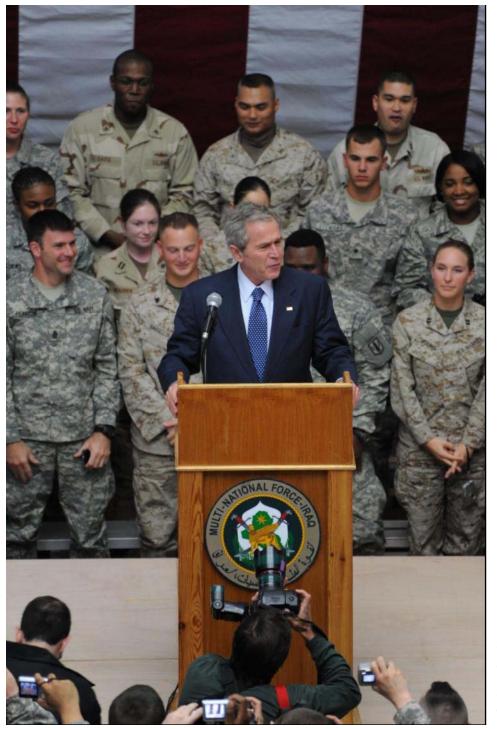


U.S. President George W. Bush prepares to meet with U.S. military personnel at the AI Faw Palace at Camp Victory, Baghdad. The President made a surprise visit to Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 14, 2008.

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U.S. President George W. Bush meets with U.S. military personnel during a surprise visit to AI Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Iraq, Dec. 14, 2008.

(U.S. Army photo by Spc. Brandon Price/Released) 081214-A-0402P-029



U.S. President George W. Bush meets with U.S. military personnel during a surprise visit to AI Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Iraq, Dec. 14, 2008.



U.S. Army Capt. Scott Eberlein from Los Angeles, Calif, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division and an Iraqi Army officer look at maps of the area to be cleared during the joint clearing operations with the Iraqi Army in the Diyala province, Dec. 12, 2008. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Bobby L. Allen Jr./ RELEASED) 081212-A-6884A-001 UNCLASSIFIED



The son of a recently released detainee shakes hands in the village of Tamine, Iraq, Dec. 12, 2008. Two men who were detained and later found innocent are released at a special ceremony.

(U.S. Army photo by Spc. Chase Kincaid/Released) 081212-A-8201K-056



An Iraqi man works in the garden of the AI Hayyaniah district Police Station in Basra, Iraq, Dec. 13, 2008.

(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Gustavo Olgiati/Released) 081213-A-6851O-106



An Iraqi national policemen patrols forward of U.S. Army Soldiers during a joint patrol, meeting Iraqi civilians and handing out leaflets in the Rashid community of southern Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 06, 2008. The Soldiers are assigned to 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

(U.S. Navy Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Todd Frantom/Released) 081206-N-1810F-043



An Iraqi child looks over a leaflet given to her by Iraqi national policemen during a walking patrol in the Rashid community of southern Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 06, 2008.

(U.S. Navy Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Todd Frantom/Released) 081204-N-1810F-047



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Angelina Mureno of 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division plays with a young Iraqi girl from the school for Special needs children in Rumaythuh, Iraq, Dec. 11, 2008. They are at Combat Operations Base Adder to have the girl's hearing tested. If she qualifies, she will be given a hearing aid.

(U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Brendan Stephens/ Released) 081211-A-8552S-122



U.S. Army Capt. Lori August and Capt. Ramona Toussant of C company, 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division show a hearing impaired girl from the school for special needs children in Rumaythuh, Iraq how they administer a hearing examination, Dec. 11, 2008. The Iraqi girl is at Combat Operations Base Adder to be tested for a hearing aid. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Brendan Stephens/ Released) 081211-A-8552S-034 UNCLASSIFIED



U.S. Army Sgt. Terry Chesnut from Skidmore, Mo., of Charley Company, 2nd Infantry Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division searches a shop keeper at the front gate of Joint Security Station Bayji, Iraq, Dec. 13, 2008.

(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kani Ronningen/Released) 081213-A-5049R-041



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Nyx Zaid Nieves Lopez, a videographer with Joint Combat Camera at FOB Warrior, rolls tape while a U.S. Air Force Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) team uses a radio detonation unit to explode charges set on unspent munitions that were left over from the Iran/Iraq war along with other weapons seized from insurgents by the Iraq police in Kirkuk, Iraq, Dec. 13, 2008. (U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian L. Short/Released) 081213-N-3494S-023