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QUEEN'S LANCASHIRES ARREST BOMB MAKING TEAM IN BASRAH

The 1st Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment scored a major success in Basrah last night (15 Oct 03) when they arrested a bomb making team in simultaneous night-time raids across the city. Soldiers from The Queen's Lancashire's Coronna Company were tasked to search two buildings after a local visited one of their bases in the city and volunteered the information.

The operation, conducted in the AL ASHSHAR and OLD BASRAH areas of the city, discovered a significant amount of weapons, explosives and other bomb making equipment. Two local men, and a third man believed to be from Baghdad, were arrested in the operation.

The Queen's Lancashire's Operations Officer, Capt Gareth Seeds (30) from Chorley, said,

"Given the nature of equipment we have found and the sophisticated manner in which it was hidden, we are certain that we have disrupted the activities of a well-organised terrorist team in Basrah."

Private James Gore (18) from Bolton commented "this is one of the first operations I have been involved in as I only turned 18 recently, and as such only joined the Battalion in Basrah three weeks ago. It is really satisfying to know that we are having successes against these terrorist elements."

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