

# EYE ON IRAQ

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## **Insurgent attacks after referendum vote result in about 70 terrorists killed in one day**

Coalition forces continued counter-terrorism operations in Al Anbar Province Oct. 16, killing an estimated 70 terrorists in separate actions.

Coalition forces conducted an air strike against a group of terrorists attempting to emplace an improvised explosive device east of Ramadi. Then, crewmembers from an F-15 observed 20 men arrive in four vehicles at the crater site of a previously-detonated IED which had killed five U.S. and two Iraqi Soldiers on Oct. 15. The terrorists were in the process of emplacing another IED when the F-15 engaged and killed them with a precision-guided bomb.

That evening, UH-1N Huey and AH-1W Cobra helicopters north of Ramadi had observed a group of men gathered at a suspected terrorist safe house. After realizing their position had been compromised, the terrorists fled the scene and engaged the Cobra with small arms fire. The Cobra returned fire with 20 mm munitions, killing about 10 terrorists. Later, a team of F/A-18s resumed observation of house where they found an additional 35-40 terrorists loading their vehicles with weapons. The F/A-18 killed the terrorists with a precision-guided bomb. The combined strikes resulted in approximately 50 killed terrorists.

The strikes took place in the Abu Faraj region, north of Ramadi, where a large number of indirect fire and IED attacks against civilians, Iraqi infrastructure, Iraqi security forces and Coalition forces have originated.

Coalition forces guarding the Government Center in Ramadi later that evening were attacked by a small-arms fire from an adjacent building. Returned fire resulted in the deaths of 1-3 more terrorists.

The attacks followed a successful Referendum in which there were no major disruptions caused by terrorists at the polls in Al Anbar Province.



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Sgt. Ricky V. Fields, section chief for A Battery, 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment, 48th Brigade Combat Team, monitors a convoy entering Camp Taji.



## U.S., Iraqi Soldiers guard crucial entry, exit points



Spc. Prince Yohannes, an artilleryman for 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment, helps bridge the communication gap with Iraqi Soldiers while on guard duty at Camp Taji.

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## ISF hits pay dirt

Iraqi Security Forces found several significant caches in Ar Ramadi Oct. 9. After conducting a series of coordinated searches, the soldiers discovered a large quantity of weapons and munitions in two separate locations. The combined caches filled four trucks.

The weapons discovered included 168 mortar rounds, 4 mortar tubes, 4 AK 47's and 18 magazines, 34 rocket warheads, 18 primers used to detonate munitions, 3,600 rounds of small arms ammunition, 2 boxes of large-caliber ammunition and 13 guided or heat seeking missiles.

The patrol also found a variety of bomb-making materials, to include 100 lbs of explosives, batteries, cell phones, tools, various batteries and receivers, several fuses and 1,010 assorted explosive charges.



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