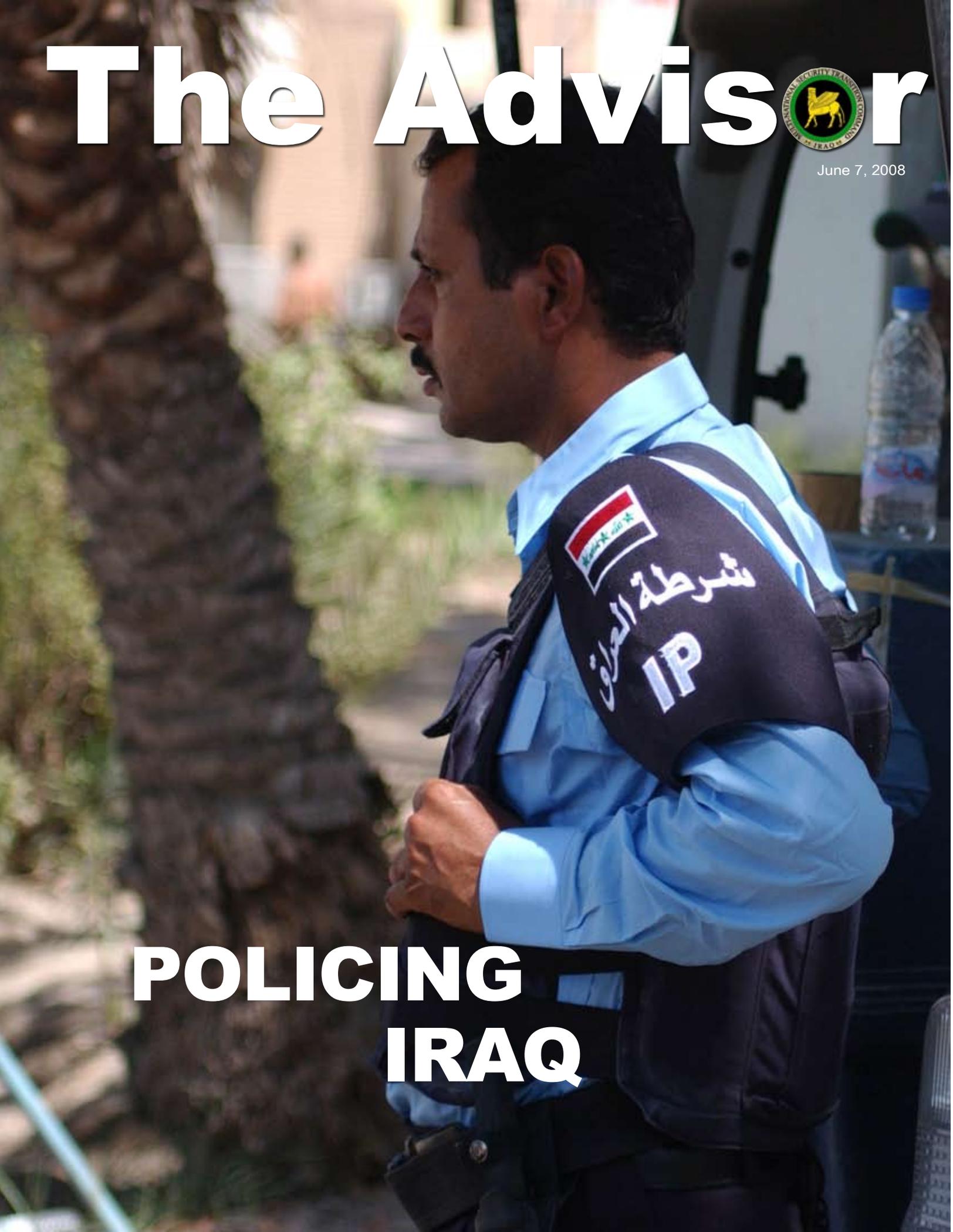


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Photo by U.S. Army Capt. David Roy

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By U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Bryanne Moore

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– U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Daniel Terwilliger assumed responsibility as the senior enlisted advisor to the commanding general of the Multi-

National Security Transition Command-Iraq at the NATO Cultural Center here May 27.

A change of responsibility is a simple ceremony rich with symbolism and heritage. The key to the ceremony is the exchange of the noncommissioned officer sword between the outgoing and incoming sergeants major.

The passing of the sword symbolizes the exchange of responsibility and is a time-honored tradition in the NCO corps.

The unit sergeant major is the custodian of the NCO sword. As such he is the senior enlisted advisor in the unit and the principal enlisted advisor to the commander.

Terwilliger thanked everyone for attending and bidding farewell to a great Soldier and warrior, Sergeant Maj. Williams.

Terwilliger, a native of Aliquippa, Pa., enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in January 1979. He completed basic



Photo by U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrew Davis

(left to right) U.S. Army Lt. Gen. James Dubik, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq commanding general, U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Daniel Terwilliger, MNSTC-I incoming senior enlisted advisor, U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Tommy Williams, MNSTC-I outgoing command sergeant major, stand at attention during the change of responsibility ceremony held at NATO Cultural Center, May 27.

training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. followed by the Communications Electronics School in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Terwilliger served at every level of enlisted leadership during the past 29 years with experience in Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

“You have been a compass to many generals, and tens of thousands from every branch of our armed forces, not to mention countries,” Terwilliger said of Williams.

Williams, who will head back to Florida where his family resides,

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To the Troops,

As I take the sword of responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Tommy Williams, he can rest easy, knowing the legacy he left here will continue on into the future. Sgt. Maj. Williams has dutifully served 33 years of honest and faithful service, not only to the U.S. Armed Forces, but the many Coalition nations he has served alongside. But I believe his most salient contribution to the fight was to not always do the most popular thing, but do what was right.

There is no place on earth that I would rather be than serving at MNSTC-I, heading up the mission that is a keystone for the new Iraq. We need to find ways to get not only our story out but the story of the Iraqis we help develop, organize, train, equip and sustain on a daily basis. There are so many great things being accomplished, by so many, throughout this country that the world needs to know. It is the mission of MNSTC-I that will help secure and shape a new Iraq. Although we have come a long way in meeting the needs of the Iraqi Security Forces, a plethora of challenges lay ahead.

With this mission, there will and must be a final resolution. Based on hard work, patience, justice to those who wish to harm us and most of all faith in the word of God that we all know by different names, but who knows each and every one of us personally, we will persevere and accomplish this mission together.

Your Sergeant Major,

Daniel Terwilliger

Iraqi National Police gain villagers' respect

By U.S. Army Lt. Col. Sam Davis and Iraqi National Police Lt. Col. Mohammed

National Police Transition Team

MOSUL, Iraq — The residents of Yarimjah, a neighborhood in southern Mosul, were apprehensive when Iraqi National Police officers

arrived at 4 a.m. May 24. They had heard many rumors about the national police from neighbors and television.

The 2nd Battalion, 6th National Police Brigade, under the command of Col. Faisal Majed Muhsen, moved into the area and searched every building within the neighborhood for illegal weapons and terrorists while trying to minimize the disruption to the residents.

"The important thing is to create trust between the national police and the people and is as important as capturing insurgents and criminals," said Faisal, who also explained he did not conduct this operation to rob or intimidate the local citizens, but rather to gain

their willing support.

"To accomplish this, I must have professional policemen and officers," said Faisal, adding that he requires each member of the unit to treat citizens with respect and dignity.

Faisal said that he does not tolerate any misconduct by his men and will fire those

who are involved in the slightest offense. This sets a high moral climate for his unit, he said.

The villagers complimented Faisal's methods.

"They treat us like brothers, and the national police are the best force that has come into this area," said resident Abd Al Muhsin Moustafa.

Faisal shared his philosophy toward the residents.

"We are the sons of our country, and we are speaking Arabic. We are Iraqis, and this is an Iraqi force, and we work for Iraq," he said. "The state gives us money to protect you, and we came to help you. You are the masters, and we are the servants."

Saeed Aziz Omron, standing beside his young son, said, "If you asked my son, he would join the national police right now." ■



Photo by Iraqi National Police Lt. Col. Mohammed

Iraqi National Police Col. Faisal Majed Muhsen listens to concerns of a villager during security operations in Yarimjah, Iraq.

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command because he is retiring.

The ceremony served as a farewell to Williams and a warm welcome to Terwilliger. Williams credited Terwilliger with being the right man, in the right place, and in the right time—commenting on his training background and comfort with the Arab community.

To which Terwilliger responded, "Command Sgt. Maj. Tommy Williams, I consider him a good friend, a mentor, and above all else, a great American."

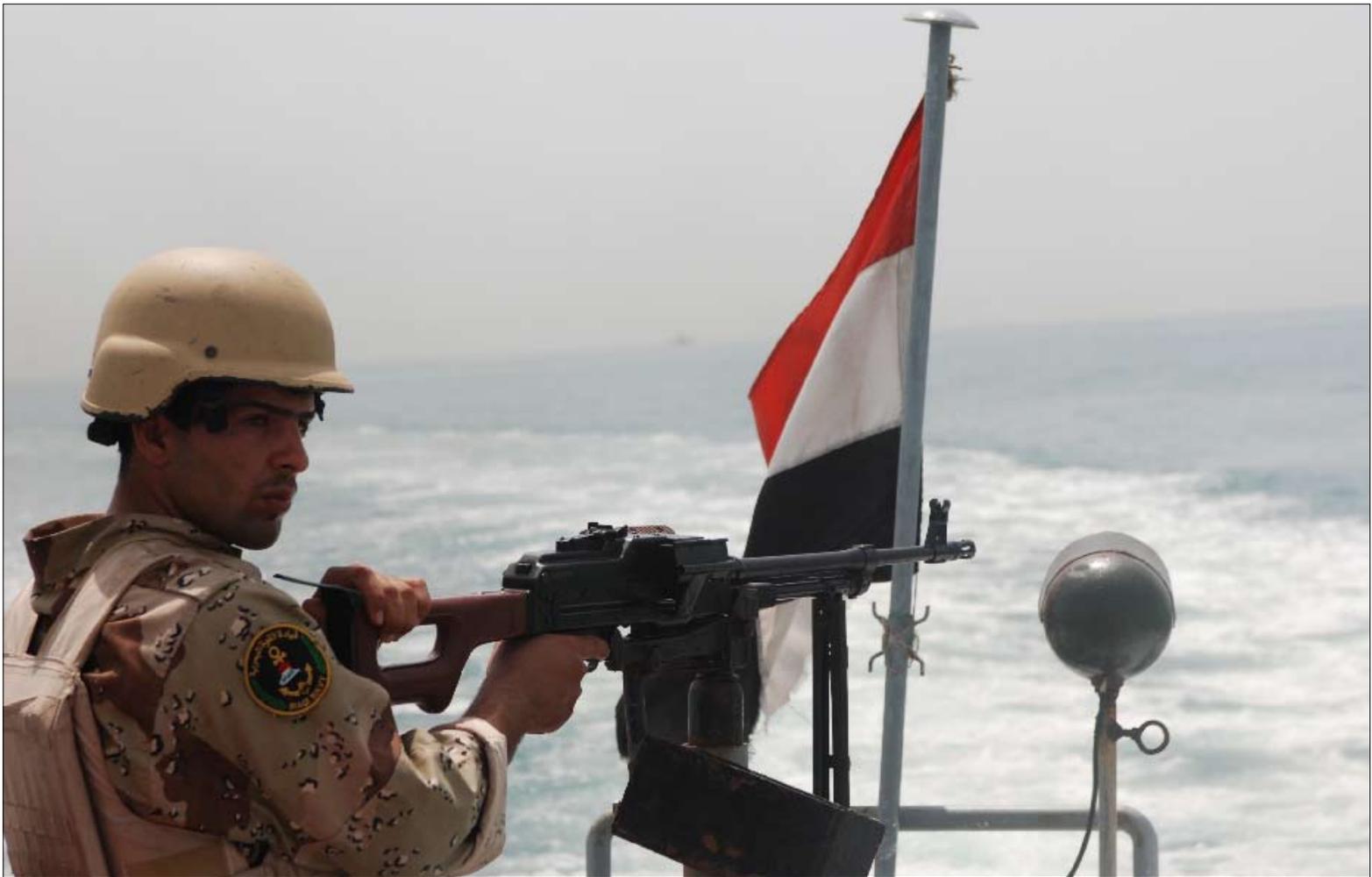
U.S. Army Lt. Gen. James Dubik, MNSTC-I commanding general, was the presiding officer of the ceremony.

Dubik said goodbye to Williams, who served as his command sergeant major in three locations, and welcomed Terwilliger, whose most recent post was with the Marine Corps Training and Education Command. ■



Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Erica R. Gardner

U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Tommy Williams, outgoing Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq command sergeant major, relinquishes the noncommissioned officer sword to U.S. Army Lt. Gen. James Dubik, commanding general, while U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Daniel Terwilliger stands by to receive the sword from Dubik.



Photos by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony J. Koch

NORTH PERSIAN GULF – An Iraqi sailor readies his weapon on an Iraqi Predator class ship during an exercise May 14.

Iraqi Navy expanding its fleet and mission

By U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony J. Koch

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UMM QASR, Iraq – The Iraqi Navy is building its capacity to patrol and safeguard the southern borders of Iraq and expects to expand that capability within the next few years.

The Iraqi Navy’s primary mission is to defend Iraq’s coast, territorial waters, vital ports and offshore assets against both external and internal security threats. In the north

Persian Gulf, the Iraqi Navy has become responsible for the protection of the Al Basrah Oil Terminal and the Kwar Al Amaya Oil Terminal, which are Iraq’s main source of economic income.

The continued training of the Iraqi Navy and its capabilities to perform is the responsibility of the Naval Transition Team, a subordinate element of Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq.

“We train the Iraqi Navy and Marines for their future to take over security of their waters and the protection of

their oil platforms offshore,” said Royal Navy Capt. Jacque Alexander, NaTT commanding officer. “So far we have turned over the responsibility of patrolling the port of Umm Qasr and the boarding of vessels to the Iraqis.”

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UMM QASR, Iraq – Iraqi Marines respond to a simulated ship fire during a board and search exercise recently.



Photos by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony J. Koch

NORTH PERSIAN GULF – Royal Navy sailors provide guidance and instruction to Iraqi sailors prior to a live fire exercise on board an Iraqi ship May 14. The training exercise lets the sailors experience how the weapon handles while on a moving vessel.

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The oil terminals were protected by Coalition forces since operations in Iraq began in 2003, but in early 2006, the Iraqi Navy's Marine unit took the lead in protecting ABOT, with the protection of KAAOT following later that year.

"Combined, the two oil platforms bring in an estimated \$200 million U.S. dollars worth of oil a day, and this is one of the main reasons why the platform is so vital to Iraq," said Royal Navy Lt. Ian Stubbs, NaTT training officer.

This new Navy is making great strides in taking complete control of Iraq's most vital assets. The Iraqi Navy currently has about 1,700 sailors with a projected strength between 2,500-3,000 by the year 2010 and more than 5,000 by 2013.



UMM QASR, Iraq – An Iraqi sailor goes through a familiarization fire exercise before conducting live fire training scenarios onboard ships.

Their professionalism as sailors and marines have been routinely commended by the Coalition forces that train and operate with them.

"They're training is generally improving all the time," said Alexander. "They are very keen to learn and have a lot of professional pride."

Currently, the Iraqi Navy conducts its 24-hour security

Waleed, an Iraqi sailor who is training as a gunner on his ship, said that the platforms are what make Iraq economically strong and is proud that the Iraqi Navy and Marines are the ones protecting them.

The Iraqi Navy simultaneously receives training and participates as partners in the patrol and point defense responsibilities for the

operations, patrols around the oil terminals and Iraqi territorial waters using one of its five Predator class ships. They are looking to expand their fleet by 21 ships and boats beginning early next year. The new fleet will consist of 15 new patrol boats and two offshore support vessels from Malaysia, and four new patrol ships from Italy.

Although the Iraqi Navy is still learning and training is a continuous operation, Alexander feels they are a very capable force. The NaTT has completely turned over several maritime operations to the Iraqi Navy.

"We wouldn't have handed over security to them in that capacity if we weren't confident they could do it," said Alexander. ■



NORTH PERSIAN GULF – The Kwar Al Amaya Oil Terminal is one of two oil platforms that supplies roughly 90 percent of Iraq's economic income.



UMM QASR, Iraq – Iraqi sailors stow the mooring lines of their ship after pulling away from Umm Qasr port May 14.

Sons of Iraq protect own communities

By U.S. Marine Cpl. Sean P. McGinty

Multi-National Force – West Public Affairs



FALLUJAH, Iraq – Throughout Anbar serves a unique group of men whose sole mission is to protect their community.

Since the summer of 2007, Sons of Iraq have answered the call to work the seams between conventional Iraqi Security Forces, augmenting the combined effort to deny the enemy a safe haven in Anbar.

Currently about 5,000 in number, they are trained by U.S. Marines on how to protect their neighborhoods and people.

“I do this for all of my village,” said Mohamad Hassan Dakheel, a checkpoint guard from Alnu-Amiyeh’s Sons of Iraq. “We’re all safe because we all work together.”

The SoI are paid volunteers who live in the areas they guard.

“They’re responsible for identifying who’s not supposed to be in the area of operations,” said U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Jennifer K. Richardson, platoon commander, Mobile Assault Platoon, Guardian Company, I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (Forward). “Every 500 to 800 meters in the Alnu-Amiyeh area there’s a SoI checkpoint. These are great for keeping insurgents out of the area.”



Photo by U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Adrian Cadiz

BAGHDAD – A member of the Sons of Iraq stands guard at his traffic control check point in the Beida neighborhood.

The men from the local area divided into teams for each checkpoint, with rotating shifts throughout the day, explained Richardson.

“They let us know when there are people in the area that shouldn’t be,” said Richardson. “Then they report to us what they look like and what they’re driving.”

Thanks to the SoI, the people of their villages live in a safer and relatively violence-free environment.

“They don’t get paid a lot of money for this, and it’s not easy for them to support us when they get threatened and their lives are on the line,” Richardson said. “It’s really admirable what they do.”

The SoI are paid about \$150 dollars a month, most supplement their income through other means.

“My payment will last for only a week, but I also make some money by farming,” said Dakheel.

Since most had jobs to begin with, most of the Iraqi volunteers said they did not join for the money.

“I do it because I learn from the Marines how to make it safe in our country,” said Eiad Abid Sathan, a checkpoint guard from Alnu-Amiyeh’s SoI. “When the Marines leave, we can keep security in our country because of the training.”

The U.S. Marines of Guardian Co., based at Camp Fallujah, have been training the SoI, not only to be better guardsmen, but ultimately to aid them in their efforts to become Iraqi Police.

“The goal these guys have is to become police,” Richardson said. “Everything we teach these guys is geared towards making them IP’s, from shooting positions and shooting fundamentals, to the physical fitness test.”

Recently the Marines went over the basics of handling the AK-47 assault rifle, practiced the fitness test, and also gave a martial arts class to the Iraqis.

“The training is very good, because we have to be very strong and have power and know how to attack the enemy,” said Sathan.

The training is given so they can better protect their communities and continue to take more responsibility for security from the Coalition forces.

“I see there is a terrorist destroying my country, and I want to stop him,” said Wajdi Mohammed Selaman, a Fallujah SoI. “We are a peace-loving people.” ■



Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Michael Indovina

BAGHDAD – A civilian translator reviews a Sons of Iraq application packet. The packets subsequently are submitted to the Ministry of Interior to be processed into hiring orders, which give SOI members the opportunity to serve their country by becoming Iraqi Police.



Courtesy photo

Sons of Iraq from the Taji Qada, northwest of Baghdad, wait to receive payment for their help in safeguarding the area.

Hawijah Sons of Iraq become newest Iraqi Police

Courtesy of Multi-National Division – North PAO

MND-N PAO



TIKRIT, Iraq – More than three hundred former Sons of Iraq members are now Iraqi policemen after successfully completing eight weeks of training at the Kirkuk Police Academy in this northeastern province May 15.

“The province has shown tremendous progress in the last year. Events like this prove we are taking the

necessary steps to show the world this province will stand together to defeat terrorists and establish rule of law,” U.S. Army Col. David Paschal, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division told the new policemen.

All the new recruits are residents of the district of Hawijah, located approximately 60 miles southwest of Kirkuk City. This area was once considered ‘the Anbar of the north,’ where the region’s worst violence against civilians, Iraq Security Forces and Coalition forces were perpetrated by terrorists. Military records reported 10 to 15 attacks daily against civilians and security forces.

“This is a great day,” said Iraqi Policeman Badri. “I am so grateful to the Coalition forces and U.S. Army Lt. Col. Vanek who gave us an opportunity to join our Iraqi Security Forces and serve our country and our people.”

Vanek is the commander of the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment whose area of operation covers the Hawijah District, which has an SOI program with more than 7,500 members.

The new recruits will be returning to fill IP vacancies within the Hawijah District, filling the need for police there. For many, this milestone is the direct result of the security gains in the region, specifically in Hawijah, which has seen more than an 80 percent drop in violent attacks against its citizens and their security forces, including the Coalition forces, since December’s inception of the SOI program there, according to Paschal.

“I was once a farmer unable to earn enough to feed my family. I had no choices,” said Iraqi Policeman Ghafli. “I will now return home with my head held high with a job and in an IP uniform.”

The proud and confident attitude of wearing the IP uniform in public is also a sign, to the majority of the ‘Hawijah 400’ who were interviewed, that better days await them.

“I would never have considered becoming an IP a year ago,” said Badri. “And if we did,” added Ghafli. “We would never wear the uniform. It was a mark of death.”

As to how the predominantly Sunni-Arab graduating class felt about their multi-ethnic environment at the academy, whose instructors are comprised of Kurdish, Turkman, Christian and Arab ethnicities.

“We took an oath to serve and protect Iraqis. That is what we are and it is our responsibility to uphold the rule of law – what you are does not matter,” said Iraqi Policeman Monir. “We are all brothers.” ■

NIIA initiatives gain momentum

By U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Bryanne Moore

MNSTC-I PAO



BAGHDAD - Like the Federal Bureau of Investigation in America, the Iraqi National Information and Investigation Agency is the lead criminal intelligence apparatus for the Government of Iraq. NIIA analysis and investigations enable intelligence-supported police operations for the Ministry of Interior.

Ongoing initiatives to improve staffing, basing, equipping and training the NIIA began in 2007 and have gained momentum into 2008.

At the end of 2007, NIIA had 4,700 of 7,000 authorized personnel on hand. Increasing personnel numbers has improved agency capabilities over the last six months, but there are still growing pains in the organization.

NIIA is combating corruption, a primitive training base, and information dissemination concerns through a variety of initiatives. Improvements in these areas are anticipated based on several ongoing projects.

The NIIA’s new headquarters, located in Karadah, will be completed this summer.

The installation of the Iraqi Intelligence Network throughout the agency by the end of 2008 will provide a secure intelligence dissemination means and will facilitate command and control from the Baghdad headquarters to the provincial and border offices.

As for training, the NIIA is looking for outside help, sending its personnel to specialty classes. For instance, eight NIIA personnel graduated the Major Crimes Course conducted by the FBI at the Baghdad Police Academy – Higher Institute on May 29.

The major crimes specialized course consisted of four weeks of training on gathering, processing and disseminating criminal intelligence information.

To combat militia infiltration, foreign intelligence penetration, and corruption, the NIIA is developing a Personnel Assurance Program that includes organic polygraph capability.

As of 2008, the NIIA consists of a National Headquarters, 15 provincial bureaus, six regional bureaus, 56 district offices and offices at 11 points of entry throughout Iraq. ■



KARADAH, Iraq - Iraqi workers put the finishing touches on the Iraqi National Information and Investigation Headquarters for the Government of Iraq.



Photos by U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrew Davis

Samawah - A display of aerial armaments sits in front of a Polish Mi-24 helicopter during a recent visit of the Iraqi Minister of Defense.



Samawah - Iraqi Army soldiers train with mortars on May 26.



Taji - An Iraqi Air Force pilot stands proudly in front of an OH-58 Kiowa and a Mi-17 helicopter during a media event June 4 highlighting the start of night vision goggle training for the Iraqi Air Force.



Taji - During the grand opening of the Taji Small Arms Repair Facility, an Iraqi soldier displays the parts of an AK-47.

Taji - A newly refurbished HMMVW waits outside the maintenance facility in Iraq Police colors as part of the ongoing transfer of U.S. vehicles to the Iraqi Security Forces.





Photos by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Erica R. Gardner

Iraqi National Police demonstrate the rescue of a fellow policeman during a recent Carabinieri training graduation at Camp Dublin in Baghdad.

Iraqi Security Forces continue to progress

By John J. Kruzel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Iraq has recently experienced the lowest level of “security incidents” since March 2004, a reduction that military officials attribute in part to improvements in Iraqi security forces.

“The collective efforts ... to increase the capacity of the Iraqi security forces is a key part of the reason why we saw last week the lowest level of security incidents in Iraq in the past four years,” U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Kevin Bergner, a Multi-National Force - Iraq spokesman, said recently during a news conference in Baghdad.

“It is also why we are seeing Iraqi citizens increasingly supporting their security forces by calling in tips on criminal activity and illegal weapons,” Bergner continued. “And it is why we are seeing the Iraqi security forces conducting effective operations in Basra, Mosul and Baghdad to enforce the rule of law.”

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. James M. Dubik, commander of Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq, said he and other officials tasked with building and training the national security forces in Iraq are seeing continued progress.

“The last 12 months have witnessed a marked decrease in violence, along with a corresponding increase in the capability, professionalism and effectiveness of the Iraqi security forces,” he told reporters during the news conference.

The media have devoted much attention to the temporary 33,000-troop surge announced last year, which military officials have praised for helping tamp down violence in Iraq, said Dubik. But equally important, he added, is the complementary surge in the numbers and overall quality of the Iraqi forces.

Since June 2007, the Iraqi army has added 52,000 soldiers, the air force has expanded by 21 aircraft, and Iraq’s special operations forces have increased by 1,400 members. At the same time, the nation’s armed forces have dramatically increased their



Iraqi National Police execute a riot control breach exercise during a simulated crowd demonstration at a recent training exercise at Camp Dublin in Baghdad.

ability to sustain and replenish themselves, said Dubik.

“Last year at this time, the Iraqi army had only about 2,500 up-armored Humvees; right now it’s almost 3,200, and by the end of this year, there will be over 6,200 up-armored humvees in the army alone,” he said, adding that the Iraqi air force increased its number of sorties over the same time from 30 weekly missions to 225.

Since this time last year, Iraqi security forces have grown by about 46,000 Iraqi police members and 15,000 Iraqi national police, said Dubik. As the forces swell, the interior ministry has made a concerted effort to ensure the members are trained to comport themselves professionally at the national and provincial levels.

“This has contributed greatly to an increase in confidence in the people that the police are to serve and protect,” he added. “I’m very proud to be a partner in this endeavor.” ■

Weapons validation using biometric technology resources grows

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Erica R. Gardner

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validate the authority of the IP to carry a firearm.

The Ministry of Interior has worked with Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq Civilian Police Assistance Training Team advisors to develop a weapons card to authorize the IP to carry firearms while on duty and on their way to and from work to ensure their safety at all times.

“It is written in the Iraq law that each man, whether government employee or civilian, is able to have a weapon to defend himself,” said Stacy Williams, CPATT advisor.

Using the Automated Fingerprint Identification System located in Baghdad, the IP weapon cards contain the fingerprints of the IP along with a two-dimensional bar code to identify the IP at the time of presentation.

Biometric records collected under the program contain designated biographic and demographic information, fully rolled fingerprints that are compliant with U.S. and international law enforcement standards, one frontal and two profile photographs, and iris images. Collected information is displayed in both Arabic and English where appropriate.

In some areas, biometric data was collected on MoI employees by Coalition forces utilizing the Biometric Automated Tool Set. Although BATs collects a biometric record compliant with DoD requirements, it is not a substitute for data collected under the MoI biometric collection program. The BATs software configuration does not collect all the data required by the MoI, it does not collect data in Arabic fonts and the data is not



Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Erica R. Gardner

An Iraqi fingerprint analyst reviews fingerprints from the paper prints received via CD using the new JumpKit technology recently purchased using the Foreign Military Sales program.

stored on the MoI databases.

“A challenge for MoI is getting the persons already enrolled in the BATs system populated into the MoI administrative databases or having new MoI identification cards made,” said Williams.

Fingerprint records are collected using a mobile fingerprint collection device called a Jumpkit. Information gathered is downloaded to a CD and collated in Baghdad. Another option is to mail or electronically upload individual data records or use a courier to transport the files. Once collated in Baghdad, the records are transferred to the MoI AFIS section. AFIS searches all records against historical criminal records and other civil enrollments, in order to determine if an individual has a previous criminal history or previously enrolled as a civil applicant.

Those records with matches to a previous civil applicant will be investigated to determine if the individual attempted to enroll at two different locations, or if the individual is attempting to assume multiple identities or hide his true identity.

Those records matching against historical criminal records will be sent to the MoI Internal Affairs section for further investigation. Based on the nature

of the offense and other corroborating information, a recommendation will be made to the MoI leadership as to the future disposition of that individual’s service within the MoI and authorization to possess firearms. ■



Courtesy Illustration

The Crossmatch ID 1000 Livescan or JumpKit mobile station consists of tools used to inventory the biometric collection of information needed to obtain a weapons identification card.

Next generation NCO leads the way

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BAGHDAD – Iraqi Army Pvt. Salaam is the only enlisted member of three instructors chosen as trainers for members of the Iraqi Special Operations Forces. The trainers help ensure the Iraqi Army personnel are receiving the best training possible.

“I am very proud to have been chosen to teach,” said Salaam. “I was very surprised, like everyone in the class, that I was selected.”

Salaam instructs the Counter Intelligence block of instruction for 20 Iraqi Army students. The course is part of the specialty operations courses given to students before being assigned to a regional counter-intelligence center. Salaam is a graduate of the Basic Military Intelligence Course and the Advanced Military Intelligence Course, both taught at the military academy in Taji.

In the basic training courses, the students attend a series of counter insurgency-focused classes to familiarize themselves with the counter-intelligence environment. Human Intelligence, Analysis, Signals Intelligence, Counter-Insurgency, Reconnaissance and Surveillance are the main classes introduced to the students.

The Ministry of Defence administers a test to all graduates of BMIC to determine the best placement of Iraqi soldiers. Salaam’s assignment to the Counter Terrorism Center is a result of his scores. A list of prerequisites developed by Coalition and Iraqi personnel such as education level and course grades while attending basic military training determine each graduates military occupation.



TAJI, Iraq – Iraqi Army corporals teaching other IA junior enlisted, look over their group of students just prior to them receiving their graduation certificates.

“I have been in the Iraqi Army since November 2007,” said Salaam. “I have been out of training for three months and have learned a lot teaching my classes.”

Salaam worked with a Coalition advisor to learn as much about the counter-intelligence course that he is responsible



Photos by U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrew Davis

Baghdad - An Iraqi Army officer speaks to graduates, encouraging them to learn as much as they can and empower themselves with knowledge to do their jobs.

for teaching. He worked on his days off and after hours for two weeks to make sure he was comfortable with the training material.

“My instructor helped me a lot, I did not know about some things and she was willing to work with me and help me understand how to teach my class better,” said Salaam.

Having Iraqis train other Iraqis is in line with the training methodology of the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq Intelligence Training Team. The training process is Coalition forces teach while the Iraqi’s watch, Coalition and Iraqi forces teach together and Iraqi forces teach while Coalition forces watch. The end result gives the Iraqi trainers the confidence needed to ensure the intended message to the Iraqi students is not lost.

“I taught my class and the students were very happy for me,” said Salaam. “They were telling me I did a good job teaching them.”

According to the Coalition advisor assigned to instruct the Counter Intelligence Course, Salaam’s course knowledge and participation in group discussions made him the best choice to teach his peers, even though he is a junior noncommissioned officer.

As the CTC continues to grow and expand, the training of the students attending courses in Baghdad becomes more valuable. CTC is the last opportunity for them to train before going to new assignments at the regional centers.

The training received at the CTC allows junior NCOs to do the job they are trained to do and not be criticized for being enlisted.

“Hopefully the students will do what I have taught them for their job,” said Salaam. ■

IA soldiers confiscate weapons in Sadr City

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Army soldiers uncovered several weapons caches in the Sadr City area of Baghdad as they worked to increase safety in the area June 3.

Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st IA Division seized several weapons caches at approximately 7 a.m. The munitions included two PKC magazines with 50 rounds, five AK-47 magazines loaded with 40 7.62 mm rounds, two anti-tank rockets, two anti-personnel rockets, a missile, two grenades and nine initiation fuses.

At approximately 8 a.m., soldiers in the same unit found an RPG-7 and five anti-personnel rounds.

In concurrent operations, IA soldiers serving with the 1st Bn., 38th Brigade, 11th IA Div., seized another weapons cache. The items included 52 Dishka rounds, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, an RPG warhead, two 82 mm mortar rounds, six 60 mm rounds, five 122 mm rockets, two fire extinguishers and an armor vest with plates.

IA soldiers with the 2nd Bn., 3rd Bde., 1st Division also discovered several weapons caches at approximately 8 a.m. They seized 11 AK-47 rifles, a RPK light machine gun, five grenades, a 120 mm round and crush wire.

At approximately 8 a.m., soldiers with the 2nd Bn., 36th Bde., 9th IA Div., seized a sniper rifle and eight AK-47 rifles.

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ISF, MND-B Soldiers detain insurgent, seize weapons caches in Baghdad

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Security Forces and Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers detained one suspected insurgent and seized weapons as they continued conducting operations to increase security and stability June 3.

Soldiers with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st IA Division discovered an improvised explosive device in the Rusafa district of Baghdad at approximately 11 a.m. The IED consisted of an electronic initiator and a box of homemade explosives.

After receiving a tip from a local

citizen, Iraqi Policemen found a machine gun and a sniper scope in the Adhamiya district of Baghdad at approximately 11:30 a.m.

In the Kadamiya district of Baghdad at approximately 1 p.m., policemen with the 2nd National Police Division detained a suspected insurgent.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Karkh district of Baghdad, MND-B Soldiers serving with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) seized more than 340 37 mm rounds.

-Multi-National Division – Baghdad
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Operation Muthana Strike destroys major al-Qaeda in Iraq cell

TIKRIT, Iraq – Coalition forces detained more than 20 suspected terrorists and killed four during an operation targeting a major al-Qaeda in Iraq terrorist network along the Tigris River Valley in the western portion of the Ta'mim province June 4.

Among the dead were a suspected cell leader and his top lieutenants who were part of a network that is responsible for car bomb attacks and weapons smuggling in the province, as well as surrounding areas in northern Iraq.

The operation was conducted by elements of 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, along with other Coalition forces, and was a result of information gained from previous successful operations and tips from local citizens.

-Multi-National Division – North PAO

MND-B Soldiers find caches, detain five suspects

BAGHDAD – Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers discovered a cache and detained five suspects in the Rashid district of southern Baghdad June 3 to 4.

At approximately 5:45 p.m. June 3, Soldiers from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade

Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division detained five suspects for their link to a cache recovered in the Karb De Gla

MAN ON THE STREET

What have you done for the Iraqi Security Forces that you're most proud of?

U.S. ARMY LT. COL. MICHAEL MCGINN,
CPATT Advisor/Mol-TT

"I feel that I have, in a small way, contributed to the security and stability of Iraq. It is a noble cause I'm proud to have been a part of."



U.S. NAVY CMDR. TIMOTHY LIBERATORE
Mol-TT Advisor, DoIA

"I advise Mol-TT on developing infrastructures and capability. Construction will benefit across Iraq as police stations and training sites continue to increase forces."



U.S. MARINE CORPS MAJ. MICHAEL ERCOLANO
Mol-TT Advisor/DoIA

"I advise and mentor Iraqi Police Maj. Gen. Walid, director of strategic plans and tracking for the upcoming mid-review."



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neighborhood.

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Bn., 64th Armor Regt., attached to the 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., found a 115 mm high explosive artillery round at 9:30 p.m. in the Furat area June 4.

-1st BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div. Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

Iraqi Army soldiers take weapons off streets in Sadr City

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Army soldiers uncovered weapons caches in the Sadr City district of Baghdad June 4, as they continued conducting operations to increase the area's safety.

Iraqi Army soldiers from 1st Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st IA Division, discovered a weapons cache at approximately 6:30 a.m. The weapons included an RPK light machine gun, 11 AK-47 rifles, six AK-47 magazines, four of which were full, 40 PKC light machine gun rounds, 100 AK-47 rounds, two ski masks and assorted Special Groups propaganda.

Iraqi Army soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Bde, 1st IA Div., seized seven AK-47 rifles around the same time.

At approximately 8 a.m., Soldiers with the 1st Bn., 3rd Bde., 1st IA Div., seized an explosively formed penetrator and 19 rocket-propelled grenades.

About 30 minutes later, soldiers from the same unit seized three EFPs, two RPG-7 launchers, a box of mortar fuses and a 12.7 mm machine gun.

-Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

ISF, MND-B Soldiers seize weapons in Baghdad

BAGHDAD – Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers and Iraqi Security Forces seized weapons caches as they continued operations to increase security in Baghdad June 6.

Around 1:45 a.m., Soldiers from the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regt., 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, acting on a tip from a concerned Iraqi citizen, seized two rocket launchers, two rocket propelled grenades and a rifle in the Abu T'shir community of southeastern Baghdad.

The leaders were conducting a combined patrol with 7th Bde., 2nd National Police Division at the time.

1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, seized munitions while conducting a joint patrol with 1st Bde., 13th Iraqi Army Division, and found a rocket propelled grenade, sniper rifle, 60 mm mortar round and a rocket propelled grenade launcher at approximately 1:45 a.m.

The 2nd Bn., 4th Inf. Regt., attached to the 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., discovered a weapons cache consisting of three rocket-propelled grenade launchers, three RPG boosters, an AK-47 rifle, a pistol, two high explosive anti-armor rounds, three radios and an unknown number of 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm rounds in the West Rashid district of Baghdad at approximately 7 a.m.

The Soldiers were patrolling with the 5th Bde., 2nd NP Div., at the time of the discovery.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., MND-B Soldiers serving with the 4th BCT, 10th Mtn. Div., also seized a car with a rocket rail bolted to its trunk in the Sadr City district of Baghdad. The

Soldiers saw the vehicle from the New Baghdad side of the New Baghdad and Sadr City border.

-Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

IA soldiers confiscate weapons, munitions in Sadr City

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Army soldiers seized weapons and munitions in the Sadr City district of Baghdad June 6 in their continuing efforts to improve security in the area.

The IA soldiers with 3rd Brigade, 1st IA Division, seized a PKC machine gun, 500 PKC rounds and a grenade at approximately 5:30 a.m.

At approximately the same time, soldiers with 3rd Bde., 1st IA Div., seized a cache consisting of four improvised-explosive devices, two 155 mm rounds, two sniper rifles, a sniper scope, a rocket-propelled grenade anti-tank round, two RPG-7 anti-personnel rounds, a 60 mm mortar tube and a RPG-7 launcher.

Soldiers from the same unit also seized a RPG-7 scope at approximately 6 a.m.

-Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

IA soldiers find 100th cache, continue securing Sadr City

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Army soldiers seized a weapons cache June 5 in Sadr City, marking the 100th cache the soldiers have seized since Operation Peace began May 20.

Iraqi Army soldiers from the 9th and 11th Iraqi Army Divisions are patrolling Sadr City to help protect citizens from the violence of Special Groups criminals that are operating in the neighborhoods.

IA soldiers have seized 114 improvised explosive devices, 60 explosively formed projectiles, 295 mortar rounds, 242 rocket propelled grenades, 163 homemade hand grenades, 123 grenades, 109 anti-tank mines, 11 rockets, six helicopter rockets, four anti-aircraft rockets, 21 tank rounds, 367 AK-47s, 41 artillery rounds, 39 RPG launchers, 23 mortar tubes, 11 rocket rails, 10 RPKs, six PKCs, seven machine guns, 24 rifles, 22 Siminov sniper rifles, eight pistols, an anti-aircraft gun, 62 kilograms of TNT, a crate of TNT, seven sticks of TNT, 20 one-liter cans of TNT, a box of TNT with ball bearings, other homemade explosives, bomb-making materials and a government truck.

-Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

ISWaT detains two terrorists in Tikrit

BALAD, Iraq – The Salah ad-Din province Iraqi Special Weapons and Tactics team captured two suspected al-Qaeda in Iraq cell members in Tikrit, approximately 155 kilometers northwest of Baghdad, June 4.

The ISWaT conducted an operation to capture suspected members of an AQI improvised explosive device cell in Tikrit believed to be responsible for vehicle-borne IED attacks against Iraqi and Coalition forces, and kidnappings in Kirkuk. The men are also suspected of making false identification cards.

-Multi-National Corps – Iraq PAO