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Iraqis finish construction project, bright future ahead in eastern Mosul neighborhoods

A construction project to repair a stretch of Al-Intesar Road in eastern Mosul was completed Oct. 30. Iraqi workers had been working on the project that repaired and repaved the street since Aug. 25.

The road's previous condition allowed for little or no civilian traffic, leaving the area economically depressed. The conditions also allowed insurgents to easily emplace improvised explosive devices in potholes along the route. Recently insurgent activity has been much lower in the area with the improved roadway. The improved roads will enable economic growth in the area.

RIGHT: Iraqi laborers work on Al-Intesar Road in eastern Mosul prior to its completion Oct. 30. **INSET:** Al-Intesar Road following a construction project that greatly improved the previously poorly kept street.



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U.S., Iraqi forces sweep up 49 terror suspects in Baghdad area



This weapons cache was found in a house during a major operation conducted by Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment and Iraqi Security Forces from the 4th Public Order Brigade in eastern Al-Rasheed Oct. 28. The cache was hidden in this crawlspace found underneath a bathtub.

Task Force Baghdad Soldiers, along with Iraqi Security Forces, conducted major combat assaults, dubbed Operation Clean Sweep, Oct. 28-29 in south Baghdad.

The operation netted 49 terrorists and a large weapons cache.

Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment and Iraqi forces from the 4th Public Order Brigade swept through the eastern Al-Rasheed district Oct. 29. The multi-pronged assault resulted in more than 350 target houses searched and the detention of 33 suspected terrorists. Bomb-making materials were also found at several of the target houses.

In an earlier mission Oct. 28, 1-184 Inf. Soldiers detained 16 terror suspects and discovered a large weapons cache during a cordon and search.

The cache was hidden in a second-story crawlspace underneath a bathtub and included 13 AK-47 assault rifles, three MPK machine guns, 20 AK-47 barrels, one pistol, U.S. currency and an ammunition stockpile.



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Nearly 50,000 Iraqi Homes Receive Increased Hours of Electricity

An electric plant in northeastern Ninewa is up and running again for the first time in several years. The newly-refurbished plant will produce enough electric power to serve about 49,720 homes or businesses in the area and will add a total of 55 megawatts to the national grid. This improvement translates to longer periods of electricity for Iraqis in northeastern Ninewa.

A local Iraqi firm, along with the Ministry of Electricity, installed five gas turbines under the equipment manufacturer's supervision. Management oversight was provided by the Project & Contracting Office's (PCO) Electricity Sector and quality control was supplied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division.

The Ninewa plant, totaling about \$3 million from Iraq Relief & Reconstruction Funds through the PCO Electricity Sector, also will receive \$1 million in spare parts, like valves and computer hardware. Work on the plant started in early August 2005.

"Stranded" power plants such as the Ninewa plant had become inoperable in past years due to a lack of funding or trained staff to perform required maintenance.



New gas turbines are delivered to a northeastern Ninewa Plant.



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