

RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

Muthanna Tactical Special Unit Police conducted crowd control training with U.S. Advisors from Company D, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment at the Regional Training Center. The training included lethal and non-lethal techniques to calm angry mobs. The police always focus on a non-violent methods to resolve conflicts.

Iraqi Highway Patrol police in Dhi Qar completed training on Crime Scene Investigation with U.S. Civilian Police Advisors. The shurta were trained on how to collect evidence at a mock crime scene. The police were tested on their new training and demonstrated improvement.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

Staff Maj. Gen. Habib Al Hussein, 10th Iraqi Army Division Commander met with U.S. Admiral Mike Mullen, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mullen is the highest ranking officer in the entire U.S. Military and advises President Obama and Defense Secretary Gates on security issues. Mullen was in Iraq to commend Soldiers from 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division who advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces. He also met with provincial police chiefs, Iraqi judges, and PRT Leaders at Imam Ali Base (COB Adder) in Dhi Qar on December 18. Iraqi and U.S. Media observed the discussion about partnership and security. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/thejointstaff>

You can read news about the visit here:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/mullenafp>

<http://ar.aswataliraq.info/?p=189481>

http://www.sqalshiyookh.com/news_view_582.html

The 10th Iraqi Motor Transport Regiment participated in a Sustainment Olympics with the U.S. Forces 121st Brigade Support Battalion. Jundee completed logistics tasks (vehicle maintenance, truck driving, first aid) in a competition-style environment to demonstrate their training proficiency.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

The 11th Department of Border Enforcement brigade conducted training with U.S. Advisors in Maysan. This training will improve cooperation between the U.S. Forces and DBE and will help the DBE stop smuggling through the marshes and lakes.

The DBE is focused on stopping the illegal movement of lethal aid, drugs, and counterfeit money. During their patrols they identify roads that are washed out or impassable and canals that have blockages. The DBE shurta will inform local citizens of these conditions and this helps keep Iraqis safe in their cars and boats in rural Maysan.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

The PRT traveled to three Dhi Qar University campuses— Main Education, Medical and Nursing, and the new “University City”— this week to meet with students and faculty and to discuss past, present, and future projects. The University has ambitious plans for expansion to accommodate 7,000 students.

Team Leader and Cultural Advisors attended the opening ceremony of the Haboubi Festival, a three day cultural event which takes place at various locations. The opening ceremony at the Bahoo was introduced by Prime Minister’s representative followed by speeches from the Governor and the head of the writer’s union.

Photo courtesy of Nasiriyah News Network.

Maysan

Maysan PRT and the Al Teeb NGO members attended the final training session and graduation ceremony for Hair Stylist training of rural women. The class consisted of 20 participants from six rural villages who completed sixteen training sessions. The training was conducted by a practicing stylist. Upon successful completion of the training each student received a certificate of completion as well as a kit containing basic barber, stylist and make up tools.

Additionally, members of the PRT and U.S. Army’s Task Force Pathfinder (2-29FA) visited greenhouses funded by CERP. These greenhouses in Al-Maumonia and Al Adel should be completed in a few weeks and will provide vegetables and a tree nursery for local residents.



Muthanna

The PRT Water Advisor presented a liquid nitrogen generator, irrigation pumps (4” and 6” with accessories), certified barley seed, and a fodder machine (hydroponic growing system) at Joint Security Station Soto to Deputy Governors of Veterinary Science and Agriculture, and the Muthanna University College of Agriculture (for the Livestock Research Farm at Sawa Lake) on December 7th. Also issued was a 22-semester agricultural course (to be used to train University agricultural majors). The event was covered by Al Iraqiya Television.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Arabic: Iraq’s official language

Almost all Iraqis speak and understand their official language, Arabic. Arabic was introduced by the Arab conquerors and has three different forms: classical, modern standard, and spoken. Classical Arabic, best known by scholars, is the written language of the Qur'an. Modern standard Arabic, which has virtually the same structure in all Arabic-speaking countries, is taught in schools for reading and writing. The spoken language is Iraqi Arabic, and is extremely similar to that which is spoken in Syria, Lebanon, and parts of Jordan. Those who go to school learn Modern Standard Arabic, and many that do not attend school are likely to at least understand it. The major differences between modern standard and Iraqi Arabic are changes in verb form, and an overall simplicity in grammar of the spoken Arabic.

