

RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

Iraqi Police had an introduction to the working K9 (dog) program with the assistance of the Dhi Qar Provincial Recovery Team and U.S. Forces. The initial training focused on maintenance and the daily requirements needed to run a kennel to house the dogs, and an evaluation of the basics of dog handling. The use of dogs will increase the Soldiers' abilities to man checkpoints and inspect vehicles for possible explosives and illegal drugs.

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team from the Iraqi Police received training from the 57th Military Police Company and U.S. Forces EOD teams in northern Maysan province. They demonstrated their skills by reacting proficiently to improvised explosive devices and rocket attacks.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

Members of the 41st Iraqi Army Brigade received several days of training from U.S. forces that concentrated on detecting mines, surveying roads for possible improvised explosive devices, and basic demolitions. The training included hands on exercises, and will further the Iraqi Army's ability to survive attacks.

Soldiers from the 38th Iraqi Army Brigade received training from U.S. advisors on land navigation and the use of global positioning satellite systems that will aid in locating caches, and responding to security issues quickly.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

The Department of Border Enforcement has begun to reach out to their brothers in the Iraqi Army in an effort to share more information between the two groups. This effort will lead to a more capable and strong Department of Border Enforcement and Iraqi Army. The focus of the partnership will primarily be on stopping smuggling efforts, then expand to other areas as the two groups share information and continue to grow their capabilities.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

Dhi Qar University's top law students and recent graduates participated in a workshop on creating an effective curriculum vitae (CV) sponsored by the Dhi Qar PRT. During the session, held at Camp Mittica on November 20, the students looked at examples of effective CV's and discussed common errors, what employers look for in resumes, the importance of first impressions, and the differences between Iraqi, European, and American CVs. Many of the participants expressed interest in continuing their education abroad. Women outnumber men two-to-one in Dhi Qar's law school, which was founded in 2004. Professor Maitham Handel, who advises the PRT on Rule of Law issues, mediated the workshop with help from the PRT's Rule of Law and Public Affairs teams.

Maysan

The Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team conducted a beautician training class for rural Iraqi women. This was the third week of training and female U.S. advisors visited to observe the trainer-trainee interaction. One U.S. Soldier participated in the program along with a female trainer and asked the group about the benefits of the training and future business plans. The training is progressing nicely and should be complete next week. This program has allowed these women to become more economically independent and learn new skills.



Muthanna

The Provincial Recovery Team Water Advisor visited the Shaheed Al Muhrab School and the Al Hassan School in the Al-Khidr area. The PRT delivered reverse osmosis water purifiers to schools. Incoming solar powered units will be distributed to these schools so that children will have a good supply of safe drinking water, contributing to the future health of the children in the Al-Khidr area.

The PRT attended a ceremony at the Samawah Power Plant on November 18th to celebrate a successful completion of a multi-discipline training program for 90 men and women.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Personal space and touching

An arm's length of personal space is common in most situations. This space may be considerably larger between members of the opposite sex.

With business colleagues things may be a little different and depend on the nature of work. For example in the medical field colleagues of the opposite sex will get as close as required to handle the patient.

Touching during a conversation is common, but not among people of opposite sex.

