



# THIS WEEK IN IRAQ

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## IA takes command in Basrah

**BASRAH** — The first Coalition Forces base, the Old State Building in Basrah City, was handed over to the Iraqi Army March 20.

The Iraqi Army took control of the base in a 45-minute-long parade which saw the raising and lowering of the flags of each country.

A Press conference to mark the occasion at Basra International Airport was attended by Governor Wa'ili - the Governor of Basrah, General Habib - the General Officer Commanding 10th Division Iraqi Army, Major General Shaw - the General Officer Commanding Multi-National Force (South-East), and the British Consul General Richard Jones.

Shaw commented on 10 Division's

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The Iraqi flag is raised in the Old State Building as the Iraqi Army takes over control of the building from coalition forces. Ministry of Defence photo by Cpl Ian Forsyth, RLC.

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**Press Conference:** Col. Stephen Twitty, commander, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, discusses ongoing security operations in Iraq.

# Iraqis, Americans build relationships

**KEM** — Iraqi Army Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division (Mechanized) and U.S. Soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment went on a joint foot patrol in the villages surrounding Kem last Saturday.

While on patrol, Iraqi Soldiers and U.S. Soldiers paired up in two man “battle buddy” teams so they could observe each others techniques and get to know their counterpart better.

The American Soldiers said they were impressed with how observant the Iraqi Soldiers were when they pulled security.

“This is a really sharp group, they really know their stuff and they’re really squared

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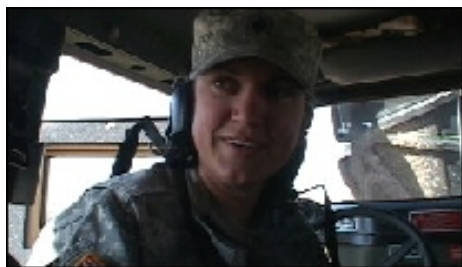
An Iraqi Army Soldier makes friends with an Iraqi boy during a foot patrol near the village of Kem, Iraq. The boy rushed over to show the Soldier a fish he had caught. DoD photo.

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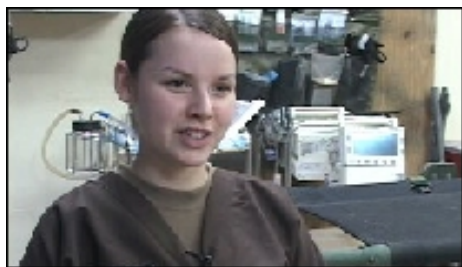
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