During the month of December 2007, 1st Armored Division conducted Operation Iron Reaper. The area north of Muqdadiyah was, at the time, a known Insurgent safe haven, with numerous enemy weapons caches being discovered by Coalition Forces during this operation. In reference to the surface to air missile system and platform that were initially reported as being discovered, further sensitive site exploitation and identification of weaponry confirmed that this weapons system was a home made, shoulder fired, rocket propelled grenade launcher, pictured above left.