

RIVER REPORT

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IRAQI POLICE

الشرطة العراقية

Iraqi Police in Dhi Qar province completed Basic and Advanced Investigators courses with U.S. Forces advisors. The best graduates of the Advanced course Iraqi Police instructors are now qualified to teach less experienced investigators. The instructor will receive special certification from the Iraqi Ministry of Interior.

In Amarah, Iraqi Police are conducting training on River boats with advisors from the U.S. Navy. This new river police force will patrol the Tigris and other waterways in order to stop smuggling of lethal aid, stop illegal fishing, and help rescue people in emergencies.

Next week's River Report will include special photos of the new River Police.



IRAQI ARMY

الجيش العراقي

The Iraqi Army's 39th Brigade delivered school supplies to students in Muthanna province. The 39th Brigade civil affairs officer found a school that lacked resources for education and decided to donate reading materials that were stored within their brigade and give them to the Headmaster of the Al-Atta'a Islamic School.

Near a village north of Samawah, the 39th Iraqi Army Brigade found a 907 Kilogram (2,000 lbs.) unexploded bomb. U.S. Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal advisors assisted the Iraqi Army to move the bomb away from the village. The bomb was taken to the open desert and was exploded.

The Iraqi Army EOD is committed to eliminating unexploded ordnance that threatens civilians.



DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

قيادة قوات الحدود

Shurta from the 4th Battalion, 11th Brigade of the Department of Border Enforcement attended Land Navigation and Combat Life Saver training conducted by Troop A, 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment over three days last week. 12 Shurta from several companies attended the course, and received training on land navigation, map reading, and Combat Life Saving. Some of the Shurta are experienced in these subjects, but many of them have never received this type of training before.

The training event covered the fundamentals of land navigation such as orienting a map, pace count, distance, and direction. The CLS class covered the fundamentals of first aid such as bleeding control, splinting fractures, shock prevention, and several other Soldier-level medical tasks.

After the Shurta displayed competence with the material, they conducted a Situational Training Exercise. They were given the task of finding four points, 400 to 800 meters away from the border fort. Once the Shurta found the points, they had to assess a casualty at the location. The injuries they encountered ranged from broken bones to gunshot wounds.





CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



Dhi Qar

The Uffizi Library in Florence, Italy hosted a conference about the Iraqi Marshlands. A group of 13 enthusiastic Iraqi students attended the conference with the Chargé d'Affaires from the Iraqi Embassy in Rome. The Iraqi students previously attended courses sponsored by the PRT. The Iraqi Ambassador gave his opening remarks and went through the various programs that from both the U.S. and the Italian Government since 2003. For several years, the Italians have supported the efforts of the Iraqi Ministries of Water Resources, Environment, Municipalities and Public Works. Former PRT agriculture adviser, Enrico Bonaiuti, who gave an in depth explanation of ongoing projects to improve Iraqi agriculture in the Marshlands.

Maysan

The PRT and U.S. Government sponsored a project to improve the Ali Al-Sharqi Sports Club. This project was completed this past week and handed over to the community. The upgrade included leveling the playing field, constructing shaded spectator stands, and providing lighting to the facility. The new facilities will benefit 1,250 athletes from 50 public teams in the nahija and especially youth.

Dozens of Iraqi Army jundee graduated from the basic Arabic literacy course sponsored by the Maysan PRT and U.S. Forces advisors. These proud jundee are able to continue service in the Iraqi Army protecting their homeland.



Muthanna

PRT representatives visited three literacy program centers in the Al Suwair area on March 21st. The PRT met with students, teachers, education director, and the Director of the New Dawn for Iraqi Women NGO (PRT facilitating partner). Educational materials (provided by the Tom Deierlein Foundation) were presented to teachers for distribution as student awards. The program is doing good work to teach adults, ages 14-40, to read, write, and learn basic math.

The team also met with the head of the Al Suwair District Council, who was very interested in and supportive of the program.

CULTURAL BOX

الحقبة الثقافية

Children's shows on Iraqi TV

Many of the animated children's shows on Iraqi television air on the Al Sumariya network. Most of the shows popular among kids air in the early morning hours, and among the most popular ones are "The Ugly Duckling" and "Jurassic Cubs." Many are imported shows dubbed into Arabic. Some such as Al Nemer Al Saghir are produced in Arabic. Each episode of Al Nemer Al Saghir centers around Little Nammour and his friend Ayb, who in each episode teaches little Nammour new and useful things. Ayb guides Nammour to know how to be useful for himself and for his friends. "Loulou Alal Hawa" show is a live-action show centered on funny entertainment and imagination, games, exciting contests and delightful gifts are awaiting children hosted by young anchor Loulou. "Loulou Alal Hawa" aims at promoting children's education and increasing their awareness.

