Band of Bloggers â€“ Part II

Description

Well, Andi pulled off a big oneâ€¦the President of the United States was the opening speakerâ€¦followed by a live web conference with RADM Fox from Iraq.

Note: Live video feed of the conference is here!

Adm Fox and the President thanked all of us for the support we provide and commented on how important it was.

Adm Fox went on to say Anbar Province has come a long way and how Gen Paterusâ€™ strategy has already made a major difference with the â€œenforce the lawâ€• program, and the joint security points, where our troops and the Iraqi security forces will work together. Thereâ€™s a ways to go, but itâ€™s working. â€œAdded vlaueâ€• of them [Iraqis] operting around our troops. The â€œcenter of gravityâ€• in this war is the Iraqi people. The intereaction between the people, the security forces and our troops is gaining greater intel, more weapons being recovered and reduction in the number of attacks.

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â€œWe are facing a really evil and diabolical enemyâ€¦â€• The Iraqi people have been very restrained. â€œal-Qada has become public enemy number one over here.â€•

â€œThis is going to take time. Gen Pateraus is very sober minded and clear eyed about the threat.â€•

â€œOver the summer is when we expect to see the security improvements.â€•

On the question â€œwhat can we do as bloggers to support the mission:â€•

â€œTo get the truth out.â€• â€œEnsuring we describe who we are and what we do. Whatâ€™s been lost in the debate is that thereâ€™s a moral aspcet and weâ€™re the good guys. We found abu Ghparticularâ€¦â€• â€œIâ€™m not looking for a free pass, bu when we do something wrong, we do something about it.â€• â€œEncourage you all to stay enganed in this endeavor. I think it will only grow in importance.â€• â€œI have come to respect what reporters who come over here have to deal withâ€•

â€œI salute you and appreciate what youâ€™re doing.â€•

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