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Iraq Police perform a pass and review during a graduation ceremony in Numaniyah Nov 3.

Photo by U.S. Army Master Sgt. Rick Brown

Maliki's security forces plan shows progress, general says

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's recent plan to beef up Iraq's Security Forces is a positive step toward creating a force able to operate independently with minimal Coalition support, a senior U.S. official in Baghdad told reporters Nov. 2.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, spokesman for Multi-National Force – Iraq, praised Maliki's leadership in building more capability and flexibility within "an ever-growing and increasingly capable Iraqi security force."

Caldwell called these forces "an integral part of the coordinated Coalition and Iraqi force effort to build Iraq into a country governed by the rule of law, with order secured by an effective and honest security force and with a justice system administered by a free and fair judiciary."

Caldwell pointed to specific milestones toward developing the kind of security forces Iraq will require to continue aggressive operations against terrorists and death squad members with minimal outside support.

These include:

- A previously announced plan to add 12,000 troops to the Iraqi military. This increase would bring staffing in Iraq's 112 existing combat brigades to 110 percent of their current authorized levels, offsetting any temporary gaps created through attrition and normal leaves, Caldwell said.
- An initiative, announced Oct. 31, to boost the Iraqi military by another 18,700 troops. This measure will provide the Iraqi government three additional command headquarters, five additional brigade headquarters, 20 additional battalions and one additional special operations battalion. In addition to more combat power in Iraq's most heavily contested areas, Caldwell said these units will provide an operational reserve able to move quickly around the country and provide redundancy within the Iraqi Army as its forces go through their

regular training cycles.

- Progress in building Iraq's security forces to the point where they can lead operations, now at the 75 percent mark. Six Iraqi division headquarters, 30 brigades and 91 battalions are currently in the lead, Caldwell reported.
- The transfer of more responsibility for geographic areas to Iraqi Security Forces. Earlier this week, for example, the 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division, headquarters officially assumed control of areas in Karbala province from the Coalition, Caldwell noted.
- The 4th National Police Brigade's completion of phase two of its National Police transformation training. The brigade is among nine Iraqi National Police brigades to receive the training, designed to ensure they are capable of maintaining public order and providing civil protection to citizens in accordance with the rule of law and international human rights standards, Caldwell said.
- Greater cooperation toward securing Baghdad, as demonstrated this week when checkpoints and crossing points in the city were adjusted to create less disruption for local residents. Maliki, U.S. Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multi-National Force Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad collaborated closely on the plan, the general said.

Caldwell called these steps part of an overarching transition that might not always progress as quickly or smoothly as hoped, but is achieving Iraqi and Coalition goals for Iraq.

"A transition is not always a pleasant thing to watch as it happens," he admitted. "But when common goals are achieved, speed bumps and differences of opinion along the way are soon forgotten."

What's never changed through this transition and never will, he said, is the U.S. and Coalition commitment to Iraq. "We remain committed to helping the Iraqis achieve our common goals – an Iraq that can govern, defend and sustain itself," he said.

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National Police complete "Quick Look II"

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NUMINAYAH, Iraq — Policemen of the 4th National Police Brigade graduated from the second phase of the National Police Transformation Plan dubbed "Quick Look II," a 21-day training course on Nov 3.

The program, run by the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, reaffirmed basic police training principles as the policemen have already completed boot camp and have been on the street in the Al Madaeen area of Baghdad for the past 20 months.

The main thrust of the training emphasized human rights and democratic principles.

"We received training on how to treat people – on human rights and democracy," said Iraqi Policeman Mohammed, a medic with the 4th brigade, with the help of an interpreter. "When we arrest someone, we respect them."

It was a theme repeated by his collegues.

"When we return to Baghdad, we respect the people and help the citizens," stated Policeman Ishmael, with the help of an interpreter.

Ishmael spoke of his training and how the principles he learned can effect far reaching change in their community of peace officers and, subsequently, in the communities they serve.

"When I return to work, I will talk to other policemen about human rights."

Brig. Gen. Amer, 4th Iraqi National Police Brigade commander, said that the policemen have been given training on theoretical subjects which include human rights, investigating crimes and the installation and manning of security check points. He said that officers and noncommissioned officers have also learned lessons in the art of leadership.

"We have taken theoretical lessons taught in the classroom and applied them to their practical training," said Amer with the help of an interpreter. "They learned first and then they applied the principles by executing drills on a brigade level."

Among some of the urban tactics learned were how to raid and secure an area. They also learned how to clear an area from anti-government militants, while protecting law-abiding citizens.

"The program also taught weapons training and marksmanship with excellent results," concluded Amer.

The new Iraqi National Police uniforms were issued only to those policemen who successfully graduated from the program.

Unique to the Iraqi National Police, it comes in digitized camouflaged colors of blue, black and grey, with miniature Iraqi flags interspersed throughout the pattern.

Mohammed said, "The new uniform clearly distinguishes us from civilians and the militias. I like it because it is unique to our branch of the service."



Photo by U.S. Army Master Sgt. Rick Brown Policemen from the Iraqi 4th National Police Brigade celebrate graduation from the "Quick Look II" training program in Numaniyah Nov 3.

The uniform's pattern has a secondary purpose – it was designed to prevent unauthorized duplication.

When asked what portion of the program he is most proud of, Amer answered, "the practical as well as the theoretical lessons. The fighter himself will execute the training."









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

A scout attached to the 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division looks through binoculars at an improvised explosive device that he and other scouts discovered on a road in the Nasser Wa'Salaam area of Fallujah, Oct. 31. Iraqi and Coalition forces cordoned off the area while an explosive ordinance disposal team destroyed the device.

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Iraqi Army brigade proves its mettle in Fallujah

By U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson MNSTC-I Public Affairs

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Iraqi soldiers from the 4th Brigade, 1st Army Division, located on the outskirts of the Nasser Wa'Salaam neighborhood in Fallujah, continue to work with Coalition advisors in rooting out terrorists who have dug into the insurgent stronghold.

The brigade works to provide security to the people in the neighborhood where the unit moved just over a year-and-a-half ago after re-locating from elsewhere in Fallujah, according to one of its senior leaders.

"Our mission is to continue to own and operate in our own battlespace," said Iraqi Army Col. Gaiss, the brigade's executive officer. "We recently had our battlespace officially transferred to us by the Coalition. Now that this has happened, we are going step-by-step to continue to fight in this large battle for Iraq."

The unit recently completed a battalion-level sweep of the city in only two days – a feat that shouldn't be taken lightly, according to the division's lead Coalition advisor.



Iraqi soldiers patrol Camp India Oct. 31 in one of the unit's new armored Humvees. The vehicles were recently added to the 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Divison's fleet to provide better protection for Iraqi soldiers on missions.



Photos by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson

Iraqi Sgt. Fadhil, of the 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division, questions a driver before conducting a vehicle search east of Fallujah Oct. 31. Soldiers of the 4th Brigade man check-points, conduct patrols and clear areas in and around the city to establish security for its residents.

"We have had a very dangerous six weeks," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Thomas Cathey, the 4th Brigade's Military Transition Team leader. "We have been faced with constant IED, VBIED, mortar and sniper threats over this time frame."

The brigade, which consists of several hundred Iraqi soldiers, or "jundi," is assisted by less than two dozen members of Cathey's MiTT. The team brings a variety of experiences to the Iraqis who, from the most seasoned veteran to the newest jundi, can utilize the team's advice, Gaiss said.

"When you have differences between two groups, there is no result" said Gaiss, who worked for more than 10 years as staff instructor at the Saddam-era Iraqi War College and served in the country's elite Republican Guard.

"If we all get on the same page, as the Americans say, we get the best results. We are getting great results," Gaiss said.

"This is the best team I have worked with (so far.) This team understands Iraqi traditions; sometimes they respect them too much. They are very helpful in their jobs," Gaiss said.

The brigade conducts regular

missions in the Fallujah area, which includes mounted patrols, improvised explosive device sweeps, house clearings, detaining possible insurgents and securing vital roadways.

The unit recently received a shipment of armored Humvees, which are augmented by improvised gun trucks, usually small pickups with metal welded on the doors. Several soldiers man a machine gun from the bed of the truck.

Many of the jundi who make up the 4th Brigade travel from southern Iraq, making the treacherous trip back-and-forth between their homes and the base once a month. The soldiers work 21 days straight and take a week off to return to their homes to spend time with their families and attend to personal errands.

"I continue to serve in this location because Iraq is my country," said Iraqi Sgt. Shaab, an Army range instructor.

"I must (serve) in this army to help rebuild this country even if it is from here. I am a long distance from my family, but I am doing what must come first."

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Iraqi Police graduate 4,462 from basic training courses

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraq Police Service graduated 4,462 police recruits from basic training courses during the month of October 2006.

The basic training course is an intense program consisting of both academic and tactical operational policing skills. General policing topics cover the fundamentals of policing which include democratic policing skills based on international human rights

standards, communications, human dignity and the police, lawful use of force, stress management, and police ethics.

The course of instruction also provides for a strong emphasis on scenario-based training that involves instruction on the appropriate methods to respond to suspected explosive devices, conduct of traffic control points, patrol techniques, searches of buildings and suspects, and other critical street survival skills.

Police officers with prior experience attend a 3-week

course, the Transition Integration Program, instead of attending the full 10-week basic course. TIP includes training on human rights, democratic policing, first aid, patrol procedures, firearms, and anti-terrorism.

There were 309 graduates from the Baghdad Police College;

248 from Mosul; 104 from Najaf; and 1,679 from the Jordan International Police Training Center who completed the 10-week basic training courses. Also graduating in October were 2,122 police students who completed three-week TIP courses.

The Iraqi Ministry of Interior continues to place a strong emphasis on developing a professional police force and to date, more than 87,000 Iraqi Police have completed eight or

ten week basic training courses. Additionally, nearly 50,000 police have completed a three-week TIP course.

This month's graduations marked a milestone in the MOI's program of police training by formally bringing the total number of new Iraqi police training graduates to more than 137,000, well over the 135,000 that the MOI and Coalition had set as the target for total Iraqi Police Service personnel.

The newly-trained officers will report for duty to their respective police stations

where they will receive mentoring and follow-on training by members of the Police Transition Teams assigned throughout Iraq.

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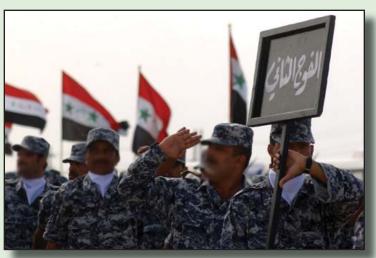


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Iraq's 4th Brigade soldiers perform crucial mission

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The mission in Fallujah continues to be tough for both the Iraqi Army and Coalition forces because of the casualties in the Al Anbar province occurring almost daily. However, the soldiers of the 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division believe they are capable of ensuring they will have a secure country in the future.

"A lot of Americans think this is just an American war; but we are fighting in it just as much," said Iraqi Army Maj. Azhar, who has been assigned to the brigade for more than three years. "We want to make Iraq good again."

According to Cathey, the unit will

not always have the assistance of the Coalition advisory teams in the future but the prospect does not deter the resolve of the soldiers in the unit.

"These soldiers are getting better step-by-step," Azhar said. "We were originally trained by the U.S. Marines, but after that, we have been consistently training ourselves and we are ready."

However, Gaiss believes the assistance of the MiTTs will not be forgotten by the unit.

"I consider the MiTT a part of the brigade staff," Gaiss said. "We are very close, and they are very keen to help us with our missions.

"I must (serve) in this army to help rebuild this country even if it is from here. I am a long distance from my family, but I am doing what must come first"

Iraqi Sqt. Shaab

4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division range instructor

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Iraqi logisticians take charge of ROC drills

By U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson MNSTC-I Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Logistics professionals from around the Iraqi military assembled to conduct a rehearsal of concept drill in Baghdad Nov. 2.

Logistical challenges the Iraqi military currently faces were the headlining themes addressed by the group during the second of a series of drills held in the Iraqi Cultural Center.

The drill, which followed an earlier drill held two months ago, allowed the military's senior logisticians to approach

supply problems throughout the country using hypothetical situations, said Iraqi Army Brig. Gen. Sadiq, military assistant to the Logistics and Supply Director in the Ministry of Defense.

"The (participants) executed a joint logistics ROC drill - this time the drill included the Iraqi Navy and air force," said Sadiq. "We talked about the importance of supporting the units by using 15 questions in the form of hypothetical scenarios."

The scenarios focused on several events that ranged from getting fuel and ammunition to units located far away from the military's main supply hub in Taji, to accomplishing the mission while under attack and providing medical capabilities to all of Iraq's divisions, Sadiq said.

This iteration of the drill was different from the first in that it was run by the Iraqis with Coalition members participating in a strictly advisory role, according to a Coalition advisor who worked closely with the MOD for the event.

"The importance of having the Iraqi senior logisticians develop and conduct the ROC drills adds to their credibility," said U.S. Army Maj. Charles Stamm, 13th Sustainment Liaison Officer to Multi-National Force – Iraq "The senior logisticians have an understanding of the Iraqi logistics concept and now have been taught a technique to rehearse future logistics operations. They can now move forward and teach, coach, and mentor their subordinates on both the Iraqi logistics concept and the ROC drill technique for rehearsal."

The Iraqis were pleased to be out in front as well.

"I was very happy we were able to use minimum support

from the Coalition forces," Sadiq said. "It wasn't something that we did (during the last drill), so they had to assist us a little more last time. I was very satisfied with the exercise and the outcome."

While the drill accomplished the goals the planners established, Sadiq emphasized the fact that there was still much work to be accomplished and is already working on plans to host the next ROC drill in several months.

"It's a very good idea, we need it and we have to keep on doing it so each micro-region in Iraq will know logistics and how to handle the problems. We expect to also incorporate the

> Coalition experience. They have worked on it so much and we hope to learn from it," Sadiq said. "This military is still new and we have to keep doing these drills over and over to make sure we keep getting better."

Coalition advisors who were on hand to assist the Iraqis in establishing their logistics programs were impressed with the way the drill was conducted.

"Just like the basic training model - the crawl, walk, run phases – I definitely believe we made it to the 'walk' phase and hope next month they are said. "For the bulk (of the next them doing (everything). They are right where we want them

in the 'run' phase," Stamm ROC drill), I fully anticipate to be." The logisticians are

already preparing for their next drill, as they hope to get the system honed before sending the processes out to the units. The emphasis for the next ROC drill will continue to follow approved policies and procedures, Stamm said.

"The Iraqi Air Force will begin preparation for the December ROC drill immediately following the after-action review and will begin conducting ROC drills at regional supply unit locations after the new year," Stamm said.

The drill was overseen by Iraqi Army Staff Maj. Gen. Jawdat, Joint Headquarters and Ministry of Defense Logistics and Support commander. Jawdat, who serves as the country's senior logistician, was pleased with the direction the drill took.

"I was very satisfied with the results of the exercise and I thank everyone who participated," the general said through an interpreter. "(However) I expect better next time, God willing."



Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson

Senior members of Iraq's military logistics community and Coalition advisors gather in Baghdad Nov. 2 to participate in a drill to enhance logistics services to the Iragi Security Forces. The participants conducted several hypothetical scenarios to test the group's ability to address issues under a variety of circumstances.

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Iraqi Army 4th Brigade assumes responsibility

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KALSU, Iraq — The 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division, took responsibility for operations in Iraq's Karbala province from Coalition forces, at a ceremony on Oct. 30.

The area of operation covers 4,600 square kilometers in the Karbala province.

"Karbala is visited every year by millions of people from all over the world and we have different kinds of religions here," Iraqi Army Brig. Gen. Imad, commander of the 4th Brigade said, with the help of an interpreter.

Imad was referring to the millions of Shiite pilgrims who visit the twin shrines at Karbala on two occasions every year to commemorate the death of Imam Husayn bin Ali and his brother Abbas, both killed in 680. Husayn was the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad and is a revered religious figure to the Shiites.

Imad spoke of how effective the 4th Brigade has been in reducing attacks from insurgents in the region from a year ago.

"It has changed a lot – the equipment is different and the political situation is different – for the best. The insurgent attacks have been reduced, although they increased last month, especially in North Babel," Imad said.

The ceremony also showcased the 4th Brigade's new transportation equipment comprised of several armored trucks, Humvees and one medical vehicle, provided by Coalition forces to support their mission.

Imad spoke of the role the brigade will play in the security of the province in the future. He said that over the next few years, "the 4th Brigade will play a very big role here because the people are going to help and cooperate now that they see the Iraqi Army helping the Iraqi people."



Photo by U.S. Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisandro Diaz

Soldiers from the 4th Brigade, 8th Division Iraqi Army perform a pass and review during a transfer of authority ceremony in Kalsu Oct. 30.

Imad described the brigade's relationship with the community and how it secures information on subversive elements.

"The civilians tell us a lot of things about criminal activities," he said.

"The Iraqi Army 4th Brigade will only get stronger," said U.S. Army Col. John Tully, who commands 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division – who turned over responsibility for the province to the 4th Brigade.

Tully spoke of the importance of the 4th Brigade's role in the region.

"The holy city of Karbala must be

infantry officer with the 4th Brigade, with the help of an interpreter. "I hope this situation will end and we'll be in a better situation. I hope it's going to get better."

Ahmmed hopes the relationship with Coalition forces continues.

"We work as one team. On a lot of missions the Coalition forces go with us, we go with them. This is the best thing for Iraq – this is our goal." Ahmmed said.

"I also want to see stability for my country. I wish that I can go in my uniform to my home, to my city, so that everyone can see me in it. Also, that every Iraqi, every honest Iraqi, can see our country in

a stable way – in a good way."

The transfer of authority to the 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division falls under the continuing plan to transition areas of operations to the Iraqis. According to data provided

by Coalition forces, Iraqi Security Forces are taking on increasingly greater responsibilities for their areas of operation.

With the addition of 4th Brigade's area of responsibility, six Iraqi Army divisions, 30 brigades and 89 battalions now control their own operational areas – what commanders call "battle space" – in Iraq.

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Iraqi 2nd Lt. Mohammed 4th Brigade, 8th Division Iraqi Army

protected from narrow interest groups who seek to control it for their own benefit. I am confident Gen. Imad will complete that mission," Tully said.

Tully's confidence is shared by members of the 4th Brigade.

"We will defend my country and defend my city," said Iraqi 2nd Lt. Ahmmed, an Page 8 November 4, 2006

Iraqi Security Forces / in brief

Iraqi Police detain eight suspected insurgents

FALLUJAH — Iraqi Police officers detained eight Iraqi local nationals, including three of the Fallujah mayor's personal security officers, for suspected insurgent activity after receiving attacks from a government building Nov. 3 in downtown Fallujah.

Insurgents attacked the Joint Coordination Center in the heart of the city with rocket-propelled grenades. In addition, Coalition Soldiers were attacked with small-arms fire from a mosque. The Soldiers returned fire and cordoned the area surrounding the mosque.

Iraqi Police officers arrived on the scene and entered the mosque.

A grenade was subsequently hurled at the forces from a government building near the mosque. The Iraqi Police, with support from the Coalition forces, entrered the mosque and uncovered multiple AK-47s, ammunition and magazines.

The eight local nationals, seven of whom are employed in the government center and not authorized by the Fallujah government to bear arms, were detained for further questioning.

— Multi-National Corps – West Public Affairs

Land mines transiting near Iraq-Iran border

TIKRIT — Iraqi Security Forces intercepted six heavily loaded donkeys while on patrol Nov. 1 in eastern Diyala

Province, five kilometers from the Iraq-Iran border.

The six donkeys were carrying 53 anti-tank land mines and one anti-tank projectile. One of the mines was pre-rigged to be used as an improvised explosive device.

Two men in the area fled and evaded capture. The donkeys were later released unharmed into the local area.

An explosive ordnance disposal team was called in and transported the munitions to a safe area for disposal by detonation.

Units from the 5th Iraqi Army Division, Iraqi Police and Iraqi Border Patrol are responsible for security operations in Diyala Province.

— Multi-National Division – North Public Affairs

Iraqi Army conducts raid to find U.S. Soldier

BAGHDAD — A team of Iraqi soldiers and Coalition advisors detained three people during an operation in Sadr City, a Baghdad neighborhood, Oct. 31.

The purpose of the mission was to search for a missing U.S. Soldier and to capture the leadership of a kidnapping cell reported to have knowledge of the Soldier's location.

The Soldier has been listed as Duty Status-Whereabouts Unknown since he was abducted from a relative's house in the Baghdad area Oct. 23.

— Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs



Photo by U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva

An Iraqi soldier fires a NSV 12.7 mm heavy machine gun in Fallujah Oct. 17. Several of the machine guns, equivalent to a .50 caliber machine gun, were recently issued to the 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division.

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Iraqi police capture bomb-making cell

AL KUT — Iraqi Police, with Coalition advisors, conducted a raid in Al Kut Oct. 29 and captured nine members of a bomb-making cell, along with a cache of weapons, improvised explosive devices and components.

Iraqi police secured and searched multiple objectives and detained the bomb maker and other cell members without incident. The IED cell is responsible for attacks against Iraqi civilians employed by Coalition forces. They are also suspected of constructing and placing IEDs in and around Al Kut and of targeting Iraqi civilians and Iraqi Security Forces.

A mortar system, assault rifles, full ammunition magazines, grenades, a completed IED and components for building other IEDs were found and secured during the raid.

No damages or injuries were reported

— Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs

Iraqi soldiers capture IED, weapons cache

BAGHDAD — Iraqi soldiers, with Coalition advisors, conducted a raid in western Baghdad Oct. 29 and captured a large weapons cache and components used for making improvised explosive devices.

Iraqi forces established a cordon and entered the Shansal Mosque to search for IED components and weapons believed to be stored there. Insurgents were using the items against Iraqi civilians and Iraqi soldiers in the Jihad district.

The weapons and IED components were turned over to Coalition forces and an explosive ordnance team for security and disposal.

Three suspected insurgents were detained during the operation, along with false identification cards.

There were no injuries reported and only minor damage was done to the mosque during the operation.

— Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs

Iraqi police detain terrorists, seize weapons

BAGHDAD — Iraqi policemen and Coalition Soldiers detained five suspected terrorists and seized weapons in the Saab Al-Bour neighborhood Oct. 27 and 28.

The joint Iraqi police and Coalition patrol arrested a suspected terrorist after finding a machinegun he had loaded into a refrigerator being carried on his donkey cart.

As of Oct. 28, Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Soldiers have cleared more than 95,700 buildings, 80 mosques and 65 muhallas, detained more than 224 terrorist suspects, seized more than 1,850 weapons, registered more than 750 weapons and found more than 42 weapons caches in support of Operation Together Forward. The combined forces have also removed more than 219,995 cubic meters of trash from the streets of Baghdad.

— Multi-National Division – Baghdad Public Affairs



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Brien Aho

A police officer assigned to Iraqi Riverine Police Force fires a M-60 machine gun during special boat maneuvers and weapon handling training at Stennis Space Center, Miss., Oct. 23. Stennis hosted 16 Iraqi police officers for a sixweek training course emphasizing special river warfare tactics which they will utilize upon their return to Iraq.