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IRAQI NATIONAL POLICE GRADUATION

The Iraqi National Police graduated approximately 400 recruits from Italian Carabinieri-like training courses at Camp Dublin April 21. These graduating students are unique because the national police are mobile and will serve and protect the nation wherever they are called. The training phases include eight weeks of intense instruction covering democratic policing and human rights, crime, anti-terrorism, survival skills, defensive tactics, and firearms training. The specialized training covers firearms, urban operations, search techniques, close quarter tactics, and additional training in leadership and logistics.





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Iraqi National Police demonstrate riot control procedures on a crowd of “protestors” disturbing the peace during a simulated riot scenario for distinguished visitors during the Carabinieri-trained National Police Course graduation April 21. More than 400 National Police graduates are the third class to complete an eight-week Carabinieri training at Camp Dublin, Iraq.

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BAGHDAD – Iraqi National Police graduated from the third Carabinieri-trained Iraqi National Police Course April 21 at Camp Dublin in Baghdad.

Iraqi Police Maj. Gen. Hussein, Iraqi National Police commander; Italian Lt. Gen. Gianfrancesco Siazzu, Italian Carabinieri Corps general commander and Italian Army Maj. Gen.

Alessandro Pompegnani, NATO Training Mission – Iraq deputy commander, commended more than 400 graduates.

Each of the speakers told the police graduates that the Carabinieri-trained National Police Course takes into account Iraq’s unique security concerns and the challenges of maintaining security for a free Iraq. The National Police must consider national, regional and local priorities when performing duties to protect citizens.

“I want to commend the national policemen who recently lost their lives doing what we have trained each of you to do for your country,” said Pompegnani. “You are being trained to provide a

secure environment for the citizens of Iraq.”

The Carabinieri training represents a concerted effort by the Ministry of Interior to provide the Iraqi people the most professional law enforcement service possible.

Siazzu expressed his support of the Carabinieri training for the Iraqi National Police. The training helps to improve the overall professionalism of the national police and builds upon the basic training skills already possessed.

The training received by the National Police represents recent acts of violence toward Iraqi Security Forces. Students demonstrated their ability to respond to many acts of violence against security forces such as personal security breeches, vehicle stops and crowd control using riot police.

“Our goal at NATO Training Mission – Iraq is to help the Iraqis build up a security structure that is self-sufficient and not dependent on foreign assistance,” said Pompegnani. “The key to this is a progressive approach from training to advising and then mentoring.”

Iraqi National Police graduates demonstrated a variety of skills, which they learned in training for the attendees such as crowd and anti-riot control, building breaches and vehicle searches before dancing jubilantly in the streets to celebrate their recent mark on history. ■