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Grant approval introduces modern beekeeping technology to Ninewa

An Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture project introducing modern beekeeping technology in Ninewa will include 20 existing beekeepers as well as 31 widows and handicapped people.

Participants will receive extensive training and the equipment necessary to set up and maintain an apiary to produce honey.

Beekeeping and honey production has historically been an important economic activity in Ninawa, but the sector has suffered in recent years from violence, industrial fires, and disease.

Technical teams consisting of bee experts will conduct a seven-day training event for project participants covering the basics of maintaining an apiary and use of supplied equipment. The project will provide an immediate source of income from the sale of honey for the 51 project participants and their families. The new technologies in beekeeping will also be used as a model for other farmers or beekeepers living in the area.



Beekeepers receive training in a similar grant earlier this year. The Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture has introduced a total of 316 Iraqi beekeepers to modern practices and technology.



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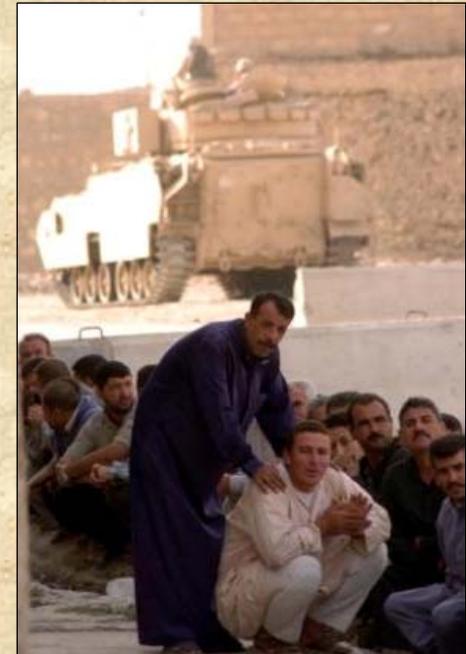
Iraq Government Compensates Tal Afar Citizens

City officials from Tal Afar are backing up earlier promises of assistance for their residents by delivering compensation to residents for damages incurred while their city was taken out of terrorist hands by Iraqi and coalition forces.

City officials beginning Oct. 30 began handing out the more than 4.5 billion Dinar earmarked for Tal Afar. Officials from the Iraqi Transitional Government allocated the money to the head of every family, including displaced families.

"This money will help you to buy necessary items for your children," City Mayor Najem said to the crowd.

Many families suffered immeasurable personal and property losses from repeated terrorist attacks in their neighborhoods.



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U.S. Army soldiers move down a staircase during a Mosul patrol.



Iraqis purchase meat from a butcher in Mosul.

A Day in Mosul



An Iraqi Security Forces member hands out flyers during a patrol in Mosul.



Iraqi Security Forces conduct a patrol in Mosul.



U.S. Army Spc. Ryan Crabtree builds rapport with shop owners while on patrol.



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