





A U.S. Air Force instructor pilot assigned to the 52nd Expeditionary Flight Training Squadron (EFTS) walks by Iraqi Air Force T-6A training aircraft prior to a training readiness mission at the Al Sahra Air Base on Contingency Operating Base (COB) Speicher near Tikrit, Iraq, March 15, 2010. The 52nd EFTS will start teaching an 18 month advanced skills program to Iraqi air force pilots this week.

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An instructor pilot working with the 52nd Expeditionary Flight Training Squadron (EFTS) directs an Iraqi Air Force T-6A aircraft pilot prior for a training readiness mission at the Al Sahra Air Base on Contingency Operating Base (COB) Speicher near Tikrit, Iraq, March 15, 2010.

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U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Lawrence, Commander of 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division from Fort Lewis, Wash., checks on his Soldiers at an overwatch position in Taji, Iraq, March 07, 2010. The Battalion maintained security positions outside polling locations the day of the Iraqi National Elections.

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U.S. Soldiers from Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division from Fort Lewis, Wash., leave an overwatch position in Taji, Iraq, March 07, 2010. The Battalion maintained security positions outside polling locations the day of the Iraqi National Elections.





A U.S. Soldier attached to White Platoon, Kirkuk Combined Security Forces (CSF) gives a piece of candy to children in Dubak Tapa, Iraq, March 16, 2010. The CSF were inspecting evaluating the security of local infrastructure as well as checking on the needs of the nearby villages.

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U.S. Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Matthew Leisitkow assigned to Joint Combat Camera Center Iraq, from Yuma Ariz., documents U.S. Army 1st Lt. Ben Robinson, platoon leader of White Platoon, Kirkuk Combined Security Forces(CSF) during a patrol in Arafa, Iraq, March 16, 2010. The CSF were inspecting evaluating the security of local infrastructure as well as checking on the needs of the nearby villages.

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U.S. Army Sgt. Alvaro Barrientos from 3rd Platoon, Blackfoot Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division out of Fort Lewis, Wash., holds hands with an Iraqi boy in a town near Taji, Iraq, March 08, 2010. The platoon's mission is to conduct post-election atmospheric in the area.







Iraqi children are excited to see U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Josh Watson from 3rd Platoon, Blackfoot Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division out of Fort Lewis, Wash., in a town near Taji, Iraq, March 08, 2010. The platoon's mission is to conduct post-election atmospherics in the area.

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Medical students at the Basra University College of Medicine in Basra, Iraq listen to members of the Basra Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). The PRT visited the school on March 16, 2010 where Public Health Advisor Maj. Anthony Rudd, of the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion, with the 1st Infantry Division spoke about understanding chest pain.

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