



# RIVER REPORT

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## IRAQI POLICE

## الشرطة العراقية

Iraqi Policemen received training with the U.S. Army's Military Working Dog team at Contingency Operating Base Adder (Ali Air Base), in Dhi Qar province this week. First the MWD demonstrated the dogs abilities to search for explosives or drugs, then they showed their Iraqi counterparts the attack capabilities of the military dogs. The U.S. Soldiers and Iraqi Police took turns being attacked by the dogs while wearing a heavily-padded protective sleeve.

Military Working Dogs are another tool for securing the streets and citizens that reside in Iraq from illegal activities and criminals detrimental to the a safe a prosperous nation.



## IRAQI ARMY

## الجيش العراقي

Soldiers from the 38th Iraqi Army Brigade based northern Maysan participated in a mortar live fire after weeks of training at the Regional Training Center near Nasiriyah. These well-prepared jundee fired rounds from 81mm mortars. Other jundee served as forward target observers and relayed aiming instructions to the mortar firing teams. Iraqi mortarmen fired high-explosive and smoke rounds. At time they coordinated simultaneous firing of four gun tubes.

Iraqi media attended this impressive show of capabilities by the Iraqi Army.

U.S. Forces advisors from MNSTC-I and 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division observed the training.

## DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

## قيادة قوات الحدود

In partnership with the U.S. Army Border Transition Team "Scimitar," in Maysan province the 3rd Battalion, 11th Department of Border Enforcement have improved their medical capabilities in just six short months. The DBE battalion is now is capable of providing good medical care for their personnel.

The shurta learned Basic First Aid and Combat Life Saver training. The training focused on the "Train the Trainer" concept so they would be able to sustain their own training without U.S. Forces advisors.

With training complete the BTT and 3rd Bn., 11th DBE counterparts began the construction of a medical clinic. The construction started in the middle of March 2009 and concluded at the end of July 2009. Now the shurta have a safe building with the required supplies and trained personnel to provide good medical treatment on the Iraq-Iran border.





# CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

## مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



### Dhi Qar

The Dhi Qar PRT hosted an event with Iraqi officials during the PRT Leader's Conference this week. Team Leaders from each Iraqi province were in attendance and were joined by top U.S. Embassy officials from Baghdad. They met with Iraqi government officials at the Mittica Training Center; a secure compound used by Iraqis with classrooms, medical facilities and laboratories. Two-hundred Iraqis and Americans enjoyed a traditional Iraqi lunch. Guests included: Governors from Dhi Qar and Muthanna provinces, other GoI elected officials from southern Iraq; Dhi Qar's Provincial Chief of Police; and Staff Maj. Gen. Habib Al-Husseini, Commander of the Iraqi Army's 10th Division, on whose land Mittica is located. Iraqi reporters observed the feast. It was the first an event of this nature held outside of Baghdad. (Photo by Nasiriyah News)

### Maysan

Deputy PRT Team Leader, Rule of Law Advisor, USAID Advisor, and Municipal Advisor visited the Amarah Leper Colony to perform an assessment and deliver food, personal hygiene supplies, blankets, and water. This facility, which was built with a combination of British and private funds, has 6 rooms. Five occupants have died in recent weeks, leaving two residents in the facility. Replacements are anticipated in the near future. The facility is located far outside of Amarah on the open desert and is operated entirely by private donations and an unpaid caretaker.

Leprosy is not highly contagious. It is curable if detected early. There are over 20 countries with a presences of leprosy. The disease is at an all time low.



### Muthanna

The PRT conducted health education workshops in the Almajid sub-district to discuss the issue of safe drinking water, sewage, vaccination, and contagious diseases from domesticated animals. A follow-on symposium was conducted at the Al Agam Hospital in the Al Najmi sub-district to provide information on, flu vaccinations, unsafe toys, water purification systems and the dangers of smoking. Other sessions were held at the Al Swelhia and Al-Sweir sub-districts in order to distribute health educational materials to schools and to give lectures on Swine (H1N1) and Avian flu. The health team provided a comprehensive lesson in the Al Dinnar sub-district on harmful bacterial growth from water pipes that are leaking.

## CULTURAL BOX

## الحقبة الثقافية

### Iraqi Exports

Iraq has an economy that is doing remarkably well. Construction, retail and wholesale trade sectors are picking up. Iraq's chief export is petroleum. Iraq reached its second-highest level of oil exports since 2003, delivering on average 1.9 million barrels per day to markets, in August. Falah al-Amri, the director general of the State Oil Marketing Organization, reported export rates for August topped out at 2.09 million bpd at a price of \$67.5 per barrel, the Voices of Iraq news agency reports. The Iraqi Oil Ministry said July levels averaged 2.03 million bpd, up from June levels of 1.92 million bpd. Aside from crude oil, other export goods include raw construction materials, food and live animals. Iraq's main export partners are the United States, Italy, South Korea, Taiwan, Spain, Canada, France and the Netherlands.

