



Special Report From Washington

CONGRESSMAN KING VISITS IRAQ

Meets With Troops And Sees Situation First Hand

Because there have been so many conflicting reports about what is actually happening in Iraq, I recently traveled there to see for myself what the truth is. What I saw was dramatically different from what the media have been reporting. The most important unreported fact is that 95% of Iraq is stable and secure. Virtually all of the violence occurs in the area around Baghdad known as the Sunni Triangle. What is also unreported is that every school and hospital is open; electricity and power are at higher levels than before the war; tens of thousands of Iraqis have been trained as police and soldiers and are working closely with American forces; and local elections are being held throughout Iraq for the first time.

Just as importantly, the terrorist attacks have not stopped day-to-day living for the ordinary people in Iraq. I saw this first hand. The day I arrived in Baghdad our motor convoy from the airport had to be diverted from the highway when a bomb went off just ahead of us. This

required us to drive through the center of the city which was just minutes from where the bomb exploded. It was as if we were in midtown Manhattan. The streets were filled with people. Shops and markets were open. There were

heavy traffic on the roads and highways and that the parking lots at the shopping centers were overflowing with cars.

Every American death and casualty is tragic. But every soldier I met with – from Generals to Privates – told me how much they believed in their mission. They are rooting out the terrorists and rebuilding a new Iraq. Their concern is that distorted media coverage will encourage the terrorists to fight and cause America to lose its will and withdraw. These soldiers know that America cannot even consider withdrawal. It was our withdrawal in Somalia and our inaction after the terrorist attacks on our Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia, our embassies in Africa and on the U.S.S. Cole which led to the attacks of September 11th and the deaths of thousands of Americans. I assured the brave men and women of our Armed Forces – many of whom are from Long Island and New York – that I will continue to support them and their mission. Our future as a nation demands no less.



Rep. King meets with troops in Mosul, Iraq

constant traffic jams. And no one gave any indication that they didn't want us there. The next day I was in Mosul and traveled over that city in a Blackhawk helicopter. This was the same day the al-Rashid hotel was bombed in Baghdad. From the helicopter I could see that there was

Rep. King Confers with American Military Leaders In Iraq *Discusses Troop Morale With Staff Member Stationed In Baghdad*



BAGHDAD, IRAQ – During his stay in Iraq, Congressman Pete King received detailed briefings from America's military commanders including General Rick Sanchez (l.) who heads the Baghdad Command. Rep. King also had the opportunity to meet up with his district representative, Sgt. Jason Dyckman, an Army Reservist who was activated and deployed to Iraq. Sgt. Dyckman is a member of the 800th Military Police Brigade based in Hempstead.

CONGRESSMAN KING SPEAKS AT EAST ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL

ISLIP TERRACE, NEW YORK -

Congressman Pete King met with East Islip High School students after speaking to their senior advanced placement government class. Rep. King regularly speaks at schools throughout the 3rd Congressional District to discuss leading national and international issues. He has also worked with the President to bring about the most far-reaching education reform legislation in a generation, the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)*.



REP. KING SUPPORTS ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Since I first came to Congress more than ten years ago, I have strongly supported making English our official language. Throughout our history as a nation the English language has been the glue which binds us together as Americans. During the past three decades, however, the federal government has imposed such misguided programs as bilingual education and bilingual voting ballots. These programs have been a disaster. They have

divided our country by language and left immigrants in linguistic ghettos.

That is why I have once again introduced the **National Language Act (H.R. 931)** to establish English as our official language and end all federal bilingual programs. Nothing I have done in Congress has generated more support - or more controversy - than my bill making English our official language. Even though progress has been made in reducing

bilingual programs, special interests are fighting back. You can be sure that I will not back down in this struggle. So long as I am in Congress, I will fight hard to restore English as our official language. My position is clear. I support Theodore Roosevelt's belief that "we have room for but one language, the language of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the language of the Declaration of Independence" - the English language.



REP. KING MEETS WITH TROOPS ON GROUND IN IRAQ

MOSUL, IRAQ – During his recent trip to Iraq, Congressman King met with the brave men and women of our Armed Forces including New York residents serving with the famed 101st "Screaming Eagles" Airborne Division stationed in Mosul in northern Iraq. Mr. King saluted the troops for their courage and dedication and assured them of his continued support.

REP. KING SALUTES RESERVISTS

SHEA STADIUM, NEW YORK - Congressman Pete King greeted Mets Manager, Art Howe, during a recent event honoring the generations of men and women who have served with the 77th Infantry Division during numerous military operations, including Iraqi Freedom. Rep. King has consistently supported our Armed Forces - Active, Reserve and National Guard - and is a co-sponsor of legislation (H.R. 2176) to provide comprehensive health care coverage to National Guardsmen, Reservists and their families.



SPECIAL NOTICE FOR VETERANS

Veterans who served in our Armed Forces are entitled to receive various medals and awards. My office will be honored to assist these veterans - or their next of kin - obtain these service medals. Please contact my office and we will work with you to get these decorations.

Pete King's District Office Proudly Assists Veterans

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CONGRESSMAN KING WORKS WITH RUDY GIULIANI ON HOMELAND SECURITY

PATCHOGUE, NEW YORK - Congressman King has been appointed to the House Select Committee on Homeland Security which monitors our anti-terrorist activities within the United States. As part of his duties, he regularly meets with anti-terrorism experts such as former New York City Mayor, Rudy Giuliani, with whom Rep. King has had a long-time working relationship.

REP. KING INTERVIEWED BY TONY SNOW



Discusses Progress of War on Terrorism

MANHATTAN, NEW YORK - Congressman Pete King discussed progress in the war against international terrorism during an interview with Tony Snow on Fox News. Rep. King regularly appears on news programs to update his constituents on key issues. He encourages his constituents to let him know their ideas on key issues. He can be contacted by phone, mail or e-mail.

REP. KING VISITS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Receives Briefing on Plans For Bio-Terrorism Defense At North Shore-LIJ



SYOSSET, NEW YORK - Congressman Pete King recently toured the Emergency Operations Center of the North Shore - Long Island Jewish Health System where he was briefed on its preparedness plan in the event of a terrorist attack affecting Long Island. Because of federal funding obtained by Rep. King, North Shore - LIJ was able to purchase decontamination equipment, train workers for bio-chemical attacks and coordinate response programs with other hospitals in the region.

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