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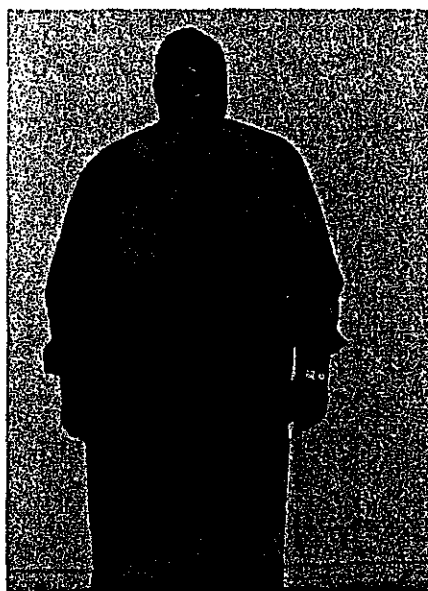
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**IRAQI GENERAL DIES OF NATURAL CAUSES**

AL QAIM, Iraq – Maj. Gen. Abed Hamed

Mowhoush, of the Mahalowi tribe, an air defense general officer under the former regime, died this morning during an interview with U.S. forces.

Mowhoush said he didn't feel well and subsequently lost consciousness. The soldier questioning him found no pulse, then conducted CPR and called for medical authorities. A surgeon responded within five minutes to



continue advanced cardiac life support techniques, but they were ineffective. According to the on-site surgeon it appeared Mowhoush died of natural causes.

Maj. Gen. Mowhoush turned himself into coalition forces on Nov. 10 and has been meeting and cooperating with Coalition Forces since that time. For the last two weeks, Maj. Gen. Mowhoush has been actively assisting Coalition Forces and has been very helpful in identifying anti-coalition activities. Maj. Neil Harper, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Public Affairs Officer, stated, "His loss is unfortunate. His recent cooperation

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with Coalition efforts was greatly appreciated as it was clear Maj. Gen. Mowhoush had embraced the future of a free Iraq.”

Also assisting and providing information to coalition forces was the youngest son of Mowhoush, Muhamed Abid Hamid Mawhoush Al Mahalawi.

The Coalition Forces are cooperating with local Sheikhs and Imams to properly treat and transfer the body to their control while verifying the cause of death and completing an inquiry into the occurrence.