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BASRA – The Iraq Division of Border Enforcement of the Ministry of Interior graduated 160 students from basic recruit training at the Basra Training Academy on Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. The total personnel in the Division of Border Enforcement is 39,752.

The Division of Border Enforcement has two other training academies located in Al Kut and Sulamaniya. The goal for 2008 is to train more than 6,000 new border police, increasing the total in the DBE to 46,000, according to Ashford Mohammed, Directorate of Interior Affairs' In-country supervisor for the Department of Border Enforcement.

Mohammed said the Division of Border Enforcement has made significant progress in the past two years.

“We have and continue to work hard toward achieving the goal of ensuring the Division of Border Enforcement recruits are receiving the highest quality training that is consistent with international standards of democratic policing and border enforcement,” Mohammed said.

The Division of Border Enforcement training course is an eight-week course that involves instruction in military training, border patrols, checkpoint set up, vehicle searches, and detecting narcotic and human smuggling.

There are currently 269 border forts in Iraq with 28 more under construction.

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