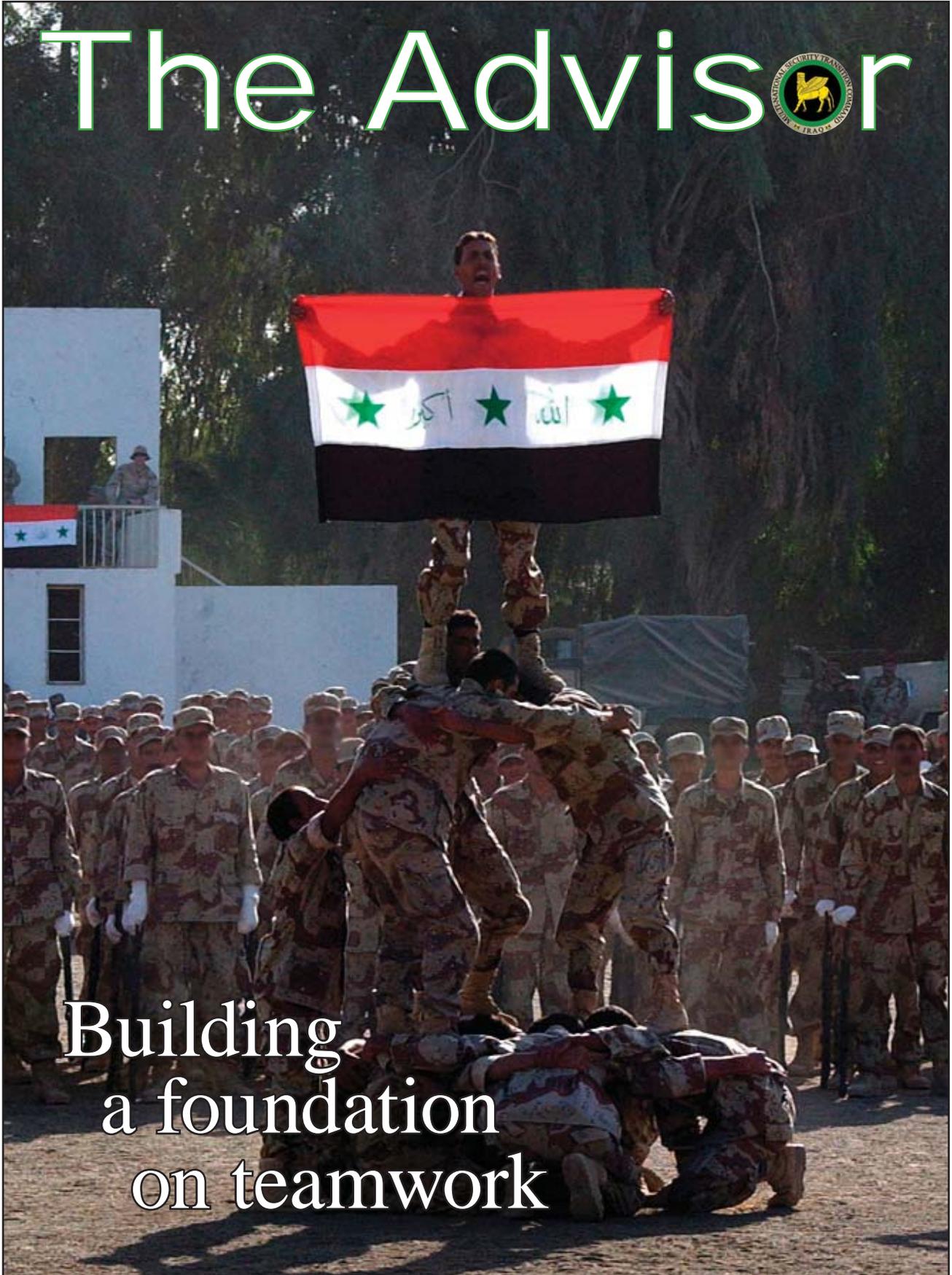


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ON THE COVER

Iraqi soldiers present their nation's flag to dignitaries at a basic training graduation in Habbaniyah Sept. 29 with a hearty "Allah es Akbar" – God is Great.

Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Gerald Ostlund

Caldwell: Iraqi peace plan gives citizens responsibility

By U.S. Army Sgt. Sara Wood

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The reconciliation plan announced by Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki Oct. 2 enables Iraqi citizens from all political groups to hold their security forces responsible and to take responsibility for creating peace and tolerance within their own neighborhoods, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad said Oct. 4.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, Multi-National Force – Iraq spokesman, said in a news conference that the plan calling for the creation of joint committees throughout Baghdad, made up of clerics, tribal sheiks, representatives from all political blocs, and the armed forces, is aimed at ending internal battles that were preventing the unity Iraq so desperately needs.

“The frank dialogue that went into the development of this plan shows a concerted effort by all sects to reduce the sectarian violence,” Caldwell said. “Reconciliation among Iraqis is ultimately what will quell this needless bloodshed.”

On the local and national levels, Iraqi leaders are learning what self-governance means and are improving their capabilities to serve the needs of the citizens, Caldwell said. Provincial reconstruction teams made up of Coalition forces are assisting local governments and teaching them how to develop governance capacity, promote increased security and rule of law, achieve political and economic development, and meet the basic needs of their populations.

“Since the fall of Saddam (Hussein), local governance has taken on a whole new meaning here in Iraq,” he said. “Iraqis are clearly focused on improving their quality of life and working toward a brighter future.”

As local governance improves, the Iraqi Security Forces continue to improve, Caldwell said. This week, one brigade and three battalions of the Iraqi Army assumed the lead in their areas of operation, bringing the total of Iraqi units in the lead to six Iraqi Army division headquarters,

30 brigades and 89 battalions, he said. Of the 110 bases that Coalition forces have occupied since 2003, 52 have been turned over to Iraqi control, he added.

In September, Iraqi and Coalition forces killed more than 110 terrorists and detained more than 520 suspected terrorists in 164 operations, Caldwell said. Based on information received from a recently detained al-Qaida member, Coalition forces detained a former driver and personal assistant of Abu Ayyoub al-Masri, the purported leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, along with 31 others during a series of raids in the Baghdad area Sept. 28.

Intelligence indicates the individual detained participated in the 2005 bombing of two hotels in Baghdad that killed a total of 16 people and injured 65 others, Caldwell said.

He also noted that the Iraqi police continue to improve. Earlier this summer, Multi-National Force – Iraq began phase one of a national police assessment program called “Quick Look,” which was designed to assess each battalion’s capability and readiness.

Quick Look assesses equipment status, personnel and weapons accountability, battalion facilities, overall unit discipline and current combat capabilities. Phase one has ended, Caldwell said, and the Coalition has initiated phase two, which focuses on leader and police transformational training.

Transformational training is a three-week training program focused on leader training, civil policing skills and training on key collective tasks required at the small-unit level, Caldwell said. Key blocks of instruction include: rule of law; policing a democracy; police role in counterinsurgency operations; human rights; community policing; and a platoon-level police situational training exercise. By summer of 2007, all Iraqi national police units should have completed this training, according to Caldwell.

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Regional training centers prepare for influx

By U.S. Army Maj. Gerald Ostlund
MNSTC-I Public Affairs

HABBANIYAH, Iraq — Earlier this summer when Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki announced a national recruiting initiative to increase the Army by 30,000 soldiers, regional training centers like the one in Habbaniyah were put on notice – get ready for a large, rapid influx of new recruits.

Unlike the other five regional training centers, Habbaniyah hadn't conducted basic training for more than six months. Iraqi Army Lt. Col. Ragheed Salih, the Habbaniyah RTC commander, and his Coalition advisors quickly decided to run a small class of recruits through the center to better prepare for the influx of students expected to follow.

Working quickly, Salih reached out to the Iraqi Army's 1st Division, co-located at Habbaniyah, for help. The division commander provided a select group of noncommissioned officers to augment the limited number of instructors that were already assigned to the RTC.

"We cooperate," stated Salih with the help of an interpreter. "We work as a team – me, my officers and my NCOs, the NCOs from the 1st Division



Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Gerald Ostlund

A platoon of new Iraqi soldiers perform a pass and review at Habbaniyah Sep. 29. The graduating class, the first to be held at Habbaniyah in six months, was a pilot course for basic training expansion at the post.

Recruiting for the Prime Minister's Initiative

The prime minister's national recruiting initiative, announced earlier this summer, was conceived with the idea of increasing the Iraqi Army's present-for-duty strength, to replenish the ranks due to attrition and to compensate for leave policies within the Iraqi military. These policies allow for 25 percent of a unit to be on leave at any given time during a month. Because Iraq does not yet have a central banking system, these policies allow soldiers to return home with their pay and handle personal financial matters.

The initiative will also allow the Iraqi Army to fill its support units to 100 percent and its combat units to 110 percent strength.

It also calls for a new basic training course at Habbaniyah and an expansion of existing basic training courses at Kirkush, Kirkuk, Tallil, Taji, Al Numaniyah, Tikrit and Hammam Al Alil. The last of the basic training expansion courses is expected to start in late spring 2007 with the final recruits arriving at their assigned units by early summer 2007.

The Iraqi Army is working throughout the country's 18 provinces to recruit new soldiers to meet the prime minister's goal. Recruits will be sent to regional training centers such as Habbaniyah, based on where the soldier will serve once training is complete, not based on where the soldier was recruited. Upon graduation from basic training, soldiers will be integrated into units throughout the Iraqi Army.

and the American advisors – we all worked together to get this result."

The 1st Division also assisted Salih with preparing barracks buildings, providing transportation and weapons for training, and other necessities. By the time the first recruits arrived in late August, the RTC was ready to welcome them and put them to work on final preparations for the pilot course.

The course, which graduated Sept. 29, was made up of 320 recruits from the Al Anbar province. All of these new "junoud" – Arabic for soldiers – will serve within the 1st or 7th Iraqi Army Divisions in the Al Anbar area. The next course will have 900 trainees with follow-on courses reaching 1,850 in size.

"The last course (of basic training) was in May," said Salih. "This course was a good course. We learned many things from it."

U.S. Marine Corps Col. Joel Garland, liaison officer for Multi-

National Division – West, pointed out two important lessons learned. "We found that recruits need to spend more time in marksmanship training. (They) all shot, but some had no experience at all," he said. "In the Marine Corps, you get two full weeks in marksmanship training in boot camp. Here (they) spent two days.

"Also we need to get the instructors up to snuff in marksmanship," stated Garland. "They aren't necessarily marksmanship trained either, so we'll work on that for the next one."

According to Salih, the RTC boasts 40 instructors for not only basic training, but specialty training courses as well, including medic, platoon sergeant and squad leader courses. Another 120 instructors are expected to be assigned to the Habbaniyah RTC before the next basic training course starts Oct. 16.

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Keeping an eye in the sky during Ramadan

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

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi ground forces are getting some assistance from up high, as the Iraqi Air Force has deployed personnel from Kirkuk Regional Air Base to provide security support above the streets of Baghdad.

Iraqi airmen from Squadron 3 deployed to New Al Muthanna Air Base in Baghdad to perform an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission during the holy month of Ramadan. Maintenance personnel, pilots and two CH2000 aircraft are part of the first deployment mission for the Iraqi Air Force.

In joining fellow Iraqi airmen at New Al Muthanna, this is the first time that multiple Iraqi Air Force squadrons have worked together to complete a mission.

“It’s important for us to be here during this time,” said the Squadron 3 commander, who asked not be identified, for security purposes. “We are fighting an enemy who has shown no respect for our people, our nation or our holy holiday.”

He said violence by the insurgency has been known to increase during Ramadan. “Terrorists try to make themselves known even more during this month” the commander said. “They want to show the world the Iraqi government cannot stop them.”

The commander said many eyes will be on Muslims during this holy month, “and the terrorists will use this as an advantage to make themselves known.”

As a result, Iraqi and Coalition leaders said they felt the



An Iraqi Air Force pilot conducts a pre-flight inspection on the CH2000 aircraft at New Al Muthanna Air Base in Baghdad Oct. 3. The air force is using the plane to perform intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions over the capital city during Ramadan.

need to conduct air surveillance to help monitor the streets of Baghdad during the Ramadan period.

This is done by using the CH2000 aircraft. The single-engine, two-passenger plane is being used to monitor checkpoints and to ensure the routes in and out of the city are secure and are being used in accordance with the orders of Iraqi and Coalition leaders.

Iraqi and Coalition members have been killed supporting Iraq’s new democracy, and the commander said he hopes the support his unit is providing will help stop insurgents from taking any more lives.

“We can observe problems on the ground,” he explained. “If we see something suspicious from the air, we are able to call it in before a ground unit approaches that area.”

As with any other military training that has taken place since the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime, the Iraqi pilots have worked side-by-side with Coalition training teams and are even sharing the cockpit with them on these missions over the city. The commander said having Coalition pilots alongside them gives Iraqi pilots a chance to capitalize from the experience and knowledge of those more experienced.

“Americans are winners of wars,” he said. “During Saddam, we didn’t have a chance to get more experience because we lacked information. Now, we have good bylaws, good forces and good people to share information with us so that we can become as good as the American military.”

The support being provided by Squadron 3 will help both the Iraqi and Coalition armies and the Iraqi National Police, making this a significant accomplishment for the Iraqi Air Force.



An Iraqi Air Force pilot prepares for take-off Oct. 3 at New Al Muthanna Air Base in Baghdad. The 3rd Iraqi Air Force Squadron is conducting intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions over the capitol city during the holy month of Ramadan.

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Air Force maintains surveillance over Baghdad

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“This is the first time the Iraqi Air Force has supported ground forces from the skies around Baghdad,” said U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Waylan Cain, Coalition Air Force Transition Team Advisory Support Team leader.

Cain is one of the Coalition advisors helping the Iraqi pilots conduct the reconnaissance missions over Baghdad. He said these missions are important because they provide a broad overview for leaders on the ground.

“One of the main focuses for Coalition air forces in theater is to gather actionable intelligence assets,” said Cain. “We are here to help the ground forces commander by providing him with a good picture, or a bird’s eye view, to guide him in his decisions on how he can best accomplish his mission.”

Now that the Iraqi Air Force is generating the same capability, Cain says

its role in the security of Iraq and the Iraqi people is increasing.

In addition, the air force is moving toward a centralized command – having one commander, but empowering



An Iraqi Air Force pilot and his Coalition advisor conduct a pre-flight inspection Oct. 3 at New Al Muthanna Air Base. The 3rd Iraqi Air Force Squadron is conducting intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions over the Iraqi capitol during the Ramadan observance.

subordinate leaders in the field to make their own decisions on how to carry out a mission.

And this has resulted, according to

Cain, in a successful mission for all of the Iraqi armed forces.

“We’ve been able to support ground forces from the air, they’ve (Iraqi Air Force deployed squadron) provided their own network of support for this deployment, and they understand the important role that intelligence plays in operations,” Cain said. “Now what they do with the information and experience we’ve shared, will affect the future successes of their air force.”

The reconnaissance mission began Sept. 25 and is expected to continue through the end of October. The 70th Iraqi Air Force Squadron from Basrah will take over operations from Squadron 3 later this month and will continue the mission until it is complete.

Information gathered during the ISR mission is restricted due to operational security,

but Iraqi and Coalition leaders said intelligence information is forwarded to Multi-National Division – Baghdad leaders for further investigation.

Iraqis learning local, national self-governance

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Quick Look has also brought to light some national police units that are not up to the government’s standards and that need to be retrained, Caldwell said. The Iraqi Ministry of Interior announced Oct. 5 that the 8th Brigade, 2nd National Police Division is being recalled to go through intensive training in anti-militia and anti-sectarian violence operations.

“This brigade’s past performance has not demonstrated the

level of professionalism sought by the Ministry of Interior,” Caldwell explained.

He stressed that while some units within the police force clearly need retraining, others have proven to be very competent and professional units.

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**U.S. Maj. Gen. William Caldwell
Multi-National Force – Iraq Spokesman**

“The transition from tyranny to democracy is definitely long and very difficult,” he said. “Coalition forces continue to stand behind the government as it deals with tough decisions that lay

ahead, and with the Iraqi Security Forces as they continue to grow in both quality and quantity.”

National Forensics Academy opens in Baghdad

By U.S. Navy
Journalist 2nd Class John J. Pistone
MNSTC-I Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — “There is no such thing as a perfect crime, as there are always clues left behind” is a phrase that is often echoed in police circles all around the world. Detectives and analysts say that a good forensics investigation will always lead to the perpetrator. By unveiling the National Forensics Academy in Baghdad Oct. 2, the Iraqi Police told the world the same rings true in Iraq and they are committed to training their crime scene investigators in forensics.

The ceremony featured a walk-through of the academy and showcased some new crime scene investigation equipment.

Iraqi Police Capt. Sabah, an 11-year forensics investigator and one of the academy’s instructors, said the new academy will train the police in many new methods to detect and investigate crime.

“In the former regime there was a block between Iraqis and the world. We had some very experienced



Photos by U.S. Navy Journalist 2nd Class John J. Pistone

An Iraqi Police officer prepares to place a “fuming hood” on a fingerprint collection field kit in a National Forensics Academy classroom Oct. 2. The academy will teach police investigators in all areas of forensic sciences.

investigators but we lacked the scientific knowledge and new equipment, which the other countries had,” Sabah said with the help of an interpreter. “But since the fall of Saddam, we have been able to get new equipment and technologies. Now that we have this academy, we can use these tools to train our future investigators,” he added.

According to Sabah, forensics, or crime scene investigation, is one of the most exciting aspects of police work. He says even though arresting officers usually get the spotlight, he believes much of the credit goes to the investigators.

“Crime scene investigation is the backbone of an investigation, no matter how good the crime is, we are always gathering evidence to solve it,” Sabah said. “In our language we call it ‘the things which are behind the curtain’ because we are always working behind the scenes.”

Sabah said he is excited at the prospect of teaching investigative skills to many more police officers.

According to Mike Hallmark, a specialized police units coordinator with MNSTC-I’s Civilian Police Assistant Training Team, the Baghdad Police College currently conducts a 30-day crime scene investigators course that is run by Iraqi personnel from the Baghdad Crime Lab. He said this course will soon be taught at the new forensics academy.

“About 18 months ago we put together a train-the-trainer course where we trained a dozen investigators as instructors and to date they have trained 232 investigators all over the country,” Hallmark said. “Now, because of this facility, we can have the Iraqi instructors from the crime lab conduct basic courses and bring in guests to train in special courses. We anticipate bringing in guest instructors from all over the world to train students in such disciplines as ballistics, chemical lab, photography or any other discipline that they need,” he added.



Iraqi Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bolani stands with U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joseph Peterson and other Coalition advisors at the official opening of the National Forensics Academy in Baghdad Oct. 2.

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Police training next generation of Iraqi CSI

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Iraqi Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bolani was present to officially open the academy and said that Iraq was, in the past, on the forefront of forensics, and hopes this new academy will help return them to that position.



Photos by U.S. Navy Journalist 2nd Class John J. Pistone

A fingerprint collection field kit is displayed in a classroom at the National Forensics Academy in Baghdad Oct. 2.

“Almost 80 years ago, fingerprint technology was introduced in Iraq and the country built upon it over the years and at one time was referred to as a country in the lead,” al-Bolani said with the help of an interpreter. “It is with great pride that I open this facility and my hope is that it will be a center of excellence and bring us back to the front again.”

He thanked the Coalition for their continued support and acknowledged that the academy was the culmination of a lot of hard work from both the Iraqi people and Coalition advisors.

According to Hallmark, students attending the academy will learn not only management of crime scenes and the skills to explore evidence, but senior officers will also learn how to manage resources effectively.

Sabah said the ongoing developments of DNA and fingerprint technologies, coupled with the new school and its teaching techniques, has produced a major improvement in the ability of the

Iraqi Police to detect and solve crime.

“Criminals are being caught in Iraq by using forensic evidence,” Sabah said, “and people should be aware that we are developing our skills and the many ways we can identify them. So if you are thinking of committing a crime, know that we will find you and we will get you.”



A mini crime scope, which is used to locate fingerprints, fibers and fluids left at a crime scene, is displayed in a classroom at the National Forensics Academy in Baghdad Oct. 2.

Iraqi Prime Minister's Initiative results in expansion

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Iraqi Army Pfc. Muhammad was excited to graduate and get onto his unit. “My unit will be 1st Division, 4th Brigade. It is near my home so I am very happy,” he said through an interpreter. “I will spend many years in the army.”

He wants to return to Habbaniyah to attend the medic course. “I want to enter the medic course to become a medic,” he stated. “I like this job because I get to help people. I like to help people.”

Muhammad was selected by the cadre at the RTC to be the “top of the pyramid” during the graduation – where he presented the Iraqi flag to special guests in the audience. With pride afterwards, Muhammad explained his motivation.

“I came here not for the pay. I came here to protect my home – for the safety of my home,” he explained. “I was the one who raised the flag and said ‘Allah es Akbar.’ I am very proud.”

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Iraqi Army Pvt.**

“Are they ready? Yes, they are ready,” said Salih. “The most important thing they learn is the discipline first, and the second is the military life. They also increased their physical fitness,” he explained. “They learned how to clear a room, how to setup a checkpoint, modern weapons and things like that.”

Salih and his instructors have a couple of weeks between basic training classes, but there is no time

for a break. Other courses are in session and new recruits have already arrived for the next class. Salih shrugged at the suggestion of a break, stating simply, “It is our job.”

Iraqi Security Forces / in brief

Joint forces capture high-value terrorist

BAGHDAD — A company of Iraqi soldiers and troops from Multi-National Division – Baghdad and the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team captured 28 suspected terrorists Oct. 3 in nine simultaneous pre-dawn raids in the Jisr Diyala section of east Baghdad.

Among the detainees were three high-value individuals, including the number nine person on the division's high-value target list.

According to Coalition leaders, the suspect is allegedly responsible for murders, criminal activities and attacks on Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition forces.

During the operations, ammunition and several weapons were confiscated, to include two machine guns, a hunting rifle, two handguns, seven AK-47 rifles, five hand grenades and several rocket-propelled grenades.

This operation was conducted based on intelligence gathered over several months.

No Iraqi or Coalition forces were injured during the operation.

— *506th Regimental Combat Team Public Affairs Office*

Iraqi police chief survives insurgent attack

CAMP AL ASAD — An Iraqi police chief was wounded when his patrol was ambushed Oct. 3 while in pursuit of

suspected insurgents in the city of Al Baghdadi, Iraq.

Col. Sha'ban al Obeidi, was evacuated to a nearby U.S. military medical facility via helicopter for treatment and was reported in good condition.

One policeman was killed in the attack.

In response to questions asked by Coalition personnel visiting the hospital, Obeidi said to tell his policemen to continue to fight and take care of the people.

Al Baghdadi is a city of about 30,000 nestled along the Euphrates River and about 120 miles west of Baghdad.

— *Multi-National Force – West Public Affairs Office*

Soldiers find hidden weapons in market

FALLUJAH — Iraqi soldiers discovered five separate weapons caches Oct. 2 during a search of Fallujah's souk, or the market district of the city.

The operation was conducted by troops from the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division alongside Coalition Marines from the 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment.

Among the items seized were materials to make improvised explosive devices, rocket-propelled grenades, AK-47 assault rifles and ammunition.

— *Regimental Combat Team 5 Public Affairs Office*

An Iraqi homeowner clutches a stack of dinars while a Coalition Marine verifies the accuracy of his lease payment to the man Sept. 24 at a Jazirah schoolhouse. Iraqi civilians were paid for the Iraqi Army's use of their homes. Approximately \$60,000 was paid out with more than 9,000 Iraqi bills during a 5-hour period. Iraqi soldiers supervised all the scheduled lease payments without incident.



Photo by U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Ben Eberle

Iraqi Security Forces / in brief

Operations obstruct insurgent activity

BAQUBAH — Iraqi police and Coalition forces apprehended three suspected insurgents and seized a sizable cache Oct. 2 in a combined operation south of Baqubah.

Iraqi police from Baqubah and Coalition Soldiers from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Lightning, discovered the suspects, along with a cache, while conducting a combined two-day operation, searching area palm groves and the surrounding villages for illegal activity.

During the search, both elements came under small-arms fire from a nearby house. The Soldiers returned fire, killing one insurgent.

The cache consisted of one AK-47 rifle, five AK-47 magazines, two hand grenades, bomb making materials, anti-Iraqi propaganda and binoculars. The three detainees were taken to a secure location for questioning and the cache was destroyed in a controlled detonation.

The mission was part of ongoing combined operations throughout the Diyala province, led by Iraqi Security Forces, to disrupt insurgent activities.

— *Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs Office*

Iraqi Army conducts raid in Sadr City

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Army forces conducted an early-morning



Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Billy Brothers

An Iraqi soldier hugs a child as fellow troops inspect the child's house in a rural Iraqi village Sept. 28.

raid Oct. 1 in northeast Sadr City, Baghdad, to capture a suspect involved in the kidnapping and murder of Iraqi civilians.

Iraqi forces, with Coalition advisors, established a security cordon and quickly gained entry to multiple locations, looking for a suspect allegedly involved in the kidnapping, torture and murder of innocent Iraqis.

Iraqi forces detained four persons of interest without incident or injury to the suspects or to the 14 women and children present at the locations.

During the operation, Iraqi forces received small-arms fire from multiple ground-level and rooftop locations and returned controlled fire at identified targets to neutralize the threat. Departing the objective, they were again engaged by small-arms fire from rooftop locations. Iraqi forces immediately identified the threats and neutralized them with controlled fire.

— *Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs Office*

Soldiers prevent attack, detain 27 suspects

BAGHDAD — Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and Coalition troops from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division detained a terrorist cell leader and 18 other suspects during a combined cordon and search west of Baghdad Oct 2.

In a separate incident, soldiers from the 2nd and 3rd Brigades of the 8th Iraqi Army Division prevented a large-scale sectarian attack in the Obiedi Region south of Baghdad Sept. 30 after receiving reports that local residents had been driven out of their homes.

The 8th Division soldiers conducted a cordon and search of the eastern section of the Obiedi Region where eight suspects were detained for questioning.

As of Oct. 1, Iraqi Security Forces and Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers have cleared approximately 95,000 buildings, 80 mosques and 60 muhallas, detained more than 125 terrorist suspects, seized more than 1,700 weapons, registered more than 750 weapons and found 35 weapons caches in support of Operation Together Forward. The combined forces have also removed more than 195,000 cubic meters of trash from the streets of Baghdad.

— *Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs Office*

ISF raid nets terrorist tied to attacks

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Security Forces conducted an early-morning raid Oct. 1 near Taji, capturing one terrorist linked to al-Qaida in Iraq and who is suspected of attacks against Iraqi and Coalition forces.

Iraqi forces, with Coalition advisors, conducted an air-assault near their objective and secured multiple secondary objectives. In addition to capturing the suspect, they also seized multiple weapons and a vehicle that tested positive for explosive residue.

No injuries or damages were reported.

The raid was conducted as part of Operation Together Forward with the goal of capturing terrorists targeting legitimate Iraqi forces.

— *Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs Office*