



**U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael McKinney from Newark, Del., of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division meets with Iraqis to ask about the upcoming provincial elections during a patrol in Budayr, Iraq, Dec. 23, 2008. The soldiers patrol local areas to ensure the villagers needs are addressed and to provide security. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Eric Harris/Released) 081223-F-5751H-035**

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An Iraqi construction worker catches a brick as he and his fellow workers build a school in Budayr, Iraq, Dec. 23, 2008. This is one of three known schools under construction in the Budayr area.

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An Iraqi soldier of the 8th Division, Iraqi Army meets with local Iraqis who will escort him and his fellow soldiers to schools under construction in Budayr, Iraq, Dec. 23, 2008. The soldiers patrol local areas to ensure the needs of the village are addressed and to provide security.

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**U.S. Air Force Sgt Eli "Doc" Miller from Montgomery, Ala., hands out newspapers to Iraqi civilians during a walking patrol to meet Iraqi civilians in the Rashid district of southern Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 20, 2008. The Airman is assigned to 732 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.  
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Local Iraqi citizens read a paper given to them by Iraqi Policemen during a walking patrol in the Rashid district of southern Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 20, 2008.

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An Iraqi Policeman kicks a soccer ball around with U.S. Air Force Capt. Matthew Ballanco from Tampa, Fla., during a joint walking patrol to meet with Iraqi civilians and to hand out newspapers in the Rashid district of southern Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 20, 2008. The Airmen are assigned to 732 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. (U.S. Navy Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Todd Frantom/Released) 081220-N-1810F-110

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**U.S. Army Cpt. Mark Gillman of 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division Engineers, Multi-National Division-Baghdad conducts an essential services meeting with Iraqi supervisors in charge of a power station in the city of Taji, Iraq, Dec. 23, 2008.**

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U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Mike Ferriter, Deputy Commander of Multinational Corps - Iraq, from Carmel, Calif., shakes hands with an Iraqi sheik after a meeting at Camp Diwaniyah, Iraq, Dec. 24, 2008. This meeting is held to address concerns about the Sons of Iraq program being turned over to Iraqi government control.

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