





The Martyr Salem Al-Khafajy School principal leads a group of students to receive backpacks at a Grand Opening Ceremony, near Basra, Iraq, April 22, 2010. The ceremony is commemorating the opening of several schools in the Basra province in Southern Iraq. The backpacks were donated by the 17th Fires Brigade from Contingency Operating Base Basra.

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U.S. Army Lt. Col. Bill Crouse of 17th Fires Brigade, from Contingency Operating Base Basra, Iraq, receives flowers from school children at a Grand Opening Ceremony at the Martyr Salem Al-Khafajy School, near Basra, Iraq, April 22, 2010. The ceremony is commemorating the opening of several schools in the Basra province in Southern Iraq.



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A young Iraqi boy receives his free backpack at the Martyr Salem Al-Khafajy School Grand Opening Ceremonies, near Basra, Iraq, April 22, 2010. The backpacks were donated by the 17th Fires Brigade from Contingency Operating Base Basra, Iraq.





U.S. Soldiers from the 318th Tactical Psychological Company, 17th Fires Brigade, speak to an electrician in his store in Old Basra, Iraq April 19, 2010. The American Soldiers are in the area to gather atmospherics and assess security.

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U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class John Zanella, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Guardians Maneuver Element, 17th Fires Brigade, helps secure the market area of Old Basra, Iraq April 19, 2010. Zanella and his Soldiers were accompanied the Iraqi Army soldiers of the 14th Division.





An Iraqi butcher sharpens his knife at a market in Um Qasr, Iraq,
April 17, 2010.

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An Iraqi man helps a fruit stand owner lay out various fruits at a market in Um Qasr, Iraq, April 17, 2010.



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An Iraqi woman offers various fish for sale at a market stand in Um Qasr, Iraq, April 17, 2010.





An Iraqi Police officer looks at a dinar during an anti-counterfeit money course in the Dhi Qar Provincial Joint Coordination Center, April 25, 2010. The class is given by the 318th Psychological Operations (PYSOP) Company to teach the Iraq Police techniques on how to stop counterfeit bills from being circulated.

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U.S. Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division, 118th Airborne Corps, enjoy lunch with Iraqi security forces after a ribbon cutting ceremony of a water well in Saydihyah, Iraq, April 20, 2010. The well was constructed with the assistance of the 3rd Infantry Division and local Iraqi forces.





U.S. Army Lt. Col. Eric R. Timmerman, Commander of Task Force 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment and the Secretary of Iraq State, sign the turnover papers representing the hand over of Forward Operating Base Paliwoda to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Iraqi Army Brigade, April 25, 2010. This turnover marks the 5th base closure by 1/28th Infantry Regiment in the move to hand over Iraq back to the Iraqis.

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