

RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

The Maysan Iraqi Police Academy has been conducting Election Security courses to better train and develop junior leadership in preparation for the national elections. The Election Security class provides an opportunity for police units of Maysan to continue to improve their coordination as they near the elections. This course has lectures from election security personnel, local judges, and academy instructors. In conjunction with the classes, the province police chief has met with his unit commanders multiple times to emphasize the importance of the individual commander's ability to manage large crisis incidents. The ISF will conduct elections security with U.S. Forces providing assistance with technology when requested.

Iraqi Police in Muthanna conducted a pre-elections security rehearsal. They simulated emergency scenarios and tested coordination with Fire Department, EOD, and SWAT. The training exercise improved organization of security personnel.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

The 10th Motorized Transportation Regiment in conjunction with the 10th Division Field Factory and 121st Brigade Support Battalion conducted a joint transportation mission to support the 10th Iraqi Army Division headquarters' move to Camp Sparrow Hawk in Amarah. 15 containerized living areas were transported. The MTR continues to conduct complex operations with minimal U.S. Forces assistance, and has begun to embrace training management to set themselves up for success in the future.

Jundee from the 10th Iraqi Army Division attended training on the AN/PSS-14 Mine Detector, instructed by U.S. Army 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment and 7th Engineer Battalion. The training consisted of basic operation, calibration and troubleshooting of the mine detector. A total of eight personnel were trained, including one officer. The mine detector equipment is an example of how U.S. Forces enable Iraqi Security Forces to defeat threats from outlaw groups.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

Commandos from the 11th Department of Border Enforcement brigade received training on vehicle search procedures at the Umm Sa'ah marsh fort. The class focused on methods to identify secret compartments used by smugglers and interviewing techniques for suspects.

Also Iraqi Customs Police at the al Sheeb Port of Entry received training on Commercial Truck Inspection and Counter-Smuggling Techniques. This included three hours of classroom and hands-on practice. Students demonstrated their proficiency by searching trucks in the commercial inspection yard at the Port of Entry. Iraqi Customs Police leaders then trained their subordinates on the same tasks. Special U.S. Border Police advisors mentored the Iraqi Customs agents.

These training events will prepare shurta to stop the shipment of lethal aid, counterfeit money, and drugs across Iraq's eastern border.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

This week, the Dhi Qar PRT health team provided an orientation seminar for 41 amputees who want to learn to make prosthetics. Applicants completed basic literacy and math exams and went through personal interviews. These extraordinary candidates were very enthusiastic about the program. Many of the amputees talked about how difficult it is for them to obtain and maintain prosthetics in southern Iraq. Ali Hudhi Farhood al-Thahab, who lost his leg in the recent Karbala bombing, said, "I am traveling to India to get a prosthetic leg because of cost and difficulty in getting what I need here."

Maysan

Infrastructures Reconstruction Institute held English language classes for 17 members of the Amarah Water Directorate. This intensive English training course will help the workers better understand English language manuals in order to service water compact unit equipment.

Maysan Province Governor Muhammed Shia Al Sudani hosted a visit from Mr. Steven Banks, Maysan PRT Leader at his office in Amarah. The PRT leader discussed plans for civil construction and improvement projects for 2010. The U.S. is committed to supporting projects that benefit Maysani residents and promote long-term economic growth for the province.

Read more about the visit here (Arabic): <http://nahrain.com/news.php?readmore=120277>



Muthanna

The citizens of al-Iman and al-Azim have two new schools completed by Iraqi contractors and funded by the U.S. Government. The Muthanna PRT leadership was honored to participate in ribbon cutting ceremonies at the school. Additionally a water distribution project in the al-Azzam tribal area was completed recently.

A new vehicle bridge in the Al Warka district will allow people to travel safely across a canal. Over 1,800 residents benefit from this \$78,000 construction project funded coordinated by U.S. Forces civil affairs Soldiers. Most importantly students can go to school safely.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Iraqi Historical Monuments

In the 1970s a cultural campaign was launched to influence a national consciousness based on Iraq's history, including the pre-Islam era and the former glory of Mesopotamia and Babylon. The goal was to focus on a new cultural life for modern Iraq and to emphasize Iraq's uniqueness, especially in the Arab world. Archaeological museums were built in several cities, which held exhibitions and educational programs especially for children, so that they were made aware of the historical importance of their culture and nation. In order to promote this center of attention on history, several ancient sites from the city of Babylon were reconstructed, such as the Ziggurat of Aqarquf, the ruins of Babylon, the temple of Ishtar, the southern fortress of Nebuchadnezzar, and the Greek amphitheater.

