

U.S. forces arrest 11 al-Qaida suspects

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BAGHDAD - U.S. forces in Iraq have detained 11 terror suspects accused of making explosive devices during a two-day operation that wrapped up Monday.

The operations were aimed at trying to break up suspected al-Qaida vehicle-borne improvised explosive device network in and around Baghdad.

Six of the suspects were detained Sunday, while four others were arrested Monday. In a separate incident, soldiers captured the 11th suspect accused of associating with a smuggling ring known for bringing bomb-making materials into Iraq.

"Disrupting the bombing network in Baghdad is a high priority for us, and we will continue to target the cells' leaders and members," said U.S. military Lt. Col. Christopher Garver.

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