



# RIVER REPORT

تقرير النهر

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## IRAQI POLICE

## الشرطة العراقية

The Balda district Iraqi police received instruction on the proper method to serve an arrest warrant from U.S. Advisors in the 57th Military Police. In Maysan, Iraqi Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists trained on how to properly wear a bomb protective suit with U.S. EOD Advisors from 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. The shurta learned how to use the suit's special cooling features and practiced moving in the bulky suit.

The Dhi Qar Police arrested over 120 suspected outlaws during the past month. Four of the men arrested were wanted for terrorism and another sixteen for murder. The police continue to show the capability to maintain security in southern Iraq.



## IRAQI ARMY

## الجيش العراقي

Brigadier General Hamid hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Memona Location Command. The project was funded by a \$34 million grant from U.S. Forces Gulf Region Engineers—South (GRS). Located near Amarah, the base provides new logistics facilities that will support the 10th Iraqi Army Division. The ceremony was attended by the Maysan province governor and numerous Iraqi Security Force leaders.

You can read news about the opening here:

<http://maysan-province.com/?p=239#more-239>  
<http://nahrain.com/news.php?readmore=105492>  
<http://ar.aswataliraq.info/?p=187382>



The 40th Iraqi Army Brigade and U.S. Advisors conducted training on establishing vehicular checkpoints. The training included techniques for effective searches and proper use of force to neutralize threats.

## DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

## قيادة قوات الحدود

Shurta from the 1st Company, 2nd Commando Battalion received training on combat lifesaving techniques from U.S. Advisors in southern Maysan. Shurta and leaders who participated in the training are able to provide critical first aid that may save their comrades lives on the battlefield.

Leaders from the 4th Battalion, 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade met with leaders from the 41st Iraqi Army Brigade to coordinate security along the eastern border. This coordination will result in more effective counter-smuggling operations. The flow of counterfeit money into Maysan is bad for the economy and hurts the average Maysani citizen.





# CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

## مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



### Dhi Qar

The Nasiriyah Veterinary hospital is being expanded. At the request of the province government, U.S. Forces have funded a surgical wing that is being constructed by an Iraqi company. This will provide an area for surgery of camels, horses, chickens and other animals.

Residents of Suq ash-Shuykh celebrated a pedestrian bridge opening on December 4. Representatives from the PRT and the U.S. Army's 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1st Armored Division coordinated construction and provided funding for the bridge across the Euphrates River. A large and friendly crowd turned out for the event, most of which walked over to the site after finishing Dhuhr prayers in a mosque only a few meters from the bridge-head.

### Maysan

Maysan PRT Economic Advisor visited the Plastics Factory to assess the status of the facility's rehabilitation. The Plant Director has made significant progress in cleaning and repairing the facility. The Ministry of Industry and Minerals provided \$5.5 million to assist in the plant's recovery which was used to purchase a new line from an Italian manufacturer. The PRT is assisting in the revitalization through a CERP project to provide some necessary supplies to complete factory improvements.

The PRT is also working on several small projects to improve electricity distribution capability in Maysan.



### Muthanna

The USAID Representative coordinated for toy delivery to needy children located in the Al Khidir sub-district. A U.S. Army civil affairs team delivered soccer balls and stuffed animals to a school.

The Director General, Ministry of Displacement and Migration received three large storage containers from the PRT, in cooperation with U.S. Forces 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1st Armored Division. The DG had requested CONEX containers to provide improved storage for humanitarian supplies for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other vulnerable individuals in the province.

On November 25, USAID supported an event for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The event was organized by members of the Paralympics' Committee in Muthanna and included musical performances, sport competitions, speeches and an art exhibition.

## CULTURAL BOX

## الحقبة الثقافية

### Business practice of gift-giving

Gifts are not expected, yet they will be welcomed on the condition that it would not be very expensive, especially when you are dealing with public officials so that it would not be misinterpreted as a bribe. Pens and promotion materials are quite fine. If you have a personal relationship it would be fine to give more expensive gifts.

People don't tend to open gifts in public.

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