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**The Multinational Specialized Unit provides medical aid and assistance for the people living in the most disadvantaged areas of An Nassiriyah**

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The Civil and Military Cooperation carries out its activities along a wide range of action that goes from the distribution of goods to the disadvantaged, planning and carrying out social structures, medical assistance for the poor and initiatives to encourage education for the young children.

The multinational Specialized Unit commanded by Col. Claudio D'Angelo, has projected the construction of new schools, in particular for girls, in many different small villages in the province of DHI QAR and has provided medical equipment for important hospitals.

This time the MSU team is undertaking a new humanitarian activity, the idea is to keep on providing medical assistance to the new infirmary department of the local police unit, house to house assistance included, now the MSU medical staff intends to reach the smaller medical centres located in the most disadvantaged areas of the city.

This offers the doctors the opportunity to realize what are the most common pathologies and to carry out projects for sanitary education, to distribute leaflets with hygienic information and products for personal hygiene.

Doctor Khalaf in the suburb of Thawra visited many people in her small, but well kept, ambulatory near the local police station. Most of the patients were women and children who received from MSU staff medicines with the explanatory notes in Arabic.

Many people wait patiently for their turn every day without causing problems of any kind, being discreetly observed by a safety device of the MSU Carabinieri Unit.

The population deeply thanked the soldiers of our unit for this initiative.

Among the small patients, a child bitten by a viper immediately received the shock therapy and the appropriate immune serum.

Once the MEDCAP (Medical Civil Affair Patrol) finished their work, they moved to the northern area of the city offering their aid to other medical centres.

The MSU team ended the hard day visiting the 3 young children of the attorney general of Nassiriyah, Ahmed 11 years old, Ali 9 and Brh 7, all suffering from rachitis with visible bone deformation, which limits their movements causing fractures to the skeletal system.

The Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George, which is really doing a lot for the Iraqi people, played a central part in this activity with their generous donations of medical equipment and medicines. The MEDCAP operation carried out by the MSU has revealed to be a great success and shall soon be repeated in other disadvantaged areas of the city.