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Serving Task Force Marne

1-15 teams with Iraqis on security

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COP CLEARY – Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment spent time working side-by-side with Iraqi Emergency Reaction Forces, running a traffic control point Aug. 1, near Wadhida.

The ERF, according to Maj. Jeremy Moore, of Portland, Ore., Iraqi Security Force Chief for 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, is a battalion-sized ISF unit that conducts security and checkpoint operations along Coalition-traveled key routes.



Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo

See TCP, Page 3 ————— Soldiers of 1-15th Inf. Regt. aid in traffic control point operations Aug. 1.

IA find NVGs, detain two during Marne Avalanche



Sgt. Marcus Butler

Iraqi soldiers and Soldiers from Co. A, 2-69th Armor walk the roads of the Chaka III area during joint Operation Algeria III Aug. 4.

4TH BCT (ABN.), 25TH INF. DIV.

KALSU – Iraqi soldiers joined U.S. Soldiers from Task Force Steel in a joint operation dubbed Algeria III in support of Operation Marne Avalanche Aug. 4 in the Chaka III region of North Babil, to secure the area from insurgent activity.

Soldiers from 8th Iraqi Army Division and Company A, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, attached to 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, moved from house to house searching for any presence of insurgent activity or violations of the rule of law set forth by the

Iraqi government.

“This operation was one of the biggest operations our company has done with Iraqi Security Forces,” said Capt. Jim Browning, Co. A commander. “Everything on this mission was totally led by the Iraqi army. We were just there for support.”

This Iraqi-led operation yielded one pair of night vision goggles, three detainees and five AK-47 assault rifles with ammunition.

“The operation was a complete success,” Browning said. “The Iraqi army soldiers have made vast improvements since we last conducted an operation with them and I am confident that they will only continue to get better.”

Soldiers make Kalsu a little piece of home

SGT. KEVIN STABINSKY
2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV. PAO

FOB KALSU — Home is where the heart is, and Soldiers are pouring their hearts into their temporary homes here.

Although Soldiering is their primary job, many are replacing helmets with hard hats and becoming temporary construction workers to add to their living quarters.

"It helps make this place more likehome," said Staff Sgt. Jason Punyhotra, a member of the personal security detail, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Among the many improvements PSD members have made to their living quarters are entertainment centers, porches, awnings and benches outside their doorway.

"It gives Soldiers a peaceful place to sit down and unwind. It is their own slice of pie (from home)," Punyhotra said.

While the porch benches and tables are for all to enjoy, the main effort came from Punyhotra, Sgt. George Wood and Sgt. Lucas Anderson, who built the relaxation center in just one day.

The PSD isn't the only group

making the most of their time here. Soldiers of the Air Defense, Airspace Management cell are also making the most of their new homes.

Since they wanted a bigger screen to watch movies, the group set up their own movie theater on the wall using a white screen and a movie projector, said Spc. Joel Ortiz, a member of the ADAM cell. The group also wants to paint their new creations in blue and white to give the place a 3rd Inf. Div. feel, he added, while others make their surroundings reminiscent of their stateside lives.


Staff Sgt. Mayreny Matias, brigade S4, said she decorated her space with items from home, such as covering her bed with her daughter's blanket.

Although she said it is hard to make FOB Kalsu exactly like home, she decorated her room with rugs and curtains the same color as those in her home.


"It helps (decorating and altering one's living space) because after a long day working you want to come back to a place like home," Matias said. "It calms you down for a minute and makes you not homesick 24 hours a day."

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— Staff Sgt. Mayreny Matias
2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. S4



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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
Aug. 26





Time: 3-4 p.m.

Location:
Marne DFAC
VIP Room

Guest Speaker:
Col. Patrica Anslow
Commander
875th Engineer Battalion

"Celebrating Women's Right to Vote"

POC: Master Sgt. Lewis 822-7653/54

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TCP: Infantrymen, Iraqi police join forces to secure traffic control points

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"They are comprised of previous Iraqi Special Forces units," Moore said. "They are tactically proficient enough to operate autonomously. They are also skilled at gathering intelligence because they know the area."

"What we did today was not so much supervise, but assist ERF with running a traffic control point," said 1st Lt. T. Clay Groton, 3rd platoon leader, Company C, 1-15 Inf. Regt.

Soldiers assisted with site security and searched vehicles and people along with the ERF. This was not the first time such an operation has been conducted by 1-15 Inf. Regt. Soldiers.

"We've been out here a couple of times before," Groton said. "They have many traffic control points around this area."

Traffic control points help in maintaining the overall security of the area.

"Being that weapons commonly come into Baghdad from Al Kut, coming out of Iran, this is a major highway to stop weapons and insurgents," Groton said.

An ERF member working at the site said his duty is to search, not only for weapons, but for improvised explosive devices and foreign fighters as well.

It is a job acknowledged by his U.S. counterparts.

"(ERF) are pretty squared away and they're also reliable," Groton said. He added that ERF assistance has led to weapons cache finds.

Groton said the goal was to show the ERF members that Coalition Forces support what they do.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo

Soldiers of 1-15th Inf. Regt. aid in TCP operations near Wahida.

Safety Thought of the Day

Sleep Management

Tips for Soldiers

- Don't sleep in areas with regular activity or in or under any vehicle.
- When sleeping, minimize exposure to noise and light by wearing earplugs and blackout shades.
- Avoid over-the-counter "sleep aids," which cause grogginess, not actual sleep.
- Sleep whenever possible; even a little sleep is better than none. Several "catnaps" can add up quickly.

Tips for leaders

- Develop a unit sleep management program that allows your Soldiers at least 6, and preferably 7 to 8, hours of sleep every 24 hours.
- Soldiers trying to sleep during the day require longer or more frequent opportunities to sleep. These extended periods compensate for the body's

normal reaction to sleep cycle disruption.

- Avoid putting your Soldiers in a position where they must choose between sleep and something else they'd enjoy.
- Arrange sleep schedules so your Soldiers can sleep at consistent times.



Headline Highlights

Toilet trauma; richest man; crops at airbase

Thief's toilet trauma ended

KOLKATA, India (Reuters) — Dozens of bananas failed to do the trick but an Indian thief has finally produced a gold necklace he had snatched and then swallowed after police fed him a hearty meal of chicken, rice and local bread.

Sheikh Mohsin, 35, grabbed the 45,000-rupee (\$1,115) necklace from a woman in the eastern city of Kolkata Friday and popped it into his mouth when cornered by police.

Officers then fed him 40 bananas over a few hours believing they would act as a purgative, and sat back and waited for results.

Mohsin passed an uncomfortable night in jail, but not the piece of jewelry.

Police said Sunday he was then given more substantial fare.

"Now he wants to go free and doesn't want to even hear about bananas any more," senior officer Gyanwant Singh told Reuters.

A tired and rueful Mohsin was, however, staring at 3 years in jail if convicted, Singh added.

"Bananas were good enough for another thief who had swallowed an ornament a few months ago, but Mohsin was definitely a tough cookie," said one clearly impressed police constable.

Richest man? Who cares?

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) — Mexican telecom tycoon Carlos Slim, who is estimated by some calculations to be wealthier than Microsoft founder Bill

"I don't know if I'm No. 1, No. 20, or No. 2,000. It doesn't matter."

— Mexican tycoon
Carlos Slim

Gates, said Thursday he did not care if he was the world's richest person.

"It's water off a duck's back to me," the cigar-smoking Slim told foreign correspondents. "I don't know if I'm No. 1, No. 20, or No. 2,000. It doesn't matter."

In July, a journalist who tracks the fortunes of wealthy Mexicans said Slim was worth an estimated \$67.8 billion and had overtaken Gates as the world's richest person.

Slim hit the No. 1 spot after a recent surge in the share price of his America Movil, Latin America's largest cell phone company, according to Eduardo Garcia of the online financial publication Sentido Comun.

Garcia said that made him close to \$8.6 billion wealthier than Gates, whose estimated worth was \$59.2 billion.

Slim, 67, told foreign journalists at a luncheon on Thursday that making sure his job was compatible with his family or personal life was more important than his wealth.

Forbes magazine reported in April that Slim had overtaken billionaire U.S. investor Warren Buffett for the No. 2 spot in the world's richest stakes, but it is not scheduled to recalculate Slim's wealth until next year.

Slim, known for his Midas touch in turning struggling businesses into profit-making machines, told Reuters this year he did not calculate his fortune on a regular basis.

In Mexico, a small elite holds most of the country's wealth and about half the population lives on less than \$5 a day.

Slim said Thursday his charitable foundations planned to invest \$300 million in the next few years to build 100 schools in poor regions of Mexico that will focus on digital education. The plan would later be expanded throughout Latin America.

Polish officer held for allowing crops at airbase

WARSAW (Reuters) — Poland's anti-corruption police have detained an air force commander for allowing private companies to grow crops at an airbase, PAP news agency said on Sunday. He could face 10 years in prison.

"Since at least 2000, airbase commander Col. Eygeniusz G. had allowed private firms to raise crops free of charge on nearly 100 hectares (250 acres) of airbase land," the Central Anti-Corruption Agency said in a communique.

The airbase is at Malbork in northern Poland.

The CAA, set up last year to spearhead the conservative government's across-the-board war on corruption, did not rule out additional arrests connected with fuel abuses at the airbase, the communique said.

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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