

Diwaniya Police Academy graduates more than 250

By Pfc. Erik LeDrew, 1AD PAO
DIWANIYA, Iraq -- A class of 256 Iraqi Police Service officers graduated from the Iraqi Police Academy in Diwaniya late last month.

The graduation marked the end of the second phase of a two-phase Iraqi Police training course held at the Diwaniya Police Academy.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished guests including the Qadasiyah Province Chief of Police, Gen. Abdul Wahab Hadi; the chief of the Special Missions Unit (SMU) of the Diwaniya Iraqi Police force Maj. Salman Hamza; and Maj. Thomas

Isom, the executive officer of the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Task Force 1st Armored Division.

"Since our arrival in Diwaniya, we have been honored and impressed with the IPs here," Isom said during the ceremony's keynote speech. "Together we will make Diwaniya a safer place."

"All of us here today are brothers," Hadi said. "And we need to take care of the people of Diwaniya like they are our family."

The Iraqi Police Service's priority, Hadi added, is to provide security for the people of Diwaniya

and to assure the academy continues to provide the training necessary for police officers to do their job.

The first phase of training is a weeklong basic orientation course that acquaints the recruits with their duties as Iraqi policemen.

After graduating from Phase I, the new IPs are then sent to one of the 15 IP stations throughout the Diwaniya area where they work alongside their more experienced comrades as they wait to begin the Phase II part of the course.

The second phase of training lasts for three weeks and focuses on marksmanship training.

Weapons training is essential to the job of an IP, said Isom. Those who don't meet marksmanship standards are dropped from the course.

The 977th Military Police Company established the academy May 31, 2003, with the goal of providing more focused training for IPs in the Diwaniya area. They were recently replaced by the 66th MP Company.

According to 1st Lt. Thomas Mott, a platoon leader with 66th MP Company, the classes at the academy were originally taught by MPs.

The MPs selected and trained 34 of their best students to take over as the academy's instructors.

"They did this so that the academy could become more self-sufficient," said Mott, whose MP detachment works with IPs in Diwaniya on a daily basis.

"The Diwaniya Police Academy is said to be one of the very best in the country," Mott said. "The commandant has received a lot of praise for his leadership."

Since the academy opened, 16 Phase I classes have been held, graduating 3,957 police officers. Including the latest class, six of the longer, second-phase classes have produced 1,225 policemen.



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The 256 graduates of the Phase II course at the Iraqi Police Academy in Diwaniya stand in formation on the Academy's parade grounds during their graduation ceremony.



The graduates of the Phase II course carry a sign depicting the IP shield as they march around the parade grounds at the academy after their graduation ceremony.



Quote of the Day...

"Over the years, the challenges have grown more difficult and more complex, and every generation has had to rise to the occasion as our Nation has continued to make its unique contribution to the world—freedom, liberty, and democracy."

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army Vice Chief of Staff



Col. Brad May, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment commander, is saluted by Staff Sgt. Shawn Albaugh, recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, at a ceremony held Wednesday at Camp Wolfpack in Diwaniya, Iraq. Albaugh was awarded the Bronze Star for his "exceptionally meritorious service as platoon sergeant from April 26, 2003 to April 15, 2004." Also at the ceremony, Sgt. 1st Class Louis Ibarrando, Staff Sgt. Allen Reome, Sgt. Tim Milburn, Spc. John Stevens, Pvt. James Hill, Pfc. Joseph Christophersen, Pfc. Mark Giglio, Pvt. Anthony Haddad, and Pfc. Anthony Jordan were awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during the intensified combat operations in Najaf several weeks ago. All of the recipients are assigned to K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 2nd ACR. (Photo by Pfc. Erik LeDrew, 1AD PAO)

Oddly Enough...

Woman Takes Ride With Alligator on Lap

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Police stopped a car on the Schuylkill Expressway for an unusual infraction: alligator possession within city limits.

An off-duty police officer called police when he spotted the alligator poking its nose out the window of a black BMW, Inspector William Colarulo said Tuesday.

Pete the 3 1/2-foot long alligator was sitting on its owner's lap in the passenger seat, Colarulo said.

He said the owner, Danya Johnson, 29, of Philadelphia, was "distracted." She was cited for having an exotic animal within city limits.

Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

Honor

It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them.

-Mark Twain

Today in History...

(Historynet.com)

1346

Charles IV of Luxembourg is elected Holy Roman Emperor.

1509

Henry VIII of England marries Catherine of Aragon.

1770

Captain James Cook runs aground on the Great Barrier Reef.

1798

Napoleon Bonaparte takes the island of Malta.

1861

Union forces under General George B. McClellan repulse a Confederate force at Rich Mountain in western Virginia.

1895

Charles E. Duryea receives the first U.S. patent granted to an American inventor for a gasoline-driven automobile.

1903

King Alexander and Queen Draga of Belgrade are assassinated by members of the Serbia army.

1915

British troops take Cameroon in Africa.

1934

The Disarmament Conference in Geneva ends in failure.

1944

U.S. carrier-based planes attack Japanese airfields on Guam, Rota, Saipan and Tinian islands, preparing for the invasion of Saipan.

1963

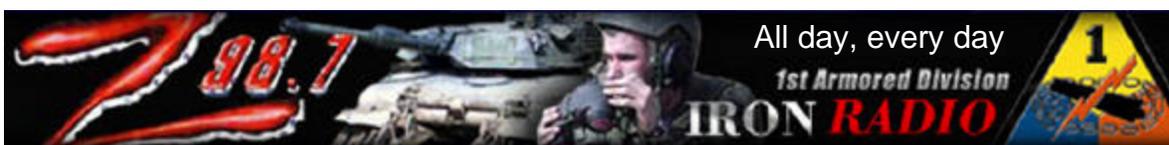
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is arrested in Florida for trying to integrate restaurants.

1967

Israel and Syria accept a U.N. cease-fire.

1987

Margaret Thatcher wins her third consecutive term as Prime Minister.



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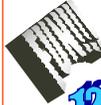
Camp Delta, Al Kut 10 JUN 1830-2030

BIAP (W), DFAC 11 JUN 1130-1230

123rd MSB, BIAP (W) 11 JUN 2000-2200

BIAP (E), Circus Tent 12 JUN 1900-2100

Striker's Island, BIAP (W) 13 JUN 2000-2200



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THE IRON SOLDIERS GUIDE TO VOTING IN IRAQ

STEP 1: Register to vote and receive your absentee ballot!

Eligibility: Must be a US Citizen, at least 18 years of age, not on parole for conviction of a felony, and not judged by a court to be mentally incompetent to register and vote.

Complete the **Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot Request**. Because you are a service member overseas, there are special provisions for you to register and receive an overseas absentee ballot. To do this, you need to complete and mail a Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot Request (FPCA) to your Local Election Official (LEO). This form is available in Adobe Acrobat format and must be filled in, printed out, signed, dated, placed in an envelope with **"FREE MAIL"** in the corner, and mailed to the appropriate LEO. Please see your unit voting assistance officer for the address to your LEO in your district.

Please Note-- The following States/Territories cannot accept the On-Line Version of the Federal Post Card Application: American Samoa, Guam, Louisiana, Ohio, and Puerto Rico.

Different states have different requirements for the FPCA. The on-line version of the [Voting Assistance Guide](#) contains up to date information for state-by-state registration and absentee ballot request procedures.

STEP 2: Receive absentee ballot, vote, and mail in ballot by deadline.

Now is your time to be heard! Make your votes count; educate yourself on the issues and candidates. In addition to reading U.S. news magazines and newspapers, both Democrats Abroad and Republicans Abroad maintain overseas offices and have information about the candidates and issues.

www.republicansabroad.org

www.democratsabroad.org

Another great resource for information on voting and elections is the Federal Voting Assistance Program website, www.fvap.gov.

myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2004				As of: Thursday, June 10, 2004 5:19:32 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00	SPORTSCENTER		MASTERPIECE THEATER (TVPG): - THE WAY WE LIVE NOW (PT. 4)(60MINS)		HEADLINE NEWS	0:00
0:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	0:30
1:00	4 QTRS	THE SPORTS REPORTERS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DONT	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	1:00
1:30		PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - NAUGHTY NAUTICAL NEIGHBORS/ BOAT SCHOOL		CBS EVENING NEWS	1:30
2:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - NHL AWARDS SHOW	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER LOVES FLANDERS	LITTLE BILL (TVY7): - COPY CAT/PICTURE DAY	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	2:00
2:30		NBA HANGTIME	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - GIVE THE BAND A HAND	NBA HANGTIME		2:30
3:00		NBA - FINALS GM 3: LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ DETROIT PISTONS	THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - DEAD MEN TELL TALES	NBA - FINALS GM 3: LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ DETROIT PISTONS	HANNITY & COLMES	3:00
3:30	ESPNEWS					3:30
4:00	MLB - MILWAUKEE BREWERS @ ANAHEIM ANGELS		BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER FIFTEEN		THE NEWSHOUR	4:00
5:00			CROCODILE HUNTER (TVG): - DINOSAURS DOWN UNDER		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	5:00
5:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	5:30
6:00		HEADLINE NEWS	TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - DOGS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	6:00
6:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		6:25
6:30		HEADLINE NEWS	JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - TEXAS LIVESTOCK			6:30
7:00	AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS	SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - DOUBLEMEAT PALACE		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	7:00
7:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		7:13
8:00	SPORTSCENTER	LITTLE BILL (TVY7): - COPY CAT/PICTURE DAY	THE X-FILES (TV14): - TWO FATHERS (PT. 1)	HOUSE OF MOUSE (TVY): - MAX'S NEW CAR	PAULA ZAHN NOW	8:00
8:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		ALL GROWN UP (TVY): - THIEF ENCOUNTER		8:30
9:00	MLB - NY METS @ MINNESOTA TWINS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DONT	OZZY & DRIX (TVY7): - STREET UP	NIGHTLINE	9:00
9:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - NAUGHTY NAUTICAL NEIGHBORS/ BOAT SCHOOL	AS TOLD BY GINGER (TVY): - GINGER'S SOLO	HEADLINE NEWS	9:30
9:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				9:46
10:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER LOVES FLANDERS	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	10:00
10:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - GIVE THE BAND A HAND	HEADLINE NEWS		10:30
10:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				10:35
11:00			THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - DEAD MEN TELL TALES	ESPNEWS	CNN DAYBREAK	11:00
11:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				11:17
11:30				PACIFIC REPORT		11:30
12:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER FIFTEEN	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THE FAT AND THE FURRIEST	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	12:00
12:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		APOLLO 13		12:30
13:00	NBA - FINALS GM 3: LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ DETROIT PISTONS	TODAY	CROCODILE HUNTER (TVG): - DINOSAURS DOWN UNDER		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	13:00
14:00			TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - DOGS			14:00
14:30			JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - TEXAS LIVESTOCK			14:30
15:00	SPORTSCENTER	HOUSE OF MOUSE (TVY): - MAX'S NEW CAR	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - DOUBLEMEAT PALACE	PACIFIC REPORT	HEADLINE NEWS	15:00
15:30		ALL GROWN UP (TVY): - THIEF ENCOUNTER		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	15:30
16:00	NBA FINALS LATE NIGHT	OZZY & DRIX (TVY7): - STREET UP	THE X-FILES (TV14): - TWO FATHERS (PT. 1)		THE EARLY SHOW	16:00
16:30	TOTALLY NASCAR	AS TOLD BY GINGER (TVY): - GINGERS SOLO		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DONT			17:00
17:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - NAUGHTY NAUTICAL NEIGHBORS/ BOAT SCHOOL	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		17:30
18:00	ESPNEWS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER LOVES FLANDERS	SISTER ACT	FOX NEWS LIVE	18:00
18:19	BASEBALL TONIGHT					18:19
18:30		HEADLINE NEWS	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - GIVE THE BAND A HAND			18:30
19:00	TUESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - CRUISERWEIGHTS: DALE BROWN VS ROBERT DANIELS	NEWS SPECIAL	THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - DEAD MEN TELL TALES		FOX NEWS LIVE	19:00
20:00		NEWS SPECIAL	BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER FIFTEEN	I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER	FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
21:00	THE HOT LIST	NEWS SPECIAL	CROCODILE HUNTER (TVG): - DINOSAURS DOWN UNDER		HEADLINE NEWS	21:00
21:30	THE HOT LIST				INSIDE POLITICS	21:30
22:00	PGA TOUR - BUICK CLASSIC: SECOND ROUND	HEADLINE NEWS	TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - DOGS	TODAY		22:00
22:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - TEXAS LIVESTOCK		HEADLINE NEWS	22:30
23:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - DOUBLEMEAT PALACE		LESTER HOLT LIVE	23:00
23:30		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				23:30