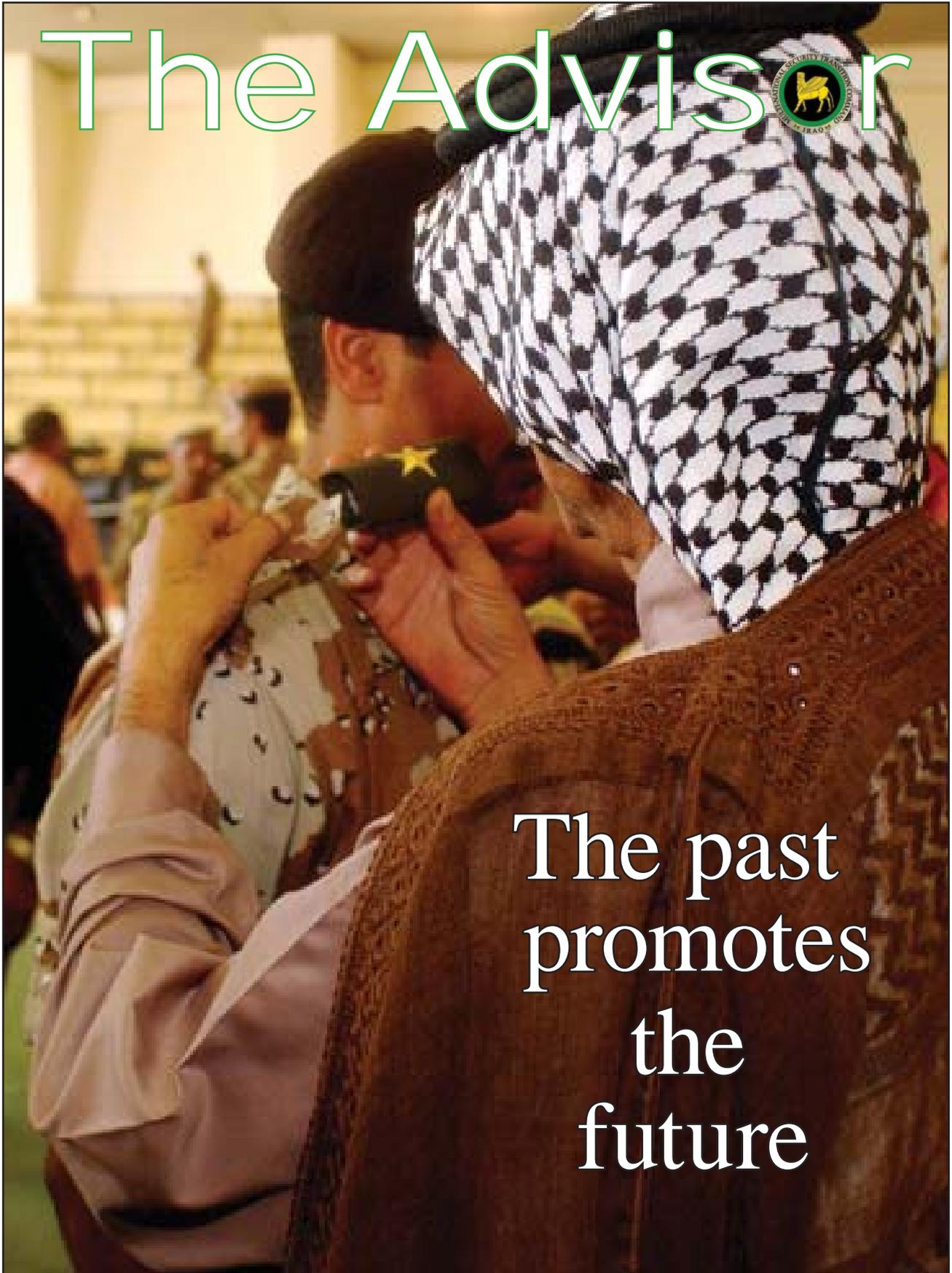


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ON THE COVER

An Iraqi father pins a second lieutenant star epaulette on his son's uniform during a commissioning ceremony in Baghdad Aug. 28.

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

Casey details threats to Iraq, progress to combat them

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The primary threats to Iraq's security are terrorists and death squads, the Coalition commander in the country said Aug. 30, and both must be addressed if Iraq is going to progress.

U.S. Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. said the Iraqi people "aren't going to have the security that they want until the Iraqi security forces are the primary and dominant providers of security in the country. That won't happen until all militias and insurgents are disbanded."

Casey spoke to reporters in Baghdad. He said the Iraqi Security Forces are developing and continue to evolve and that soon they will turn into "security forces that the Iraqi people can be proud of."

The Iraqi forces are receiving the equipment they need to deal with the enemy they face, Casey said. But they will receive more armored vehicles, more aircraft and more logistical capabilities in the coming months.

Casey said that while he does not know when Iraqi Security Forces will be able to take over the security mission, they'll be able to take on security missions with very little Coalition support over the next year to 18 months.

The Coalition and Iraqi government have a three-step process to develop the security forces, he said. The first step involved recruiting and training the army and police. This included giving the soldiers and police the weapons and equipment they needed.

"The second step was to put them into the lead, still with our support," Casey said. "When they're in the lead, they're responsible for the area, and we still help them. That process is almost 75 percent complete."

The final step will be to get the forces to the stage where they can provide security independently. "That step becomes primarily building institutional capacity, building ministerial capacity

and building the key enabling systems — logistics, intelligence, medical support, those kinds of things — that can support and sustain the armed forces in place for a longer period of time."

Casey stressed that the Iraqi Army forces in Diwaniyah "acquitted themselves quite well" in fighting against militia forces in the city. "They had losses, but they gave much better than they got," he said. "And that battle is not finished yet. There were (Iraqi) soldiers that were killed there. There is clearly an illegal armed force that is attempting to control areas of Diwaniyah, and I believe that the Iraqi division commander down there is going to continue to work to restore Iraqi governmental control to that city."

Disarming the militias is key to success in Iraq, Casey said, noting that the militias have to be confronted both politically and militarily. He said dealing with the militias is "fairly sophisticated and delicate, but both those tracks have to be pursued if we're going to stand the militias down in an appropriate fashion."

The experience in Baghdad illustrates the way to take down the militias.

"What we're seeing in Baghdad, as these neighborhoods are cleared, is the Iraqi Security Forces that go in and hold the security in those neighborhoods," he said. "I think when the people begin to feel more confidence in their security forces, they'll feel less need to rely on the militias."

Militias are a problem, with some militias "no better than murdering, criminal gangs" that "flout the rule of law every day," Casey said. "Those need to be dealt with firmly by the government, because no government can stand to have criminal groups terrorizing their population."

Casey said he has great hopes for the establishment of the Iraqi ground force headquarters and joint headquarters, both to begin operations in the next few days. This will give Iraqi Security Forces the oversight from their government that has been missing, he said.

Proud day for Iraq as officers graduate

By U.S. Navy

Journalist 2nd Class John J. Pistone
MNSTC-I Public Affairs

AL RUSTAMIYAH, Iraq — The Iraqi Army took another step forward in securing their future as more than 130 Iraqi Army cadets graduated from the Iraqi Military Academy at Al Rustamiyah, near Baghdad, Aug 28. This new group of officers for the Iraqi Army successfully completed a year-long British based Sandhurst-modeled curriculum.

The graduates endured 52-weeks of intensive military training in order to become the Iraqi Army's newest officers. The training which included more than 2,400 hours of lesson time and 14 field training exercises focused on basic soldier skills, small unit tactics, communications, decision making and developing leadership skills suitable for an officer in the army.

Iraqi Brig. Gen. Imad Mohammed spoke about the training these cadets received and the challenges that lie ahead of them in a meeting with high ranking officials before the ceremony.

"Our cadets are going to face a situation that cannot be expressed in military language," he explained. "They will have to learn it in their daily life. I cannot bluff and say they are completely trained, but what they get here in 12 months turns them from nervous young men into confident leaders who have learned to work as a team and face uncertainty with courage and determination."

The same sentiments were expressed by the cadets.

"I am very proud of myself and the other graduates," one new lieutenant said through the aid of an interpreter, "the training was very hard but worth it. The training in the field, the exercises, working together, helping one another, it was all really great."

British Col. Jon Mulroy, the senior member of the NATO team working at IMAR, said he was very proud of the cadets as well.

"It is a real honor to be a part of such a grand military occasion. My staff and



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

Two new Iraqi officers hug each other in celebration during a commissioning ceremony at the Iraqi Military Academy Rustamiyah Aug. 28. The officers recently completed a one year officer training course to become the army's newest lieutenants.

the Iraqi Academy staff have worked hard during the past 12 months as have the cadets, and we all share the massive sense of pride that is evident amongst these young men who have now earned their commissions in the new Iraqi Army."

During the ceremony, Iraqi Lt. Gen. Abadi, the deputy commander and chief of staff Iraqi Joint Headquarters, inspected the ranks of cadets, while the IMAR band, complete with bagpipes, played. One of the highlights of the ceremony was when the graduating cadets passed the senior class flag on to the junior class. The graduates then recited the officer's oath of allegiance.

The senior class celebrated their induction into the officer ranks with the traditional buttoning of their new badges of rank, a second lieutenant star epaulette on their uniforms. However, it was the families who really made the day special. Many had traveled considerable distances to be there, some risking their lives to do so, but all were quite determined to show their support for the young men graduating. Many women threw candy, an

Iraqi ceremonial ritual, and yelled their support from the stands.

As soon as the ceremony was over they swooped down from the stands to embrace, and applaud their sons. Family after family fussed over their young men, hands fumbling to assist them with their epaulettes. Fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters wept openly with happiness. All seemed overjoyed.

"It has been fantastic working with the cadets, but for me it was the look of absolute delight and pride on the face of every parent, friend and relative present that really brought home the significance of such an important event," Mulroy said. "We are really achieving something here."

The cadets, transformed into young officers, and warriors, grinned, saluted each other and soaked up the adoration. All in attendance agreed that they deserved it because, despite everything going on in Iraq, they had succeeded.

"I wish to tell the Iraqi people that today is a great day not just for the army but for the all of Iraq," one new lieutenant said through an interpreter.

Internship: medics contribute to the fight

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

BAGHDAD, Iraq — As Iraq slowly recovers from more than 30 years of bondage and dictatorship, honorable citizens, dedicated to changing the face of their nation, continue to come forward to serve the people.

Two such people were chosen to complete a two-week internship with the 10th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad, after recently graduating from the Iraqi Army Service and Support Institute's Basic Medic Course in Taji.

The medics spent their time in the trauma center working 12 hour days assisting Coalition forces with the care of patients suffering from gunshot wounds and other penetrating and blunt battlefield trauma.

Iraqi Army Pvt.'s Kasam, and Salah, both from southern Iraq, have a combined total of more than 10

years in the medical field, but they've said their time with Coalition forces was the highlight of their career.

"It's amazing what I've been able to observe here," said Kasam with the help of an interpreter. "In Iraqi hospitals, within hours we can lose a patient; here within minutes the patient has his life back.

Salah agreed.

"The most amazing thing was seeing firsthand that you can actually turn a patient from being near death to being a successful case within minutes," he said.

The medics said they chose their line of work as a means to contribute to the fight of saving Iraq.

"I felt that joining the Iraqi armed forces was a way to actually affect the insurgency operations," Kasam said. "Through the medical field, I can help to shape the fitness of our fighting force."

Salah said for him it was helping those he calls his brothers.

"I joined the (Iraqi) army to save lives," Salah said with the help of an interpreter. "I haven't experienced much loss of family or friends due to the war, but I think of all Iraqis as my brethren. I can help by one day saving their lives using the training and the skills I've learned."

The privates, or "Jundis", as they are called in the Iraqi

Army, said they were treated like one of the team members, being allowed to assist with the care of all patients who were treated in the trauma center.

"I was allowed to work on cases that if I was in my own hospital, I would not have the opportunity to work on," Salah said with a smile. "All patients are the same regardless of what country they are from."

Dr. Julio Garcia, MNSTC-I policy health advisor, said the hospital asked for the best two basic medic instructors in the Iraqi Special Forces to undergo this training. "And when I met them, I was instantly impressed with their eagerness and willingness to do whatever it took to participate in this training," he said.

Garcia said that type of attitude is exactly why Kasam

and Salah were hand selected to be the first to start in positions which will soon develop into a full internship program.

The medics will head up the train the trainer course for the Iraqi shock trauma team. The course is expected to be open to other Iraqi Army

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Pvt. Kasam
Iraqi Army medic

medics who wish to specialize in this area.

According to U.S. Air Force Col. Amir Edward, MNSTC-I surgeon, Kasam and Salah formed the inaugural class for the shock trauma training.

"We are going to increase the training by bringing doctors and nurses and other medical technicians to continue to increase the amount of medics that are trained at this level," Edward said. "We are about to double our training size because the Iraqis are pushing to take the lead in their military's medical care.

"This is our way in the medical community to deliver on MNSTC-I's and the Minister of Defense's transition promise," Edward said.

One of the challenges the medics had to face was the language barrier between them and their trainers. The hospital assigned interpreters to work side by side with each intern. But Edward said they will have full-time, dedicated staff for liaison, administrative and translation support for all future rotations to aid with the increase in trainees.

As a trainer, Kasam said he hopes to be a part of the process that can change the level of care that Iraqi people can provide and receive.

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Celebration at Iraqi Military Academy at Al Rustamiyah

More than 130 Iraqi Army cadets graduated from the Iraqi Military Academy at Al Rustamiyah, near Baghdad, Aug 28. The graduating class "passed the flag" to the junior class of cadets and celebrated the traditional pinning of the second lieutenant star epaulette on their uniforms with their families.



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



Academy prepares soldiers for the streets of Iraq

By U.S. Air Force
Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman
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ZAKHO, Iraq — It is one of three military academies in Iraq, but it is far above the rest. The Iraqi Military Academy Zakho is located in the city just a few kilometers from the Iraqi-Turkish border.

The academy was established in 1996, graduating about 150 officers a year. But with the help of Coalition forces, now more than 600 cadets will be trained annually and ready to join the fight to maintain Iraq's independence.

"Our (Coalition forces) biggest impact here has been in the infrastructure," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Ed Carter, senior coalition advisor for the Iraqi Military Academy Zakho. "Coalition forces have spent about \$8.2 million improving the facilities and adding more barracks to increase the amount of cadets the school can accommodate."

The improvements included new and renovated barracks, two renovated dining facilities, a renovated swimming pool, a new gymnasium, a running track and



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

Zakho Academy cadets practice for their upcoming graduation in January 2007. The academy recently upgraded its infrastructure to accommodate an additional 450 students.

a training area that includes an obstacle course, a rappelling tower, and ranges for rifle, grenade and urban warfare training.

"Since the American teams came, they have spent a lot of money and time into building up our academy, and that shows their commitment to making our army better," said Iraqi Maj. Gen. Shihab, Iraqi Military Academy Zakho commandant.

Carter said the upgrades also brought many challenges.

"The academy was not used to operating with 600 plus trainees," Carter said. "Their preparation for long-term training only went out two or three days. So we have been working with them on how to improve their planning and support operations to accommodate the increase."

To be accepted in to the academy, cadets are required to have completed high school and be able to read and write Kurdish or Arabic to ensure they are equipped for the rigorous training that academy life will bring.

The training consists of extensive classroom work and field exercises. Their curriculum includes elements of leadership, ethics, English and basic soldier skills including marksmanship and tactical operations.

"The 12-month program consists of three phases of training," said Carter. "Cadets are required to pass each phase before moving on to the next."

According to Carter, in the first phase, cadets are taught the basic skills of being a soldier, which consists of physical training, marching, handling their rifle and reading maps. The second phase they learn how to operate as a squad; and the third phase they learn how to operate as a company.

"In the third phase, they get hands on training where they perform field training exercises which include patrols, and command and control operations," said Carter.

Cadets at the academy are divided into two units – the 10th and 11th Cadets. The academy expects to graduate 295 and 247 second lieutenants respectively from the two units. The 10th Cadets graduates in January while the 11th graduates in June 2007.

Shihab said the biggest hurdle that soldiers face is not having enough time to receive all the training necessary to face the many challenges that their duties will bring.



Zakho cadets stand in formation to receive an inspection by their instructor. The academy is home to the more than 600 cadets.

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Iraqi soldiers focus on ways to help their nation

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“I want to improve the conditions of my nation,” Kasam said. “If the Iraqi system gets the same equipment and training as we’ve been exposed to in the last few weeks, eventually the difference (between Coalition and Iraqi medical care) will not be there.”

In the Saddam era, Iraq spent 16 cents on each person to provide medical care. A nation that once had a world-class healthcare system, was bypassed by the rest of the world, Edward said.

“Saddam would not allow a lot of outside training to come into the country,” he continued. “He limited their books and stopped their technologies meaning internet and satellite communications, so they were isolated, even in the medical communities.”

Today, with the help of Coalition funding, the government spends about \$30 - \$40 per person, Edward said. “This is still not enough if you look at the level of medical care and

expenditures within the region. A lot of work still remains, and I know that the new minister of health is trying to change things,” he said.

But Iraqi medical care is definitely a work in progress. With citizens like Kasam and Salah, the Iraqi nation is making progress in its desire to be viewed as an equal with the rest of the world. The medics say they know working with the Coalition is dangerous, but it’s not enough to stop their cause.

“The fear of coming here and working with the Coalition and the fear of staying at home is the same because the insurgency can come and knock on your door and destroy your life,” Kasam said. “So by not taking any actions and staying home, I’m not doing anything; but by coming here and doing what I’m doing, eventually that fear will go away,” Kasam said.

“My goal is to continue fighting and improving on my skills regardless of the cost,” Salah said. “If we remain fearful, then Saddam is back.”

Arabic, Shiite, Sunni unite, sacrifice for Iraq’s future

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“The program length was decreased from a year and a half to one year, but cadets will still be required to learn the same amount of information in army tactics and leadership,” said Shihab through an interpreter. “However, our goal hasn’t changed – we are still training them to be the best leaders possible to go out into the field.”

But training the best leaders, especially during the current political situation in Iraq, brings challenges that are exclusive to Iraqi cadets, Shihab said.

“A lot of the cadets are going through some hard times because their parent’s disapprove of them joining the military because they or their family could be killed for serving in the military,” he said. “So teaching them independence and a strong focus is one of the biggest challenges we face.”

Although many cadets are only 18 years old, their age does not stop the amount of responsibility they will be entrusted with. Many cadets will be assigned to lead security details to protect the cities of Iraq, Shihab said.

“Their jobs will not be easy because

the insurgency is trying hard to destroy the Iraqi government and the changes of our country,” Shihab said. “But when they leave here, they will have the training and confidence to confront those challenges.”

Adnon, a 23-year old cadet at the Zakhwa academy, said he understands the risk of being an Iraqi soldier, but he is adamant about defending his country.

“It has always been a dream of mine to become a soldier,” Adnon explained with the help of an interpreter.

“I’ve seen many American soldiers and the pride they take in performing their duties, and I want to lead my soldiers in the same way. Our country is finally free, and it’s our job to stop those who try to come against that. In this hard time that our country is going through, people are undecided to join this kind of academy. But we’ve chosen to – to serve our country and its future,” he said.

Adnon is the only one in his family that is in the military. But he says his family is very proud of him and supports his decision to become a soldier.

“They know what I am doing is very important, and they support me because of that” he said. “There is extreme violence in Iraq and we need all Iraqis working

together to help in the fight.”

According to Shihab that’s just what the academy has done. He said that cadets from all backgrounds – Arabic, Kurd and Christian – unite to become one team, one fight.

“I am Arabic,” Adnon said. “But I have gained many friends here, who are Christians or Kurdish but that doesn’t matter to us; we are focused on training to become one team that fights for what we believe in.”

Shihab said Adnon’s mentality is displayed in all cadets by their decision to attend the academy. Although, when many of them join the academy, they have given up their opportunity to return home due to security concerns, it does not stop them from their goal of graduating as an Iraqi Army officer.

“The most significant thing that today’s Iraqi situation has brought is the bond between all Iraqis,” Shihab said. “We have Arabic, Kurdish, Sunni and Shiite here, but their bond is high and good, and when they graduate they don’t return to their own communities, they go out throughout all Iraq to defend the entire country. And by this we are building the future of Iraq.”

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Iraqi Army recruits 293 in Habbaniyah

FALLUJAH — Soldiers from the 1st Iraqi Army Division enlisted 293 recruits from greater Fallujah and Habbaniyah as part of an al Anbar Province-wide recruiting drive Aug. 29 and 30.

After undergoing literacy tests, medical examinations, physical fitness evaluations and security screenings the eligible applicants signed contracts.

The selected recruits were transported to a camp in Habbaniyah where they will undergo a month-long boot camp. The camp is run by Iraqi personnel from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Brigades of the 1st Iraqi Army Division.

Upon graduation from basic training, the Iraqi soldiers will report to the Iraqi division of their choice.

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

Iraqi Army detain suspected terrorist

TAJI — Soldiers from the 2nd Tank Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division captured a suspected terrorist after their patrol struck a roadside bomb north of Baghdad Aug. 30.

During a search of the area the soldiers identified a possible triggerman's hide site and seized a suspected terrorist.

A recovery team was dispatched to the scene and hauled the damaged vehicle to Camp Taji for further investigation.

The detainee was held for further questioning. No injuries were reported

1st Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Office

Iraqi Army and Police repel attack

DIWANIYAH — Local Iraqi Police and soldiers from the 8th Iraqi Army Division successfully fended off an attack by a large group of terrorists in the Al Euftrat, Al Jumhuri and Al Nahda districts of Ad Diwaniyah after a 12-hour battle Aug. 28.

The soldiers and police officers went out on patrol to investigate reports of people gathering in the Al Euftrat district around midnight Aug. 27 and heard several explosions and gunfire.

A few hours later the soldiers reported they were being attacked in the Al Jumhuri district and on various streets in the Al Nahda district. The battles lasted throughout the morning.

Coalition forces provided support to the Iraqi Security Forces by setting up blocking positions at several points on the outskirts of Ad Diwaniyah to prevent additional terrorists from entering the city.

A Polish MI-24 helicopter providing support to the forces was struck by several rounds of small arms fire but was able to safely land at a nearby base.

Iraqi and enemy casualties are currently being assessed and under investigation.

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



Several Iraqi National Police officers “huddle-up” to discuss a plan of attack for a drill during a “Quick Look” inspection in Baghdad Aug. 30. The “Quick Look” inspection is designed to test the National Police’s capability and find areas that need improvement.

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

Iraqi Security Forces / in brief

Kidnapped Ramadi police employee rescued

FALLUJAH — An employee of the Ramadi police department was discovered in the trunk of a Black Daewoo Prince in Fallujah by Iraqi soldiers from the 1st Iraqi Army Division during a cordon and search operation Aug. 27.

The soldiers were conducting a vehicle search check point when they spotted two suspected insurgents abandon a vehicle and flee on foot. The soldiers subsequently approached the vehicle, and heard noises emitting from the trunk. Inside they discovered a kidnapped Ramadi police employee, who had been bound by the insurgents.

The Iraqi man was removed from the trunk and escorted to a safe location.

No injuries or damages were reported

— *Regimental Combat Team-5 Public Affairs Office*

Iraqi Security Forces capture bomb maker

MUSSAYIB — Iraqi Security Forces captured an improvised explosive device maker and suspected cell leader during a raid Aug. 27 near Mussayib.

The suspect is believed to have participated in multiple improvised explosive device attacks on Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces, including one which took the lives of four U.S. servicemen.

The suspect is also believed to be a supplier of improvised

explosive devices to illegal armed groups, inciting sectarian violence and government instability through kidnapping, murder and armed attacks.

One additional individual was detained in this operation.

No injuries or damages were reported.

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

“Operation Together Forward” continues

BAGHDAD — Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division and 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, supported by Iraqi National Police from 1st Brigade, 1st National Police Division and Coalition forces, expanded their combined security effort today into the Adhamiyah neighborhood of Baghdad in support of “Operation Together Forward.”

The operations are designed to reduce the level of murders, kidnappings, assassinations, terrorism and sectarian violence in northern Baghdad and to reinforce the Iraqi government’s control in Iraq’s capital city.

The combined forces secured the district by conducting a cordon and search of the entire area and all of its buildings.

Since Aug. 7, Operation Together Forward has enhanced security for the people of the Doura, Ameriya, Ghazaliyah and Shula neighborhoods of Baghdad.

— *Multi-National Division – Baghdad Public Affairs Office*

Army provides medical treatment in Ghazaliya

GHAZALIYA — Soldiers from the 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and Coalition soldiers provided medical treatment to residents of Ghazaliya during “Operation Ghazaliya Aid” Aug. 26.

The medical operation attracted nearly 200 residents, who were treated for a variety of medical conditions.

The Iraqi Army medical personnel treated each person who waited in line and referred future medical concerns to the Ghazaliya Primary Care Clinic, which recently re-opened in the neighborhood.

Along with medical aid, the soldiers worked to build support and cooperation with the local population.

— *2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Office*

Iraqi Security Forces capture three insurgents

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Security Forces conducted multiple raids Aug. 23, capturing three suspects associated with emplacing improvised explosive devices and participating in illegal armed groups.

An insurgent suspected of emplacing improvised explosive devices targeting Coalition personnel in Ar Ramadi was captured during a raid in Baghdad.

Two suspects who are believed to be involved in a cell that was engaged in promoting sectarian violence through kidnapping and murder in Baghdad were captured in a separate raid.

Five additional suspects were detained for questioning.

No injuries or damages were reported



Photo by Saif Taufiq

Iraqi Commodore Thamir Nasser, operations commander for the Iraqi Navy, receives charts of the port of Umm Qasr area and its approaches from British Commodore Simon Williams, deputy Coalition forces maritime component commander. The charts are the outcome of two year’s work by the British Royal Navy’s survey ships, HMS Echo and HMS Enterprise. The gulf region, including the shallow waters of Umm Qasr, is a vital shipping area to Iraq.