

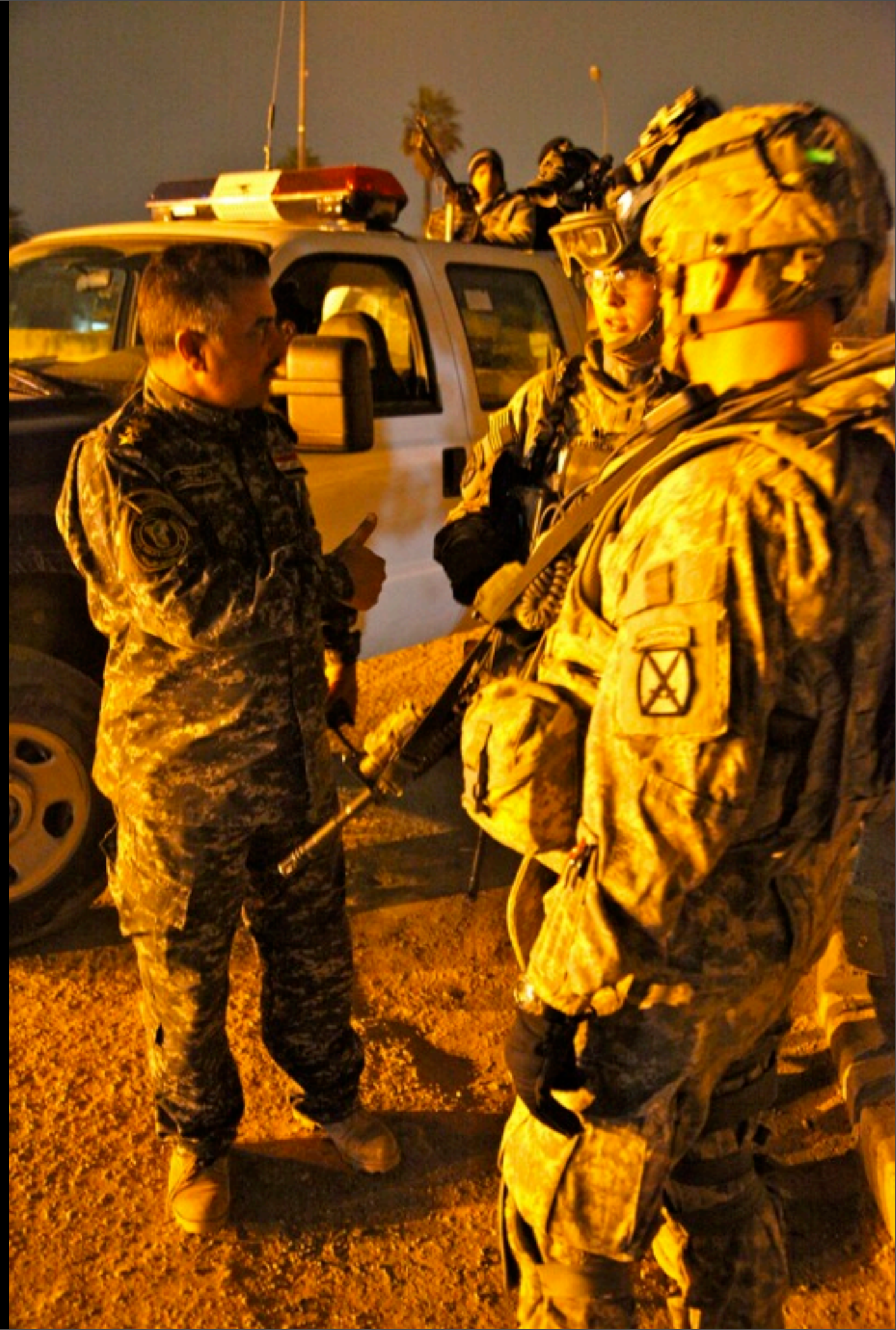




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U.S. Army Capt. William Fisher, Alpha Battery, 2-15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division Company Commander and 1st Lt. Scott Caflicsh, 1st Platoon, Alpha Battery, 2-15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, go over a plan of execution with Col. Abbas Mohamad Hussein, 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Federal Police, for placement of metal detectors and assistance following the Iraqi national elections, in downtown Baghdad, Iraq, March 3, 2010.







Iraqi policemen show off their inked fingers showing that they voted near a special needs polling site in Arapha, Iraq, March 04, 2010. Iraqi Security Forces are given the opportunity to vote early in order to assist in providing security on election day.

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Iraqi soldier from the 52nd Iraqi Army Brigade proudly displays his right index finger, a symbol of his participation in the March 4th special elections in Basra, Iraq, March 5, 2010. The special elections were held for Iraq's Security Forces and medical workers in order for them to protect and serve the Iraqi people on election day.







The children of the town of Sheikhika welcome U.S. Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery while the Soldiers escort U.S. State Department international election observers in Sheikhika, Iraq, March 7, 2010. Many Iraqis exercised their democratic right to vote despite threats from violent extremist groups.

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An Iraqi man holds his prayer beads behind his back with hands that participated in the Iraqi elections near Mahmudiyah, Iraq, March 07, 2010. The elections were hailed by President Obama as an “important milestone” for the Iraqi people.







Iraqi men show their ink stained finger to signify that they participated in the Iraqi elections near Mahmudiyah, Iraq, March 07, 2010. Officials say voter turnout was over 60 percent, despite attacks that killed dozens of people.

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Iraqi Province Chairman of Maysan, Abdiltussien AbdulRidha (middle), flies in a UH-60 Blackhawk as part of a security overview of polling sites in Maysan province, Iraq, March 7, 2010. The Chairman flew over the province in order to oversee security measures taken for the polling sites of the area.

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Aerial view of polling sites in Maysan province, Iraq, from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, during the historical elections, March, 7, 2010. U.S. Army Soldiers of Bravo Company, 2-285 Aviation Battalion, flew the Chairman of Maysan, Abdiltussien AbdulRidha, over polling sites to show the mass of local Iraqi voters and security measures.

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U.S. State Department international election observers Mark Schapiro (left) and John Goodfrey (right) rest between touring polling sites throughout Ninewa, Iraq, March 7, 2010. Many Iraqis exercised their democratic right to vote despite threats from violent extremist groups.

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