



# RIVER REPORT

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## IRAQI POLICE الشرطة العراقية

Iraqi Police in Maysan made several arrests during the past week including three people accused of tribal murder near Majar Al Kabir.

Iraqi Police from Al Fair in northern Dhi Qar participated in training on crime scene investigation. The IP demonstrated proficiency on how to handle evidence by using gloves and taking digital photographs. The training was conducted by U.S. civilian police experts who are in Iraq to advise and assist Iraqi Police.

Iraqi Police in Muthanna met with U.S. Army police training advisors to develop a schedule to inspect police substations. The inspections will ensure the police are conducting proper training and maintenance of vehicles.



## IRAQI ARMY الجيش العراقي

The 10th Iraqi Army Division Commando Battalion participated in War-fighter training. The commando's were tested on their marching, medical, and battle staff training. Additionally, a marksmanship range was completed where jundee demonstrated their proficiency with the AK-47.

The 41st Iraqi Army Brigade received new Soldiers and is continuing to provide security in southern Maysan.

The 38th Iraqi Army Brigade continues to search for smugglers of weapons. They found several caches that had Rocket-Propelled Grenade launchers, machine guns, and land mines.

Mechanics from the 39th Iraqi Army Brigade and U.S. 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment conducted maintenance training on the M1114 Humvee.

## DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT قيادة قوات الحدود

Shurta from the 3rd Battalion, 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade with U.S. Army advisors from the 2nd Battalion, 13th Cavalry Regiment conducted patrols to stop smuggling operations along Iraq's eastern border. After the patrols a review of procedures is conducted to ensure the best techniques are used by these brave border guards. This partnership will result in improved security for the people of Maysan.

The DBE also participated in advanced weapons training with U.S. Army advisors at Umm Sa'ah border fort. This training improved the shurtas ability to react quickly in gun battles.





# CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

## مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



### Dhi Qar

The PRT has established the Dhi Qar Women's Leadership Forum. The monthly meeting of women leaders will focus on elections, campaigns, and policies as they affect women in the community.

Religious minorities Deputy PRT Leader and staff recently met with leaders of Nasiriyah's 3,000 member Sabean community. Sabean children attend public schools. Illiteracy is not a problem in the Sabean community. Nasiriyah's Sabeans are, according to their leaders, more concerned about jobs than any other issue. Jobs for young adults are hard to come by, and those that can leave, do. Sweden is a popular destination. Sabeans follow John the Baptist and believe water is the essence of life.

### Maysan

An assessment of the Al Rafae electric substation was made by Soldiers from Task Force Pathfinder on a civil affairs mission. The well maintained facility provides power for 3,000 in Qalat Salih. A staff of 12 skilled employees operates the electric substation.

The Maysan PRT is also working with farmers to improve the agricultural production throughout the province.



### Muthanna

Representatives of the Muthanna PRT met with the staff of Muthanna TV (Al Iraqiya) and toured their production studio. Additionally, the PRT visited the offices of the Samawah Newspaper where they discussed photography training and the current status of newspaper publishing in Muthanna.

Members of the Muthanna media informed the PRT and U.S. Army media representatives of their desire to improve the amount of coverage of Muthanna on Iraqi television.

A free press benefits all Iraqi people.

## CULTURAL BOX

## الحقبة الثقافية

Iraqi cuisine has a long history going back about 10,000 years to the Sumerians, Akkadians, Babylonians, Assyrians and ancient Persians. Tablets found in the ruins left by these ancient peoples show recipes prepared in the temples during religious festivals; perhaps the first cookbooks in the world. As in other countries of the Middle East, chicken and lamb are the favorite meats. Iraqis add raisins and other fruits to their stuffings for poultry. Stuffed vegetables such as Dolma are much favored, as is Basmati rice, grown in the marshlands south and west of Baghdad. Butter and yogurt are other essentials in Iraqi cooking.

