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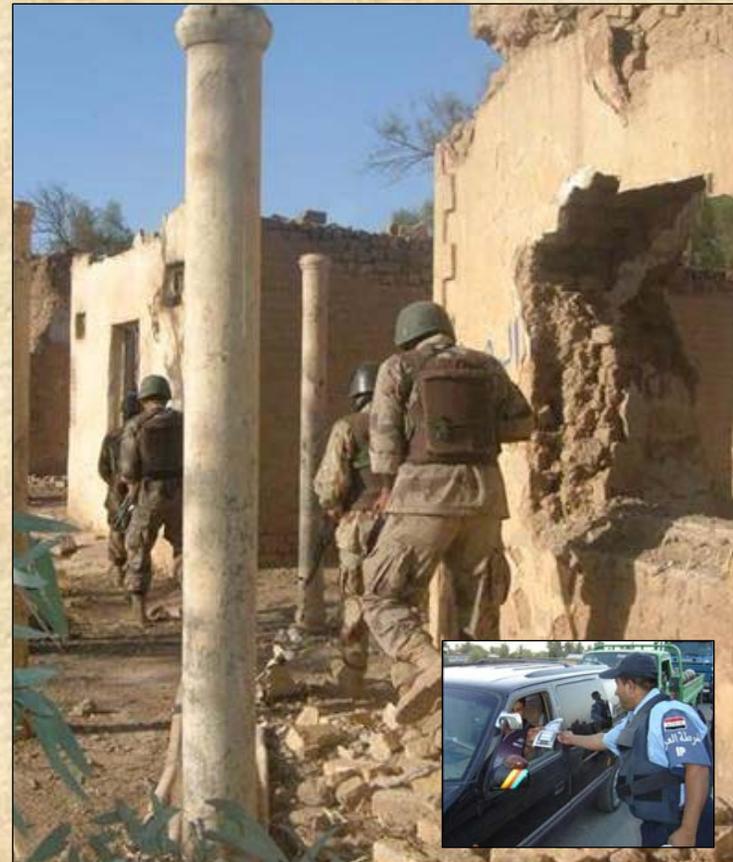
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ISF Actions Prevent Bombings

Concerned citizens in Babil had alerted local soldiers of the 8th Iraqi Army (IA) Division about a potential terrorist plot. Acting on their information, soldiers from the 8th Iraqi Army Division raided a suspected bomb-making facility on October 26th and captured a terrorist who was building a car bomb. The criminal intended to use the weapon in a terrorist attack against the Iraqi people. Fortunately, the soldiers arrived and took him into custody before he could carry out his plans.

The same day in Baqubah, Iraqi Police officers prevented a deadly attack. While conducting a routine patrol in a marketplace, the alert officers spotted a suspicious bag hanging on the door of a local woman's hair salon. When they realized that strange wires were protruding from the bag, they recognized the bag as a homemade bomb and immediately cleared the area of civilians. Once all citizens were out of harm's way, bomb disposal experts investigated the explosive device. They safely disarmed the bomb, removed it from the marketplace, and destroyed it.

Right and inset: Iraqi Army soldiers and Iraqi police conduct operations in Iraq



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Iraqi Army Delivers Supplies and Smiles to School Children

Iraqi Army Soldiers set down their rifles and forgot about the continuing battles and hardships of fighting the terrorists recently to deliver supplies to schools in the Abu Ghraib district of west Baghdad. Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 6th Iraqi Army Division loaded their trucks with supplies and goodwill for delivery to the 23 schools in the area.

This Army unit conducted a significant school drop to the Abu Ghraib Elementary School and to neighborhood children near the Al Ban Apartments. The school kits included pens, pencils, notebooks and white boards.



Photos: Iraqi Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 6th Iraqi Army Division are surrounded by children as they prepare to hand out supplies.

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Food supply trucks burn after an Oct. 21 terrorist attack in Mosul.

Terrorists Attack Food Supply Vehicles in Mosul

An Oct. 21 terrorist attack targeted a food relief convoy headed for Mosul citizens. This was certainly not aimed at soldiers or policemen; instead, terrorists obviously wanted to disrupt the lives of the innocent people living in Mosul who depend on this food to feed their families.

During this attack, terrorists seemed determined to murder the drivers and also destroy the vehicles and the food carried in them.



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