



The Old Ironsides Report



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1-1 CAV screens potential Iraqi Police Academy applicants

Story and photo by Sgt. Mark Bell, 372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq - By 4 a.m. on Sunday, more than 600 Al Rashid residents arrived to begin what could be a new career as an Iraqi Police Service officer.

Sponsored by 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, assigned to the 1st Armored Division Artillery Brigade Combat Team, residents spent hours waiting patiently in line during an initial application process at an Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) camp in Southern Baghdad.

As more applicants arrived at the muddy, water-filled compound, several dozen ICDC guardsmen assigned to the Germany-based cavalry regiment began searching men for weapons or other illegal items and controlling the crowd of applicants.

From a brief physical examination to random security background checks, soldiers scrutinized application forms and checked applicant's health conditions to ensure the best 500 are submitted for possible admission into the Baghdad Iraqi Police Academy.

Applicants ranged from 20-year-old adults looking for their first job to career carpenters looking for a new occupation.

"I want to serve my country and live in peace," said Iyad Hassan, 28, a carpenter who hasn't seen work in months. "I think the future of Iraq is good. I know from my heart it will get better. The American soldiers will help our country get better."

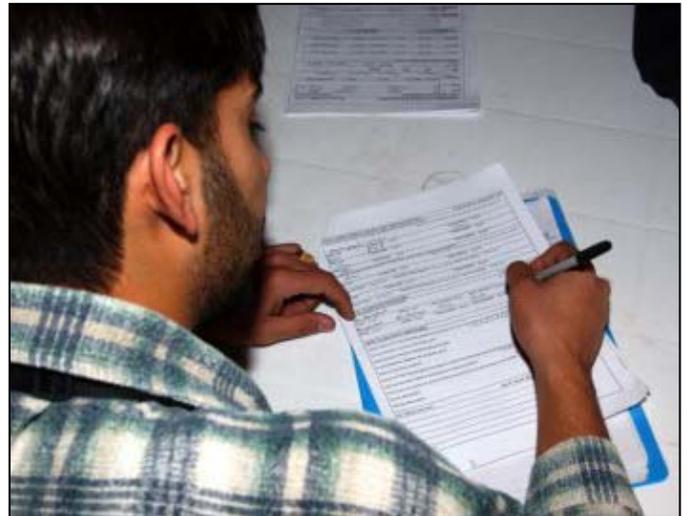
Applicants must be 20 years old and have a diploma from a primary secondary school, said Sgt. 1st Class Brad Engelhorn, a noncommissioned officer with Comanche Troop, in charge of the two-day recruitment process.

The initial screening taking place at the first station looked over applications to ensure they were properly completed and the applicants met the basic age and education requirements.

Working to help make a better Iraq with a new Iraqi Police is an important job, said Pfc. Derrick Nunley as he looked over each application.

"We are helping them build a better Iraq," he said. "By being a part of the application process, it shows them that we are actually making an effort to help them get back on their feet."

From the initial application review process, medics and physician's assistants saw applicants -- for some receiving their first medical examination in their life. From head to toe, applicants' blood pressure, eyes and abdomen were checked to ensure the Iraqis have an



An applicant completes personal history while seeking possible admission to the Iraqi Police Service Academy during a community pre-screening conducted by Task Force 1st Armored Division's 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment.

overall health checkup before being selected to attend the academy.

Obesity, uncorrectable bad vision and diabetes will disqualify an applicant from being an Iraqi Police officer, said Capt. Eric Klage, a physician's assistant assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop.

"First of all, we are looking to make sure they are overall healthy," he said. "We are looking for a history of disease or disorders that would disqualify an applicant. We basically are doing a quick and general head to toe medical check to ensure there are no obvious medical conditions that would hinder in their ability to perform as an Iraqi police officer."

From eyes, throat, lungs and heart checks, the medical staff moved the applicants through the process for efficiently and quickly.

In two days, the team of several dozen cavalry soldiers will screen more than 800 applicants.

At the end of the day, Engelhorn hopes that 500 applicants will have their class date to begin training at Iraqi Police Academy.

"This is just the beginning process that we do to help the Iraqi people establish their own police force," he said. "These people need to start taking care of themselves. This is the only way this country is going to see change."

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News...

Northern Iraq Blasts Kill 3 GIs, 9 Iraqis

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) - A car bomb targeting a police station in Iraq's third largest city killed nine people and injured 45 others Saturday, while three American soldiers died when a roadside bomb ripped through their convoy near the oil-rich city of Kirkuk. The car bombing followed warnings by U.S. military commanders this week that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida - which has frequently used vehicle-borne bombs for its terror attacks in other parts of the world - was trying to gain a foothold in Iraq.

Karzai: Bin Laden Alive, Still in Region

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Osama bin Laden is alive and may be hiding somewhere along the Afghan border, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Saturday. Also, a statement purportedly from fugitive Taliban chief Mullah Omar accused the U.S.-backed Afghan government of destroying Islamic values in Afghanistan and said the hard-line movement soon would triumph over U.S. forces.

Iran Cabinet Delays Election Crisis Talks

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - President Mohammad Khatami was admitted to the hospital Saturday with severe back pain, forcing the postponement of an emergency Cabinet meeting to discuss the crisis over parliamentary elections, his office told The Associated Press. Earlier Saturday, Khatami indicated that his government could not proceed with the Feb. 20 vote under conditions imposed by the hard-line Guardian Council, which disqualified more than 2,000 reformist candidates from the ballot.

Seven Flights To, From U.S. Are Canceled

LONDON (AP) - British Airways and Air France on Saturday announced the cancellation of seven flights to and from the United States because of security concerns. The United States has indications of al-Qaida's continued interest in targeting international flights to America, a government official said.

BA canceled four flights between Heathrow Airport and Washington on Sunday and Monday and one from Heathrow to Miami on Sunday. Air France canceled two Paris-to-Washington flights. There are no plans to raise the terror alert in the United States because of the latest threats, Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said.

Second NASA Rover Rolls Onto Mars Surface

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - NASA's Opportunity rolled off its lander and onto the rusty soil of Mars early Saturday, a week after the six-wheeled rover arrived on the Red Planet - and just hours after confirmation of its first major geologic discovery. Scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory erupted in cheers as the first photograph taken by Opportunity following its roll-off appeared on a screen in mission control. More pictures flooded in minutes later to continued cheers and applause.

Sports...

Super Bowl Players Warned on Celebrations

By BOB BAUM, AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) -- Don't even think about grabbing that cell phone for a touchdown celebration, Mr. NFL player. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue is determined to make anyone who does very sorry. He warned players Friday that unsportsmanlike conduct will draw stronger penalties and fines, even leaving open the possibility of suspensions.

Coaches and team owners have urged him "to take that stuff out of the game," he said during his state of the NFL address, held each year prior to the Super Bowl.

"That stuff" includes choreographed stunts such as pulling out a cell phone in the end zone after a touchdown.

The New Orleans Saints' Joe Horn did exactly that on national television during a Sunday night game; he was fined \$30,000.

"Take taunting out of the game, take unsportsmanlike conduct out of the game," Tagliabue said. "Cell phones, pens, all the other things, penalties likely will escalate if this does not stop." Pens? Yes, that happened, too.

San Francisco's Terrell Owens pulled a pen out of his sock and autographed a football after scoring a touchdown in 2002, prompting a warning from Tagliabue to all teams that similar acts would be punished.

He said many coaches called him to say they were outraged by these episodes.

"They thought these were way outside the rules and uncalled for and humiliating to their players and embarrassing to players in general," he said.

Panthers running back-kick returner Rod Smart, who made his reputation as He Hate Me in the XFL, doesn't think what Horn and Owens did was so bad. But he doubted anyone would try something similar Sunday in the Super Bowl, especially with the whole world watching.

"If he did, he'd probably be fined six figures," he said.

Actually, it would be so far out of character for any of these New England and Carolina players to do anything over-the-top, the very thought is almost preposterous.

Like their coaches, Bill Belichick and John Fox, they have a blue-collar work ethic that makes them seem like throwbacks to an era dominated by grit, not glamour. Their style is more smashmouth, less running-at-the-mouth.

Still, not everyone agreed with the commissioner's stance.

"I think it's absurd," Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington said. "It's entertainment. It's a sport. This isn't Desert Storm and it's not Iraq.

"My father went to Vietnam and gave up both his legs for this country. If someone wants to show off, it's no big deal to me. That's a lot bigger deal."

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Perseverance

A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

— Christopher Reeve

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As of: Saturday, January 31, 2004 8:19:19 AM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		SPORTS SPECIAL - ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL	THE DIVISION : - ABSOLUTION	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - THUS FAR	FOX NEWS LIVE	00:00
00:30				CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER		00:30
01:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - TRIATHLON: XTERRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: DUKE @ GEORGIA TECH	E. T. THE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU	FOX NEWS LIVE	01:00
01:30				CAFE VIDEO : - MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD		01:30
02:00	TRACK & FIELD - 2004 BOSTON INDOOR MEET			HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30				ARMY NEWSWATCH	MCLAUGHLIN GROUP	02:30
03:00	NHL - CAROLINA HURRICANES @ DETRIOT RED WINGS	SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - ELIJAH WOOD/JET	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - FOGGY BOTTOM FIDDLIN' CONTEST	NFL PRIMETIME	CAPITAL GANG	03:00
03:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - DROPPED IN LIFE			03:30
04:00			MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: INDIANA @ MICHIGAN STATE	WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW	04:00
04:30		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD	REAL VIDEOS : - RON KENOLY		HEADLINE NEWS	04:30
05:00			THE SIMPSONS : - HOW I SPENT MY STRUMMER VACATION		PEOPLE IN THE NEWS	05:00
05:30	NHL 2NIGHT	THE ENTERTAINERS	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			05:30
06:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - MEN'S FINAL		EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - RAY'S RING	WISHBONE : - GOLDEN RETRIEVED	CNN SATURDAY NIGHT	06:00
06:30		AMERICAN ATHLETE	THE KING OF QUEENS : - WORK RELATED	SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - COOKIE MONSTER'S BEST BITES		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - WHERE THE BOYS ARE	THE TIGGER MOVIE	DATELINE INTERNATIONAL	07:00
07:30		HOUR OF POWER - THE POSITIVE POWER OF ONE AFFIRMATION				07:30
08:00		CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - THUS FAR	M*A*S*H : - COMRADES IN ARMS (PT. 2)		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER	THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - SON OF "BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS"	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - THE ALGAE'S ALWAYS GREENER/ SPONGE GAURD ON DUTY		08:30
09:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU	ALL IN THE FAMILY : - EVERYBODY DOES IT	MOTORWEEK	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	09:00
09:30		CAFE VIDEO : - MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD	THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		09:30
10:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - 2004 THQ WORLD SUPERCROSS GP (250CC) SAN DIEGO	WISHBONE : - GOLDEN RETRIEVED	FANTASY ISLAND : - ESCAPE/ CINDERELLA GIRLS	WWE SMACKDOWN!	BELTWAY BOYS	10:00
10:30		SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - COOKIE MONSTER'S BEST BITES			FOX NEWS WATCH	10:30
11:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: ARIZONA @ WASHINGTON STATE	THE TIGGER MOVIE	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - FOGGY BOTTOM FIDDLIN' CONTEST	ANDROMEDA : - SHADOWS CAST BY A FINAL SALUTE	HEADLINE NEWS	11:00
11:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - DROPPED IN LIFE		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	11:30
12:00			MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	HEADLINE NEWS	THE CHRIS MATTHEWS SHOW	12:00
12:30		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - THE ALGAE'S ALWAYS GREENER/ SPONGE GAURD ON DUTY	REAL VIDEOS : - RON KENOLY	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	MOTORWEEK	THE SIMPSONS : - HOW I SPENT MY STRUMMER VACATION	JUDGING AMY : - ROSES AND TRUTH	BIG STORY WEEKEND EDITION	13:00
13:30		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			13:30
14:00	CHAMPIONS TOUR - CHAMPIONS SKINS GAME	HEADLINE NEWS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - RAY'S RING	THE HURRICANE	CNN PRESENTS	14:00
14:30		ARMY NEWSWATCH	THE KING OF QUEENS : - WORK RELATED			14:30
15:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: STANFORD @ OREGON	AMERICAN DREAMS : - WHERE THE BOYS ARE		FOX & FRIENDS	15:00
16:00			M*A*S*H : - COMRADES IN ARMS (PT. 2)		FOX & FRIENDS	16:00
16:30	SPORTSCENTER		THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - SON OF "BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS"	SEINFELD : - THE SHOES		16:30
17:00		ANDROMEDA : - SHADOWS CAST BY A FINAL SALUTE	ALL IN THE FAMILY : - EVERYBODY DOES IT	MEET THE PRESS	CBS NEWS SUNDAY MORNING	17:00
17:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT		THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS			17:30
18:00	THE SPORTS REPORTERS	ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL	FANTASY ISLAND : - ESCAPE/ CINDERELLA GIRLS	ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL		18:00
18:30	SPORTSCENTER				FACE THE NATION	18:30
19:00	NFL COUNTDOWN	NICKELODEON TAKES OVER THE SUPER BOWL	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - FOGGY BOTTOM FIDDLIN' CONTEST	NICKELODEON TAKES OVER THE SUPER BOWL	HEADLINE NEWS	19:00
19:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - DROPPED IN LIFE		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	19:30
20:00		CBS SPORTS PRESENTS: MTV'S TRL @ THE SUPER BOWL	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	CBS SPORTS PRESENTS: MTV'S TRL @ THE SUPER BOWL	LATE EDITION W/ WOLF BLITZER	20:00
20:30			REAL VIDEOS : - RON KENOLY			20:30
21:00		THE PHIL SIMMS 2003 ALL-IRON TEAM	THE SIMPSONS : - HOW I SPENT MY STRUMMER VACATION	THE PHIL SIMMS 2003 ALL-IRON TEAM		21:00
21:30			MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			21:30
22:00	NBA - PHILADELPHIA 76ERS @ MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES	THE SUPER BOWL TODAY	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - RAY'S RING	THE SUPER BOWL TODAY	FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30			THE KING OF QUEENS : - WORK RELATED			22:30
23:00			AMERICAN DREAMS : - WHERE THE BOYS ARE		FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00

Today in history... Feb. 1, 1979

THE AYATOLLAH RETURNS TO IRAN

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) -- On February 1, 1979, the Ayatollah Khomeini returns to Iran in triumph after 15 years of exile. The shah and his family had fled the country two weeks before, and jubilant Iranian revolutionaries were eager to establish a fundamentalist Islamic government under Khomeini's leadership.

Born around the turn of the century, Ruhollah Khomeini was the son of an Islamic religious scholar and in his youth memorized the Qur'an. He was a Shiite--the branch of Islam practiced by a majority of Iranians--and soon devoted himself to the formal study of Shia Islam in the city of Qom. A devout cleric, he rose steadily in the informal Shiite hierarchy and attracted many disciples.

In 1941, British and Soviet troops occupied Iran and installed Mohammad Reza Pahlavi as the second modern shah of Iran. The new shah had close ties with the West, and in 1953 British and U.S. intelligence agents helped him overthrow a popular political rival. Mohammad Reza embraced many Western ideas and in 1963 launched his "White Revolution," a broad government program that called for the reduction of religious estates in the name of land redistribution, equal rights for women, and other modern reforms.

Khomeini, now known by the high Shiite title "ayatollah," was the first religious leader to openly condemn the shah's program of westernization. In fiery dispatches from his Faziye Seminary in Qom, Khomeini called for the overthrow of the shah and the establishment of an Islamic state. In 1963, Mohammad Reza imprisoned him, which led to riots, and on November 4, 1964, expelled him from Iran.

Khomeini settled in **An Najaf**, a Shiite holy city across the border in Iraq, and sent home recordings of his sermons that continued to incite his student followers. Breaking precedence with the Shiite tradition that discouraged clerical participation in government, he called for Shiite leaders to govern Iran.

In the 1970s, Mohammad Reza further enraged Islamic fundamentalists in Iran by holding an extravagant celebration of the 2,500th anniversary of the pre-Islamic Persian monarchy and replaced the Islamic calendar with a Persian calendar. As discontent grew, the shah became more repressive, and support for Khomeini grew. In 1978, massive anti-shah demonstrations broke out in Iran's major cities. Dissatisfied members of the lower and middle classes joined the radical students, and Khomeini called for the shah's immediate overthrow. In December, the army mutinied, and on January 16, 1979, the shah fled.

Khomeini arrived in Tehran in triumph on February 1, 1979, and was acclaimed as the leader of the Iranian Revolution. With religious fervor running high, he consolidated his authority and set out to transform Iran into a religious state. On November 4, 1979, the 15th anniversary of his exile, students stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran and took the staff hostage. With Khomeini's approval, the radicals demanded the return of the shah to Iran and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. The shah died in Egypt of cancer in July 1980.

In December 1979, a new Iranian constitution was approved, naming Khomeini as Iran's political and religious leader for life. Under his rule, Iranian women were denied equal rights and required to wear a veil, Western culture was banned, and traditional Islamic law and its often-brutal punishments were reinstated. In suppressing opposition, Khomeini proved as ruthless as the shah, and thousands of political dissidents were executed during his decade of rule.

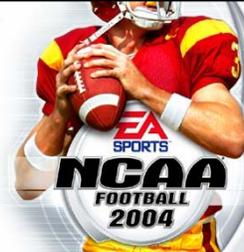
In 1980, **Iraq invaded Iran's** oil-producing province of Khuzestan. After initial advances, the Iraqi offense was repulsed. In 1982, Iraq voluntarily withdrew and sought a peace agreement, but Khomeini renewed fighting. Stalemates and the deaths of thousands of young Iranian conscripts in Iraq followed. In 1988, Khomeini finally agreed to a U.N.-brokered cease-fire.

After the Ayatollah Khomeini died on June 3, 1989, more than two million anguished mourners attended his funeral. Gradual democratization began in Iran in early the 1990s, culminating in a free election in 1997 in which the moderate reformist Mohammed Khatami was elected president.



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