

## **IRAQ**

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Nassiriyah – Camp Mittica (28.08.04) The Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) commanded by the colonel Claudio D'Angelo has carried out during the last few days two important projects in the field of military and civil cooperation, as a matter of fact the construction of two new schools has been planned and financed.

In the last few days the staff of MSU has arranged a series of meetings with Sheik Lugman Al Rumayedh in the small town of Al Islah located at about 30 km from the north east of Nassiriyah.

The meetings focused on the needs of the local people.

As a result, the most urgent necessity has proven to be the creation of a school for girls.

The CIMIC experts of MSU have commissioned the local building contractor Mr Abdul Wahid Aswad with the construction of a new school, which will cost \$.30.000 and will be ready in nine weeks time.

The MSU and CIMIC staff have made a further step towards scholarship for young children: in the small village of Al Barhous at about 10 km from the South East of Nassiriyah, another new school has been projected and built and at last over 200 children have been offered the opportunity to study.

The works have been commissioned to the local building contractor Mr Abdulla Yaser Bachay for the sum of \$ 47.387.

Sheik Luqman Al Rumayedh has taken this operation to heart because he considers the realization of this new school very important for the personal growth of the new generations, who represent the future and the strength of the country.

Since the Ancient Babylonia Mission has begun, the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George has always supported our staff.

On this occasion the Order has provided most of the furniture for the two schools to be built.

The new school term is about to begin and these two new schools surely represent a great initiative for the education of Iraqi children.

Considering that the country invests upon the young generations for its future, CIMIC and MSU, in accordance to the social stances, shall carry out further projects in this direction.