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## ON THE COVER

**Contract mechanics at An Numaniyah Base prepare to install an engine in a Chevy truck July 6. See related story on page 6.**

Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman

# Bush says defeating terrorists in Iraq critical to U.S. security

By Steven Donald Smith  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — Iraq is the central front in the war against terrorism, so it is imperative that the United States and its allies achieve full victory there, President Bush said in Chicago July 7.

“It’s hard work, because we face an enemy that will kill innocent people in order to achieve an objective, and their objective is to drive us out of Iraq so they can have safe haven from which to launch attacks against modern Muslim nations, so they can spread their ideology of hate,”

Bush said during a news conference at the Museum of Science and Industry.

“The best way to defeat terrorism is to go on offense,” he said. “We’ll keep the pressure on them; we’ll bring them to justice before they hurt our people.”

Bush said a successful outcome in Iraq is important to both U.S. interests and the well-being of the Iraqi people.

“Success in Iraq is vital for the security of the United States, and success in Iraq is vital for long-term peace,” he said. “The Iraqi people want to live in freedom.”

Ensuring freedom at home and abroad comes at a high price, Bush said, and he pointed to the sacrifice made by many U.S. troops as an example of the cost. The President highlighted the sacrifice of Chicago native Marine Cpl. Ryan Cummings, who served two tours in Iraq and volunteered for a third before being killed last month in Anbar province.

“I have confidence in the capacity of liberty to transform hostile regions to peaceful regions,” Bush said. “And I have confidence in our capacity to win the war on terror because people like Ryan Cummings are willing to step up and serve this nation.”

The president said he has confidence in Iraq’s new democratic government,

including the country’s prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki.

“He’s a guy who set goals, and will follow through on those goals,” Bush said. “He understands what needs to be done in order to succeed, and he represents the will of 12 million who went to the polls. It’s a pretty interesting sign that the Iraqi people want to live in freedom.”

Bush said the United States must stay in Iraq until the job is done, and said he would not give a timetable for U.S. troop withdrawal. He said military commanders in Iraq, such as Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multi-National Force-Iraq, would have to make that decision.

Artificial timetables for withdrawal will make victory in Iraq more difficult and send the wrong message, Bush added.

“You can’t win a war if you have an artificial timetable for withdrawal,” he said. “An artificial timetable of withdrawal sends the wrong message to the Iraqis. And getting out before we finish the job would send a terrible message to the troops who sacrificed.”

He said a premature withdrawal would also prove the terrorists are right in their assumption that the United States does not live up to its promises.

“Al Qaida has said, ‘It’s just a matter of time before America withdraws. They’re weak. They’re corrupt. They can’t stand it, and they’ll withdraw.’ And all that will do is confirm what the enemy thinks,” Bush said.

The president also emphasized that there are numerous good things going on in Iraq that don’t make the evening news in the United States.

“Increasing electricity in Baghdad is not the kind of thing that tends to get on the news, or small business formation, ... new schools or new hospitals,” he said. “That’s something I have to deal with in order to make it clear to the American people that the sacrifice of those families is worth it. We are winning.”

# Leadership center sets standard for Iraqi military

By U.S. Air Force  
Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman  
MNSTC-I Public Affairs

**RUSTAMIYAH, Iraq** — The Center for Military Values, Principles and Leadership, which is said to be the key to a more cohesive and qualified Iraqi military, opened July 3 in Rustamiyah.

“This center will have standards and education that will make Iraqi ground forces an even more professional and capable force,” said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Ken McCreary, Coalition director for the center.

For more than two years, Coalition personnel have worked alongside the Iraqis to develop a stronger fighting force. “This center has been built to help those forces become even better,” said McCreary.

Coalition trainers will instruct 46 Iraqi professionals – those possessing a strong educational background in English, computers and technology – to go out and educate the Iraqi force on the importance of military ethics.



**Italian Army Brig. Gen. Agostino Mazzei (left) greets Lt. Gen. Daham Radhi al-Asal, Iraqi defense minister representative, during the opening ceremony of the center, while U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Terry Wolff looks on.**



Photos by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman

**Coalition soldiers, media and other audience members gather for the opening of the Center for Military Values, Leadership and Principles at Rustamiyah July 3. Coalition forces currently run the center but the Iraqi Government is expected to take control in early 2007.**

Iraqi Lt. Gen. Daham Radhi al-Asal, the Iraqi defense minister’s representative, said the concept for the center is based on building confidence between the Iraqi people and their Army. “These values are very important. Its about serving the Iraqi people,” he said.

The idea is for those trained to eventually develop a program that’s specific to the values of the Middle East.

“It’s not our job to impose our values, it’s our job to get them to impose their own values across their military,” said Rob Walters, deputy head of the Center’s leadership division and its operations officer. “The lasting solution is for them to solve their own problems; we’re just here to get them started.”

To accomplish this, instructors will introduce and instill a new concept in the Iraqi force. “We will teach the role of the military in a democracy,” said Walters. “We understand that they already have ethics and values, and we just need to enforce those standards, but answering to a civilian leader is a totally new method to them.”

The center will be an institution

devoted to education and professionalism for Iraqi Armed Forces, but will not include any tactical, technical or administrative affairs. The center will play an important role as the Iraqi civilians and Iraqi Armed Forces adapt to living in and serving a liberated society.

A need has emerged for an organization that makes members of the Iraqi Armed Forces aware of their rights and duties, said retired Iraqi Maj. Gen. Nabil Abdul Kadir, center commander.

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**Lt. Gen. Daham Radhi al-Asal speaks to a local media representative about the center’s mission.**

# Iraqi Army assumes security lead in Diyala

**By Task Force Band of Brothers**  
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Public Affairs

**TIKRIT, Iraq** — It was July 31, 2005 when Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division hoisted the Iraqi flag over Forward Operating Base Khamees in a ceremony that marked the transfer of authority for one-fifth of the Diyala Province to a brigade-sized element in the Iraqi Army.

One year later, Coalition forces are successfully transitioning operational control of a majority of the province to a division-sized element.

The 5th Iraqi Army "Hadeed" Division officially assumed the lead for security in Diyala Province from 101st Airborne Division Soldiers July 3 at the Kirkush Military Training Base, after months of training and preparation.

"This division will be successful because it is composed of the full spectrum of Iraqi people," said Gen. Ahmed Klepos Awad Majhool al-Kozae, commander of the 5th Iraqi Army, during the ceremony. "It represents the hand of the government that carries the weapon and the olive branch at the same time."

Ahmed promised his division would be "the strong hand of the Iraqi people in defeating the insurgency."

The ceremony was a demonstration of the Hadeed Division's commitment to providing security for its own country. The division's soldiers successfully conducted their validation operation in May, which tested their ability to work independently of Coalition forces.

The soldiers of the Hadeed Division have been proving themselves in battle ever since. In June, 5th Division soldiers joined with Iraqi police just south of Baqubah to fight off four separate terrorist attacks, forcing them retreat.

The division lost no soldiers that day and provided quick response medical care and evacuation for wounded police officers and civilians.

The division's successes in their operations directly resulted in the jurisdiction they assumed in this ceremony.

Task Force Band of Brother's 3rd



Photo by U.S. Army by Spc. Lee Elder

**Iraqi Soldiers march toward the reviewing stand during the transfer of authority ceremony at Tikrit July 3.**

Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division has been in Diyala since January, assisting with the transition from Coalition to Iraqi control. They will remain in the area to provide necessary support.

British Maj. Gen. Peter Everson, deputy commanding general, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, said the 5th Division was the first Iraqi Army division, in Multi-National Division North validated to conduct independent combat operations. It is only the fourth division to attain that status in all of Iraq.

"Gen. Ahmed's soldiers have worked hard for the day that this division would be prepared to assume responsibility for this large, complex province," Everson said. "And that day has come."

Diyala Province spans from the eastern edge of Baghdad to the Iranian border and covers 70,000 square miles. It is home to more than 1.7 million Iraqis.

Members of the 5th Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Team, which is made up of elements from the 101st Airborne Division and the U.S. Army Reserve's 80th Division from Virginia, have been helping the Iraqi troops prepare for the changeover.

U.S. Army Col. William Gothard,

80th Division, commands the MiTT in charge of training the division. His unit members worked and lived with their Iraqi Army counterparts, preparing them for this day.

"They take the lead now," Gothard said. "They conduct combat operations on their own, with us providing support where they request it."

Gothard said the walk toward validation has not been an easy one. In addition to training tasks, the division's soldiers have seen action in

campaigns not only in Diyala, but also in neighboring areas like Fallujah, Samarra and Baghdad.

Ahmed said he has been pleased with his soldiers' performance. Most of the troops have been with the division since it was founded in 2004 and have participated in many history-making events, including three elections in the past year.

"They are very proud because they have participated in building this country," Ahmed said after the validation operation in May. "When they are conducting operations, they feel like they are giving something to this country."

Iraq's Security Forces are continually taking the lead role for the safety and security of the country.

"There are no insurgents who can win over the Iraqi people," Ahmed said. "This is the start of their failure in Iraq and hopefully they will fail all over the world. We will win the war against terrorism."

# Hard training, teamwork pay off for Thar-Thar Police

**By U.S. Army  
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**SAMARRA, Iraq** — Months of hard work and constant training are paying off as a well trained Iraqi Police force emerges in Samarra where one did not exist before.

The Police Transition Team, 978th Military Police Company, from Fort Bliss, Texas, attached to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division are witnessing what hard work can do.

After months of hard training and teamwork, they are finally able to see the end result as policemen from the Thar-Thar Police Station in Samarra demonstrate to them their ability to defend the station.

When Coalition Soldiers first started training the Iraqi Police in December, policemen at this station had no training at all. They now have a training calendar

in place and are improving their proficiency every day.

“The first thing we did when we started the training was to identify the five strongest Iraqi policemen and put them in charge of the five training sections,” said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Victor Hendricks, a Police Transition Team member.



Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Russell Lee Klika

**Iraqi policemen of the Thar-Thar Police Station perform mission drills in Samarra, Iraq, demonstrating how they will defend their station in case of attack.**

The five sections include logistics, training, operations, investigations, intelligence and maintenance of the detention facilities.

“Once these sections were up and running, we started to train them in areas they never had training in,” said Hendricks.

Iraqi policemen learned protection and checkpoint and search techniques, as well as how to conduct curfew patrols.

“They now do all three very well,” said Hendricks. “As the training progressed, and friends were made, the Iraqi police started to bring us food and to share family photos with us.”

“They have come a very long way in a very short time, said Hendricks. It was evident in the way they conducted their drill today. It was a great experience for all.”

The unit as a whole was very happy to have a hand in taking the policemen at the Thar-Thar station from a basic level of training and experience to a higher level and helping to facilitate their success.

“This was a great learning experience for all of us,” said Hendricks. “It was a very rewarding mission. One that I’m glad I was involved in.”

## *Iraqi soldiers helped to form leadership center’s curriculum*

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“The center will do its best to re-establish and bring out the high values and principles that Iraqis have distinguished themselves with throughout a long history – those which have faded-out through years of sufferings,” Kadir said.

The center is divided into two divisions – leadership and ethics – and will include a mobile assessment team, which will be solely dedicated to training Iraqi units in the field.

The center’s vision was derived from surveys compiled from the field. Staff officers interviewed various Iraqi soldiers about the officer and NCO education system, and basic training. Divisional units were also surveyed on the officer and NCO

working relationship.

“They identified problems through this assessment and we developed a program to address those problems,” said Walters.

“The key to a successful democracy is freedom from oppression,” he continued. “Your security forces are the cornerstone to that. This center addresses the issues for the Minister of Defense.

So we have to address the professionalism issue, and if done successfully, we really have the cornerstone established for democracy.”

Iraqi staff members are expected to take full control of the program within a year with the NATO taking over the mentorship role sometime early 2007.

# Iraqi Army takes over maintenance contract

By U.S. Air Force  
Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman  
MNSTC-I Public Affairs

**NUMANIYAH, Iraq** — In another sign that it is increasingly ready to take control over its forces, the Iraqi government took control of an \$18 million annual maintenance contract from the Coalition July 5.

Since March 2005, Coalition forces have controlled the maintenance contract for 10 maintenance sites around Iraq, five of which are co-located at Regional Support Unit sites. The An Numaniyah RSU site was the first of five RSUs to transfer responsibility the Iraqi Army.

The contract was initiated to give a bridging mechanism for maintenance, said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jeff Beecham, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq maintenance officer. "Meaning, the Coalition built (force generated) combat units first and then logistics or support units later. The contract was to provide that capability until the maintenance units were built."

This was primarily for direct support and some general support maintenance until the Iraqi Army was able to conduct its own training.

"The transfer is possible because the Iraqi Army and Coalition Military Assistance Training Team trained

enough mechanics to move the mechanics under the control and operation of the Iraqi Army," said Beecham.

Three hundred organizational-level mechanics within the Iraqi Army signed up for the training, which included completing repairs on all the Ministry of Defense vehicles that were brought to the site. Of the 300 mechanics, 100

spare parts to them," said Beecham. "We will continue to run a direct exchange for communications equipment and night vision devices until March 2007.

"This means a unit will be able to bring in their broken equipment and exchange them for serviceable ones. The unserviceable items will be sent to Taji to be repaired," Beecham said.

The remaining RSU sites are expected to transfer their contracts by the beginning of October.

"We are transitioning more and more capabilities to the Iraqi Army which allows us to turn more battle space over to them," Beecham said. "It was a very cooperative effort between MNSTC-I, the contractor and the Iraqi Army and that is what made this transition so successful."

The An Numaniyah RSU commander confirmed that the

joint effort is another stepping stone for the Iraqis in achieving logistical independence.

"We would like to thank the Coalition forces for all their help," Iraqi Army Col. Bader, An Numaniyah RSU commander, said through an interpreter. "These transfers are important to help Iraq regain control. Forces here helped us to build a new workshop, provided a lot of equipment and training and now our mechanics have been well trained and are able to function on their own."



Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman

**Iraqi Army and contract mechanics listen to dignitaries during the transition ceremony at An Numaniyah July 5. The RSU at An Numaniyah was the first site to transfer its maintenance contract to the control of the Iraqi Army.**

of them are now certified. "Our biggest challenge was getting enough quality mechanics into An Numaniyah," Beecham said.

He said many of the mechanics hired through the contract will continue to work for the Iraqi government at the An Numaniyah site and about 70 contractors volunteered to join the Iraqi Army.

Coalition forces will still maintain minimal support at the An Numaniyah site. "We will still provide supply and

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**U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jeff Beecham, MNSTC-I maintenance officer**

## IRAQI SECURITY FORCES / in brief

### NATO DSACEUR visits Iraqi Minister of Defense

Baghdad — NATO's Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Gen. Sir John Reith, visited the Iraqi Minister of Defense, Mr. Abdul Qader al-Mufriji, July 7 for an update on NATO's training mission in Iraq.

General Reith also visited the new Joint Operations Center which is based in the Ministry of Defense. NATO members assisted with the development of the JOC and continue to support it daily by advising Iraqi army members.

Since its opening, the JOC has been vital in coordinating the nationwide operations of the Iraqi Army and the minister thanked Reith, especially for the support of NATO personnel, in establishing and running the JOC.

Reith said he was impressed to see the level of professionalism Iraqis have attained in such a short period of time. Reith is the former Chief of Joint Operations for the U.K. Ministry of Defence.

At the end of his visit Reith re-emphasized NATO's commitment to Iraq, to help train and equip the Security Forces and assist the Iraqi government in the development of its own security structure.

During his visit Reith met Iraqi and MNF-I leaders and visited the headquarters of NTM-I and its Forward Operating Base at Rustamiyah.

— *NATO Training Mission – Iraq Public Information Office*

### DSACEUR Visits NATO Training Mission Iraq

**Baghdad** — NATO's Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Gen. Sir John Reith visited the NATO Training Mission – Iraq July 7 as a part of a two-day working trip to the country.

Reith was briefed at NTM-I Headquarters at the Cultural Center Compound in Baghdad by Italian Army Maj. Gen. Ernesto Alviano, NTM-I deputy commander, about the latest successes of the mission and its future tasks.

Reith toured the Cultural Centre Compound where NATO is helping to build the Iraqi Training and Doctrine Command for the Iraqi Security Forces. The ITDC is well on its way to organizing and directing general training for ISF personnel.

Reith also visited the Iraqi Lessons Learned Center which NTM-I helped to establish in November 2005. The ILLC is providing important input into the training programs of the ISF. Its latest task was to evaluate the operation of the NATO-led Joint Staff College in Rustamiyah. General Reith also visited the Iraqi Defense Language Institute, which opened in February this year and is supported by NTM-I.

The first course has been completed and the first graduation of 33 English-speaking students takes place July 9. Both the ILLC and the DLI are part of the Training and Doctrine

Command.

After visiting the Cultural Center Compound, Reith traveled to Ar Rustamiyah, on the outskirts of Baghdad, where NTM-I has a forward headquarters to support the establishment of the Joint Staff College and the Iraqi Military Academy at Rustamiyah.

Italian Army Brig. Gen. Agostino Mazzei, who leads NTM-I work at the site, discussed the recent graduation of 50 students from the Junior Staff Course, and another 37 students from the Senior Staff Course, which are due to graduate shortly. Selection of students for the next year is on-going.

At the end of his visit to Rustamiyah, Reith commented on the immense progress of the mission since his last visit in November 2005.

He said that NATO has contributed significantly to the training of Security Forces in Iraq and was instrumental in the establishment of a self-sustaining Iraqi training program.

He was appreciative of the mission's contribution with limited resources in such a short time.

— *NATO Training Mission – Iraq Public Information Office*

### National Police, Coalition Soldiers detain 7 terrorists

**BAGHDAD** — Police from 8th Brigade, 2nd National Police Division and Coalition Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, detained seven suspected terrorists and discovered three weapons caches during a search in Baghdad's Doura neighborhood early June 7.

One suspect was arrested following a search of his house by National Police, who found two AK-47 rifles in his home. Three other suspects in the house were also detained. The policemen found a third AK-47, magazines and a sniper rifle on the roof.

At a site nearby, Soldiers found two 82 mm mortar rounds, blasting caps, and suicide bomber propaganda.

A second cache containing four 82 mm rounds with blasting caps a 122 mm artillery round, suicide bomber propaganda and a magazine for a Russian sniper rifle was also found. The third cache, found across the street from a local mosque, contained a rocket-propelled grenade, four rockets, two AK-47 rifles with ammunition and various bomb-making materials.

A video camera and tapes were also discovered.

The tapes contained video of torture and of mortars being launched. Soldiers also found four mortar rounds, a 122 mm round, a base plate, four cell-phones – one rigged as a timing device – and plastic explosives.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams destroyed the munitions.

— *Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO*

## IRAQI SECURITY FORCES / in brief

### ISF capture regional insurgent force commander

**BALAD** — Iraqi Security Forces conducted a raid early July 6 in Babil Province, capturing an insurgent force commander who controlled operations throughout the middle Euphrates region.

The Iraqi Forces, assisted by Coalition force advisers, raided a house in Mahawil, north of Hillah, and captured the insurgent commander without incident.

He is believed to have been responsible for weapons smuggling, including the movement of SA-7 surface-to-air anti-aircraft missiles, espionage activities for Iran, improvised explosive device attacks, murder and intimidation of Iraqi citizens, inciting sectarian violence, and financing the operations of his organization through contacts in both Lebanon and Iran.

Iraqi Forces also seized one Glock G-19 pistol and one magazine of nine millimeter hollow point rounds. No Iraqi or Coalition forces were killed or wounded during this operation.

— *Multi-National Forces – Iraq Combined Press Information Center*

### Iraqi forces capture insurgent leader in Baghdad

**BALAD** – Iraqi Army forces captured a high-level insurgent during an early morning raid July 7 in eastern Baghdad as part of Operation Together Forward, the Iraqi government's plan to improve

security conditions in Baghdad.

The insurgent leader was detained after a 43-minute firefight between insurgents and Iraqi soldiers. Iraqi forces were responding to small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from the roof of a building during operations. An estimated 30-40 enemy fighters were killed or wounded.

The captured individual headed multiple insurgent cells in Baghdad whose main focus is to conduct attacks against Iraqi and Coalition forces. These attacks include the use of improvised explosive devices, and vehicle-borne IEDs.

— *Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs*

### Iraqi soldiers rescue kidnapped workers

**BAGHDAD** — Troops from the 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraq Army Division rescued three Red Crescent employees from two kidnappers July 3.

The soldiers stopped a black sedan at a checkpoint near the Al-Nida Mosque.

The two kidnappers attempted to flee but were detained a short distance from the checkpoint.

During a search of the vehicle, the soldiers found two handguns. The kidnap victims were not injured.

— *Multi-National Division – Baghdad Public Affairs*



**U.S. Army Sgt. Jason Foy and a local Iraqi man gently lower Abdul Karim Salman into his new pediatric wheelchair June 29. Foy, a combat medic with 4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, participated in a mission to deliver and fit wheelchairs for local Iraqis, donated by charitable organizations in the United States.**

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Rachel A. Brune

## IRAQI SECURITY FORCES / in brief

### Iraqi soldiers foil kidnapping attempt

**BAGHDAD** — Iraqi soldiers manning a traffic control point stopped a kidnapping attempt and recovered a hostage in Ameriyah July 3.

The vehicle carrying the victim attempted to run through the checkpoint manned by soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

Soldiers opened fire on the terrorist's vehicle after it approached the checkpoint at a high rate of speed.

The kidnap victim was thrown from the vehicle and the terrorists escaped capture. The victim was returned to his home following a medical evaluation.

— *Multi-National Division – Baghdad Public Affairs*

### ISF air assault raid nets 12 terrorists

**BALAD** — Iraqi security forces of the Hillah Special Weapons and Tactics unit captured 12 insurgents during an air assault raid July 1 in north Babil Province.

Among the captured were seven cell members from a local terrorist network who had warrants issued for their arrest by the Iraqi Ministry of Interior. The SWAT team seized two AK-47 assault rifles and two Russian made SKS carbine rifles.

— *Multi-National Force - Iraq Public Affairs Office*

### Terror cell leader killed

**TIKRIT** — Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Iraqi Army Division killed an assassination cell leader in an exchange of gunfire July 2 in Tal Afar.



Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Rick Brown

**An Iraqi K9 cop launches toward a suspected terrorist during a recent demonstration at the Baghdad Police College. Arab and Western media were invited to witness the demonstration along with the graduation of 444 new Iraqi policemen last month.**

One child was injured by insurgent gunfire. The child was medically evacuated to Mosul General Hospital.

Soldiers were patrolling Tal Afar when Col. Kareem, 3rd Battalion commander, recognized Ghassan Abd al Khadir Farhat, a known insurgent leader who was wanted by Iraqi Security and Coalition forces.

Hathal directed his troops to detain the wanted man, who then fled through neighborhood streets in an attempt to evade capture.

Several insurgents appeared and began firing small-arms weapons, rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns at the Iraqi troops as they chased Farhat. Coalition forces assisted with air support and ground forces.

Troops scoured the area and found Farhat hiding in a water tank. Farhat fired several errant shots at the troops before he was shot and killed.

— *Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs*

### Truck-bomb explodes early, kills bomber

**BAGHDAD** — Iraqi Police located and cleared a truck bomb in the southwest Baghdad neighborhood of Al Bayaa June 30 after getting a tip from a concerned citizen.

The cab of the truck had exploded prematurely killing at least one perpetrator, but the chassis and bed were still intact. Police officers found the body of one terrorist inside the cab.

The truck bed contained five-155 mm artillery rounds, four large shape-charges and a propane tank filled with homemade explosives that was connected to a car battery. An Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team arrived on scene and disabled the device.

— *Multi-National Division – Baghdad Public Affairs*

### Terrorist killed during combined operation

**FOB KALSU** — Coalition and Iraqi troops killed a terror suspect after exchanging gunfire July 1 in Haswah.

Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division along with troops from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division conducted a combined cordon and search for the suspect. Troops were fired upon when they arrived at the man's house.

Soldiers moved to the back of the house where the suspect crashed through the back door. The suspect aimed an AK-47 at troops and was immediately shot.

Medics on the scene attempted to treat the suspect and an air-medical evacuation helicopter was dispatched, however, the man died as the helicopter arrived.

Soldiers found 12 hand grenades, sniper ammunition and magazines, parachute flares and hundreds of explosive primers inside the suspects house.

— *Multi-National Division – Baghdad Public Affairs*