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Petraeus assumes Multi-National Forces-Iraq command

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BAGHDAD — General David H. Petraeus assumed command of Multi-National Force-Iraq from Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., in a change of command ceremony held at Camp Victory Saturday.

Casey was the commanding general of MNF-I for two and a half years. He will go on to replace the current Army chief of staff, Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.



General David H. Petraeus assumed command of Multi-National Force-Iraq from Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., in a change of command ceremony held at Camp Victory Saturday. Photo courtesy MNF-I. Photo courtesy MNF-I. The reviewing officer for the ceremony was Gen. John P. Abizaid, commander, U. S. Central Command. He thanked Casey for his work while commanding troops in Iraq.

"Thank you for the long nights of constant work, for your valued opinion, for your steadfast courage and for your unvieldina belief in a new Iraq, Abizaid said.

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Story and photo by Spc. Laura M. Bigenho 28th Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — In a place where violence can be part of everyday life, a smile can make a world of a difference. When humanitarian assistance is thrown in, combined with a desire to help others, lives can be changed for the better.

Servicemembers and civilians here realize this, and spend their time helping and working with Iraqis at the Civil Military Operation



Air Force 1st Lt. Christine Anouchian, 24, Glendale, Calif., plays with Iraqi children on a playground at a Civil Military Operations Center in Baghdad. The foreign disclosure officer, Yokota Air Force Base, Japan, tries to visit the CMOC at least once a month.

Center. The center works closely with the Government of Iraq to help as many Iraqi citizens as possible.

The CMOC opens every day to local Iraqis. Most of them come for medical treatment, dental assistance or legal aid. Upon departure, visitors receive humanitarian assistance packages containing food, clothes, toys, hygiene products and school supplies.

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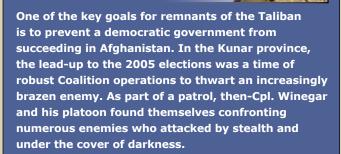


Islam Memo Describes New Remote Control Vehicles Used by Iraqi Resistance

On 1 February, a website posted a description of what it called "the Mujahidin's new technology" as quoted by "an unidentified police source." The posting was about "the new remote-controlled vehicles directed at US and Iraqi forces without suicide drivers, which were tried first in Al-Durah then in Al-Taji districts last week."

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