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Iraqi Soldiers detain suspected militia, despite threats on CLC

2nd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div. PAO

BAGHDAD – Iraqi soldiers detained two suspected members of an illegal armed group in a raid Jan. 10 in Baghdad's Adhamiyah district after receiving information that the suspects were planning an attack on members of the area's Concerned Local Citizens.

Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 11th Iraqi Army Division conducted the operation to capture the two suspects shortly after midnight in the Qahira neighborhood of Adhamiyah. U.S. Soldiers from A Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment supported the operation by providing security to the raid site.

During the past week, the Baghdad neighborhoods of Qahira and Adhamiyah have seen an increase in intimidation attacks on members of the local volunteer security forces, known by U.S. military forces as Concerned Local Citizens. The head of the Sunni dominated Adhamiyah CLC was assassinated by a suspected Al Qaeda suicide

bomber Jan. 7, and a prominent Shi'a CLC leader was assassinated by Shi'a extremist Special Groups was assassinated on Jan. 6. Additionally, members of the CLC have been threatened with death if they don't quit their jobs.

Residents in the Shi'a neighborhoods reported the threats and attacks are coming from special militia group members. Numerous sources reported an impending attack on a checkpoint to kill CLC members who had not given in to their intimidation. The 3rd Bn., 1st Bde. 11th Iraqi Army Div., which has begun working closely with the CLC, responded quickly to prevent the attack from taking place.

Maj. Gen. Kevin Bergner, chief American military spokesman in Iraq, said the increased number of attacks against CLC members was "perhaps one of the clearest indications of the importance that these concerned local citizens are having on improving the security situation in Iraq."

Lt. Col. David Oclander, executive

officer for the 2nd BCT, 82nd Airborne Division, the U.S. unit responsible for security in Adhamiyah, said the alliance between the Iraqi Army and the Concerned Local Citizens is forcing the foreign influenced terrorist groups to show their true colors.

"The people who want a free and a safe Iraq are standing up, and that is a scary thought to these terrorists, because what they thrive on is chaos, disorder, and intimidation of the populace. It is clear the Iraqi people are rejecting these conditions" Oclander said.

The events are part of Multi-National Division-Baghdad's offensive operations in support of Operation Phantom Phoenix. The operation's intent is to kill or capture Al Qaeda and Shia/Sunni extremists in order to deny them rest and sanctuary in the city of Baghdad and the surrounding rural areas. AQI terrorists and other extremists are the root cause of the most horrific attacks against Iraqi civilians, security forces and coalition troops.

Iraqi Police capture suspected terrorists

4th IBCT PAO, 10th Mtn. Div.

Iraqi Police officials caught and detained three local national suspected terrorists Jan. 3.

The suspects had falsified Ministry of Interior badges, videotape footage of Coalition Forces, a sniper rifle with a night-vision scope, a pistol, cell phones and a video camera in their possession. All three suspected terrorists tested positive for gunpowder and explosive residue.

Iraqi Police officials detained the suspects in Al Rashad National Police Station. Soldiers from 95th Military Police Battalion provided security around the station and Soldiers from Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, transported them for further questioning and processing.

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team “Warrior,” 25th Infantry Division Strykers arrived in Iraq in late December ready to complete the Stryker Brigade’s current mission in that region. “Warrior Soldiers are fully prepared for this mission,” said 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Commander Col. Todd B. McCaffrey. “Iraqis continue to reject violence in larger and larger numbers and are fighting for the stability to raise their families, earn a living, and compete peacefully in a growing economy.”



2nd SBCT, 25th ID PAO



The Player of the Day Award is presented to Sgt. Jesus Soto for his outstanding performance as the Airspace non-commissioned officer. Sgt. Soto’s experience created a seamless transition during TOA. His technical and tactical expertise keeps the Air Common Operating Picture updated and accurate. His dedication to duty and attention to detail make him Tuesday’s Player of the Day.

Baghdad Three Day Weather Forecast

Wednesday
Clear
HI: 51F/11C
LO: 30F/-1C



Thursday
Clear
HI: 53F/12C
LO: 33F/1C



Friday
Clear
HI: 57F/14C
LO: 35F/2C



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CLC turn in large cache to Iraqi Army soldiers

Multi-National Division – Baghdad Public Affairs

BAGHDAD – Members of a Concerned Local Citizens group from the Karkh District in the Iraqi capital turned over a significant weapons cache they discovered to an Iraqi Army outpost there Jan. 12.

The Karkh cache consisted of 21 mines, two anti-tank rockets, two 53 mm rockets with launchers, two 152 mm artillery rounds, fuses and three boxes of TNT.

Helping remove unauthorized weapons and ordnance like this cache is just another example of the effectiveness and dedication of Concerned Local Citizens to combat the in-

surgency and promote an end to violence by securing their neighborhoods.

A Coalition explosive ordnance team destroyed the cache.

This action is part of Multi-National Division – Baghdad offensive operation in support of Operation Phantom Phoenix to kill or capture Al Qaeda and Shia/Sunni extremists in order to deny them rest and sanctuary in the city of Baghdad and the surrounding rural areas. AQI terrorists and other extremists are the root cause of the most horrific attacks against Iraqi civilians, security forces and coalition troops.

Falsified Ministry of Interior badges, videotape seized

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Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Harris, squad leader, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 30th Inf. from Puyallup, Wash., assisted in transporting them for processing and questioning. Harris has experience working with National Police officers, reviewing tactics, techniques and procedures and patrolling neighborhoods. He realizes the importance of National Police, Iraqi Police and Concerned Local Citizens (CLC) working together to defeat terrorists and insurgents to ensure a bright future for Iraq.

Harris said a local national trusted the IPs (Iraqi Police) enough to inform them about suspicious strangers who were not from the area just sitting on the side of the road. "And the IPs went and investigated and made the search that found these guys with the weapons. So the IPs made the arrest, and I think it's great that locals trust the IPs enough to do that," commented Harris.

Harris explained that the safety and security missions he and his Soldiers conducts are difficult to accomplish because of the type of non-traditional fight in which they are engaged. They need more assistance from CLCs, such as the one who helped capture the three terrorists. The CLCs want to take a stake in the future stability of Iraq, Harris believes.

Having deployed to Baghdad before, from May 2003 to July 2004 under the

1st Armored Division, Harris seen positive changes take place in the people here.

"I see the locals caring more, wanting the violence to stop ... and wanting to participate in stopping all this," said Harris. "It's tough. It's a tough job, but I still think we're making forward progress, so I think we need to just keep hacking at it.

Coalition Military Intelligence officials said the Iraqi Police's capture and subsequent arrest of these three suspects, hopefully, should lead to a break

up of or provide a temporary solution to sniper attacks in the area.

This is part of a Multi-National Division-Baghdad operations in support of Operation Phantom Phoenix to kill or capture Al Qaeda and Shia/Sunni extremists in order to deny them rest and sanctuary in the city of Baghdad and the surrounding rural areas. AQI terrorists and other extremists are the root cause of the most horrific attacks against Iraqi civilians, security forces and coalition troops.



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Iraqi Police officials display items they confiscated from three local national terrorist suspects, Jan 3. Iraqi Police officials became suspicious of the suspects' possible sniper-attack activities, and they captured and detained the terrorist suspects.