

Iraqi soldiers search guests prior to allowing entrance into the Civil Service Corps (CSC) ceremony in the Northwest Palace archeological site in Nimrud, Iraq, Jan. 4, 2009. CSC is an "on the job training" program to provide military-aged males trade skills, which will provide not only employment opportunities, but will also provide the community with services not readily available by his is an Iraqi funded effort.

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U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert Caslin (far left), Commanding General of Multi-National Division North, 1st Armored Division, Governor Ra'ad Mula Jwad of Diyala and the Diyala Operations Commander Maj. Abdul Kareem shake hands after signing the transfer document releasing U.S. Forces from paying the Sons of Iraq and giving the authority to the Government of Iraq, Jan 4, 2008.



An Iraqi soldier, prepares to raise the Iraqi flag as the U.S. Army signs over control of Joint Security Station 3 to the Iraqi Army in Ghazaliya, Iraq, Jan. 1, 2009.



An Iraqi soldier, along with a U.S. Soldier of the 4th Calvary, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, raises the Iraqi flag during a ceremony turning control of Ghazaliya Joint Security Station 3 over to the Iraqi army in Ghazaliya, Iraq, Jan. 1, 2009.

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U.S. Army Lt. Col. Richardson, with the 4th Calvary, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division shakes hands with Iraqi Army Lt. Col. Abdullah. The U.S. Army signed over control of Joint Security Station 3 to the Iraqi Army in Ghazaliya, Iraq, Jan. 1, 2009.