



RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

The Iraqi Police maintained outstanding security during Ramadan.

Muthanna police captured materials used to make roadside bombs. They analyzed the weapons with techniques learned during Explosive Ordnance Disposal training with the U.S. Military. Removal of these bombs is essential to maintaining safe driving conditions for innocent civilian traffic and commercial trucks.

Additionally, the Iraqi Police in Dhi Qar and Maysan arrested over 80 outlaws wanted for violent crimes and threats of terrorism.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 39th Iraqi Army Brigade received Information Operations (Media) training with the 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment in Muthanna. Using a training presentation in Arabic, the U.S. Army instructor discussed the basic principles behind successful Information Operations and related them to examples from the Iraqi battalion's recent operations. An Iraqi intelligence officer commented, "This information is useful to his section in their efforts to track atmospherics among the populace and to negate the efforts of anti-Iraq groups." Another positive note is that the Iraqi staff officers have expressed an interest in implementing Information Operations into their future training and operations demonstrating a clear grasp of the significance of communications support to tactical actions.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

U.S. Army Border Transition Team "Sifir" conducted medical training for 1st and 4th Battalions of the 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade. Many of the shurta had no previous medical training. The instruction consisted of basic first aid, trauma, administering injections, and field sanitation. This instruction on basic first aid and combat life saving is essential for the DBE, since the nearest hospital is over a hour drive away in Amarah. The Iraqi medics received basic supplies to stock their aid stations. The shurta were extremely happy to receive the training and are proud that they have an increased understanding of basic medical practices.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

Several journalists from Dhi Qar province participated in a helicopter flight over the marshes in southern Maysan and the cities along the Euphrates River. The event was coordinated by the Dhi Qar PRT, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, and pilots from the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade.

The reporters were able to film the drought affecting the marshes and people in rural areas. The group flew around the Ziggurat and ruins of Ancient Ur to complete the journey.

Maysan

The Maysan PRT distributed 550 food baskets to poor and indigent families in al-Musharah and in Al Amarah City. Food was distributed at several sites including Maysan's Leper Colony.

In all, over 1,100 food baskets were distributed in this joint effort of the PRT, Provincial Council and local governments, arranged by the USAID Representative with movement support from B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment.



Muthanna

Students of the Al Amal Deaf Institute, Al Rumaiytha District, Muthanna province, received equipment needed for education and information access, Sept. 14, from the U.S. Army and the Muthanna PRT. The school received 80 hearing aids, two flat-screen televisions with DVD players and a generator. They also received school supplies and toys. The delivery of these items is the culmination of a 10-month long project. The military and PRT will continue to work with the students, teachers and community to make the transition from assistance to self-sustainment.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية



Yassin Alsalman, better known by his stage name The Narcicyst (or Narcey), is an Iraqi hip hop performer. Born in Basra, he has experienced both the Western world and the Arab world. He was frontman to a hip hop band called "Euphrates."

Rapping in both Iraqi Arabic and English, his complex lyrics address some of the most politically-charged issues of our time. He has performed shows in Spain, United States, Canada and the Middle East. One of his songs, "Commodore 64," was a club hit on the East Coast of North America. Over the years, The Narcicyst has performed with Kanye West, Brother Ali, and DJ Vadim, to name a few.