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Operation Eagle Venture IV detains six terror suspects

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI) PAO

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAHMUDIYAH, Iraq — Coalition Forces detained six suspects while constructing a battle position between Mahmudiyah and Yusifiyah, Iraq, June 29-30.

Soldiers of the 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, in conjunction with troops of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) from Fort Drum, N.Y., air assaulted into an area along a highway known as Route Sioux during the night. The Soldiers' mission was to set up security for the construction of a new battle position to prevent movement of anti-Iraqi forces into Baghdad.

The battle position, strategically placed in the area which has long been a central terrorist haven, will provide a center for operations in the area, said Maj. Matt Zimmerman, operations officer for the 2-15th FA and a native of Willington, Conn.

"The establishment of a new battle position in the Sayyid-Abdullah corridor consolidates the progress made by the Iraqi Security Forces in denying the area as a safe-haven to al-Qaeda in Iraq and other anti-Iraqi forces," said Zimmerman.

"It also establishes an additional line of communication between the cities of Mahmudiyah and Yusufiyah. Having that communication will allow the 4/6 IA to increase their control in their area of operations, and help them to provide a safe and secure environment for the local populace."

Ground troops from Battery A, 2-15th FA discovered a small cache of anti-coalition propaganda compact disks, and Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd BCT, found an

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Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.
A Soldier from 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI), takes cover behind the wheel of a vehicle hauling barrier materials while building a new battle position near Mahmudiyah, Iraq, June 29.

Task Force Marne pilots rescued from downed helicopter

MND-C PAO

BAGHDAD — An AH-64 Apache helicopter rescued two Task Force Marne pilots after heavy machine-gun fire brought down their OH-58D Kiowa Attack helicopter south of Baghdad today.

The OH-58 pilots received minor injuries in the early morning attack. An Air Force Thunderbolt II destroyed the downed helicopter with two 500-pound laser-guided bombs.

The incident is under investigation.



Courtesy photo

Two Blackhawks land at FOB Hammer's FARP where, in addition to supplying fuel and ammunition, its Soldiers take the initiative to look after the aircrafts' crewmembers.

FOB Hammer FARP refuels birds, crewmembers

PFC. MONICA K. SMITH
CAB, 3RD INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGHDAD — In two days a full service refueling point was established, and it has been keeping birds off the ground and in the sky with a smile.

The full-service FARP, or forward area rearmament and refueling point, has been busy since its establishment about four weeks ago on Forward Operating Base Hammer. Once notified of an inbound helicopter, Soldiers are prepared to refuel and rearm the aircraft within minutes reducing the aircraft's downtime.

"At some FARPs, we have to wait on the fuelers, but these guys are ready," said Spc. Zachary Julian, Company A, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. "It's a very well run operation in my opinion. Their fuelers do a really good job — they're pretty quick."

In addition to re-supplying the helicopters with fuel and ammunition, the FARP Hammer Soldiers also 'refuel' the aircraft's crewmembers.

"It's a great FARP. It's a full service stop. They go out of their way to help you out. I'll ask, 'Hey can you get me a Gatorade?' And they'll say, 'Oh, yeah man,' and then they bring out drinks for the

whole crew," said Spc. Justin Wagner, a Black Hawk crew chief from Co. A, 4-3 Avn.

The drinks provide a morale boost for the Soldiers, said Sgt. Justin Jaramillo, from Troop E, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, from the 10th Mountain Division., which he enjoys providing.

Jaramillo also enjoys the amount of work the FARP receives.

"We're here to support the helicopters," said Jaramillo. "These birds support the line troops, so we make sure all the birds have fuel and are armed. We know we're doing a good job because the guys all want to come to our FARP."

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improvised explosive device consisting of six 60mm mortar rounds while traveling to the new battle position.

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal team conducted a controlled detonation of the IED. Six Iraqi citizens were detained at checkpoints leading to the site. One of the detainees was on a U.S. persons-of-interest list, three others were on the Iraqi army's persons-of-interest list, and two carried false identification papers.

During construction efforts for the new position, 2-15 Soldiers came under small-arms fire; attack aviation was called in, and the small arms fire was brought to a halt. Battery A Soldiers provided security as construction personnel built the battle position and reed-clearance teams cleared vegetation for better observation.

The six detainees were taken to a detention facility for questioning.



Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.

Soldiers from 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI), burn reeds in a canal that obstructed observation of a new battle position near Mahmudiyah, Iraq, June 29.

Coalition Forces bomb drop blunts insurgent attack

TF MARNE PAO

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Coalition Forces dropped a 2,000-pound bomb on a house utilized by insurgent forces killing an estimated 23 and blunting an insurgent attack on a National Police checkpoint near Al Dura'ya, June 26.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment spent the previous three days conducting combined combat operations with the 1st Battalion, 1st National Police Brigade clearing the area of suspected Sunni insurgents. Policemen assumed control of the newly established checkpoint at the conclusion of the three-day operation.

Six NP were killed and five were wounded as a result of the insurgent attack.

"When insurgents mass forces, we will not hesitate in applying the force necessary to kill them and properly support our National Police partners," said Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., commander of 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "We perform a lot of different tasks here in Iraq. We are assisting the local government and providing aid to those in need. When insurgents

choose to fight, however, we will do what we are trained to do. We are trained to close-with and destroy our enemies and the enemies of our partners."

Reports came into the brigade headquarters of a platoon-size element engaging the policemen at the checkpoint. After attacking the checkpoint, the insurgents entered an adjacent mosque and began firing on the checkpoint from the mosque rooftop.

Coalition Forces maneuvered attack aviation assets to the checkpoint. Helicopters identified and engaged the insurgent forces, which fired on the U.S. Army helicopters. Two OH-58D helicopters responded by engaging about 30 insurgents with .50 caliber rounds and rockets.

As the action persisted, CF escalated its response. The brigade headquarters coordinated for close-air support from the British Royal Air Force. By coordinating ground forces, aerial observation assets and RAF aircraft, CF identified insurgents moving from the checkpoint to a nearby house.

An RAF GR-4 Tornado dropped a 2,000-pound Enhanced Pave Way II bomb on the nearby house as insurgents

moved in and out of the building. Officers from the 3rd HBCT estimate that a minimum of six insurgents were killed by the blast. No additional buildings were damaged and no civilian casualties have been reported.

The 1-15th Inf. is a part of 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, which is currently conducting operations in support of the Multi-National Division-Center's Operation Marne Torch. Coalition Forces' objective in Marne Torch is to clear insurgent sanctuaries southeast of Baghdad. Leaders emphasize that it is an operation that is only now being conducted due to the arrival of the fifth and final surge brigade, the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

The 3rd HBCT conducted Operation Hammer Algiers in support of Operation Marne Torch over the course of three days ending on June 25.

"Before our arrival, there was only one company operating in this area at a time," said Grigsby. "Now with the 2nd Brigade across the river from us, we can project an entire battalion into previous insurgent sanctuaries and still maintain security in our area of operations."

Safety Thought of the Day Insect Repellant

- DEET is the only insect repellant approved by the Army. Do not use picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus based repellants.
- Apply a thin coat of DEET to uncovered skin. One application is good for up to 12 hours.
- Do not apply over cuts, wounds, sunburned or irritated skin, or around the eyes and lips. Use sparingly around ears.
- Do not apply repellant when you're near food.
- Ensure you are covered between dusk and dawn, the

prime hours for disease-carrying mosquitoes and sand fleas.

- Wash treated skin with soap and water when you're no longer exposed to biting insects.
- Replace or treat ACU's with permethrin every six months or 25 washes, whichever is sooner.
- Wear your uniform properly— tuck pants into boots, tuck T-shirt into pants, roll sleeves down.

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Price of machetes in Nigeria drops after elections

REUTERS

ABUJA — The price of machetes has halved in parts of Nigeria since the end of general elections in April because demand from thugs sponsored by politicians has subsided, the state-owned News Agency of Nigeria reported.

NAN surveyed prices in the north-eastern state of Gombe and found that a good quality machete was now selling for 400 naira (\$3) compared with 800 naira before the elections, which were marred by politically motivated violence in many states.

"A price survey on machetes, which served as a popular weapon among political thugs in the state, indicated ... a drop in the price of the implement," NAN reported over the weekend.

Machetes are primarily used as a

tool for farming in Nigeria but they are also popular among political gangsters.

"Before the conduct of the general elections, I was selling a minimum of seven machetes daily but can hardly sell one a day now," said Usman Masi, a trader quoted by NAN.

Africa's most populous country returned to civilian rule in 1999 after three decades of almost continuous army rule but violence remains a feature of politics, especially during the build-up to elections.

European election monitors estimated that at least 200 people were killed in politically motivated violence during months of campaigning ahead of the April polls.

Jail break timed with guard toilet break

REUTERS

from a police detention centre in Manila on Monday by sawing off prison bars while the officer guarding them kept nipping out to the toilet due to an upset stomach.

"Every time the guard went to the toilet, the prisoners took out a small saw and cut off the bars of their cell," William Macavinta, a local police chief, told a television station, adding that the iron grills were old and rusty.

Two of the men were facing homicide charges and the five others were suspects in a series of thefts.

Macavinta said the lone guard made over four visits to the toilet and noticed the escape hours later.

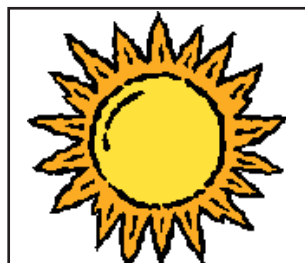
Four prisoners stayed behind and were still asleep when the guard discovered the detention cells open, he added.

Macavinta said the guard was suspended and an investigation was being conducted. The man's superior, who was not at the police station at that time, was also replaced.

Jail breaks are common in overcrowded prisons in the Philippines.

Marne Weather Watch

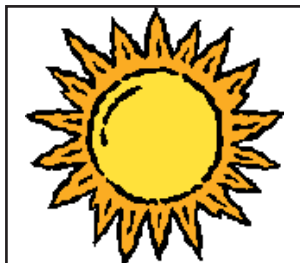
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Wednesday, July 4



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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

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puzzle:

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