

TEL AVIV, OCT 13, REUTER--MOST OF THE IRAQI EXPEDITIONARY  
FORCE TO SYRIA WAS ANNIHILATED DURING FIERCE FIGHTING  
THIS MORNING AS ISRAELI ARMORED COULMNS CONTINUED THEIR MOVE TOWARDS  
DAMASCUS, A MILITARY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED HERE.

HE SAID THE REMANANTS OF THE IRAQI TROOPS WERE IN HASTY  
RETREAT. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM ABROAD, IRAQ HAD SENT A  
DIVISION TO AID SYRIA.

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MIDEAST--LEAD ISRAEL 2 TEL AVIV (RNR34 X X X TO AID SYRIA)  
THE FIRST ENCOUNTER BY ISRAELI TROOPS OF THE IRAQI CONTINGENT  
WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

ISRAELI MILITARY SOURCES ESTIMATED THE IRAQI EXPEDITIONARY  
FORCE AT BETWEEN 13,000 AND 15,000 TROOPS EQUIPPED WITH 250 TANKS.  
TODAYS WAR COMMUNIQUE HERE MADE NO MENTION OF THE FATE OF  
THE IRAQI ARMOR.

THE IRAQIS HAD X X X PICKING UP 3RD GRAF RNR20.  
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