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Iraqi locals from Salah Ad Din Province conduct a provincial council meeting at a local hospitality center to discuss matters affecting the populace to include governance, security issues, and reconstruction efforts throughout the province of Salah Ad Din, in Tikrit, Iraq, Dec. 08, 2009. U.S. Soldiers assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and Contingency Operating Base Speicher's Provincial Reconstruction Team also attended the council meeting. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Canaan Radcliffe/Released) 091208-A-3250R-059

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Iraqi National Police and U.S. Soldiers from the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, remove boxes after emptying school supplies from them during a humanitarian aid drop at an Iraqi schoolhouse, Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 09, 2009. The humanitarian mission helps to build positive relations between the Iraqi population, the Coalition Forces, and the Iraqi National Police. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Benjamin Boren/Released) 091209-A-8836B-017

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U.S. Army Maj. Rick Correz and Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby, walk towards Task Force 1-38th building on Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 09, 2009. Lt. Gen. Jacoby conducts a unit visit at 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, to better understand the challenges faced by Brigade Combat teams.

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U.S. Soldiers from Mortar Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, train members of the Iraqi Emergency Response Unit (ERU) at the ERU compound in Kirkuk, Iraq, Dec. 12, 2009. The battalion works with ERU to improve professionalism and capabilities for Iraqi personnel.

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Dr. Ikbal Khan, Program Manager for the Wasit Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), speaks with steel workers during an overpass construction project inspection in Kut, Iraq, Dec. 10, 2009. The project was funded by the Government of Iraq, with the Wasit PRT offering technical support.

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A speaker shares a personal story at the Women of Substance forum at the Open Education College in Kut, Iraq, Dec. 10, 2009. The forum, organized by the Wasit Provincial Reconstruction Team, allowed young Iraqi females to meet positive role models to ask what it takes to be a professional women in Iraq.

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1st Lt. Ronald Fitzgerald, from Orlando Fla., attached to the 121st Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, conducts a convoy class on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Dhi Qar, Iraq, Dec. 09, 2009. The Soldiers were giving a class to 10th Iraqi Army Division soldiers about convoy operations while experiencing an improvised explosive device detonation .

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Secretary of Defense, Robert M. Gates, listens to a U.S. Soldier's question during a visit to Forward Operating Base Warrior in Kirkuk, Iraq, Dec. 11, 2009. Gates visited U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers at Warrior to answer questions and talk about current events.

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Workers bag cleaned wheat grain seeds as members of the Provincial Reconstruction Team, from Forward Operating Base Warrior, visit the Mesopotamia grain silo to check on the progress of an Iraqi funded project to renovate the facilities in Taza, Iraq, Dec. 10, 2009. The renovations to the silo and a grain elevator should change wheat production from the facilities from 35 metric tons per hour to 100 metric tons per hour.

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U.S. Army 1st Lt. Toby Kearney, Mortar Platoon leader, Mortar Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, gives Col. Ahmed Rashed Rahman, Commander, Iraqi Emergency Response Unit (ERU), his unit's battalion pin after some First Responder's training at the ERU compound in Kirkuk, Iraq, Dec. 12, 2009. The battalion works with ERU to improve professionalism and capabilities for Iraqi personnel.

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