







A U.S. Soldier with 2nd Platoon, Alpha Battery, 1-41 Field Artillery playfully interacts with local children during a Provincial Reconstruction Team mission near Baghdad, Iraq, April 20, 2010. Reconstruction members oversee the economic progress of an area in conjunction with the Iraqi Army.

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A construction man holds up a piece of lumber during his work to remodel the third floor of the Kirkuk Detention Facility in Krikuk, Iraq, April 18, 2010. The Kirkuk Detention Facility is remodeling its third floor to improve conditions for prisoners.







A construction man cuts some lumber for remodeling efforts on the Kirkuk Detention Facility in Krikuk, Iraq, April 18, 2010. The Kirkuk Detention Facility is remodeling its third floor to improve conditions for prisoners.

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Iraqi construction workers start to rebuild an area that was struck by two car bombs during the elections in Khalis, Iraq, April 08, 2010. Soldiers from 1-37 Field Artillery patrolled the Khalis Market in order to conduct interviews with local shop owners to find out who is eligible to receive micro grants for their business.







An Iraqi Police leader speaks during a ceremony at Joint Coordination Center (JCC) Abu Ghraib in Baghdad, Iraq, April 20, 2010. The ceremony was held to establish the transfer of JCC Abu Ghraib from a joint operation to Iraqi Police control.

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U.S. Army Lt. Col. John Leffers, Commander of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and the Abu Ghraib Iraqi Police Chief switch flags symbolizing the transfer of authority of Joint Coordination Center (JCC) Abu Ghraib in Baghdad, Iraq, April 20, 2010. The ceremony was held to establish the transfer of JCC Abu Ghraib from a joint operation to Iraqi Police control.







Official paperwork is signed for the transfer of Joint Coordination Center (JCC) Abu Ghraib in Baghdad, Iraq, April 20, 2010. JCC Abu Ghraib transferred from a joint operation with Iraqi Police and U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division to Iraqi Police control.

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An Iraqi produce vendor opens his shop for the day in Jalula, Iraq, April 06, 2010. Soldiers from 1-37 Field Artillery patrolled the Khalis Market in order to conduct interviews with local shop owners to find out who is eligible to receive micro grants for their business.







A member of White Platoon, Combined Security Force (CSF) trades a milk-box for a song from a young girl during a visit to the village of Yaylri, Iraq, April 13, 2010. The Golden Lions of CSF visited Yaylri to look into potential projects that might help the village.

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U.S. Soldiers of 1483rd Transportation Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, a national guard unit from Ohio operating out of Taji, Iraq, prepare for the transport of mine resistant, ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles that are taken to Joint Base Balad (JBB), April 14, 2010. The national guard unit, having just replaced the 2025th Transportation Company, carries on the primary mission of moving equipment of re-deploying units in the south.

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Iraqi police forces hand out backpacks to children in the market area in Basra, Iraq April 3, 2010. The Iraqi police are building relationships with the local citizens.

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Members of Green Platoon, Combined Security Force (CSF), lead the way down a city street in Yaychi, Iraq, April 20, 2010 during a partnered patrol with U.S. Forces. The Golden Lions of CSF are working with Yaychi's government officials to provide micro grants to some of the small businesses in the area.

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