





U.S. Soldiers from Bravo Company, 7th Cavalry, 2nd Squadron, walk through a palm grove during a cache sweep near Mahmudiyah, Iraq April 14, 2010. The soldiers were there in support of the Iraqi army's 17th Division.

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U.S. Soldiers from Bravo Company, 7th Cavalry, 2nd Squadron, break ground after an Iraq Army soldier gets a high reading on his metal detector during a cache sweep near Mahmudiyah, Iraq April 14, 2010. The U.S. Soldiers were there to assist the Iraqi army with the sweep as well as provide advice.



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U.S. Army Staff Sgt. William Morton, 212th Military Police Detachment, has his K-9 partner, Xanny, search a pile of concrete rubble during a cache sweep near Mahmudiyah, Iraq April 14, 2010. Morton and Xanny work together in an effort to support the Iraqi Army's 17th Division.





U.S. Army Pfc. Derek Bowman, a Soldier with Delta Troop, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (6-1 CAV), from Pleasant Garden, N.C., times an Iraqi soldier, who reassembles a rifle as part of an Iraqi Army Best Squad Competition at Texan Base near Kirkuk, Iraq, April 28, 2010. Soldiers from 6-1 CAV facilitated the 4-day competition, culminating with the final four events and a trophy presentation for the contest's winning squad, to improve the Iraqi Army's capabilities as it continues to take the lead in security operations for the country.

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Iraqi soldiers cheer each other as they carry boxes and gallon jugs down a steep hill after completing the final event of an Iraqi Army Best Squad Competition at Texan Base near Kirkuk, Iraq, April 28, 2010. Soldiers from 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (6-1 CAV), facilitated the 4-day competition, culminating with the final four events and a trophy presentation for the contest's winning squad, to improve the Iraqi Army's capabilities as it continues to take the lead in security operations for the country.

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Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George Casey, arrives at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq, April 28, 2010. Gen. Casey visited and spoke to the troops about their deployment and experience in Iraq.

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The Al Shakamra tribe lives peacefully near the marsh waters on the outskirts of Basra, in a small village of Al Kuthra, Iraq, April 26, 2010. The villagers spoke to U.S. Soldiers of the 318th Psychological Operations Company, attached to the 17th Fires Brigade while members of the Guardians Maneuver Element provided security.

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An Iraqi man takes a moment to read the hand bill given to him in Basra, Iraq April 28, 2010. U.S. Soldiers from the 318th Psychological Operations Company gathered atmospherics on the area and handed out information cards to the locals.

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Iraqi men gather on the corner of a busy street in Basra, Iraq April 28, 2010. U.S. Soldiers from the 318th Psychological Operations Company gathered atmospherics on the area and handed out information cards to the locals.

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U.S. Soldiers from Apache and Headquarters Companies, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Division, stand security inside the gate of the newly refurbished Dojima Primary School while eager students wait to see their new classrooms, in the Diyala Province, Iraq, April 20, 2010. Apache Company spent 12 days clearing, cleaning, painting, and repairing the dilapidated compound. Dojima Primary School is the third school refurbished under 1-23's Extreme School Make-Over initiative.

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Dojima Primary School students sit on the schoolyard wall waiting to return to their newly refurbished classrooms, in the Diyala Province, Iraq, April 20, 2010. U.S. Soldiers from Apache and Headquarters Companies 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Division spent 12 days clearing, cleaning, painting, and repairing the dilapidated building. Dojima Primary School is the third school refurbished under 1-23's Extreme School Make-Over initiative.

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