

Five Iraqi police killed

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HELLA, Iraq -- An Iraqi police source said an explosion in the city of Hella killed five officers while 36 alleged al-Qaida members were arrested around the country. The source said two additional policemen were taken to a neighboring hospital for treatment, KUNA, the Kuwait News Agency, reported Thursday. "The incident took place Thursday as a patrol from the Agrab unit was driving in Hella," the source said. Meanwhile, the source said U.S. forces arrested 18 alleged al-Qaida members in Taremiya, 11 west of Taji and seven in Mosul.

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