



Iraqi girls play in the chess club finale, in Shaykh Sa'ad City, Iraq, on Nov.15, 2008. The young girls of Shaykh Sa'ad Primary School attended a three week program as a way to exercise independent thinking.

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A young Iraqi woman makes a move during her match in the chess club finale, in Shaykh Sa'ad City, Iraq, on Nov.15, 2008. The young girls of Shaykh Sa'ad Primary School attended a three week program as a way to exercise independent thinking.

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U.S. Army 1st Lt. Justin Carter, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, 41st Fires Brigade, plays with baby while his mother is distracted during the chess club finale, in Shaykh Sa'ad City, Iraq, on Nov.15, 2008. The young girls of Shaykh Sa'ad Primary School attended a three week program as a way to exercise independent thinking. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Rasheen A. Douglas/Released) 081115-F-4860D-009

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U.S. Army Capt. Elisabeth Gerhardt, a Civil and Military Operations Officer, with the 41st Fires Brigade, plays chess with an Iraqi gentleman during the chess club finale in Shaykh Sa'ad City, Iraq, on Nov.15, 2008. The young girls of Shaykh Sa'ad Primary School attended a three week program as a way to exercise independent thinking.

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Art Alexakis, vocals and lead guitarist for the band Everclear, performs for U.S. troops assigned to Camp Echo, Iraq, Nov. 15, 2008. Everclear was formed in Portland, Ore. in 1992.

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U.S. Army Spc. Kristen Emery, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 2nd Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, holds up a lighter as a salute to the band Everclear during their performance at Camp Echo, Iraq, Nov. 15, 2008. Everclear was formed in Portland, Ore. in 1992.

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Art Alexakis, vocals and lead guitarist for the band Everclear, signs a guitar for U.S. Army Sgt. Ryan Philbrook, 2nd Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, at Camp Echo, Iraq, Nov. 15, 2008. Everclear was formed in Portland, Ore. in 1992.

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An Iraqi police officer from Special Weapons and Tactics provides security while a simulated hostile is searched during Foreign Internal Defense Training on Camp Diwaniyah, Iraq, Nov. 16, 2008. The training is led by U.S. Army Special Forces to prepare Iraqi Security Forces to take over the security of their country.

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Iraqi police officers from Special Weapons and Tactics bound towards their objective during Foreign Internal Defense Training on Camp Diwaniyah, Iraq, Nov. 16, 2008. The training is led by U.S. Army Special Forces to prepare Iraqi Security Forces to take over the security of their country.

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A British Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Challenger II, Main Battle Tank, fires its main gun at a target, during a training exercise, on Nov. 17, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.

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**A four hundred kilogram sea mine, found in the City of Basra, by the U.S. Army's 14th Combat Engineers, 570th Sapper Company, based in Fort Lewis, Washington, is detonated by personnel of the British 821st Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Royal Logistics Corps, on Nov. 17, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.
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A British Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Challenger II, Main Battle Tank, crew prepares to conduct a live fire exercise, on Nov. 17, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.

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