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STRYKER SOLDIERS TAKE PART IN ARREST OF FOUR INSURGENT SUSPECTS IN 'DRAGON TALON II'

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Soldiers from U.S. Army Europe's 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, their Multi-National Division-Baghdad comrades, and Iraqi army troops captured four suspected terrorists in the first day of Operation Dragon Talon II.

The operation kicked off in the southern part of the Iraqi capital with targeted raids against terrorist suspects Sept. 16.

The "Dragoons" of the 2nd SCR are taking part in the operation with troops from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team "Dragons" of the 1st Infantry Division and the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 3rd Iraqi Army Division.

The mission of Dragon Talon II, which will continue in the city's Rashid District, is to perform clearing operations and arrest suspects.

"We've seen positive results in the early going of Dragon Talon II," said Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, commander of the 4th IBCT. "We're working closely with the 'Draagoon' Soldiers and our (Iraqi) counterparts to prevent the extremist actors from imposing their will in Rashid, by getting leaders, organizers and financiers off the streets and into custody."



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