

RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

Iraqi Security Force leaders met to discuss the security measures for the upcoming elections. Leaders emphasized neutrality of the ISF; security of ballots and people throughout the elections; leader involvement throughout the mission; and effective communication between all agencies involved. U.S. Forces will provide assistance with technology assistance and advise upon request of the ISF. Iraqi security forces are always in the lead for security everyday including elections.

Also, Iraqi Police from the Huteen District in Maysan, were trained on weapons firing techniques with the computerized Engagement Skills Trainer. All the IPs were given an initial class on how to engage targets with minimal force and quick decision making. The training is designed to place them into scenarios where they are forced to make decisions that either save peoples lives or their own as police. Each IP got individual coaching from U.S. civilian police advisors.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

Soldiers from all four Iraqi Army Brigade Light Batteries in the 10th Iraqi Army Division attended 120mm mortar training in Dhi Qar province.

One of the success of the training was that it was taught Officers and sergeants who graduated from the Artillery Training Center in Abu Ghraib, assigned to the 39TH and 41ST Brigades.

Training consisted of mortar crew drills; fire direction, night firing, target identifying, and location. They also covered other training to become better soldiers. This included: medical training, intelligence, military law, and maintenance and sustainment.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

Personnel from the Ministry of Water Resources in Al-Amarah were seen at the new land Port of Entry at Al-Sheeb digging a second well which will support the future opening of the port. The well is located adjacent to the 25,000 liter water tank located in the southwestern area of the new land POE and when complete, will give the Iraqi POE unit the capability of providing their own source of water. The first water well was dug 2 years ago and is located just outside the western entrance to the new land POE. Currently, the POE unit trucks in their water supply from Al-Amarah on a weekly basis. Once complete, both wells will provide balance to the Iranian offer of free water to the new POE. The Point of Entry Transition Team, along with Civil Military personnel from 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, are currently assessing the need for water purification at both sites.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

The al-Fadhliyah airfield for the Plant Protection Directorate is ready for use. The landing strip is designed for crop dusters. This airfield was funded by U.S. Forces.

The PRT is working with the al-Chubaish City Council to speed up the completion of the milk factory so the equipment, stored at Mittica, can be moved to the factory and installed.

The PRT met with the Agricultural Committee of the Provincial Council to discuss plans for the management of the PRT's the milk factory, date factory, and Slaughterhouse projects, all of which are nearing completion.

Maysan

The Maysan PRT agricultural advisor and Soldiers from the U.S. Army's Task Force Pathfinder, conducted a site visit at the main Maysan Veterinary Hospital to oversee the delivery of 183 sheep dipping tanks. The equipment was funded by the U.S. Army based on a request from Maysani government officials.. Maysan veterinary authorities said that the project will help them rid area sheep of external parasites and prevent the transmission of parasites and microbes to people.

The USAID sponsored project for distribution of trash containers and cleaning supplies for Al-Adel city center was completed this week. Trash containers were delivered to Al-Adel City Center of Maysan. This will help the awareness campaign to promote proper disposal of garbage and good sanitary practices in the community.



Muthanna

Iraqi contractors completed the Al M'sal footbridge. This small canal crossing will make it safer for children to go to school and will keep people from walking across bridges designed for vehicles. The bridge was funded by U.S. Forces and will last 25 years.

In Karama Subdistrict, a school construction project was completed this past week. The project consisted of four classrooms, a teacher's office, storage room, and sanitation facilities. It was requested by local leaders was supported by the Mayor and Local Council. and the education leaders. This facility will benefit 120 students.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Euphrates River (Arabic: Al-Forat):

...Begins in Turkey, 94% of water originates in Turkish highlands...1700 miles/2700 kilometers long...Empties into the Arabian Gulf
...The Murat Korasuyu and several other Turkish rivers join the Euphrates in central Turkey...The Khabur River joins the Euphrates in eastern Syria
...The Euphrates and Tigris run parallel to each other sometimes more than 140 kilometers apart and join in southeastern Iraq to form the Shatt al Arab, which empties into the Arabian Gulf
...The land between the Euphrates and the Tigris is known as Mesopotamia, which means "between the rivers" in Greek
...Many important ancient cities were located on or near the riverside, including Mari, Sippar, Nippur, Shuruppak, Uruk, Ur and Eridu...Today, the river flows through Samawa and Nasiriyah

