

RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

Staff Maj. Gen Sabah, Dhi Qar provincial Chief of Police, hosted Lt. Col. Jay Gallivan, commander of 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment and Dr. Anna Prouse, Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team leader, as the guests of honor at the Tactical Security Unit Barracks in Nasiriyah for a soccer game involving members of the three different organizations.

The Iraqis beat up on the joint PRT/U.S. Army team with a final score of 10-1. The relationship between the three groups is essential. This game provided an opportunity to improve the friendship between the Iraqi Police, U.S. Forces, and PRT.

After the game trophies and gifts were exchanged and participants spent time socializing.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

The Iraqi Army and U.S. Forces Route Clearance Team from 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment conducted their third route sanitation mission in southern Maysan. The mission, lasting eight hours, focused on the areas around Qalat Salih and Al Kahla. A total of 63 obstacles were reduced, including earthen mounds, trash piles, and assorted roadside debris. Amongst the obstacles that were reduced was a series of earthen mounds on route in which the outlaws had hidden a multiple-array Explosively Formed Projectile earlier this month.

Disruption to the local civilian population was minimal because the Route Clearance Team allowed traffic to flow freely throughout the course of the operation. Obstacles that were a part of the local infrastructure, such as wind breaks and irrigation canals, were not disturbed.

This mission is important to keep roads safe for civilian traffic.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

The Iraqi Border Crossing Police used the Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (MVACIS) for the first time since U.S. Forces advisors arrived at the Al Sheeb crossing on the Iran-Iraq border. This electronic inspect system is designed to scan commercial trucks for illegal materials.

Using this technology provided by U.S. Forces helps prevent lethal aid and other illegal material from being smuggled in to Iraq.

In other news...at the Al Nor Border Fort, Iraqi Border Police from 2nd Battalion, 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade received weapons, first aid, and land navigation training from U.S. Forces Long Range Surveillance detachment Soldiers. The DBE shurta also taught the Americans how to use the AK-47 and PKM. This cooperation helps stop outlaws in Maysan.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

More than sixty Iraqi women from Dhi Qar, Muthanna, Basra, and Maysan provinces converged on the Provincial Reconstruction Team's Mittica Training Center for an inspiring session that celebrated the ingenuity, bravery, and intelligence of southern Iraqi women. Dr. Anna Prouse the Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team Leader, along with the provincial engineering advisor, and cultural advisor, brainstormed on the topic of "women in business" with women from a wide range of Non Governmental Organizations, government jobs, and small business backgrounds. The group showed remarkable creativity in identifying possible niches for female-owned businesses including a female-operated taxi service.

Maysan

Members of the Maysan PRT visited the Majar Al Kabir Sugar Factory to meet with the general manager and tour the facility. During a previous PRT visit in December none of the sugar refining machines were operational. Now some of the machines are working and other are awaiting parts funded by the U.S. Government. A recent harvest of sugar cane was kept by the factory in order to test the machines. Previously, this sugar was sold to other factories outside of Maysan.

This factory will eventually employ many people from Majar Al Kabir.



Muthanna

Iraqi journalists, videographers and members of the Muthanna PRT went on an helicopter recon mission around Muthanna province to take aerial footage for use in articles and marketing material for the Provincial Investment Council.

The primary purpose of the trip was to enable videographers to take aerial footage of sites foreign investors and tourists would be interested in. The helicopters overflew the East Samawah Industrial Area, the Sawa Lake vacation destination, Al Warka ruins, and other investment sites.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Domestic Unit

Iraqi married couples can live in either of two ways: with the husband's extended family, or as a nuclear family. At present, with economic hardships, families tend to live with extended households. The extended family unit consists of the older couple, sons, their wives and families, and unmarried daughters. Other dependent relatives (widows and orphans) also may make up part of this group, and the oldest male heads the group. He manages property and makes the final decisions regarding such things as the type of education the children receive, their occupations, and whom they will marry. In this living arrangement household and child-rearing tasks are shared among all female members of the larger families.

