

An Iraqi Policeman walks down the street, while on a training patrol with U.S. Air Force Security Forces in Rashid, Iraq, on Dec. 26, 2008. U.S. Airmen of Detachment 3, 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, work to transition the Iraqi National Police into being an independent, self sustaining unit that patrols and ensures the security of the local residents.

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Iraqi soldiers talk with the proprietors of a fruit and vegetable stand during a joint dismounted patrol with U.S. Soldiers of B Troop, 5th Cavalry, 73rd Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, in, Muhallah 710, Muthana Zayuna, eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on Jan. 2, 2009.

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An Iraqi woman walks by Iraqi police and U.S. Soldiers patrolling the streets of Afak in the Diwaniyah Province of Iraq, on Jan. 3, 2008.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joaquin Ayala from Apple Valley, Calif., of 315th Psychological Operations Company, shakes hands with a local Iraqi resident during a joint patrol with Iraqi soldiers in Muthana Zayuna, eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on Jan. 2nd, 2009. While on patrol, Staff Sgt. Ayala is meeting with local Iraqi residents to discuss their needs and concerns.



U.S. Army Cpl. Oscar Tovar from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade takes a knee while helping sweep Main Supply Route Tampa for Improvised Explosive Devices as part of an un-mounted route clearance, outside of Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq, on Jan 3, 2009.