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An Iraqi soldier hands out Iraqi flags at a checkpoint in the district of Al Hayyaniah, on Dec. 13, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.



An Iraqi soldier and an Iraqi Policeman, hand out flags, leaflets, and children books in a checkpoint, in the district of Al Hayyaniah, on Dec. 13, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.



U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Zhang of Apache Troop, 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, conducts a convoy briefing prior to leading a mounted patrol, at Forward Operating Base Loyalty, Beladiyat, eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 14, 2008.



U.S. Army Sgt. Carlos Herrera of Apache Troop, 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, listens to a convoy briefing at Forward Operating Base Loyalty, Beladiyat, eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 14, 2008.



Local Iraqi residents do some evening shopping at a street side fruit vendor in eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 14, 2008.



U.S. Army Capt. Chris Neyman of Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Calvary Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, demonstrates how to operate a Russian metal detector to Iraqi soldiers stationed at the patrol base in Mahawil, Iraq, on Dec. 14, 2008.

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U.S. Army Pfc. Casey Wailes from Fort Collins, Colo., of Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Calvary Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, clears the ball down field during a soccer game with Iraqi soldiers stationed at the patrol base in Mahawil, Iraq, on Dec. 14, 2008.



An Iraqi soldier from the 8th Division Iraqi Army fires at a silhouette target during a live fire exercise on Camp Diwaniyah, Iraq, Dec. 15, 2008. Iraqi soldiers train with U.S. Soldiers to ensure they are prepared to secure their country.