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U.S. Soldiers find weapons cache, nab 3 terrorists

Task Force Baghdad Soldiers found bomb-making materials and mortar aiming stakes in a house they searched northwest of Baghdad on Sept. 8.

The Soldiers from the Rhode

Island National Guard's D Company, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment, detained three male suspects at the house and confiscated terrorist propaganda, two expended rocket casings, two timers and the aiming stakes.



Tal Afar Citizens Promptly Receive Payments for their Losses

The lives of the people Tal Afar were temporarily disrupted when the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) went into the city to capture or kill terrorists hiding there and reestablish security within the city. It was not the intention of the ISF to destroy or damage the property of the good people of Tal Afar, but during these operations some residents did receive damages to their property.

As thousands of citizens returned to their homes, some did find damages. Less than a week after the operations ended, the Iraqi Government began paying the people who suffered losses or damages to personal property. Every citizen in the city has the right to be paid for any repairs that need to be made to their homes or property as a result of operations. Centers have been established within the city to assist citizens with processing their claims.

Thousands of dollars have already been distributed to the returning residents of Tal Afar and more claims are being processed.



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U.S. Soldiers take mission to Sindabad



(Above) Capt. David Underwood, 3rd Infantry Division, hands out soccer balls to children in Sindabad, Iraq. (Below) Underwood speaks with the manager of the Al Rasheed Water Treatment Facility in Sindabad, Iraq.



Children play in Sadr City.

SADR CITY SHINES

A year after terrorists attacks on civilians, Sadr City is quickly growing into a model of peace for other Iraqi cities to follow.

In one neighborhood, health standards have raised significantly because a sewage plant was renovated. In another neighborhood, a new health clinic is nearing completion. Across the city, power lines are going up, fresh water is flowing in new pipes.

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Tal Afar on the road to progress



Life is coming back to Tal Afar. Less than one month ago, the northern city was rife with terrorists. The people of Tal Afar called for their government and security forces to clean up the city; the authorities responded with Operation Restoring Rights.

To date, citizens have enjoyed 70 tons of rice, 70 tons of sugar, 50 tons of flour, and enough oil for 40,000 people to cook hot meals. More shipments are on the way and there are no sign of letting up. There is so much food aid that the Ministry of Transportation has ordered additional trucks to carry in the food.

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