

Erik Decastro, a photographer for Rueters, Baghdad, reviews images among smiling Iraqi children in the Abu T'Shir community, of Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 10, 2008 in the Rashid district of southern Baghdad.



An Iraqi girl dances for a crowd of Iraqi civilians during a beef donation to local Iraqi families in the Abu T'Shir community, of Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 10, 2008.



An Iraqi girl from the Abu T'Shir community, of Baghdad, Iraq, holds on to her family's parcel of beef. Dr Muayad Hamad, a Baghdad philanthropist, who provided four cows to the Abu T'Shir community, of Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 10, 2008, to distribute the for the Eld and Adha celebration.



U.S. Army Maj. Kurt Kinney from 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division Baghdad, crosses the finish line in first place with a time of 3:04:02 during a 25th Infantry Division sponsored Honolulu Marathon held on Camp Taji, Iraq, Dec. 14, 2008.

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U.S. Army Spc. Jacob Hubbard from Fort Dodge, Iowa, and U.S. Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Iraqi soldiers and Iraqi National Police conduct a neighborhood cordon and search during Operation Lion Tornado, on Dec. 15, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Zachary Walker from Dallas, Texas, with U.S. Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Iraqi soldiers and Iraqi National Police conduct a neighborhood cordon and search during Operation Lion Tornado, on Dec. 15, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq.



Military working dog Mmattias, with handler, U.S. Army Sgt. Christopher Adams and U.S. Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Iraqi soldiers and Iraqi National Police conduct a neighborhood cordon and search during Operation Lion Tornado, on Dec. 15, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq.

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U.S. Army 1st Lt. Aaron W. Oliver, a native of Olympia Wash., attached to C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, talks to a local sheik and an Iraqi Army officer at the Fira Shia Tabuq Primary School in Samalaat, Iraq, during a Combined Medical Engagement with the 425th Civil affairs Battalion, attached to the 4th Infantry Division, on Dec. 15, 2008.

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A U. S. Army Doctor Attached, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, examines a small Iraqi boy at the Fira Shia Tabuq Primary School in Samalaat, Iraq, during a Combined Medical Engagement with the 425th Civil affairs Battalion, attached to the 4th Infantry Division, on Dec. 15, 2008.



U.S. Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, and Iraqi National Police conduct a cordon and search on Dec. 16, 2008, in Basateen, Baghdad, Iraq.



U.S. Army Spc. Joshua Powell from Goose Creek, S.C., of the 982nd Combat Camera Company (Airborne), pulls security for U.S. Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, along with Iraqi National Police, as they conduct a cordon and search on Dec. 16, 2008 in Basateen, Baghdad, Iraq.



U.S. Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, conduct a neighborhood presence patrol with Iraqi National Police on Dec. 16, 2008, in Basateen, Baghdad, Iraq.



U.S. Army Sgt. Jeremy Vanhorne from Puyallup, Wash., with military working dog Ricky, attached to U.S. Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, conduct a neighborhood presence patrol with Iraqi National Police on Dec. 16, 2008 in Basateen, Baghdad, Iraq.

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