Yusufiyah-area Men Flock to IP Recruitment Drive â€“ CENTCOM News

Description

From the news feed from CENTCOM, it seems the Iraqi populace is stepping up to the plate? To be on the winning side or to have a stake in getting their country back on their feet? Encouraging? Certainly. In the MSM? Nope. Multi-National Force-Iraq has it, Fort Drum (10th Mountain Division Base) PAO released itâ€¦but Dogpile doesnâ€™t show any other significant releases.

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> Courtesy Story
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> BAGHDAD, Iraq Ã¢â‚¬â€œ Over 1,200 Iraqi men came to Joint Security Station in Yusufiyah during a three-day police recruitment drive that ended June 25.
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> The drive, orchestrated by the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) from Fort Drum, N.Y., the 23rd Military Police Company, 503rd MP Battalion, 16th MP Brigade, from Fort Bragg, N.C., and the 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, began June 23 to increase Iraqi police manning in the 4-31 Ã¢â‚¬Å“Polar BearsÃ¢â‚¬â„¢Ã¢â‚¬Â• area of operations.
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> Capt. Brent Dittenber, commander, Alpha Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), from Fort Drum, N.Y., checks the names of applicants for the Iraqi police force with Iraqi army staff officers. The recruitment drive was June 23-25. Photo courtesy of Joint Combat Camera Center.The goal was to find 200 qualified Iraqi police officers. When the drive began at 8 a.m., there were almost 200 men waiting in line to apply.
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> Gen. David Petraeus, the Multi-National Force-Iraq commander, visited the recruitment efforts the first day and spoke to several potential recruits and encouraged them to serve their country.
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> Five hundred seventy-seven applicants were processed the first day. Another 150 were waiting in line the second day and by mid-afternoon 361 had filled out applications and spoken with the troops.
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> Officials accepted 252 applications on June 25.
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Working TogetherBoston native Staff Sgt. Robin Johnson (left), with Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, and an Iraqi army soldier from 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 11th Iraqi Army Division, work together during Operation Tiger Hammer, a combined cordon and search mission in BaghdadÃƒÂ¢Ã¢â€šÂ¬Ã¢â€žÂ¢s Adhamiyah District June 7.Photo Credit: U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael Pryor.

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