

RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

The Federal Police Transition Team and Soldiers from Delta Company, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment continue their Advise and Assist mission with the Maysan Federal Police Brigade. The objective of the training is to increase the capabilities of the Iraqi Federal Police's Shurta (police officers). The training increases the readiness of the IP and builds a stronger bond between Iraqi and American forces.

The training this month was a basic investigation course. The Soldiers of D Co, 4th Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. along with elements from the Federal Police Transition Team conducted a three-day course covering the topics of Securing a Crime Scene and its Preservation, Evidence Exploitation, Tactical Questioning, and awareness training. Four Shurta and their platoon leader attended.

Similar training is conducted in Dhi Qar and Muthanna.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

The 38th Iraqi Army Brigade and the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment compiled a humanitarian aid package for the citizens that live in a village southwest of Camp Sparrowhawk. The citizens of this area want a safe environment for their children.

The packages consist of Halal meals, bottled water, assorted boxes of teddy bears, school supplies, and other comfort items. The IA and USF delivered the items express thanks for the communities commitment to peace.

The 38th IA distributed the items to the village in the Abu Saba'a District. Several families and dozens of children were present as the items were handed out. The citizens appreciated the support from the ISF.

Local citizens across Dhi Qar, Maysan, and Muthanna are encouraged to report outlaw activity to Iraqi Security Forces.

DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

The 1st Battalion, 11th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade had several Shurta receive combat life saver training from U.S. Forces 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment. The DBE soldiers were very receptive to the training, and the event went well. The Battalion's deputy commanding officer attended part of the training to check on and show his support to his men. DBE leaders frequently stop by training events, indicating that the DBE are concerned about the competence of their shurta.

This training, as well as the land navigation training and the other DBE internal training along the border supports the overall objective of creating a self sufficient border Iraqi Security Force organization.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

The PRT health team met with disabled small business owners to further evaluate each small business and discuss the way forward for promoting prosthetic manufacturing enterprise within Dhi Qar. The small business owners are enthusiastic and discussed several plans for the future. They expressed their desire to learn more about small business ownership and the steps for success. They learned how to repair and realign damaged prosthesis. The students all passed an extremely challenging test and received a lab coat and training certificate at the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Watheq Abed, a communications and business expert, conducted a special seminar to teach the amputees how to publicize their business.

Maysan

The PRT leader met with governor's liaison engineer to review project requests. Additionally, they coordinated meetings with leaders of the Municipalities and Public Works Ministry. A training plan is being developed to improve technical and administrative skills of Municipalities and Public Works Ministry employees.

The Maysan Surgical Hospital construction project is progressing. The Iraqi construction company is working with the U.S. Army Engineers and Maysan PRT to finalize plans to ensure the hospital is building with the best technology.



Muthanna

Farmers from Rumaytha who used greenhouses and drip irrigation sold their first harvest. The high quality of the greenhouse cucumbers commanded a premium price of 750 Iraqi dinars per kilogram. Each greenhouse produced between 90 kilos to 145 kilos of cucumbers. The installation of the drip irrigation system is progressing in 27 locations. The Iraqi farmers learned the techniques during workshops sponsored by the PRT.

There were 25 widowed and divorced women that graduated from this last sewing course that was conducted in the district of Al Khidr. The sewing course was sponsored by the Muthanna PRT.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Iraqi Handball

Iraq is planning to open training camps abroad in preparation for Handball championships this year. For those unfamiliar with the game, two teams of seven players each (six outfield players and a goalkeeper) pass a ball to throw it into the goal of the other team. The team with the most goals after two periods of 30 minutes wins. Iraq will open a 2-week training camp in Romania as part of their preparation for the Arab Championship set to take place in Qatar in 2011. The Asian qualifiers for the World Cup took place in the Uzbek capital Tashkent in February. The Iraqi Central Federation for Handball agreed on Sunday to participate in two Asian tournaments that will take place in the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E) and Iran. Both tournaments will occur in July 2010.

