

An Iraqi soldier assesses the water pump filtration system in Basra, Iraq, on Jan. 1, 2009.



Iraqi soldiers gather around in order to assess and discuss repairs to the water pump filtration system on a dam, on Jan. 1, 2009 in Basra, Iraq.



Iraqi National Policemen collect blankets to hand out to local civilians in Basra, Iraq, on Camp Basra, Jan. 02, 2009.



U.S. Army Maj. Craig Bowser with the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade, briefs Iraqi soldiers before the days mission on Camp Basra in Basra, Iraq, on Jan. 1, 2009.



U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Shawn C. Kelly from Oviedo, Fla., platoon Sgt., 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1 gives soccer balls to an Iraqi Police (IP) officer and his children in Ramadi, Iraq, Nov. 27, 2008. The Marines are working with the IPs to help patrol the city, and provide support if needed.