

RIVER REPORT

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Advise & Assist

IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

Thirteen members of the Iraqi Police attended the Basic Criminal Investigators Course at the Provincial Reconstruction Team compound south of Nasiriyah. U.S. Forces police investigators assisted with the instruction. This instruction will help the police better preserve crime scenes and use advanced investigation techniques and equipment. This instruction will also serve to make a more reliable and professional police force. This class will be followed by an advanced investigators class.

Police in Muthanna made numerous arrests of outlaws wanted for theft, violence, and other crimes.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

Non-commissioned officers of the 41st Iraqi Army Brigade graduated from a non-commissioned officers instructor training course held at the military base near Qalat Salih. The course focused on leadership and how to effectively pass on these skills to their subordinates. Colonel Satar of the 41st Iraqi Army Brigade was very excited about this training and anticipates more of this type of training in the future. Members of the 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment are planning follow on events and looking at similar training for members of the Iraqi Police and Department of Border Enforcement in southern Maysan.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

The 4th Battalion, 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade led a combined patrol with Alpha Troop, 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment. The U.S. Forces fired illumination rounds from their mortars that helped the detection of smugglers operating at night. The Department of Border Enforcement battalion commander was pleased with the success of the mission and the interaction between his shurta and U.S. Soldiers. The U.S. forces will continue to advise and assist the Department of Border Enforcement in efforts to stop smuggling in the marshes.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

The Department of Education announced that an addition to a local high school has been completed in the town of Al Gharraf. The addition will serve 400 students. The project was financed by Civil Affairs Soldiers in the U.S. Army.

Two University of Florence professors will travel to the Provincial Reconstruction Team facility in Dhi Qar to train a group of Iraqis on the use of the jatropha plant to produce biofuels. The seeds from the plant, when crushed, produce oil that can be processed to make biodiesel fuel, while the residue can be used to power electrical plants or fertilizer.

Maysan

Twelve Iraqi English teachers kicked off a series of “practice English” sessions sponsored by the Maysan PRT. The sessions involve English teachers practicing their skills with U. S. Soldiers. The teachers found it very beneficial and are sharing their experiences with their colleagues. The successful partnership with the teachers of Maysan and the Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team is a result of a dinner sponsored by the 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division for English teachers this past summer.



Muthanna

Potable water purifiers and musical recorders were distributed to four schools in Al Khidr by the Provincial Reconstruction Team Muthanna Water Advisor, Wayne Marcus and Team Leader John Kushner. Mr. Marcus had previously taken water samples at the Abu Ayoob school well and found the water to be salty and laden with bacteria.

The water purifiers will be a huge help to the school that has no water, electricity or a bathroom.



CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Greetings

Men greeting Men – A handshake and kisses on each cheek is common in most situations. The number of kisses may vary depending on the relationships and area of the country one is in. Two, three, or four kisses on alternating cheeks is most common.

Women greeting Women – A handshake and kisses on each cheek is common in most situations.

Greetings between Men & Women – Usually a handshake is acceptable, but a nod can replace that among conservative Muslims. It's best to wait for the woman to initiate, if at all.

Note: It is taboo for religiously observant men to touch women and vice-versa.

