

# RIVER REPORT

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## IRAQI POLICE

## الشرطة العراقية

Iraqi Police in Nasiriyah found and disarmed a vehicle bourn improvised explosive device last week. The VBIED was parked outside of a home in the Habubi circle market. The police captured the owner of the residence and the vehicle, a motorcycle with a trailer attached to it. Several mortar rounds and two pipe bombs were in the motorcycle trailer. The brave Iraqi Police disarmed the vehicle with 15 minutes left on the timer of the device saving many lives.

U.S. Forces from 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, taught Basic Riot Training to Iraqi Police. U.S. Forces and Iraqi Police together worked out a advanced training plan for the Riot Company that will be conducted in February. The curriculum will train 70 Riot police on advanced counter-riot techniques course prior to the March elections. USF and IP were eager to continue with the advanced training. Elections security is a top priority for the Iraqi Police in Dhi Qar, Maysan and Muthanna.



## IRAQI ARMY

## الجيش العراقي

Sergeants from the 41st Iraqi Army Brigade in southern Maysan learned leadership, safety, and individual movement techniques from leaders in the 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment. The goal of this training was to provide the NCO's of the 41<sup>st</sup> BDE methods and techniques to use in the development and training of their . They also learned movement techniques such as the high crawl, low crawl and 3-5 second rush. All jundee performed each task to standard and were very motivated by the training.

Also junior officers and NCOs of the brigade conducted a practice and qualification range. This training is focused on Iraqi Army leaders to train their trainers, based on the IA's anticipation of being fielded M16s this summer. IA junior leaders with USF assistance focused training on conduct of the range, safe conduct of the training, and zero and qualification procedures.

## DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

## قيادة قوات الحدود

The Iraqi-owned United Building Company, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has started the much anticipated life support area (LSA) project at the Al-Sheeb Port of Entry on the Iran-Iraq border. When complete, the 25 Converted Housing Units will provide life support for 60 Iraqi Local Police personnel from Al-Amarah who will provide additional security to the new land POE upon its eventual opening.

The project will include offices, a weapons storage room, living quarters for both male and female personnel, latrine and shower facilities, a food preparation structure, a dining facility, and storage facilities. The project should be complete next fall.

This facility will ensure border crossing police have a modern area to live while they prevent illegal smuggling from commercial trucks.







# CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

## مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



### Dhi Qar

Thousands of pilgrims walking to Karabala passed through Dhi Qar province. The PRT leader passed out water to women passing by to show respect from the international community for the religious customs of Muslim Shiites.

Over 20 law students from Dhi Qar University attended a workshop at Mit-tica training facility. They learned about the United Nations Development Program training database. Once students get email accounts they can use the internet for researching employment and scholarship opportunities.

<http://www.iraqilegal.net>

### Maysan

The Plastic Factory in Maysan was visited by the Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team. They met with Mr. Haider Salih Al Jubair, the Plastics Factory Director. They discussed improvements to the machinery.

A production line from Italy is still being manufactured and is expected to be delivered in the late summer time frame. The new line is expected to start production in the fall, after a two-week testing period. Factory engineers will travel to Italy to attend training at the manufacturer's site in mid-July. Representatives from the Italian manufacturer will visit Iraq after delivery to assist with installation, training and operation.

The replacement cost of a machine to produce joints and fittings is estimated at \$300,000 USD and will dramatically increase their profitability.



### Muthanna

A Muthanna PRT sponsored tailoring workshop project is providing vocational training opportunities for widows and women who will learn a skill to help them earn an income. There are 25 students learning to sew dresses.

A proposal to build and furnish four classrooms at the Al-Anwar Secondary School in Samawah was approved by USAID this week. This action will help to reduce overcrowding while improving the quality of education for the students.

## CULTURAL BOX

## الحقبة الثقافية

### Huwayzah Marshes

The Huwayzah (Who-eh-zuh) Marshes stretch between the cities of Basrah to the south and Amarah to the Northwest. The marsh is fed by the Tigris River and Kark-heh River. About 80-85% of the Huwayzah Marshes is in Iraq; the remainder is in Iran. The Huwayzah Marsh is the home of a long, cultural history stretching thousands of years back to the Sumerians. The Huwayzah is the source of fish that feed many people in southern Iraq. Reeds used in construction, paper production, and dairy feeding grown in the marshes.

