



# RIVER REPORT

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## IRAQI POLICE الشرطة العراقية

Iraqi Police in Dhi Qar province maintained security during the visit of Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki to Nasiriyah on September 14. The police coordinated their security plan with Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment and the 40th Iraqi Army Brigade. The U.S. Forces assisted the police with aviation reconnaissance support.

Additionally, the Iraqi Police arrested over 50 outlaws wanted for robbery and violent crimes.

The Iraqi Police in Muthanna arrested criminals wanted for making roadside bombs used to attack innocent civilians.



## IRAQI ARMY الجيش العراقي

Iraqi Soldiers from the 40th Brigade assembled and distributed wheelchairs for over 30 people with disabilities in Dhi Qar.

The 41st Iraqi Army Brigade continues joint operations in southern Maysan to maintain peace between tribes. Every day they confiscate illegal weapons and ammunition.

The 41st Brigade is preparing for an instructor training course with U.S. Forces to increase their noncommissioned officers capability in teaching classes.

The 10th Iraqi Army Division will increase operations after Ramadan.

## DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

## قيادة قوات الحدود

Members of the 2nd Commando Battalion, 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade have teamed up with Soldiers from C Troop, 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment for training on vehicle and individual search procedures.

The Iraqis have showed excellent comprehension and willingness to learn over the past weeks and are grateful for the assistance the U.S. Forces have provided.

As a result of their training, the 2nd DBE Commandos have greater confidence and proficiency in their tasks and are more capable of stopping cross-border smuggling in northern Maysan province.





# CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

## مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



### Dhi Qar

The PRT's Governance team hosted a "Dhi Qar Women's Leadership" seminar at the Mittica Training Center. Participants included three members of the Dhi Qar Provincial Council (PC), educators, university students, and Non-Governmental Organization representatives involved in women and youth empowerment programs. Topics included: leadership skills, the role of women in politics, overcoming challenges in elections, and using media to empower women in local government.

### Maysan

Seven Maysani medical professional participated in the fourth round of a training program for trauma life support personnel in near Amarah. Army doctors from the 945<sup>th</sup> Forward Surgical Team (FST) instructed their Maysani counterparts on operating ultrasound equipment to address blunt abdominal trauma. After the lecture session, the Maysan health providers were given the opportunity to perform ultrasound exams on a simulated casualty in order to master essential techniques utilized in trauma assessments. The lecture series will continue weekly, with the next topic being "Chest Tubes."



### Muthanna

The PRT and the 287<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, conducted a four-hour training session for five teachers from the Al Amal Deaf Institute in Rumaytha. The teachers learned how to conduct a hearing test and how to fit hearing aids with an audiometer testing device. The hearing aids, donated by the PRT, will be delivered to students.

## CULTURAL BOX

## الحقبة الثقافية

### Cultural Box: Dates

Dates are the most popular fruit in Iraq  
Date Palm trees can live 140 years  
Iraq grows about 50% of the world's dates; but, drought has reduced harvests since 2003  
There are over 400 types of dates with different shapes, sizes, and flavors  
Dates are enjoyed by many people ranging from North Africa to India  
Spanish explorers brought dates to Mexico in the 1700s; Indio, California is the "Date capital" of the United States.  
Dates are commonly the first item served at an Iftar dinner during Ramadan  
The Date Palm tree is also used for shade, fuel, and building materials

