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RAID ON WEAPONS MARKET IN AS SAMAWAH (21 OCT 03)

Together with Iraqi police, Dutch forces carried out a raid on a weapons market in As Samawah on 21 Oct 03.

This operation was carried out at the request of the local people, who had grown concerned over the proliferation of weapons appearing and being sold in the area.

The total number of weapons seizures were:

- 25 weapons
- 10 hand grenades
- 3000 rounds
- A large number of knives
- Weapons parts and ancillaries.

80 people were arrested. 22 people have been detained for further questioning for involvement in weapons dealing.

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A battle group of Dutch Marines is part of the British-led Multi-National Division (South East) and operates in the Al Muthanna province.