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CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, AR RAMADI, Iraq – A U.S. Marine and 15 Iraqi civilians were killed yesterday from the blast of a roadside bomb in Haditha.

Immediately following the bombing, gunmen attacked the convoy with small arms fire. Iraqi Army soldiers and Marines returned fire killing eight insurgents and wounding another.

In early October, Iraqi Army soldiers and Marines conducted *Operation Rivergate* in Haditha, Barwana and Haqlaniyah to establish bases to maintain a long term security presence.

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