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A U.S. soldier guards the checkpoint on the outskirts of the city of Tal Afar September 13, 2004. (Namir Noor-Eldeen/Reuters)

219 U.S. Troops Wounded In Past Week; Dead, Wounded Toll “Growing Rapidly”

Sept. 14, 2004 (AP)

More than 200 U.S. troops were wounded in Iraq in the past week, the Pentagon said Tuesday, and the total since the invasion was launched in March 2003 is now 7,245.

Of the 219 wounded in the past week, 81 were returned to duty; the 138 others were not.

The number of Americans killed and wounded has grown rapidly amid an intensifying and increasingly effective insurgency. There were more wounded over the past five months — about 4,000 — than in the first 13 months of the war, when there were about 3,300, according to Pentagon reports.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS:

Two Oregon Guardsmen Killed

September 14, 2004 Bend.com LLC & HELEN JUNG, The Oregonian.

Two Oregon Army National Guard members were killed and two others were wounded Monday when a remote-controlled bomb exploded near their Humvee along a rural area north of Baghdad, officials said.

A story posted on The Oregonian's Website identified the dead soldiers as Spec. Benjamin Isenberg, 27, of Sheridan, and Staff Sgt. David Weisenburg, 26, of Portland.

The wounded were identified as 2nd Lt. Peter Wood, 27, of Portland, who suffered shrapnel wounds to the right wrist and was taken to Germany for treatment, and Spc. Michael Johnson, 22, of Monroe, who sustained superficial wounds and a concussion. A fifth passenger in the Humvee, Spc. Albert Morgan, 21, was not injured.

The men served in the Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry.

The attack on the citizen soldiers occurred Monday around 4:24 p.m. local time, as a convoy of Guard soldiers drove their “up-armored” Humvees along a dirt road through a farming area north of Taji near Camp Cooke. The convoy was headed to a lookout point from which the Guardsmen could observe soldiers' artillery fire and radio back adjustments on their aim.

Isenberg was driving the Humvee, the second in the convoy, when an improvised explosive device was detonated by remote control. Wood was in the front passenger seat. Morgan sat behind him, and Johnson was in the gun turret in the middle of the Humvee. The soldiers also came under some gunfire.

As the wounded were attended to and the soldiers tried to find their attackers, another bomb exploded but did not injure anyone or cause any damage. The soldiers detained several Iraqis. They also discovered a cell phone with wires connecting to four 57 mm rockets lying on the ground.

All of the Guardsmen are regularly assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry's Bravo company, except for Weisenburg, who was attached to the unit from the Portland-based 218th field artillery regiment.

Corvallis-based Bravo Company had been split off from the battalion and assigned to the 2-7 Cavalry, part of the 39th Brigade Combat Team of the Arkansas National Guard. It has been operating out of Camp Taji, until recently known as Camp Cooke, about 18 miles northwest of Baghdad. **Four of the seven Guardsmen killed since the April start of the Iraq deployment came from Bravo company.**

Because roads west of Camp Taji tend to be isolated, improvised bombs are often hidden in weeds and grasses, or in holes dug into the roads.

Baghdad IED Kills 2 U.S. Troops, Wounds 3 More

9/14/2004 By SAMEER N. YACOUB, Associated Press Writer

Two American soldiers were killed and three others wounded when they came under attack from an improvised explosive device and small arms fire in Baghdad on Monday at around 4:30 p.m.

Sailor Dead In Mysterious “Incident”

September 14, 2004 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 896-04

Petty Officer 3rd Class David A. Cedergren, 25, of South St. Paul, Minn., died Sept. 11 near Iskandariayah, Iraq, **in a non-combat related incident.** Cedergren was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic.

The cause of death is under investigation.

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Telling the truth - about the occupation, the cuts to veterans' benefits, or the dangers of depleted uranium - is the first reason Traveling Soldier is necessary. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance - whether it's in the streets of Baghdad, New York, or inside the armed forces. Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces. If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

ONE TASK FORCE OLYMPIA SOLDIER DEAD, FIVE WOUNDED IN MOSUL ATTACK

September 14, 2004 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND
Release Number: 04-09-15C

MOSUL, Iraq -- **One Task Force Olympia Soldier was killed and five were injured when their patrol was attacked with small arms fire on the western side of Mosul this morning.** The injured were evacuated to military hospitals in Mosul and Baghdad.

Marine Killed In Road Accident

September 14, 2004 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 897-04

Lance Cpl. Cesar F. Machado-Olmos, 20, of Spanish Fork, Utah, died Sept. 13 due a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Eight Wisconsin Soldiers Injured In Bombing

Sep. 14, 2004 Associated Press, WAUKESHA, Wis.

Eight members of a Waukesha-based unit from the Wisconsin National Guard were injured in a car bombing in Iraq, officials say.

Lt. Col. Tim Donovan, a spokesman for the Guard, said Tuesday none of the injuries sustained Sunday at Baghdad was considered life-threatening, but three members of Company B of the 118th Medical Battalion were flown to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany for treatment.

Four were able to return to duty a short time after the attack, while one other was being treated in Iraq, Donovan said.

A coordinator for Company B families said the two most severely wounded soldiers were pelted with shrapnel and one also had broken bones.

Paul Burke of Seymour said family members were shaken by news of the attack.

"This was the first time the unit has had some serious injuries," he said.

Capt. Jackie Guthrie, a Guard spokeswoman, said a car bomber drove up alongside members of Company B in a convoy traveling to Baghdad International Airport, where Company B maintains a base.

Burke said the attack will make the next several months more angst-filled for families.

"It sure doesn't help," he said. "But everybody knew that they were going into a dangerous situation."

U.S. Airbase Hit

14 September 2004 Aljazeera.Net & By KIM HOUSEGO, Associated Press Writer

A loud explosion also rocked al-Muthanna airport in central Baghdad, sources told Aljazeera.

They said columns of smoke were seen rising from the site. A US source confirmed the explosion.

Tuesday evening, another loud explosion rocked Baghdad near the Green Zone, where Iraq's interim government and the U.S. Embassy are located. There was no immediate word on the cause.

Fighting In Ramadi; Humvee Burning But U.S. Casualties Not Announced

Sep. 14, 2004 Associated Press, RAMADI, Iraq

Clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents in this western city rife with anti-American sentiment have left at least eight civilians dead and 18 others wounded Tuesday, medical officials said.

At least one U.S. Humvee was seen burning as a result of the clashes, they said.

The sporadic clashes were concentrated near the government building of the western Anbar province, witnesses said. "The clashes have left eight civilians dead and 18 wounded," said Asaad Ali, a nurse at the Ramadi General Hospital.

Resistance Attack Cuts Off All Electric Power In Iraq: Just As Repairs On Critical Pipeline Finished, Pipeline Blown Up Again



Police cars and fire truck are seen parked in front of heavy black smoke billowing from a sabotaged key pipeline (AFP/Marwan Ibrahim)

9/14/2004 By SAMEER N. YACOUB, Associated Press Writer & By Jim Krane, Associated Press

Saboteurs blew up a junction where multiple oil pipelines cross the Tigris River in northern Iraq on Tuesday, ***setting off a chain reaction in power generation systems that left the entire country without power, officials said.***

The breach also shut down the pipeline ferrying crude oil from Kirkuk's huge oilfield to an export terminal in Ceyhan, Turkey.

Firefighters struggled to put out the blaze after the attack near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad. **Crude oil cascaded down the hillside into the river. Fire burned atop the water, fueled by the gushing oil.**

The pipeline carries crude from oilfields outside the city of Kirkuk to a refinery in Beiji. **The strike was not expected to affect exports, the official said. (That's supposed to be the good news.)**

Beiji is the point where several oil pipelines converge, said Lt. Col. Lee Morrison of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

One of them apparently was a domestic pipeline that fed a local power plant. The explosion set off a fire that melted cables and led to the power outage, electricity officials said.

Instead of being sold on the international market, oil burned on the desert and poured, still aflame, into the Tigris. **Aerial photos showed flaming slicks of oil floating downstream while black smoke billowed into mammoth columns visible 25 miles away.**

"Beiji is the chokepoint," Morrison said. "It's so easy to hit."

The 3 a.m. attack came soon after engineers had completed a two-month project to install two critical valves that had been damaged in an earlier blast.

Morrison, commander of the northern office of Task Force Shield, based in Kirkuk, said that U.S. soldiers dropped off barriers to guard the lines two days ago, but that Iraqi authorities had not yet erected them.

Insurgents have largely acted with impunity -- and often inside knowledge.

"They already know it's a critical point because they've blown it up before," said Morrison, of St. Petersburg, Fla. "They obviously know the system. But it's not rocket science."

"If you build it they will come and try to blow it up," said Lt. Col. Lee Morrison, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officer who heads a Kirkuk-based oil security team. "It's definitely one step forward, one step back. You fix it and it blows up."

Morrison heads the Kirkuk office of Task Force Shield, which oversees a guard force of some 6,500 Iraqis who are supposed to take over protection of northern oil facilities when a \$70 million contract with a British security firm, Erinys, expires Dec. 31.

Morrison said the Iraqi force is too small to protect the huge network of oil wells, pipelines and plants

The U.S.-led invasion added to problems when American warplanes bombed a bridge spanning the Tigris at Beiji, which is 155 miles north of Baghdad.

Apparently unknown to U.S. war planners, 18 separate pipelines ran underneath the bridge, Morrison said, and all were severed. Most remain broken.

Iraq's Minister of Electricity Ayham al-Samarie said electricity ministry's technicians and engineers have been working to restore power for hours and 30 percent of the work has been done.

"This made the Beiji Electricity station stop for technical reasons making the whole electricity system (in Iraq) stop," al-Samarie said in a statement released by his office.

In a separate development, fire erupted in oil valves that were undergoing repair work from an earlier attack in the town of Riyadh, about 40 miles southwest of Kirkuk, said an official with the state-run North Oil Co.

The attack last month on the valves had already disrupted the main 40-inch pipeline carrying Iraqi oil to the Turkish port of Ceyhan.

On Monday, the oil official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said 75 percent of the repair work on the valves had been completed and that they were hoping to reopen them soon.

It was not immediately clear what caused Tuesday's fire, or whether it would delay the valves' reopening.

U.S. Corporate Executive Killed In Baghdad

September 14, 2004 By KEITH CLINES, Times Staff Writer

A Madison engineer with a Huntsville contracting firm was killed by gunfire Friday in Baghdad.

William E. Bowers, **a vice president of SEI Group Inc.**, was hit by small arms fire after he departed Camp Falcon in Baghdad, according to a statement released by SEI and Bowers' family.

A West Point graduate, Bowers is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and children, Brian, 17, and Jennifer, 16.

He retired from the Army in 1999 as a lieutenant colonel.

Evelyn Bowers said her husband was returning "from a mundane business meeting from an area in Iraq - he entered an area that was occupied by rebels. They opened fire and the vehicle that he was in was riddled with bullets. He was killed instantly."

"He was a guy who was very positive," Eloy Torrez, president of SEI Torrez said of Bowers. "He was a can-do person. And he was a real patriot. He believed in what he was doing." **(And the money in those military contracts isn't bad either, if you live to collect your bounty for being a war profiteer feeding on somebody else's country.)**

SEI Group designs, constructs and maintains facilities for the federal government.

Bowers and his project team were in Iraq to work on power distribution and generation systems on U.S. military installations. SEI Group has eight to 10 employees in the Baghdad area at any one time as part of several contracts the company has with the U.S. government and subcontracts to design, build and maintain infrastructure.

Bowers joined SEI Group in May 2001 as a program manager for engineering support in contracts for military operations and disaster relief. **He worked in Huntsville and in Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan and Iraq** as a program manager and facilities engineer.

Impotent U.S. Command Can't Take Cities: Turns To Bombing Civilians & Recruiting For The Resistance

9.14.04 Associated Press

WASHINGTON - **In Fallujah and other Iraqi cities not controlled by American forces, the military is turning increasingly to air power.** Although U.S. officials say the tactic is effective, it has raised Iraqi anger over civilian casualties.

Loren Thompson, a defense analyst at the Arlington, Va.-based Lexington Institute think tank, said Monday the Americans seem to believe that airstrikes in Fallujah will wear down the insurgents and buy time for U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces to prepare for a ground assault in the weeks ahead.

"But you have to wonder whether we're radicalizing the Iraqi civilian population"

Turkey Threatens Complete Military Break With Bush Regime Over Tal Afar Attacks

Sep 13 ANKARA (AFP) & 9.14.04 & By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI, Associated Press & AP

Turkey warned the United States that it would halt cooperation over Iraq if US forces did not stop their assault on the mostly Turkmen populated Iraqi town of Tall Afar, Anatolia news agency said.

"I myself spoke to the American Secretary of State," Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul told journalists here, Anatolia reported.

"We stated very clearly that if (the assault) continues, Turkey will end its partnership on all areas touching Iraq."

Gul condemned what he called "the excessive use of force against civilian populations" in the town that lies 75 kilometers (47 miles) from the Syrian border, Anatolia said.

A U.S. airstrike last Thursday killed dozens of Iraqis.



An Iraqi National Guard stands behind barbed wires set up by US forces at the entrance of the northern Iraqi town of Tall Afar. **Turkey warned the United States that it would halt cooperation over Iraq if US forces did not stop their assault on the mostly Turkmen populated Iraqi town of Tall Afar.** (AFP/File/Mujahed Mohammed)

Earlier Monday, the Turkish foreign ministry summoned US Ambassador Eric Edelman over the situation in Tall Afar.

Ministry undersecretary Ali Tuygan said Turkey was "preoccupied" by the situation.

The Turkish foreign ministry said late last week that that the US-led operations had caused 50,000 Turkmen to leave their homes in the town.

The extended Shaykh-Lar family was among the hundreds of people who returned to their homes Tuesday.

"Honest to God, we are still afraid," said Hussein Shaykh-Lar, 74, an ethnic Turk, as he and his four sons and their families unloaded their belongings from a truck outside their homes in the Qadissiyah neighborhood. "Will they bomb us again?" he asked.

The only damage to their homes was broken glass. The girls started cleaning it up as the women tidied the rooms.

"It's as though my soul has returned to my body," said Najmah Chooban, 41, smiling broadly as she entered her two-bedroom house.

But across town, Tahsin Elias Hassan was not so lucky. He was killed as his stone house collapsed on his head when it was struck by American rockets. His brother, Mohammed, stared wordlessly Tuesday, inspecting what was left of his home, next door to his brother's.

A car bomb blew up on a road leading into Tal Afar, targeting a police convoy. Two policemen were wounded and a Syrian tanker carrying fuel exploded, injuring the driver.

The Slaughter In Haifa Street: Idiot Major Says Copter Killed Children, Civilians In Order To Save Them

Sep 14 by Brian Dominick, The NewStandard & By Patrick Cockburn, The Independent

The US military has offered at least two distinct explanations for killing thirteen people and wounding at least sixty others, including children, early Monday morning on Haifa Street in a residential area of central Baghdad.

What the Army first explained as a routine operation to destroy an abandoned American military vehicle for the safety of onlookers and to prevent resistance fighters from looting its weapons was later described as an act of self-preservation by American forces, whereby helicopter gunship crews returned fire originating in the vicinity of the vehicle.

"The helicopter fired on the Bradley to destroy it after it had been hit earlier and it was on fire," Major Phil Smith of the 1st Cavalry Division said to the *Independent*. Without noting the irony in his statement, he added, "*It was for the safety of the people around it.*"

Many of those hit by the rockets in Haifa Street, in a tough neighbourhood of tower blocks notorious as a centre of resistance to the occupation, were on their way to work. "We are just ordinary workers. We are just trying to live," said Haidar Yahyiah, 23, sobbing with pain from a broken leg as he lay in bed in nearby Karkh hospital.

He and others described how they had been woken by the sound of explosions in Haifa Street in the early dawn. They had been sleeping on the roofs because it is too hot in the Baghdad summer to sleep inside. **They saw a vehicle on fire. But it was several hours later, at about 8am, that they sallied out.**

By then US troops had already removed four lightly wounded soldiers from the Bradley. Young men and children had swarmed over the vehicle, cheering triumphantly, waving black flags and setting it ablaze again. ***The US military said that a Kiowa, a light***

reconnaissance and attack helicopter, fired rockets at the Bradley to destroy weapons and ammunition on board. But it is evident from the al-Arabiya video that the rockets landed among people standing or walking far away from the Bradley.

Hamid Ali Khadum was on his way to work when he was hit. "At first I thought I had just tripped over dead people but then I realised I was wounded myself," he said as he lay in Karkh hospital waiting for an operation on his heavily bandaged left leg. The rest of his body was peppered with shrapnel. **A male nurse standing nearby said: "This happens not just in Haifa Street but in all Baghdad, and not just in Baghdad but in all Iraq."**

The slaughter in Haifa Street took place only a few hundred yards from the heavily defended International Zone (what used to be called the Green Zone) which houses the headquarters of the Iraqi government and its American ally. It is a measure of the military failure of the US occupation that it has failed to assume control of this Sunni Muslim neighbourhood in the heart of the capital.

Marine Lt. Col. Earns Death Penalty

13 Sep 2004 (IRIN)

"US jets dropped several bombs and tank and artillery units fired rounds into the city in retribution for militant attacks on US marine positions outside the city," Marine spokesman Lt-Col T.V. Johnson told IRIN. **(The killing of civilians in "retribution" for resistance attacks on military personnel is punishable by death. Hitler's officers in France and Yugoslavia learned this the hard way. So will Lt. Col. Johnson.)**

He added that Zarqawi associates were reported to be in the area and that no other individuals were present at the time of the strikes. **(Sorry, this lying bullshit won't help.)**

But local people are still coming to terms with what has happened. "I lost my brother yesterday, along with his wife and eight of their children. Those left behind are in a critical condition," Kasseem Muhammad Zeidan told IRIN in Fallujah.

In one of the attacked houses, 12 people from the same family were killed and another six sent to Baghdad due to their injuries. One child was said to be in a critical condition, with two others still in a coma, hospital sources said.

TROOP NEWS

Soldier's Funeral To Be Held At Monroeville High: Scum In Command Won't Tell Family How He Died; No Press Release, No Nothing

09/14/2004 BRIAN BARDWELL, Morning Journal Writer

MONROEVILLE -- The family of a local soldier killed in Iraq is expecting a large turnout for his funeral and has decided to hold it at Monroeville High School, where he graduated last year.

The family of 19-year-old soldier Jason Sparks is also planning a viewing for tomorrow from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Jump & Pheil Funeral Home, 109 Monroe St., Monroeville, Sgt. 1st Class Brad Hesson said yesterday

Hesson said there will be a Military Final Salute at Monroeville High School, 101 West St., at 3 p.m. Thursday, followed by a funeral and worship service at 3:30.

Both events are open to the public, Hesson said, "but we're expecting quite a crowd, so I would recommend getting there early."

Immediately following the services at the school, Sparks will be buried at Riverside Cemetery in Monroeville.

Nearly a week after his death, Army officials have yet to release details of the circumstances surrounding Sparks' death. Hesson said that Sparks "was killed in action" in Fallujah but could not provide any additional details.

The Department of Defense, which typically releases basic details of military casualties within 48 hours, still has not even issued a release mentioning Sparks, which a spokesman for U.S. Central Command said had never happened in the war so far.

Sparks had been in Iraq for less than a week when he died on Wednesday, according to his family. He was previously in South Korea and Kuwait and joined the Army in February, the family said.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Jason L. Sparks Memorial Fund at Congregational Community United Church of Christ, 29 Chapel St., Monroeville, OH 44847.

Fresh Meat For The Imperial Slaughterhouse: 500 Indiana Guardsmen Mobilized For Iraq War

Sep. 14, 2004 Associated Press, GARY, Ind.

About 500 Indiana National Guard members will be mobilized in October to support the U.S. military's ongoing operations in Iraq, guard officials said.

Guard spokeswoman Capt. Lisa Kopczynski said the Gary-based 113th Engineer Battalion has been activated and will deploy in early October to Camp Atterbury south of Indianapolis. There, the battalion members will be processed, including medical and physical checks, and equipment tests.

Their deployment, including time spent at Camp Atterbury, may last up to 18 months.

To bring the 113th Engineer Battalion up to full strength, 64 of a Hammond-based unit's 90 guardsmen are being activated and transferred to the 113th, said Lt. Roberto Gonzalez, the unit's commander.

He said the affected members of his unit have been told to expect that they will be in Iraq no later than January.

The company has been trained to clear minefields, lay minefields, construct perimeter defenses and dig foxholes, Gonzalez said.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Attack On Baghdad Occupation Police Kills At Least 48; “Bush Is A Dog” ‘The Gates Of Hell Are Open’



Heavy smoke billows from the site of a car bomb explosion outside the headquarters of Baghdad Police in the Haifa Street area of Baghdad. (AFP/Marwan Naamani)

9/14/2004 By SAMEER N. YACOUB, Associated Press Writer & By KIM HOUSEGO, Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -- A car bomb Tuesday exploded near a Baghdad police headquarters where Iraqis were waiting to apply for jobs on the force.

The car bombing was part of an increasingly brazen and coordinated campaign to bring the battle to Baghdad, sowing chaos in the center of authority for Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and his American allies.

In Cairo, the head of the Arab League warned that "the gates of hell are open in Iraq and the situation is getting more complicated and tense."

The insurgent attacks appear to have only grown deadlier since Allawi's interim government took power in June despite U.S. claims that Iraqi security forces are showing more resolve against the strikes.

The car bomb left a gaping 10-foot crater. The blast devastated buildings and gutted cars near the western Baghdad police headquarters on Haifa street.

The bomb was inside a Toyota vehicle parked near the market and a short distance down the road from the police headquarters, which was closed to traffic, said Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdel-Rahman.

Mahdi Mohammed, 30, was standing outside his barber shop when the explosion went off.

"It was a horrific scene. Seconds earlier people were drinking tea or eating sandwiches and then I could see their remains hanging from trees," he said. "I could see burning people running in all directions."



"Bush is a dog." "Kill all the Americans." Iraqi men shout as they carry a stretcher at the scene of an explosion in central Baghdad, September 14, 2004. A huge blast tore through a crowded Baghdad market close to a police station. (Aladin Abdel Naby/Reuters)

With medical teams overwhelmed, residents covered burned bodies with blankets and lay them on stretchers. Others collected severed hands, arms and legs and put them into cardboard boxes.

Angry crowds of young men pumped their fists in the air and denounced President Bush and interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, saying they had failed to protect Iraqis. "Bush is a dog," they chanted.

Ali Abul-Amir had been waiting with those trying to join the police force but had gone around the corner to buy a drink when the explosion went off.

"Such places were targeted before," he said. "I blame Ayad Allawi's government for what happened because they did not take the necessary security measures."

Interior Ministry spokesman Sabah Kadhim acknowledged that authorities were finding it increasingly difficult to find safe places to train recruits.

"I'm pretty sure that it's not driving them away, it may in fact have the opposite reaction and strengthen their resolve to join the Iraqi forces," said Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, spokesman for coalition forces in Iraq. "They are tired of the killings and the bombings."
(What inane bullshit. 1. We already know it's driving away members of the U.S. forces: retention in the Guard has gone straight in the toilet. 2. Check the next

paragraph for the facts. Asshole Boylan thinks people are too stupid to check up on his dimwitted silly lies.)

Iraqi police on duty numbered 31,300 in July, the last month for which figures are available. That is down from 90,803 in May.

Said Bathseba Crocker of the New York-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, "No security in Baghdad means there is no security in the country ... it (the attacks) signifies that the resistance is growing in sophistication and organization," she said.

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11 Occupation Cops Killed In Baquba



11 Dead In Attack On Van

14 September 2004 Aljazeera.Net

Eleven Iraqi policemen have been killed and two others injured after armed assailants sprayed their vehicle with bullets in Baquba, north of Baghdad.

The civilian driver of the vehicle was also killed in the attack on Tuesday, said Qaisar Hamid of Baquba General Hospital. Two others were wounded, he said.

Assailants fired at the vehicle with machine guns.

The police officers were from out of town and were due to travel to Jordan for training on Tuesday. **They reported to the police headquarters in Baquba, but were driving away after being told the journey to Jordan had been postponed for a day, when they were hit.**

Military Supplies Driver Captured

14sep04 From correspondents in Baghdad, Queensland Newspapers

THE pan-Arab television network Al-Jazeera broadcast footage today of a Jordanian truck driver taken hostage in Iraq.

The Islamic Army in Iraq accused Jordanian drivers of transporting supplies to American forces.

"We tell all those who do not abide by this statement ... that your only punishment will be death," said the leaflets distributed by masked gunmen in the western city of Ramadi.

The group, which called itself "Brigades of Al-Tawhid Lions," gave the man's employer 48 hours to suspend its activities in Iraq.

News about the hostages came a day after a warning by insurgents to Jordanian truckers that they would be killed if they entered Iraq.

Jordanian Truckers Told To Stop Helping Occupation Or Die

14 September 2004 Gulf Daily News

RAMADI: Masked gunmen walking the streets of the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Ramadi yesterday handed out leaflets warning that any Jordanian truckers entering Iraq would be killed. The threat accused them of transporting supplies to American forces.

"We tell all those who do not abide by this statement ... that your only punishment will be death," said the leaflets, signed by a group calling itself the Islamic Army of Iraq.

The group said Syrian truck drivers would not be harmed in recognition of Syria's refusal to allow Israeli goods to be transported across the country into Iraq.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

Well Said

September 14, 2004 By Matt Carter, STAFF WRITER, MediaNews Group

Alamo Democrat Ellen Tauscher said she is particularly concerned about what she characterized as the poor performance of **Iraq's fledgling police and military -- whose members, she said, have "dropped more guns than they have loaded."**

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to contact@militaryproject.org. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.

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