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Iraqi, U.S. Forces seize terrorist weapons, bombs

Iraqi Army and Task Force Baghdad Soldiers found five weapons caches hidden in north Baghdad Sept. 30. Coalition Forces also found two improvised explosive devices. One of the bombs was an anti-tank mine connected to a radio.

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The largest discovery was made by combat engineers from the 70th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division at a house in north Baghdad.

The unit captured two suspected terrorists at the house around 8 a.m. and began a search of the area. In just over two hours, the Soldiers discovered three weapons caches containing nine missiles, seven rocket launchers, 20 rockets, 69 mortar rounds, more than 300 rocket-propelled grenades, and 119 hand grenades.

They also found a wide assortment of artillery rounds and bomb-making materials, including 53 detonators, 42 time fuses, three machine guns, several types of rifles, scopes, pistols and ammunition.

At 6 p.m., Iraqi Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division (Mechanized) found a fourth weapons cache while patrolling in north Baghdad. The cache consisted of 20 mortar rounds and bomb-making materials, including five pounds of plastic explosives, one box of rocket fuses, cut lengths of wire, two remote-controlled detonation devices and an instruction book on how to build bombs.

Minutes later in a different area of north Baghdad, a Task Force Baghdad patrol found the fifth cache. The cache contained five bombs consisting of mortar rounds already wired with detonation cord, three RPG launchers with 12 RPGs, plastic explosives, three AK-47 assault rifles, a pistol and ammunition.

Coalition Forces also found two improvised explosive devices. One of the bombs was an anti-tank mine connected to a radio, and the other bomb was two artillery rounds attached to a telephone. In both cases, the Soldiers cordoned off the area to keep people away from the bomb site, and called in explosives teams to safely dispose of the bombs.

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