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*(Left) An Iraqi Army Soldier and Staff Sgt. William Council, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, examine bomb-triggering devices found during an IA raid on two terrorists' homes in Sadr City Oct. 6.*

## ***Iraqi Soldiers launch successful raid***

SADR CITY, Iraq – In a lightning-fast pre-dawn raid, Iraqi Army Soldiers raided the homes of two terrorists in Sadr City Oct. 6. An elite Iraqi Army Strike Platoon took the lead during the operation. Other IA Soldiers set up an outer cordon, preventing terrorist forces from reaching the targets, and making sure terrorists didn't escape. The raid uncovered a cache of bomb-triggering devices at the terrorist's residence. "The raid shows the capability of the Iraqi Army Battalion to plan and execute a complex mission," said Capt. Zan Hornbuckle, a U.S. Army company commander who works with the Iraqi Army. "They're totally competent at the squad and platoon levels, and getting better at the company level. "They did a great job—everything went really smoothly," Hornbuckle added. "It gives the Iraqi Soldiers confidence in their capabilities to pull off such a complex mission flawlessly."



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## Four potable water systems will benefit 31,000 people

More than 31,000 Iraqi citizens in the Ninewa and Basrah Governorates are expected to benefit from the construction of four potable water projects. These compact potable water treatment plants and the installation of deep wells, pumps and distribution networks in Ninewa and Basrah were identified by Provincial Regional Development Committees and local authorities in conjunction with the Ministry of Municipality and Public Works. Three projects to construct wells, pumps, and distribution networks will supply potable water to about 25,000 residents throughout Ninewa. These projects should deliver potable water in Dec. 2005. A 200 cubic meter per hour potable water treatment plant with reverse osmosis (a technique used to remove impurities from water) will supply potable water to 6,000 people living in the Basrah area. The treatment plant is estimated to be completed in April 2006. The estimated cost for the four water projects is \$1.7 million. The Ninewa projects will provide work for approximately 100 workers during the construction and for more than 30 workers for the projects' maintenance and continued operation. Construction of the Basrah treatment plant will employ about 20-25 workers and the operation of the plant will employ about 14 Iraqi workers. The Basrah work will also train local operators on site in the technology and maintenance of the compact unit.



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The men and women of the Iraqi Security Forces are committed to serving the Iraqi people. Through patrols and routine searches, they keep the streets safe and take dangerous terrorists into custody. By their side are the Iraqi people, leading soldiers and policemen to weapons caches and identifying terrorist hideouts. In turn, the ISF routinely conduct humanitarian missions to ensure that the Iraqi people's needs are met. On September 28th, officers from the Yaychi Police department visited the Bajawan Elementary School to deliver needed supplies to students and teachers. Yaychi Police officers distributed 210 student packages and 15 teacher packages at the Bajawan Elementary School.

## *Iraqi Police Support the Community*



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