



U.S. Army Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division celebrate Christmas with seasonal decorations and a flag football and volleyball tournament at Forward Operating Base War Eagle in Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 25, 2008.

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U.S. Army Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division celebrate Christmas by attending a Christmas Service at Forward Operating Base War Eagle in Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 25, 2008.

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A U.S. Army Soldier of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division celebrates Christmas by watching a flag football and volleyball tournament dressed with a Santa Hat and red nose at Forward Operating Base War Eagle in Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 25, 2008.

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U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Adrian Morgan from Memphis, Tenn., of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division breaks for a touchdown during a Christmas flag football tournament at Forward Operating Base War Eagle in Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 25, 2008.

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Al Hayyaniah Iraqi Police Chief (left) chats with Iraqi Armed Forces Chief of Staff (right) during a Christmas Eve dinner hosted by the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi Police, in the Al Hayyaniah district in Basra, Iraq, Dec. 24, 2008.

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An Iraqi Army Combat Cameraman documents the Christmas Eve dinner hosted by Iraqi Army General Shab and the Chief of Police in the Al Hayyaniah district, Basra, Iraq, Dec. 24, 2008.

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Iraqi Chief of Police of the Al Hayyaniah district (center) and Iraqi Army 26th Brigade General Shab (right) talk to a local Iraqi of Christian faith during a visit to his family to distribute gifts and wishes of a Merry Christmas on Dec. 25, 2008, Basra, Iraq.

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An Iraqi woman distributes sweets to Iraqi Army Soldiers and Iraqi Police Officers during a joint visit to her home on Christmas day, Dec. 25, 2008, Basra, Iraq.

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Iraqi Army General Shab, 26th Brigade Commander, distributes winter caps to children during a joint Christmas day visit with the Iraqi Police to the Al Hayyaniah district on Dec. 25, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.

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An Iraqi soldier gives sweets to a child during a joint visit with the Iraqi Police to the Al Hayyaniah district on Christmas day, Dec. 25, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.

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Areef Ali Russen Shalal, 2nd Battalion, 5th Brigade, 2nd Region Iraqi Army, teaches a fellow soldier techniques as he practices firing positions at Border Fort 9, located on the Syrian border of the Al Anbar Province, Iraq, Nov. 18, 2008. Iraqi soldiers set aside large amounts of time to train themselves and remediate drills while stationed at the Border Fort.

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**A soldier moves from the prone to standing firing position as Areef Ali Russen Shalal, right, 2nd Battalion, 5th Brigade, 2nd Region Iraqi Army, watches over him at Border Fort 9, located on the Syrian border of the Al Anbar Province, Iraq, Nov. 18, 2008. Iraqi soldiers set aside large amounts of time to train themselves and remediate drills while stationed at the Border Fort.
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U.S. Army Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division patrol a section of the Diyala River Valley in Iraq, Dec. 27, 2008.

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