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## ISF Captures Suspected Bomb Making Facility

Members of the 2-2 Iraqi Army Battalion conducted a raid on a suspected bomb-making facility in a Baghdad residential area Oct. 20, capturing 10 men and numerous materials used to make improvised explosive devices. They also discovered that several of those captured were paid in U.S. dollars for making their bombs. Many of the compounds confiscated had explosive qualities and endangered the lives of the people living in the nearby buildings.

The success of this raid saved dozens, if not hundreds, of Iraqi lives and removed dangerous men from the streets. Now they will wait in a jail for their day in court, where the judges of Iraq will decide how best to make them pay for their crimes.



Captured chemical substances from the raid



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## Marines destroy terrorist cave complex

Marines destroyed a terrorist cave complex used as a weapons cache and bomb-making factory early Oct. 17 near Haqlaniyah.

Marines assigned to Regimental Combat Team-2 observed three men place a roadside bomb and then return to a cave complex nearby.

The terrorists were killed by small arms fire from the Marines. An investigation of the first chamber of the cave complex revealed a small cache, bomb-making tools and equipment, black uniforms and ski masks.

Coalition aircraft destroyed the complex using precision-guided munitions.

During Operation River Gate, Marines, Soldiers and Sailors and their counterparts in the Iraqi Army have discovered numerous caves in the Haditha, Haqlaniyah and Barwana areas.

Operations in the Al Anbar province continue, with Iraqi and Coalition Forces working together to disrupt and destroy terrorist activities, create a secure environment for Iraqi citizens and restore Iraqi control of the border areas.



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**Iraqi Students beginning a new school year**

## **Iraqi Students Get New Opportunities**

During the years of the former regime, many in Iraq were deprived of a proper education. As a result, many of the nation's communities have extremely low literacy rates. The Ministry of Education (MOE), however, is addressing this issue with a variety of literacy programs.

Today, the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) exists to help out-of-school youths ages 12-18 and gives them a second chance at education. More than 11,000 Iraqi students are expected to participate in the ALP this year alone. This program uses different methods and materials to teach an equivalent of two years of schooling in one school year.

The MOE placed these schools in 10 provinces with low enrollment rates to encourage those who were once deprived to come back to school. 1,000 teachers have been trained to teach the specialized classes. ALP classrooms have already started receiving supply kits for classrooms and teachers to increase their productivity. Students are also receiving updated textbooks, to include social science books that include topics such as human rights.



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