

## 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 unyielding belief in a new Iraq," Abizaid said. — [Full Story](#)

## Volunteers show softer side of war

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



**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.**

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. — [Full Story](#)

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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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**MARINE SERGEANT HOLDS FIRING LINE TWICE**



One of the key goals for remnants of the Taliban is to prevent a democratic government from succeeding in Afghanistan. In the Kunar province, the lead-up to the 2005 elections was a time of robust Coalition operations to thwart an increasingly brazen enemy. As part of a patrol, then-Cpl. Winegar and his platoon found themselves confronting numerous enemies who attacked by stealth and under the cover of darkness.

On the nights of both August 15th and 16th, insurgents ambushed Winegar's convoy as it traversed the rugged Pech River Road. — [Full Story](#)

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