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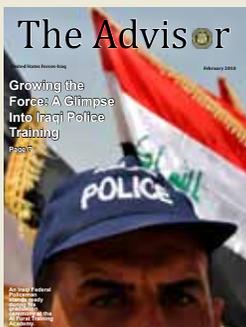
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An Iraqi Federal Policeman stands ready during his graduation ceremony at the Al Furat Training Academy

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Internal Affairs Warrant Service Team members prepare to enter the "shoothouse" to run through the live-fire scenario. (Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Bob Owen)

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USF-I Activates

The commanding generals and sergeants major of Multi-National Force-Iraq (front), Multi-National Corps-Iraq (left), Task Force 134 (right), and Multi-National Security and Transition Command-Iraq (rear), cased the colors during the United States Forces - Iraq activation ceremony at Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory Iraq, Jan. 1. (Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Karin Leach)



(Courtesy photo)

Chief of Staff Earns U.S. Legion of Merit

On behalf of U.S. President Barack Obama, Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of United States Forces – Iraq, awarded Gen. Babakir Zebari, Iraqi armed forces chief of staff, the U.S. Legion of Merit for his role in stabilizing security in Iraq.

“Gen. Zebari made great efforts, especially in the period of 2007-2008, where he helped reduce violence and

increase the country’s stability,” said Odierno.

The U.S. Legion of Merit is a high level medal that can be awarded to non-American commanders who make extraordinary efforts for their countries.

“Words cannot express our happiness,” said Zebari. “This is an honor for all the Iraqi Army.”



Elite Police Clean House

Photo and story by U.S. Army Maj. Bob Owen

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Iraqi Internal Affairs' elite squad of policemen performs rigorous training, movement techniques and rifle marksmanship to prepare for their mission as Warrant Service Team members.

This ongoing training is intensive and prepares these units to serve high-risk warrants on members of the Ministry of the Interior who are wanted by the courts for a variety of reasons.

The program begins with the Iraqi police advisors training the noncommissioned officers and officers on how to conduct the training themselves.

This "train-the-trainer" technique works well as the Iraqis have taken the lead conducting the rifle training for their teams.

Prisoner transfer is another duty of these highly dedicated policemen. All over Iraq, prisoners are kept in temporary confinement until their court dates, but occasionally, some have to be moved from local jails to more secure facilities. The training gives the WST members the necessary skills to handle this tough task.

"I want every man to trust himself," said Iraqi Police Officer 2nd Lt. Habib Majid, commander of 1st platoon. "Each man should

have courage under fire and the best way to gain this is through battle drills."

Habib who plays a major part in the training talks with the men about the importance of protecting civilians who may be in the area of operations and how using focused fire can keep them safe.

In addition to the rifle range where the men fire in a timed event to measure their performance in the standing, kneeling and prone positions, the team also trains on maneuvering as a unit to secure a target.

"It is important to have very quick reactions," Habib said.

The training consists of moving as a group, taking fire and reacting by performing immediate action drills to neutralize the threat.

The most recent class conducted these drills hundreds of times until they were perfected.

"The level of unit cohesiveness is by far the best I have seen," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Joseph Musacchia, deputy director, Rule of Law for ITAM-MoI. "They are absolutely applying the lessons we have provided."



Internal Affairs Warrant Service Team members prepare to enter the shoothouse to simulate serving a high-risk warrant as part of the live-fire scenarios conducted during the training.

Partnership, Communication Builds Success



U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Scott, A6 communications advisor, Iraq Training and Advisory Mission – Air Force, assists an Iraqi air force officer with programming a Falcon 2 multi-band radio. Scott ensures Iraqi air force members properly configure and maintain radios that allow the Iraqi air operations center to communicate with their aircraft and bases throughout the country. (Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Johnny L. Saldivar)

*By Senior Airman Alyssa C. Miles
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While the Iraqi army focuses on radio communication with ground forces, the Iraqi air force is advancing on communication with units moving through the sky.

The Iraqi Air Operations Center is building and expanding its command and control capabilities through its partnership with Iraq Training and Advisory Mission - Air Force.

Airmen from ITAM - Air Force, attached to the 321st Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, are teaching their Iraqi counterparts how to translate orders from the top into mission-specific information for individual squadrons.

Taskings come to the AOC from the Ministry of Defense and the AOC organizes and distributes the taskings to the squadrons who fly in support of current operations.

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Scott, ITAM Air Force AOC A-6 advisor, works with the A6 communication director to ensure he has oversight across the Iraqi Air Force on their current system status and to make sure their equipment is operational and functioning properly.

Scott uses a common U.S. Air Force method of training to teach IAOC airmen how to maintain their equipment. "I go by training records," he said. "I use them as a guideline on what they should know."

He explains what maintenance steps they must perform throughout the life cycle of their communication equipment to keep them operational. The fundamental skills the Iraqi airmen learn here are necessary for the success of the IAOC.

"The work he does is really the backbone of any effective air force,"

said U.S. Air Force Maj. Russ Driggers, deputy chief of the Iraqi AOC military training team. "[They] have to be able to talk to airborne aircraft and communicate changes ... as missions develop."

The ability to communicate is crucial to accomplishing that, and with this training, the Iraqi Air Force is making great progress, he said.

Iraqi air force Maj. Mainea Salman, a communications specialist, has been working within the IAOC for longer than a year.

He has maintained the Iraqi defense network, radios and computers, and said he is appreciative for the assistance that U.S. Airmen have given.

"I'm very comfortable working with Scott and I'm very glad that I got a chance to learn from him," Salman said. "Although we're doing very well now, I am looking forward to making our AOC even better."

Assisting the Iraqi airmen is an important task and a healthy relationship between the two forces is imperative.

"In the end, I think the most important thing is not going to be whether they have this radio system running perfectly by the time we leave," said Driggers, "it will be the relationships we build with them."

These relationships grow through their experiences together with the Iraqi air force.

"These opportunities – the problems we work through and celebrations we have together when we have successes – they help build a tight relationship," Driggers said.

"That," he added, "is the key reason and benefit of us being here."



IFP Students Graduate, Demonstrate New Skills

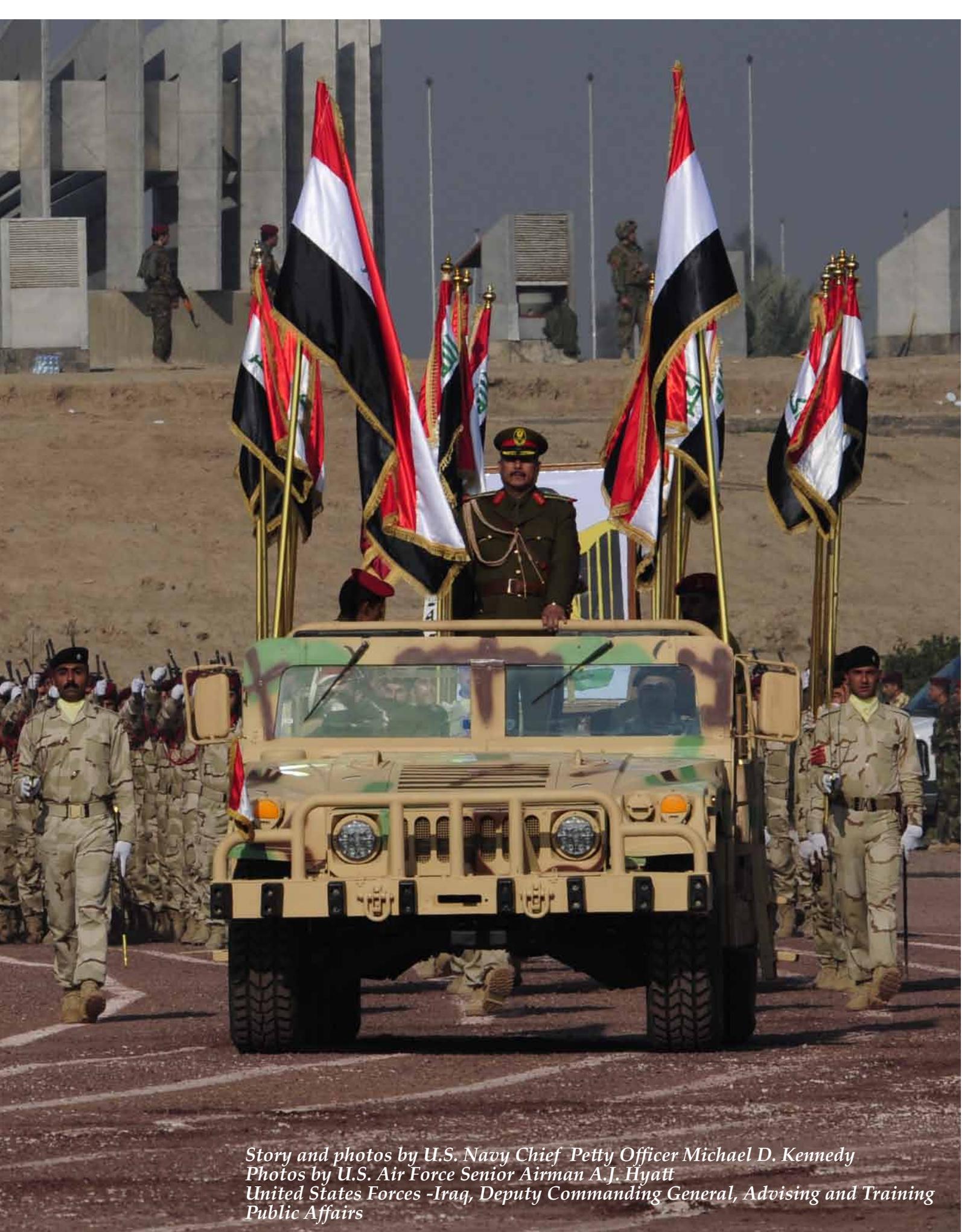
Iraqi Federal Policemen perform proper techniques for hand-to-hand combat, mixed martial arts and 360-degree security tactics as part of a recent Al Furat Training Academy graduation ceremony in Baghdad. (Photos by Sgt. Ferdinand Thomas, AFN Iraq)



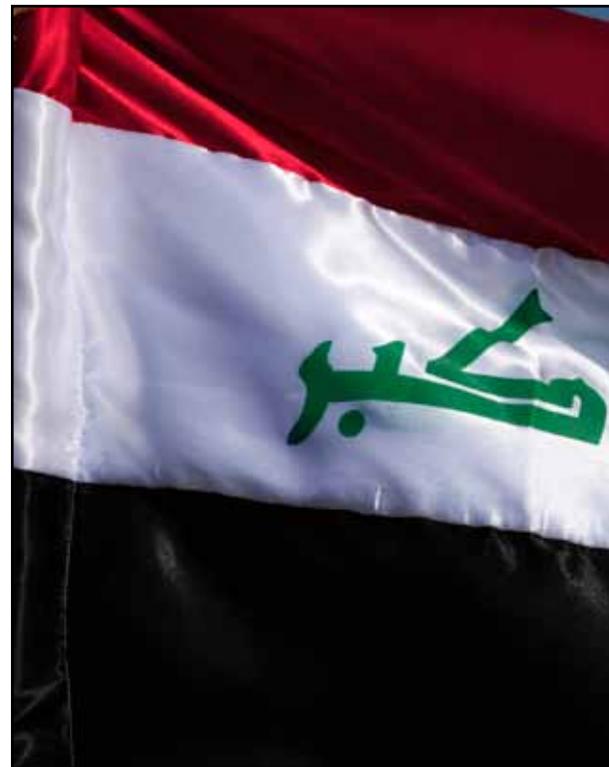
Growth, Strength, Sovereignty

Iraqi Armed Forces Celebrate Army's 89th Anniversary





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Iraq Celebrates

Iraq displayed the rising capabilities of its armed forces and celebrated the Iraqi Army's 89th anniversary with a full scale parade of service members and equipment in Baghdad Jan. 6.

Also known as "Iraqi Army Day," the event marks the inception of the Iraqi Army after Iraq achieved independence from Britain in 1921.

Before the parade, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and Minister of Defense Abd al Qadir participated in a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument to the Unknown Soldier to honor those service members who had given their lives for their country.

The somber tone soon changed to celebration as the focus of the event moved to the parade grounds below





89th Army Day

where Iraqi soldiers, sailors, and airmen began to march in time with the booming military band past the reviewing stands.

Hundreds of Iraqi dignitaries looked on as dozens of formations passed and Iraqi Air Force planes and helicopters flew overhead.

This year, newly acquired T-6 training aircraft and M1 tanks were highlighted during the procession.

“This is another great milestone for Iraq,” said Lt. Gen. Michael D. Barbero. “Today was a physical reminder of how their security force capabilities have grown as they assume more responsibilities for the security of Iraq and its people.”





Iraqi Army Day

(Clockwise from left)

President Jalal Talabani and Minister of Defense Abd al Qadir and uniformed soldiers lay wreaths on the Monument to the Unknown Soldier.

Iraqi helicopters fly over the Army Day parade.

An Iraqi soldier calls commands to his troops in formation.

The Iraqi Navy proudly participated in the armed forces parade.

(Photos by U.S. Air Force Senior Airman A.J. Hyatt)



Commandos Conquer Combat Course



Commandos quickly detain the high value target and return to awaiting Mi-17 helicopters for a speedy extraction as part of the rigorous Warrior Training Program at the Kirkuk K-1 Training Center. (Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Thomas Parker, ITAM-Army Kirkuk K-1 senior advisor)

Commandos strike high-level targets in potentially explosive situations while avoiding collateral damage. They track down and apprehend terrorists, perform covert operations for the security of their nation, sacrificing their personal safety daily. These elite soldiers must be physically fit, mentally strong, stealthy and swift.

The 4th Iraqi Army Division's Commando Battalion joined the ranks of the elite when they completed three weeks of intensive training at the K-1 Training Center in Kirkuk Jan. 14.

The commandos performed Air Assault training and learned rapid movement techniques that enable them to function as a quick reactionary force or as an operational reserve against unsuspecting enemy forces.

The training began with arduous battalion physical training for all. Then the noncommissioned officers focused on advanced leadership training and squad and platoon tactics while the officers learned staff policies and procedures.

Advanced training for individuals included countering improvised explosive devices, performing communication procedures and land navigation.



Commandos scale a wall as part of the aggressive physical training that prepares them for the rigorous missions they will perform after graduating from the Warrior Training Program. (Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Thomas Parker, ITAM-Army Kirkuk K-1 senior advisor)

Physical conditioning continued throughout the course as the battalion began practicing air mobility training, identifying types and characteristics of helicopters, and planning for air assault missions, which were supported by the Iraqi Air Force Mi-17 Squadron based out of Taji.

As the training progressed, the focus transitioned to platoon and company level operations conducted in a simulated urban town, called a MOUT facility.

The commandos completed the training by planning and executing a series of raids against simulated enemy forces with air assault support provided the by the Iraqi Air Force.

The 4th Division Commandos are now fully-capable of conducting air assault operations in addition to the variety of new critical skills acquired in the Warrior Training Program.

"This is a good day for our great country," said Brig. Gen. Abdulla, commander of the Kirkuk Training Center. "The training received in the Warrior Training Program is vital to our efforts in maintaining a safe and secure Iraq".



Commandos practice loading and exiting Mi-17 helicopters during the static training portion of the Warrior Training at the K-1 Training Center in Kirkuk. (Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Thomas Parker, ITAM-Army Kirkuk K-1 senior advisor)

NIIA NABS CRIMINALS WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY

By Special Agent Michael Milner

The investigative team moves with speed and precision as they execute a search warrant on the suspect's apartment.

Meticulous planning has paid off, and the team finds the suspect there with his cell phone in hand. They use an array of high-tech gadgets and quickly extract evidence from the cell phone that definitively links him to a previous bombing and helps prevent a future one—just in time.

This is not an episode of "NCIS" or "24." On the contrary, it is a glimpse into the world of one of the new document and media exploitation teams working in Iraq's National Information and Investigation Agency.

DOMEX is the latest tool that NIIA can use to support its national-level investigations and criminal intelligence collection and analysis.

The teams are trained and outfitted with cutting edge technology to process documents, cellular phones and other media for intelligence or criminal investigation purposes.

The DOMEX kits allow NIIA investigators to handle the wide array of media devices used by terrorists and criminals throughout Iraq including smart phones, MP3 players, GPS systems and digital cameras.

Valuable evidence and criminal intelligence can still be found in traditional paper documents, such



as identification cards, passports, address books and maps, and DOMEX gear can rapidly scan these items for later analysis and translation.

Learning how to use the DOMEX kits is just part of an overall NIIA training program focused on collecting evidence in a forensically sound manner.

Training consists of an intense three-week class at Iraq's Intelligence and Military Security School in Taji, and is scheduled to move to the NIIA Training Center in Baghdad in early 2010.

"The DOMEX training meets two primary needs," explained Iraq Training and Advisory Mis-

sion - Intel Advisor Kris Berceli. "Train capable DOMEX teams for deployment now, and train Iraqi DOMEX instructors for the future."

Two groups of NIIA personnel have completed the training. They NIIA's inaugural DOMEX team became fully operational with delivery of the first kit Dec. 7, 2009.

"The DOMEX teams give NIIA the ability to better exploit evidence collected from crime scenes and searches," said Maj. Gen. Hadi Allami, general director of technical affairs for NIIA. "Most importantly, this will help us solve more crimes and preempt future ones."

As the only Ministry of Interior agency selected to receive DOMEX

capability, NIIA will provide this support to all MoI operational and investigative elements.

ITAM-Intel's goals for NIIA include fielding 60 teams, delivering 75 kits and establishing a multi-agency DOMEX Fusion Center by December 2011, which will bring key MoI stakeholders together and allow strategic-level analysis of DOMEX evidence.

The arrival of DOMEX brings 21st century evidence exploitation into fruition in Iraq. Maybe one day, American audiences will watch a TV show about NIIA's DOMEX teams and investigators fighting crime, solving big cases, and contributing to a safe Iraq.

RoboCops Clear the Way



An iRobot PackBot, climbs stairs and opens a door, two of its many valuable capabilities. (Photo by U.S. Army Capt. Keli Chevalier)

The iRobot PackBot, also controlled by a specialized laptop and simple video game controller, shares many of the same capabilities of the TALON IV Engineer robot, and it can climb stairs, maneuver over rocks and rubble, sand and mud, open doors and right itself if it falls on its side while traversing rough terrain.

It weighs 55 pounds, can lift up to 15 pounds, travels up to four miles per hour, and can be transported on the operators back with straps while between missions.

They are used in various scenarios from urban combat to EOD missions by conducting reconnaissance, search-

and-surveillance, interrogating and detonating IEDs, unexploded ordnance, land mines and other incendiary devices.

Both of these machines have helped save many lives due to the multiple missions they perform while the operator controls them from a safe distance away, evaluating the danger zones with real-time audio and video that features both day and night vision capabilities.

They are rugged, compact, lightweight, can be hand-carried and deployed by a single operator.

These robots remove IFP EOD teams from the most dangerous aspects of their missions as they persevere for a safer, more secure Iraq.

By U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Amy E. McLaughlin

Iraqi Federal Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists have robotic equipment that allows them to interrogate and investigate suspected explosives from a location far away from the potential blast zone.

That TALON IV Engineer robot detects and clears mines, unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive devices while the operator controls it remotely with a specialized laptop console.

It weighs 120 pounds, can lift up to 25 pounds and can travel up to five miles per hour.



An Iraqi Federal Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal team member watches live video feed on the specialized laptop computer that controls the TALON IV Engineer robot. (Photo by U.S. Army Capt. Keli Chevalier)



Representatives from Iraqi tribes release white birds to initiate the Police Day celebration. (Photo courtesy Iraq Ministry of Interior)

BPC Celebrates Police Day

By U.S. Army Capt. Keli Chevalier

The Iraq Ministry of Interior celebrated the 88th anniversary of the Iraqi police force and the largest graduating class ever from the Baghdad Police College on Police Day Jan. 9.

Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki and Minister of Interior Jawad Al-Bulani congratulated the 3,200 graduates who filled the viewing stands and formed the units on the parade field.

Maj. Gen. Dr. Jassim Hassan Atlyia, president and director of the Baghdad Police College also commended the hard work and efforts of the graduates and wished them well as they embark on their new careers. He noted that it has taken the partnership with the U.S. and other multi-national advisors to reach this success.

“After five years of working with our advisors there is mutual agreement on what the police need,” said Jassim. “I believe this graduating class is ready for anything.”

Iraqi Police from all 18 provinces participated in a large parade with the graduates. There were representatives from the National Police, Division of Border Enforcement, SWAT, Iraqi Civil Defense, Emergency Response Unit and the River Police who paraded their equipment and vehicles.

Additionally, the crowd viewed several capability demonstrations, which are showcased on the following pages.

“The purpose of these demonstrations and the parade was more than merely showing Iraq’s new equipment to the world,” said Jassim. “We want to have a show of force and to educate the public.”

“We want to communicate MoI efforts,” said Maj. Gen.

Riyadh Abdul-Baqi Salman, Dean of the Baghdad Police College, “and we want the people to appreciate our efforts.”

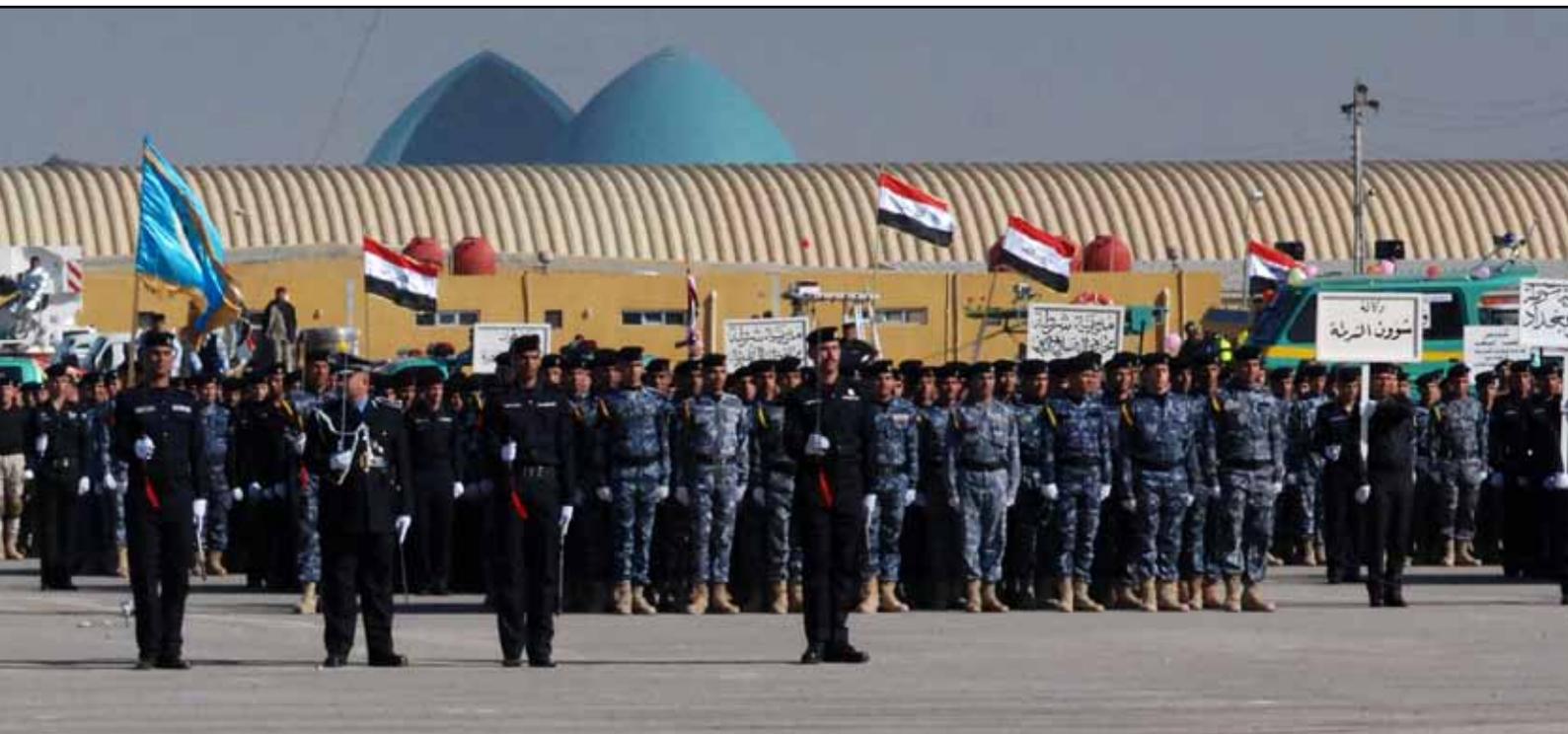


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Photos by U.S. Air Force Senior Airman A.J. Hyatt and U.S. Army Army Staff Sgt. Amy E. McLaughlin



Police Day at a Glance

(Clockwise from top left)

Iraqi River Police proudly salute the distinguished guests in the audience of the Police Day celebration.

The Iraqi Police Quick Response Brigade passes the reviewing stand in their boldly-decorated vehicle.

A personal security team protects their assigned VIP in a demonstration as part of the Police Day celebration.

Baghdad Police College students show their national pride while

observing the Police Day events from the stands.

Iraqi Police brigades stood at attention in a formation that stretched across the parade field.

Female Federal Shurta graduates disassemble their weapons in less than nine seconds while blindfolded as part of the Police Day celebration.

A SWAT brigade marches past the reviewing stand.

Top graduates are recognized for their outstanding achievements.



Iraqi Federal Policemen break fluorescent light bulbs with swift kicks in a mixed martial arts performance at a recent Al Furat Training Academy graduation (Photo by Sgt. Ferdinand Thomas, AFN Iraq)