

## GI SPECIAL 6D3:

# The Nationalist Mehdi Army

## 1. Personnel:



3.29.08: On a street in Baghdad's Sadr City. (AFP/Ahmad Al-Rubaye)



In Baghdad's Sadr City March 29, 2008. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem



A fighter from the Mehdi army in Baghdad's Sadr City March 29, 2008. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem



Mehdi Army fighters patrol in Basra March 28, 2008. REUTERS/Atef Hassan (IRAQ)

## 2. In Action:



3.29.08: A Mehdi Army soldier runs past a burning Iraqi Army armoured vehicle after Mehdi Army fighters attacked it in Basra. (AFP/Essam Al-Sudani)



Mehdi Army fighters take position near the building of the al-Iraqiya television network in Basra, March 30, 2008. The al-Iraqiya television building, which was guarded by government soldiers, has been overrun by the fighters from the Mehdi army on Sunday. REUTERS/Atef Hassan



3.29.08: Medhi Army fighters prepare a roadside bomb. (AFP/Essam al-Sudani)



Mahdi Army fighters next to a burning Iraq armored police vehicle outside a state run al-Iraqiya TV facility in Basra, March 30, 2008. Mahdi Army fighters stormed a state TV facility in the southern city of Basra on Sunday, forcing Iraqi military guards surrounding the building to flee and setting armored vehicles on fire. (AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)

### 3. Celebrating Victory



Mehdi Army fighters outside the al-Iraqiya television network in Basra March 30, 2008. The al-Iraqiya television building, which was guarded by government soldiers, has been overrun by the fighters from the Mehdi army. REUTERS/Atef Hassan



A Mehdi Army fighter holding a rocket-propelled grenade gestures to the camera near a burning military truck after clashes in Baghdad's Sadr City March 27, 2008. (Kareem Raheem/Reuters)



A Mahdi Army fighter celebrates outside state run al-Iraqiya TV facility in Basra March 30, 2008. (AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)

#### **4. Collaborator Government Soldiers Abandon The Occupation**



A member (R) of Moqtada al-Sadr's office talks to members of the Iraqi security forces as they hand over their weapons in Baghdad's Sadr City March 29, 2008. A

group of Iraqi police and soldiers surrendered themselves and their weapons to the Mehdi Army. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem

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