develop their leadership so that they are more willing and open to take input from their subordinates," said Capt. Christopher Hormel, Iraqi Police Station (IPS) operations officer, HHC, 42nd MP Brigade. "A good leader develops his subordinates because they are the future leaders of Iraq."

"As the growing capabilities of the police continue to grow, the leadership has to grow, adapt and increase its capabilities," Swengros said.

Razaaq said he plans to take those words and use them by setting a good example while continuously training his leaders and subordinates.

He took information from the seminar to pass down the chain of command, ensuring that his police men and women would be trained on information in the seminar.

"I am very happy for the joint effort and coordination between me and Col. Swengros," Razaaq said. "Through this seminar we have gained new knowledge about leadership."

The leadership seminar was the first in a series that will continue to help the Iraqis strengthen and develop their security forces.

"Very little surprises me with the Iraqi police in terms of what they can accomplish when they have the tools, basic knowledge and confidence," Swengros said. "In a short time, they will be much better at operating on their own at all levels of police."

Map makers print goods for Coalition, Iraqi Forces

Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp

MNC-I PAO

Although a quick trip into a convenience store will get the map needed to plan a family vacation, printing a military map is a different task.

The Soldiers of Production Platoon, 175th Engineer Company, 20th Eng. Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., create, print and distribute military maps to Coalition and Iraqi troops.

Whether it's high-volume map production or just a single map, the Production Platoon fabricate hundreds of maps a day, providing Coalition Forces in Iraq with their topographical needs.

"We work behind the scenes to give the units within Multi-National Corps - Iraq the tools they need to get to their destination," said Sgt. Daryl T. Brinkley, high-volume map production noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Production Platoon.

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The logo for the 175th Engineer Co., was conceived and produced by Sgt. Jeremy Nickel, a lithographer with the unit. The 175th runs a variety of map making operations at Camp Victory.

Preventive Points

Tips from Multi-National Corps - Iraq's Force Health Protection

Scorpions and Spiders

There are several species of scorpions in Iraq, but unlike scorpions in the United States, some have venom that can be fatal to humans.

However, spiders in Iraq are more similar to spiders in the U. S. There are only a few species that are dangerous to humans.

Symptoms of a scorpion sting or spider bite can include local pain, local swelling, allergic reaction (swollen tongue, itching eyes), excessive sweating, increased heart beats, high or low blood pressure, trouble breathing, convulsions, paralysis and in severe cases, death.

Scorpion stings should be considered a medical emergency, and people should seek medical attention immediately. If they have trouble breathing or other severe symptoms pull out the 9 Line MEDEVAC Card and call for a medical evacuation. If available, put ice on the site of the sting and be prepared to treat for shock.

Spider bites can normally be treated by a medic, but people should seek medical attention to ensure your condition does not worsen and the area of the bite does not get infected.

Preventing scorpion stings and spider bites mostly involves common sense.

Here are a few preventive measures:

- Do not play with scorpions and spiders.
- Do not try to catch one for a pet.
- Do not collect scorpions to watch them battle.
- Inspect bedding and towels before using them.
- Shake out clothing and shoes before dressing.
- If possible, do not sleep on the ground.
- Get rid of trash, old boxes, piles of wood or debris, old clothing and clutter.
- Dust and vacuum thoroughly and frequently around windows, corners in rooms, under furniture and in storage areas to eliminate spiders, webs and egg sacs. Use a dust mop, broom and dust pan.
- Seal or caulk cracks and crevices where scorpions and spiders can enter the building.
- If there is a major problem with either scorpions or spiders in an area, contact KBR Pest Control or a medic.

MAPS



Photo by Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp

Sgt. Jose A. Parrilla, lithographer, Production Platoon, 175th Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., stocks unclassified maps on the shelves at the 175th headquarters June 28, at Camp Victory.

Brinkley and his team have the capabilities to print as many maps as a customer needs. The HVMP team creates about 100 maps daily, ranging in size from 8.5 by 11 inches to 70 by 72 inches, Brinkley said.

Before the printing process begins, Brinkley boots up his computer and enters the information for the map provided by Soldiers on the ground.

"We get our map information from our terrain teams in the field, and then it is uploaded into our computer database," Brinkley said.

From there, the data goes from the computer to the paper. Almost any map can be produced, Brinkley said.

"We can print any special order maps that a customer requests for certain parts of or all of Iraq," Brinkley said.

Whether it's a map of a route from point A to point B, a forward operating base, or a checkpoint, the team can print and get the maps out to a wide variety of customers, Brinkley said.

"Customers can come in and look at our catalog and pick out any map they need," Brinkley said. "We have maps of most anywhere as of right now. Any Coalition partner or civilian can come in and get maps as long as they have the right classification."

Secret maps require secret clearance and a carrier card allowing that person to carry a secret map. Unclassified maps are in stock and just require a reason for the need of the map, Brinkley explained. Classified maps are printed as requested, whereas unclassified maps are kept on the platoon's shelves for easy pickup.

"We don't keep classified maps in stock because information on maps is subject to updates," said 1st Lt. Heather L. Porter, platoon leader, Production Plt.

"Unclassified maps are kept in stock for customers needing immediate access to a map -- for example, a map of Camp Victory. (A customer) can come in that day and get one."

Sometimes, getting a map to Soldiers is a little more urgent and time consuming than just pulling a stock map off the shelf.

If a Soldier comes in and they need a map printed for whatever reason, the Production Platoon is happy to oblige, Porter said.

"We give priority to missions and things that are needed right then," Porter said. "We'll move the order up to the front of the line, and we'll stay up all night if we have to in order to support a Soldier or unit."

Along with supporting all the units in theater, the platoon provides maps to the Iraqi army. The platoon produces special maps for Iraqi army needs.

"We have maps made just for Iraqis," Brinkley said. "The maps are written in both English and Arabic so the Americans working with the Iraqis can use the same map to plan."

The maps the Iraqis use are American-made maps that are scanned into the platoon's computer database and then distributed to the Iraqis, Porter said.

"This way we have a connection with what the (Iraqi army) may or may not already have, and we know how we can help update what they need," Porter said. "That way, we ensure we are both on the same page."

Whether it's Iraqi, American, British, Australian, or any force working under the Coalition banner, the need for maps to conduct day-to-day operations in Iraq keeps the Production Platoon on the print seven days a week.

"People need maps in order to get somewhere and get things done," Brinkley said.

Voices of Victory: *You know you have been at Camp Victory too long when ...*



“you consider it your permanent duty station. I have been here through OIF I and OIF III.”

Spc. Jasbleidick Chancay, administration and awards specialist, 18th MP Brigade



“it doesn’t bother me to be here any more. It seems like a normal way of life. Everything is routine.”

Spc. Jared Dillman, protocol, HHC Task Force Dragon



“someone walks by with a case of nonalcoholic beer and says, ‘We’re having a party tonight. Do you want to join us?’”

Steven Cardoza
ITT Industries

Operating Hours

- Coalition Cafe**
Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Sports Oasis**
Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- Shopette**
Open 24 Hours
- Camp Liberty Post Exchange**
Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Fitness Center**
Open 24 Hours
- Chapel Bldg. 31**
Sunday:
Protestant Service 7 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.
Gospel Service Noon
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.
Episcopal 4 p.m.
Full Life Service 6 p.m.
Saturday:
7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.
- Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)**
Friday:
Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.
- Post Office**
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.
- Golby Troop Medical Clinic**
Sick Call Hours:
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon
- Dental Sick call:**
Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- Mental Health Clinic:**
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon
- Post Deployment Health Briefings:**
Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Use the five C's to secure an IED site.

Confirm : the device
Clear : the area
Call : EOD
Cordon : the perimeter
Control : site access




STAY ALIVE

0035 IEDs KILL

Camp Victory South Fight Night
September 3 at the Sports Oasis Stage

- Male and female boxers from all weight classes wanted
- Open to all U.S. and Coalition military and contractors

Schedule
17 Aug. Mandatory fighters', coaches' meeting
28 Aug. Judges training classes
29 Aug. Final mandatory fighters', coaches' meeting
2 Sept. Weigh in

To sign up, contact cvick2796@yahoo.com

Donate your used bikes

2-229 Infantry would like to gather your used bicycles and give them to Iraqi children near Camp Victory. Donating your bike can assist in improving the community's opinion of the Coalition Forces and provide happiness to children in need.

If you have a bicycle that is in working condition and would like to donate it, contact Sgt. First Class Thomas Odoardi at thomas.odardi@iraq.centcom.mil or call 822-3790.

Victory MWR Events August 16 - 22

- Today:** Spades at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Nine-ball at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Chess at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Spades at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** Country night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Ping Pong at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Bench Press competition at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Beverly Hills Cop movie marathon at Bldg. 124; Latin night at 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Hip-hop night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Movie marathon at 5 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday:** Jazz at 6 p.m. Chicago step at 6:30 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Chess at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Fencing practice from 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Monday:** Chicago step at 6:30 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Halo at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9:30 p.m.

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