



Task Force Danger *BRO Progress*

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Ground-breaking for City Council Building

Soldiers from Bravo Company, Task Force 1-77 Armor and city officials from Balad joined together in breaking ground on a major renovation project to raise a new city and district council building in the heart of downtown Balad on August 10.

The building, previously a Ba'ath party headquarters and social club will offer enough space to permanently house the Balad City and District Councils as well as the many associated committees and official offices to include the local newspaper and radio station.

When complete, the building will be the permanent home of the largest District Council or "Quada" in the province.

The project, valued at \$99,600 employs more than 60 local workers and artisans, is a major project brought to the city of Balad by the continued cooperation between

Task Force 1-77 Armor, the 372nd Engineer Group and the Balad City Council.

"This building will represent all the people of Balad and will be the center of our new democratic government," stated Balad City Mayor Fawsi Khalif.

"We are so happy to transform this once symbol of evil to the new symbol of freedom," beamed Balad resident Baquir Jaffer.

Prior to the actual ground breaking the commander of Bravo Company, CPT Henry Delacruz addressed the assembled crowd.

"In this building, city representatives will be able to continue their work for the people of Balad," said Delacruz. "They will better coordinate and work together to improve the lives of the citizens of Balad. That is their mission."

Following the ground breaking the project engineer and city council members gave Delacruz and members of the company a tour of the construction site.

SFC Henry Miglianti commented, "It is great see a place like this being rebuilt for the benefit of so many."

SGT Jeremy Jones added, "you can see we are making a difference when you see projects like this begin and the people just keep smiling."

Task Force 1-77, part of the 1st Infantry Division, is currently operating in Balad, Iraq. The Task Force has invested more than \$2.6 million in Civil Military Operations in the area since March.

The along with their ISF and Coalition partner units have focused on high impact and high employment civil construction projects to assist the people in the Balad area.



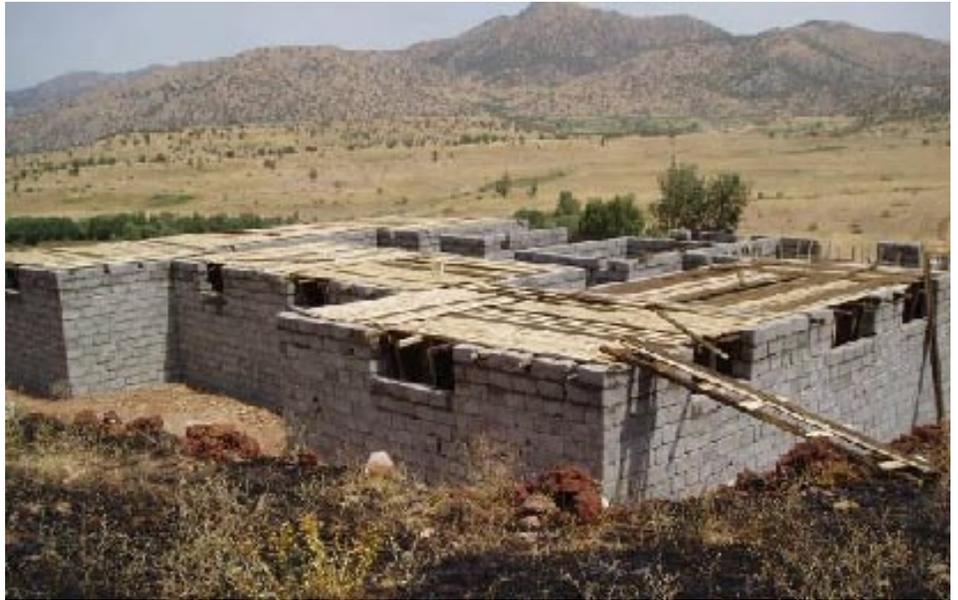
New Border Checkpoints Constructed

Iraqi Border Police (IBP) officials and Task Force Danger Soldiers from Task Force 2-11 Field Artillery recently coordinated for the construction of Border Checkpoint (BCP) Totman in the Penjwin district of KRG Sulaymaniyah.

The new BCP will provide a permanent structure to monitor the border and empower the border police to perform their mission with greater efficiency.

With the help of IBP officials and 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division funds; contractors were organized for the construction of BCP Totman.

Supporting the Iraqi Border Police, enhances the security of the sovereign Iraqi government. A secure border prevents anti-Iraqi forces and illegal items from entering the country.



1 ID Provides Chilling System for NRCC

The 1st Infantry Division is providing two new chilling units for the North Region Electricity Control Center (NRCC). The existing chilling system operates at one third of its capacity and is not able to properly cool the control equipment. This causes the controls to overheat and malfunction.

These malfunctions can damage equipment and cause electricity outages. There have been three shutdowns recently due to the high temperatures in the control room. The new chilling units will lower the control room temperature to normal operating conditions, even on the hottest summer days. This will immediately improve operation of the facility, minimize shutdowns and provide more reliable electric service to the Iraqi people.

Located in Taza, the NRCC controls all the electricity transmission for Northern Iraq. Here, generation from all the power plants is monitored and allocated throughout the northern part of Iraq.

The NRCC also controls the transmission of electricity south to provide power to areas with less generation. More than half of the generation from the north, approximately 1,000 megawatts, is transmitted south to Baghdad. The NRCC is vital to providing equal power allocation to all of Iraq.

