

# RIVER REPORT

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## IRAQI POLICE

## الشرطة العراقية

Maysan Federal Police Officers attended a four-day course on combatives, taught by U.S. Forces Federal Police Transition Team and Company D, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. The Federal Police were able to send six Officers to attend the course which covered hand-to-hand fighting techniques. The training focused on dominant body positions, transitions, arm bars, and chokes. During the course, the Federal Police requested extra training on sparring to help them meet test their skills. The course given to the shurta is the same course taught to U.S. Army recruits and leaders.

In Dhi Qar, Iraqi police leaders inventoried a huge cache found at an improvised explosives device factory in June 2009, in Nasiriyah in order to prepare for the upcoming legal trial for the suspects involved with the materials.

Proper documentation of evidence captured by police is important for the Iraqi legal system.



## IRAQI ARMY

## الجيش العراقي

Over 300 Iraqi Soldiers were recognized for completing the three-week Commando Course at Camp Ur near Nasiriyah. Each commando received training on their personal weapon, weapons maintenance and individual and small unit tactics. The commando's will go back to their individual units and share what they have learned with their peers. Distinguished guests in attendance for the Iraqi Army included: Staff Maj. Gen. Habib, 10th Iraqi Army Division commander; Staff Brig. Gen. Araf, Regional Training Center commander; Staff Brig. Gen. Jabar, 40th Iraqi Army Brigade commander and Brig. Gen. Hassan, Camp Ur installation commander. Attendees from the U.S. Forces included Col. Peter Newell, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division commander and the Iraqi Army Regional Training Center Military Transition Team personnel to help recognize the hard work and achievement of these outstanding Iraqi Army Commandos.

## DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT

## قيادة قوات الحدود

2nd Battalion, 11th Brigade of the Department of Border Enforcement shurta at the Al Maeul Out Post detained three men and a truck attempting to smuggle large amounts of fish and birds to a local market. The Department of Border Enforcement escorted the men and their vehicle to the 1st Commando Company Headquarters at the Umm Sa'ah Border Fort, where they were questioned by intelligence shurta. The DBE determined that the men were illegally fishing and hunting, and may have been using poison to capture the animals. 500 birds were confiscated and one man was arrested for the illegal hunting.

The DBE have again proven their dedication to enforcing the law and their ability to disrupt illegal activity in their area of operations.







# CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

## مستجدات المساعدات المدنية



### Dhi Qar

Dhi Qar PRT sponsored "The Donkey Shade," a play performed by a Najaf theatre troupe. The play entertained audiences in Nasiriyah and Suq ash-Shuyukh during four performances this month. Zahra Al Rubayi, a famous Iraqi actress, stars in the play. The play is a political-social satire that delivers a themes of: strong democracy, improved rule of law, and transparency leads to stronger government. Dhi Qar Governor Taleb Hassan, several PC members, many government officials from all parties, and the public attended the performances. A special morning performance at Dhi Qar University received an enthusiastic reception from students and faculty. Supporting the fine arts is one of the many ways Dhi Qar PRT is contributing to Iraq.



### Maysan

The PRT visited Um Ubeda village in the Saed Ahmed Al-Refaee sub district, in southwest Maysan. They met the district mayor and other local leaders. Most of the town's residents are farmers who live in homes built of mud and hay. The Maysan governor has proposed a pavement project and the PRT and U.S. Forces engineers are determining the best type of road construction methods. The PRT engineers made a survey of the roads using the GPS devices and took measurements, photos and established an initial plan to get a good road. This road will make transportation easier for people who live in southwest Maysan.



### Muthanna

The PRT's Rule of Law Advisor and Sr. Industrial Advisor met with Mr. Hayder, the Director of Muthanna's Commission of Integrity. During the meeting they discussed the establishing a new building for the Commission of Integrity. The CoI has been provided building space in the former local Baath Party Headquarters, but the space needs renovation. This project has been identified by the Muthanna PRT as a positive step in furthering the efforts of this office, and shows support for the important work conducted by the CoI. Muthanna PRT will work with the Commission of Integrity to make recommendations for a potential new headquarters.



## CULTURAL BOX

## الحقبة الثقافية

### FAO Day

Food and Agriculture Organization Day (FAO) is celebrated in Iraq to mark the organization's goal of assuring food security, disseminating effective farming methods and providing machinery and technology for better farming and livestock-raising techniques. This holiday is celebrated annually every 17th of April. Iraq is one of the countries in the United Nations which maintain membership with Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO). FAO operates as one of the United Nations' agencies that is tasked to create agendas, policies, and actions to prevent and, eventually, end world hunger. In celebration, Iraq's Ministry of Agriculture usually holds agenda during the celebration with topics covering important issues surrounding food security in Iraq. The working class usually takes their day off during the holiday.

