

## General Petraeus Discusses Progress in The War in Iraq

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NBC's Richard Engel travels with General David Petraeus as he discusses the Iraq War. Petraeus notes that the troop surge and reconciliation between Shi'ite and Sunni factions are contributing to the recent successes in Iraq.

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## Transcript

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BRIAN WILLIAMS, anchor:

We are back now with NBC News IN DEPTH, and our man on the ground in Baghdad, Richard Engel, is indeed back on the ground there. And he's spent this entire day with the four-star general in charge of the US effort in Iraq for some sense of how things have changed and perhaps what happens next. Richard is with us from Baghdad.

Richard, good evening.

RICHARD ENGEL reporting:

Good evening, Brian. After a year in command almost, General David Petraeus is finally seeing some tangible progress.

For General Petraeus, it was a landmark graduation. One thousand, eight hundred thirty police cadets, half are Shiite, the others are Sunni, now working together. It would have been unheard of just a year ago.

General DAVID PETRAEUS: Congratulations to today's graduates.

ENGEL: But after reviewing their drills and circus-like shows of strength, we followed the general on a short chopper ride to a combat outpost where it's back to business. Commanders here tell Petraeus they killed 13 suspected al-Qaeda fighters yesterday.

Unidentified Man: These guys were getting on and turned right back around and bit that guy.

ENGEL: The troops say they're now finding 80 percent of roadside bombs in the area, mostly because of help from these men, former insurgents now working with American forces. General Petraeus gave them all medals.

Gen. PETRAEUS: Let me give you this with my thanks.

Unidentified Man: (Foreign language spoken)

ENGEL: They're tough Sunni tribesman. A grenade exploded in this man's face. The negotiations are also tough. The four-star general is trying to convince the former militants to work with the Shiite government. Did you ever imagine that you'd be sitting across the table from men who were your enemies?

Gen. PETRAEUS: It is a challenge to think of sitting down with people whose--at least their tribal members may have your blood on their hands, but that's how these kinds of wars end.

ENGEL: Do you think we've reached a turning point?

Gen. PETRAEUS: We think we wouldn't know that we've reached a turning point until we're six months past it. We have repeatedly said that there's no lights at the end of the tunnel that we're seeing. We're certainly not dancing in the end zone or anything like that.

ENGEL: Brian General Petraeus clearly thinks this war is far from over.

WILLIAMS: And Richard is the general aware of all the rumors attached to him now that he's coming perhaps to the end of his term from a dark horse vice presidential ticket placement back in this country to the more recent rumor in The New York Times in the last 24 hours that he would be appointed perhaps to run NATO?

ENGEL: General Petraeus is a star in the military. He realizes there are many rumors surrounding what he will do next. I asked him that question directly. He's not giving anything away. No comment.

WILLIAMS: All right, Richard Engel. Richard, as happy as we are to have you back on the ground there in terms of our coverage, continued health and safety while you're in Iraq.