

Swannack: Yes, we are. We're starting the caucus process right now. It's been explained, and it's favorably been received. As I said, the sheikhs have now got their own council and have bought into eight members in the future Provincial Council. So yes, it is.

Right over here.

Q: I'm sorry, I came in late. I'm from French Radio. Regarding the two French nationals killed in Fallujah last night, do you have any additional details? Second question, how do you characterize the security situation for foreign nationals here to work in reconstruction projects?

Swannack: Okay, I've already answered the first part of the question. You might want to check with your colleagues, rather than have them go through it a second time.

But in terms of foreign nationals and/or contractors coming to the area, you have to have, I believe, security. It's important to have security and not be a target on the side of the road. And it's just -- it's pretty important to go ahead and ensure that you go where you should go and not make yourself vulnerable to attacks. That's what I can say for this case. The individuals stopped -- if you didn't hear -- stopped on the side of the road to go ahead and repair one car when they had two cars. They were there for some couple of hours and got in trouble, and that's what happened to them.

Okay, Pentagon. I'll go one more question from the Pentagon, one more question from here. First of all the Pentagon.

Q: Hi, General. Jim Garamone with American Forces Press Service. I was wondering if you could just clear up some of my confusion. Earlier you said five to six cells were operating in the major towns, and then after that, you said there were four to five cells per large city. How many cells are in your area? And can you break that down into how many anti-coalition forces do you think you have facing you? Thanks.

Swannack: What I was trying to get at is about somewhere around four or five cells in towns like Fallujah and towns like Ar Ramadi and towns like Husaybah, even though we conducted recent operations there, probably a couple of cells are trying to regenerate themselves. Small towns like Hit or Rutbah, they might have one cell to two cells, just some disenfranchised individuals, former regime elements that want to go ahead and try to create attacks on or generate attacks on American forces.

I would say somewhere in the neighborhood of less than 100 people out there in Al Anbar Province right now. That's significantly down from when I was giving estimates back in September and October. That's a function of the great support we've gotten from the populace pointing out to us exactly who these former regime elements are, telling us where the foreign fighters are when they come in the country. And so we're making good headway in that regard.

Does that answer your question? (Pause.) I guess so. Okay, last one in here. You right there.

Q: General, Andrew Marshall from Reuters. Following the release of the four journalists who were detained near Fallujah on Friday, have you changed your views about whether fighters posing as journalists fired on U.S. forces near Fallujah that day?

Swannack: Okay. Regarding the four reporters in Fallujah, first of all, we're still conducting the investigation. We determined through questioning these individuals that they were probably at the wrong place at the wrong