



Civilian Assistance Update Dhi Qar, Maysan, Muthanna



Citizens of Nasiriyah receive food from Dr. Anna Prouse, Dhi Qar PRT Leader and the Iraqi Police.

Dhi Qar

Over 400 citizens of Nasiriyah received Ramadan food baskets from the Dhi Qar Police and Provincial Reconstruction Team Sept. 8. The outreach effort was coordinated by cultural advisors on the PRT and the Dhi Qar Provincial Department of Police. Families received bread, fruits, rice, and other items.

"The Dhi Qar police, under the command, of Staff Maj. Gen. Sabah Al-Fatlawi are seen as a cornerstone of stability by the local population," said Dr. Anna Prouse, Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team Leader from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "People can trust the Iraqi police and the overwhelming response to our Ramadan food basket distribution is encouraging."

Previously, the PRT distributed food to 200 families in Al Batha and will make more Ramadan food deliveries to families in the marshes.



Iraqi Engineers and Maysan PRT members tour the Saad drainage station.

Maysan

Agriculture/Engineering Advisor, Deputy Team Leader, and Task Force Pathfinder team members visited the Naar Saad Drainage station, located north of Amarah. Maysan has three main areas of irrigated farmland and each containing an irrigation pumping station and drainage pumping station, which removes all the degraded irrigation water from the system.

Efforts made by the PRT and Iraqi agriculture leaders will result in more efficient crop production and water distribution.

Muthanna

A workshop was held this week in the Rumaytha district to educate attendees about water born diseases, the need to be up-to-date on periodic vaccinations, and to pass out important information about Typhoid and HIV/AIDS. Following the discussion, the team distributed health promotion bags and brochures.



A medical practitioner in Muthanna teaches local women about community health techniques to prevent the spread of cholera.

Cultural Box: Flag of Iraq

- ...formally approved by parliament on Jan. 28, 2009
- ...Red stripe indicates courage
- ...White is for the purity of motives
- ...Black represents battles and triumphs of Islam
- ...Green corresponds to agriculture
- ...Red-White-Black-Green are considered pan-Arab colors and are used on many flags in the region
- ...Arabic phrase "Allahu Akbar" written in green means "God is Great"



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River Report



Iraqi Army Soldiers practice lethal hand-to-hand fighting techniques in Muthanna province.

Iraqi Army

Personal Security Training

Iraqi Soldiers from the 39th Brigade in Muthanna learned techniques on how to protect a VIP when dismounted and mounted. The event taught how to react to a hostile individual approaching the VIP with or without a weapon. It also included fighting techniques to eliminate threats and protect the VIP. The class then moved into basic level combatives moves and techniques and how to quickly defeat adversaries.

Finally, the Soldiers learned medical evacuation procedures and advanced driving positions to protect distinguished people.



U.S. Military Police and Iraqi Police conduct training with bomb-sniffing dogs.

Iraqi Police

Dog Team Training

The Dhi Qar Iraqi Police K9 (dog handling) section continues with their partnership with the U.S. Forces Military Working Dog Teams. The U.S. Military Police provided training demonstrations to allow IP dog handlers to observe training and to show daily Kennel operations. The Iraqi K9 section is learning thru observation of how a functional kennel should operate. The IP handlers were receptive to the training they observed and want to learn more from other dog handlers.

The IPs have requested demonstrations of vehicle search techniques and the differences between drug searches and explosives searches. The IPs are eager to incorporate American K9 training into their methods.

This group of IP Dog Handlers will return for more training and development in weeks ahead.



Commandos from the Department of Border Enforcement stand guard.

Department of Border Enforcement

Searching for contraband

The Department of Border Enforcement patrolled Iraq's Eastern border attempt to prevent the smuggling of lethal aid. Strong relationships with local communities is one of the reasons the DBE is successful. During the past few months the 11th Brigade has seized over 50 caches of weapons that were smuggled through the marshes. The work of the DBE will result in safety for Iraqi citizens.

