



Task Force Danger

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*1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division*

## Task Force 1-77 conducts Operation Tiger Care to support local hospital

BALAD, Iraq--Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment conducted the first of several planned Medical Supply deliveries to the Balad General Hospital on August 3.

Operation TIGER CARE is a program conducted in partnership with several Medical Service units located on Logistical Support Area ANACONDA. The objective of the operation is to assist the local hospital by procuring and delivering much needed medical supplies.

The hospital serves as the major medical and trauma center for the entire area south of Samarra. It is located in the heart of downtown Balad and the responsibility of Bravo Company, along with their Iraqi Nation Guard and Iraqi Police Services partners.

Dr. Kassim (top left), the hospital administrator and the Balad District Council President, was instrumental in assisting with this operation.

"These supplies will be very helpful for the hospital and increase our capability to treat patients throughout the area," he said.

"We thank the Soldiers and families of the Steel Tigers in their constant and continuous support for the people of Balad," he added.

2LT Martin Rafter, Assistant Civil Military Operations Officer, stated, "The hospital is necessary for the community to continue to grow and be self sufficient; these supplies will help them on their way."

CPT Henry Delacruz, Bravo Company Commander stated, "It is good for the Soldiers to conduct operations other than patrols and security missions. They enjoy seeing the progress they help create and assisting the people they are protecting each and every day."

The 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Commanding General, Major General John R.S. Batiste (top right), Command Sergeant Major



Cory McCarty and Task Force 1-77 Commander, LTC David Hubner dropped by the hospital during a tour of Balad to check on the progress.

LTC Hubner remarked, "I am extremely proud of the work being done here by our Soldiers to help those in need, and I appreciate the folks on the LSA supporting our efforts here."

Task Force 1-77, part of 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, is currently operating out of Balad, Iraq.

The Task Force has spent over \$2.6 million in Civil Military Operations in the area since March and continues to assist the people of Balad and the surrounding area with civil projects that are making a difference.

## Final inspection complete on road improvement project

Members of the 415<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion completed final inspection on the Ad Dujayl-Al Jamiya Sector Road Improvement Project.

The final inspection and opening ceremony were originally scheduled for June 30, but due to the timing of the transfer of sovereignty, the inspection was delayed and the opening ceremony cancelled.

This project consisted of asphaltting one kilometer of city road broken into three sections.

This was a key initiative and project the city council had on their agenda for this year. The project cost \$57,000 and took nearly a month to complete. A local city resident was chosen as the contractor, and did an excellent job.

During the project, the contractor employed about 25 local workers. These new asphalt streets will benefit over 5,000 city residents.

The city council chairman, Jasim Mohammad Mamood, stated in a recent city council meeting, "this is the first road to be paved in Ad Dujayl in thirty years and we can thank Coalition Forces for this."



## Power generation provided for essential services in As Sulaymaniyah

Task Force Danger delivers over ten megawatts of electricity generation for essential services in As Sulaymaniyah. The project includes generator units, transformers and a control room.

This new power plant will provide enough electricity to power the equivalent of 30,000 Iraqi homes. The modular design minimizes the time it takes to setup and commission. These generation units will be able to send electricity to the grid in less than one month.

Over 90 percent of the electricity in As Sulaymaniyah comes from hydro-generation. Having to rely almost completely on rain and water levels for electricity generation is problematic during the summer and fall dry seasons. Essential services such as hospitals, fire stations, and critical commercial infrastructure must be supplied continuous electric service.

These diesel generators will provide power to essential services when the water levels are low and/or the hydro generation is out of service. When the hydro generators are running they will supply additional power to all the people of As Sulaymaniyah.

