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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

Muthanna Police received a new fire arms training weapons simulator and police trainer from Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment and three U.S. civilian police advisers at the Muthanna police training. This high-tech simulator will provide a realistic way to conduct training. The trainer, equipped with three glocks pistols and three AK-47s and hundreds of Arabic-language scenarios, will allow Muthanna policemen to conduct realistic training on escalation of force, incident response, decision making, and marksmanship.

Soldiers and Airmen are continuing the construction of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal training site on Imam Ali Air Base (Contingency Operating Site Adder). Once complete, these facilities will consist of a 400 meter IED training lane capable of conducting live demolitions, an eleven-room search house for evidence collection and home booby trap training, and a classroom for instruction.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

U.S. Soldiers from 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment route clearance team trained jundee from the 41st Iraqi Army Brigade in combat engineer skills as part of an ongoing training partnership between the two units. The training featured classes about emplacing and breaching wire obstacles and how to plan and establish minefields. The IA jundee also learned mine detection techniques. The 41st Iraqi Army Brigade specifically requested training in each of the subjects presented. Twelve non-commissioned officers and four officers were trained during this event, which lasted most of the day. For the first time, the training featured a class intended specifically for leaders. The minefield theory class focused on planning and doctrine rather than basic, physical skills. It was taught by an officer and featured PowerPoint slides in Arabic.

These skills will enable the IA to keep civilians safe from mines and attack through enemy barricades.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

Intelligence shurta from the 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade conducted two days of Tactical Site Exploitation training with U.S. Forces advisors. The purpose of the training was to enhance the Iraqi's ability to identify, secure, survey, and exploit a potential site for evidence.

The shurta were trained on the basic skills required to identify, document, sample, and transfer items deemed tactically significant in determining threats in their area of operations. Emphasis was placed on weapons and explosives, while concentrating on the preservation of trace evidence and non-contamination of the scene.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

Women from Basra, Muthanna, Maysan, Dhi Qar and Wasit all traveled from their homes to Mittica camp for the conference hosted by the Dhi Qar PRT. Over 60 professional women attended. Areas of discussion included current programs such as CERP and QRF, the History of women in Iraq, Human rights initiatives, Women's business planning, exchange programs and financial planning.

The PRT is also reviewing Microgrant requests for female-owned businesses.

Maysan

The USAID sponsored upgrade of the Ali Al-Gharbi Sports Club was completed and handed over to the community this week. This project included leveling the club's playing field, constructing shaded spectator stands, fencing and a restroom-changing room, and installing lighting on the playfield. The U.S. civilian assistance team is working with the Ali Al-Gharbi Community Action Group, sports club administrators and local council members to organize an opening celebration for the hand-over of the Ali Al-Gharbi Sports Club to the community by USAID.

"Train the trainer" program continues at the Agriculture Extension office. Instructors conducted training sessions for the extension staff on greenhouse horticulture and bovine artificial insemination.



Muthanna

Team Leader, PDO and USAID rep attended a tour of the new Al Jarbo'eya Park in Samawah. The project was spearheaded by the Samawah Community Action Group. Funding came from USAID, through its implementing partner Mercy Corps, the CAG and the municipal government. The community action group also secured promises from the municipal government to hire two caretakers and underwrite the maintenance costs for the park in the future. City Council Chairman Basam Hadat said the park will service more than 1000 neighborhood children and several nearby schools. "This is a clean, safe area for the children to have fun," said Chairman Hadat.

CULTURAL BOX

الهيئة الثقافية

Kin Groups

Large kin groups are the fundamental social units, and are of higher importance than ethnic, social class, and sectarian lines. Familial loyalty is considered an essential quality, and the family is mutually protective of each other. The kin group usually is organized through descent and marriage and involves three generations, many of whom live together. They often cooperate in areas such as agriculture and land ownership. If some family members live in nuclear families, they keep up practices such as depending on one another and asking the elders for advice. Individual status within the group is determined by the family's position and the individual's position within that group.

