



Al Anbar contractor's courage recognized

Navy Commander Peter Moran (right), GRC's II MEF Area Commander, presented Dr. Faisal Nawaf a Gulf Region Central District "Certificate of Achievement" for the repair and upgrade of six water pump stations in western Al Anbar Province despite recurring insurgency activity. The certificate states: "Dr. Faisal Nawaf's determination and perseverance in completing the project at great personal risk is inspiring and deserving of high praise and recognition." Dr. Nawaf is owner and General Manager of Al Ashbal Company which has 200 Iraqi employees. He not only performed the work specified but went ahead and did additional work to make each site fully functional including the addition of hundreds of meters of water pipe, the construction of cement slabs, and the repair and replacement of water storage and sedimentation tanks. During the project his crews were threatened and shot at, his son abducted and held for ransom, insurgents entered his home and a shootout ensued. The citation, signed by Colonel Peter J. Rowan, GRC's Commander, concluded with the wording: "Dr. Faisal Nawaf's outstanding performance under extremely dangerous circumstances reflects credit upon himself, the Company, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers." Others attending the presentation included Major Dan Hibner, Officer in Charge of GRC's 8 RCT Resident Office in Fallujah, and Ron Wassom, II MEF Area Office's Contract Specialist.