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1-30th Inf. heats up Arab-Jabour

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PATROL BASE MURRAY, Iraq — It's typical around this time of year for the early morning sun to turn the outside temperature up to more than 100 degrees.

Today is no different, except that these days B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, patrols the banks of the Tigris River — turning the heat up on al Qaeda in Arab Jabour.

Operation Guardian Torch, conducted by the 2nd BCT, is a key part of the 3rd Inf. Div.'s Operation Marne Torch.

Guardian Torch aims at seeking and destroying al Qaeda elements in Arab Jabour and finding weapons caches.

"This area is considered by most intelligence, to be the home source for (Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Devices) and



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Pfc. Joseph S. Brown and Pfc. Kyle Rowin, infantrymen with B Co., 1-30th Inf. Regt., 2/3rd Inf. Div., patrol a farming community in Arab-Jabour, assisting in the hunt for al Qaeda operatives.

high explosives throughout all of Iraq," said Sgt. Luke J. Hitchcock, a second platoon team leader in B Co. "We're trying to wipe this area clean of all of that, so we can deter and stop IEDS and

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Iraqi National Police build small-arms range

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq — A Michigan National Guard unit is helping to train the 1st Iraqi National Police on the importance of learning a skill and then maintaining it.

The construction of a new small arms range is underway in Salman Pak for the 1st Battalion, 1st Iraqi National Police Brigade. They are receiving guidance from a National Police Training Team from 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, with the Michigan National Guard.

The National Guard unit is attached to
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Spc. Ben Hutto

Soldiers from 3/3rd Inf. Div. and representatives from 1st Iraqi NP Bde. discuss construction efforts for the new small-arms range in Salman Pak June 19.

3-1 Cav. meets with local youth center leaders



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COMBAT OUTPOST CASHE, Iraq – Elements of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division are helping to improve life for Iraqi youth by assisting with a renovation project that will cost up to \$500,000.

Iraqi contractors, youth center leaders and members with the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment and Soldiers of Company A, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion, currently attached to 3-1 Cavalry met June 21 in Jisr Diyala to discuss the planned improvements.

Construction is expected to begin in late July and will include renovations to the weight room, sewing room, library and arts and crafts room. Coalition Forces are also expecting new computers and exercise equipment for the center.

“The renovations of the youth center will help show the youth of Jisr Diyala that there are other activities out there that can help improve their lives,” said Capt. Jimmy Hathaway, from Columbus, Ga., and Headquarters Company commander, 3-1 Cav. “We are going to turn this youth center into a world class facility.”



Photos by Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Above: Capt. Jimmy Hathaway (far left), HHC, 3-1 Cav. commander, discusses renovations with youth center leaders and 97th CA Bn. Soldiers during a meeting in Jisr Diyala June 21.

Left: A local teen lifts weights in the gym at the youth center in Jisr Diyala June 21.

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the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

The 1st Iraqi NP has been stationed in Salman Pak for the last five months after completing training at the National Police Training Academy in Numaniyah. They will use the range to sustain their training and improve the skills of new Iraqi policemen.

The range is part of a bigger push to conduct more training with the 1st Iraqi NP on medical skills, dismounted patrols and checkpoint operations.

“The fact that the 1st National Police Brigade is conducting daily operations and maintaining a focus on training speaks very highly of the unit,” said Maj. Dewey Boberg, from Anaheim, Calif., an executive officer for 3rd HBCT. “In the U.S. Army, we are always training for the next mission, regardless of mission requirements. Our National Police partners are now doing same.”

Soldiers of 1-15 Inf. have begun operations to eliminate insurgent sanctuaries to the southeast of Baghdad as a part of the Multi-National Division Center’s Operation Marne Torch.



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Pfc. Joseph S. Brown, an infantryman with with B Co., 1-30th Inf. Regt., 2/3rd Inf. Div., patrols a farming community in Arab-Jabour, Iraq, searching for weapons caches and bomb-making materials.

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explosives in Iraq.”

Capt. John T. Newman, company commander for B Co., said al-Qaeda in Iraq has had free reign to exploit Arab Jabour due to the lack of U.S. and Iraqi military presence.

“The insurgents are utilizing this area to push weapons and people up into Baghdad so we’re trying to cut off their supply line,” he said.

Newman says that thus far the people of Arab Jabour have been friendly and though some residents have left the area, most local civilians are very glad to see U.S. and Iraqi troops.

Despite the welcome, Arab Jabour remains a very dangerous place for Coalition Forces.

“The more of a presence that we show here and the more friendliness that we show them, the more willing to work with

us they will be,” said Hitchcock, a native of Bolivar, N.Y.

He said that in the past insurgents were threatening local civilians, but since his unit’s arrival the local civilians say the threats have stopped.

Hitchcock said that the most rewarding part about his job is seeing the locals when they’re happy and working with the Iraqi Army to help clean the country up.

Though B Company will not stay in Arab Jabour once the operation is completed, elements of 1-30th will stay to hold the region.

“Our sister companies are staying in this area for the long haul,” said Newman.

Newman said that the next goal for Arab Jabour is to stand up a provincial government and police force that can enforce the rule of law.

Safety Thought of the Day

Green Beam Designator

- The GBD is a powerful, long range green laser with a large beam used to dazzle and visually warn the intended subject. It is designed to be a checkpoint warning measure. Do not use it as a weapon, signaling or identification device.
- Use the GBD at an appropriate distance. The Eye Safe Distance is 70 meters with magnifying optics. Permanent eye damage or blindness can result from

- exposure within seconds.
- Never point the laser at anyone’s face for longer than 5 seconds.
- Know your escalation of force procedures.
- If dazzled, stop, cover eyes and look away immediately. Attempt to contact the unit by radio or visual signals.
- See the TF Marne Force Protection SIPR web page under “FP SOP” for more information.



HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

‘Purity ring’ student goes to High Court

REUTERS

LONDON — A teenage schoolgirl will appeal to the High Court on Friday to overturn a ban on her wearing a “purity ring” at school to symbolize her decision to abstain from sex before marriage.

Lydia Playfoot, 16, from West Sussex, says the silver ring is an expression of her faith and should be exempt from the school’s rules on wearing jewellery.

“It is really important to me because in the Bible it says we should do this,” she told BBC radio. “Muslims are allowed to wear headscarves and other faiths can wear bangles and other types of jewellery. It feels like Christians are being discriminated against.”

Playfoot’s lawyers will argue that her right to express religious belief is upheld by the Human Rights Act. There have been a series of rows in schools in recent years over the right of pupils to wear religious symbols or clothing, such as crucifixes and veils.

Last year, the Law Lords rejected Shabina Begum’s appeal for permission to wear a Muslim gown at her school in Lu-

ton. That case echoed a debate in France over the banning of Muslim headscarves in state schools.

Lydia Playfoot’s parents help run the British arm of the American campaign group the Silver Ring Thing, which promotes abstinence among young people.

Members wear a ring on the third finger of the left hand. It is inscribed with “Thess. 4:3-4,” a reference to a Biblical passage from Thessalonians which reads: “God wants you to be holy, so you should keep clear of all sexual sin.”

Lydia’s father, Phil Playfoot, said his daughter’s case was part of a wider cultural trend towards Christians being “silenced.”

“What I would describe as a secular fundamentalism is coming to the fore, which really wants to silence certain beliefs, and Christian views in particular,” he said.

Leon Nettley, head teacher of Millais School in Horsham, denies discrimination, saying the ring contravenes the school’s rules on wearing jewellery.

“The school is not convinced pupils’ rights have been interfered with by the application of the uniform policy,” he told the Brighton-based Argus newspaper. “The school has a clearly published uniform policy and sets high standards.”

Ferrari: It ain’t a sin to buy the car

REUTERS

MARANELLO, Italy — When it comes to luxury sports cars, Ferrari begs to differ with the Pope.

The Vatican issued a document listing its rules of the road, including one warning against using cars “as a means for outshining other people and arousing a feeling of envy.”

Ferrari’s general manager acknowledged the Vatican’s concern that some drivers could use the cars as status symbols, but he said most people bought Ferraris for the love of driving.

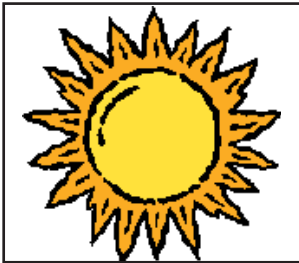
“Unless having fun has become a sin, I don’t believe it (to be wrong),” Amedeo Felisa told Reuters this week at an event celebrating Ferrari’s 60th anniversary in its hometown southeast of Milan.

A unit of Italy’s Fiat, Ferrari makes some of the world’s most exclusive cars, each worth more than 100,000 euros.

Felisa was convinced that buying a Ferrari was not a sin. “I hope not -- but you should commit at least one from time to time.”

Marne Weather Watch

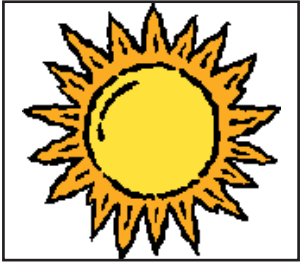
Friday, June 23



Sunny

Low: 86F/High: 111F

Saturday, June 23



Sunny

Low: 87F/High: 113F

Sudoku

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	3	7						4
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1	2	6						
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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday’s puzzle:

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6	5	8	1	4	3	9	2	7
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4	1	2	8	5	7			
8	6	9	2	3	1			

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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