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Iraqi army soldiers graduate first ever mechanics course

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KARKH DISTRICT, BAGHDAD – After eight weeks of intense training, Iraqi army soldiers finally graduate from the first ever mechanics course Dec. 30.

More than 150 Soldiers now possess valuable knowledge in vehicle maintenance which will greatly help them with their mission.

The training encompassed the basics repair of engines, clutches, manual and automatic transmissions, differential gear, two-and-four-wheel drive vehicles, brakes systems, mechanical and hydraulic steering mechanisms, cooling systems and basically everything else on the vehicle, said Eugene Koster, contractor of Fiafi Group and senior trainer at the training center. From the theoretical to in-depth, practical training, the Soldiers received clear and specific instructions of the workings of the vehicle.

“Before I got here, I had little knowledge about mechanics and the car’s parts,” said Iraqi army Spc. Mohamed Kadr Godeap. “After the completion of the course, my understanding of how the parts of the car work improved.”

Godeap explained how he can use all the knowledge he acquired during the training in his civilian life once he finishes with his years of service in the Iraqi Army.

“As an ambulance driver, I have to keep my vehicle ready at any time, and should I encounter any mechanical problem, I have to fix it fast to be mission capable all the time,” said Godeap.

The commanding general of the 6th Iraqi Army Division, Maj. Gen. Abdul Ameer, attended the ceremony.

“This is the 3rd graduation in the division, and the significance of the graduation ceremony is the Soldier feels good about it. Each student must feel that his hard work has paid off and feel proud to be part of it.”



(above) The commanding general of the 6th Iraqi Army Division, Maj. Gen. Abdul Ameer, attended the graduation ceremony for the Iraqi Army. (right) The Iraqi army celebrated a graduation ceremony for the Soldiers who from theoretical to in-depth practical training, have clear and specific instructions of the workings of the vehicle.





by Spc. Nathaniel Smith, 4th IBCT PAO

Read You, Loud and Clear

BAGHDAD - Fort Myers, Fla., native, 1st Lt. Justin Anderson, serving as an operations officer with the 4th Battalion, 64th Armored Regiment's Headquarters Company, lets Lasol Ahmed try on his headset while on a mission in southern Baghdad's Rashid District, Dec. 31. The "Tuskers" of 4-64 Armored, deployed out of Fort Stewart, Ga., are currently attached to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Baghdad Three Day Weather Forecast

Saturday
Chance of
rain
HI: 59F/15C
LO: 37F/3C



Sunday
Chance of
rain
HI: 51F/11C
LO: 33F/1C



Monday
Clear
HI: 48F/9C
LO: 28F/-2C




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Troops visit Yarmouk Hospital



by Spc. Charles W. Gill 55th Combat Camera

BAGHDAD-- Interns walk the grounds of the Yarmouk Teaching Hospital in Yarmouk, Iraq, Dec. 30. The intent of the visit was to foster positive relations by continuing an Iraqi / U.S. medical education partnership program which 2-1 Cav. started a few months prior.



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A Soldier from 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, attached to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), provides security during a briefing for doctors at the hospital in central Baghdad, Dec. 30. The intent of the visit was to foster positive relations by continuing an Iraqi / U.S. medical education partnership program which 2-1 Cav. started a few months prior.



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