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STRYKER UNITS UNCOVER BOMBS, WEAPONS CACHES DURING EAST BAGHDAD OPERATIONS

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Troops from U.S. Army Europe's 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment discovered several improvised explosive devices during clearing operations in the East Rashid District of the Iraqi capital Oct. 8. The eastern Baghdad operations are aimed at clearing out the al-Qaeda in Iraq presence in the area.

Troops from Company H, 3rd Squadron, 2nd SCR found a command-wired 82mm mortar IED and a deep-buried IED in their sector, while Soldiers of Company G reported one IED explosion in their sector. There was no damage or casualties reported from that

blast. The unit also discovered a building rigged to explode, that detonated and damaged the building, but did not cause any casualties.



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Spc. Anthony Register of U.S. Army Europe's 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, uses an M-203 grenade launcher to breach an unoccupied house in the East Rashid district of Baghdad, Iraq, Oct. 9.

The 3-2nd SCR's Company I received a tip that there was an IED alongside a road in their sector. The device detonated as an explosive ordnance disposal team robot approached it, but caused no casualties or damage.

Several small weapons caches were also discovered during clearing operations in eastern Baghdad. The caches contained a shotgun; a 9mm pistol; two rocket-propelled grenade launchers, and more than 250 rounds of small arms ammunition. Also found were five Iraqi army uniforms, brass knuckles, two knives and various bomb-making materials.

Company I came under small arms fire while conducting operations in the area the same day. An Apache helicopter air weapons team from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade fired one Hellfire missile into a building from which the shots were fired, stopping the attack. There was no collateral damage reported.



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