





Ahmed Kurdin Nasahr, a member of the Rashaad Sub-district Council, cuts a ribbon to signify the opening of the Nasaria School in Nasaria, Iraq, May 3, 2010. U.S. Soldiers from Bravo Troop, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armor Division (6-1 CAV), joined members of the Rashaad Sub-district Council in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the school which will support five villages and more than 75 students.

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An Iraqi soldier gives a kiss to a student's cake covered face during the Nasaria School ribbon cutting ceremony in Nasaria, Iraq, May 3, 2010. U.S. Soldiers from Bravo Troop, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armor Division (6-1 CAV), joined members of the Rashaad Sub-district Council in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the school which will support five villages and more than 75 students.

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An Iraqi man bakes bread in traditional ovens in Az Zubayr, Iraq May 01, 2010. U.S. Soldiers of the 318th Tactical Psychological Operations Company, were in the area to discuss security and economic development with the locals.





A young boy immediately unfolds an Iraqi flag handed to him by Iraq soldiers in Az Zubayr, Iraq May 01, 2010. U.S. Soldiers of the 318th Tactical Psychological Operations Company discuss security and economic development with the locals during these patrols.

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Iraqi Boy Scouts learn basic skills in Tae Kwon Do in Baghdad, Iraq, May 8th, 2010. The Scouting program is run by Iraqi Special Forces and U.S. service members and civilian volunteers whose aim is to teach fundamental skills to Iraqi children.

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Iraqi Girl Scouts learn to "sweep the net" to catch bugs in Baghdad, Iraq, May 8th, 2010. The Scouting program is run by Iraqi Special Forces and U.S. service members and civilian volunteers who's aim is to teach fundamental skills to Iraqi children.





U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Mass Communications Specialist Matthew D. Leistikow of Joint Combat Camera-Iraq, high fives a group of local children in a village near Kirkuk, Iraq May 8, 2010. U.S. Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division and Bravo Company, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion visited villages around Kirkuk to gather atmospherics by meeting and speaking with the locals about current conditions in the area.

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1st Lt. Jeremy Lewis, platoon leader, 3rd Platoon, Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armor Division (2-3 FA), from Shellman, Ga., gives a young boy a soccer ball during a visit to Saqizly, Iraq, May 8, 2010. Soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, and Bravo Company, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion, visited the village to meet with local villagers and speak with them about current conditions in the area.

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A local Iraqi interpreter rides the "Adrenaline Maxx" at a new amusement park in Basra, Iraq, May 3, 2010. The park is scheduled to open May 20, 2010.

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sondra “Beaver Beater” Mihovich, from the K-9 Unit, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, from Damascus, Md., connects with a right hook during a boxing match against Senior Airman Ashley Bever, from 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, from Westerville, Ohio, at Forward Operating Base Warrior in Kirkuk, Iraq, May 8, 2010. Warrior hosted its third boxing smoker in which Air Force and Army personnel faced off in the spirit of friendly competition.

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