

## **IRAQ**

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MULTINATIONAL SPECIALIZED UNIT  
OPERATION "ANCIENT BABILONIA"  
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Humanitarian work carried out by Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) for some villages located at the extreme periphery of Nassiriyah (Iraq).

Nassiriyah – Camp Mittica (06.09.04) – Today the Carabinieri of the Multinational specialized Unit commanded by Col. Claudio D'Angelo have undertaken a very important humanitarian activity for some Bedouin tribes that live in the extreme periphery of Nassiriya in very poor conditions.

Specialized staff of the Italian Red Cross division supported the team of the multinational Specialized Unit, made up of the Italian carabinieri corps, the National Portuguese Republican Guard and the Rumen police division.

Food, clothes, shoes and many toys, for the happiness of the children, were distributed to the nomad communities.

The Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George has offered moral and financial support.

We did not find any difficulties because the chiefs of the Bedouin communities assured order and discipline of the whole clan.

The luckiest of all were certainly the children.

They received all kinds of colourful toys and immediately started to play with them; it has been a wonderful day that has offered a moment of joy for the children and a glimmer of hope for the older people.

The doctor of MSU quickly but carefully, visited some little patients suffering from all the typical pathologies due to bad hygienic conditions, we must consider that

those belonging to the same tribe (that is at least thirty people) live all together under the same tent, made up of dirty rags, and with many barnyard animals like hens, sheep and donkeys. To make matters worst, there is a total lack of water and electricity.

The commander of the MSU has taken part in the distribution of humanitarian material, says that he is deeply satisfied with this activity.