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STRYKER SOLDIERS CAPTURE SUSPECTED CRIMINAL CELL LEADER IN RASHID

Multi-National Division - Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Soldiers of the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment captured a suspected Special Groups criminal cell leader in the Rashid District of the Iraqi capital Feb. 19.

The Soldiers noticed a man fitting the description of a suspected cell leader during a routine patrol of Abu T'Shir and detained him without incident.

It is believed the alleged Special Groups cell leader had taken over the day-to-day direction of the criminal cell after its previous leader was arrested by coalition forces in the same area.

The suspect was taken to a coalition forces detention facility for further questioning.

"The criminal activities of those who choose to dishonor the cease-fire pledge of al-Sayyid Muqtada al-Sadr will not be tolerated," said Lt. Col. Steve Stover, Multi-National Division - Baghdad spokesman.

"We will continue to work with Iraqi security forces to identify these criminals and bring them to justice."

The 2nd SCR is a U.S. Army Europe unit headquartered in Vilseck, Germany.



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