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### **MND-B Soldiers kill 3 criminals following attack on convoy**

Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

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The Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light), were part of a convoy that was stopped on the roadside. The criminals, who were traveling in a northerly direction near Baghdad International Airport fired at the Soldiers.

The Soldiers returned fire, which resulted in the vehicle running off the road and striking a wall. The vehicle then exploded. All three criminals were killed in the incident. A weapon was recovered from the wreckage.

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also innocent civilians, including women and children, travelling the roadways of Baghdad.”

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