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Soldiers ambush high-value insurgent

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FOB HAMMER — A “bait and switch” sting operation carried out in broad daylight in the city of Salman Pak on Tuesday led to the capture of a high-value Sunni extremist after U.S. forces lured the suspect to an ambush in a library.

The detained individual is suspected of supplying insurgents with intelligence on Coalition Forces and transporting explosives.

The capture occurred when a specialized task unit within the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division arranged for a morning meeting

with the individual at a tea shop in the town, about 15 miles southeast of the Baghdad. The individuals were supposed to be discussing current events.

Instead, members of the American unit known as “Team Village” walked with the suspect to the Salman Pak library, where the company had set up an ambush. U.S. soldiers apprehended the man when he entered the building.

The individual is No. 10 on the 3rd HBCT’s list of high-value targets. In addition to supplying intelligence to Sunni extremists, he is believed to be responsible for bringing an explosive device into the Salman Pak National Police Headquarters.

Earlier this week, 3rd HBCT soldiers captured the No. 1 high-value individual in their area of responsibility east of Baghdad.

That suspect, a Shia affiliated with the Jaish al-Mahdi militia, is believed to have served as a conduit for funneling Iranian weapons to Shia extremists operating near Baghdad.

U.S. forces executing Operation Marne Avalanche have been able to carry out increasingly focused and successful raids in recent weeks as Sunni and Shia residents in the area develop trust in the joint U.S.-Iraqi stabilization mission, and provide tips on extremist activities.

Marne Soldier re-enlists to carry on a legacy

SGT. 1ST CLASS CRAIG ZENTKOVICH
MND-C PAO

Everybody has one.

It may be a family member, a teacher, or a coach — an extraordinary person who makes such an impact on your life that you’re forever changed by them.

For Staff Sgt. Steven A. Holloway that one person was a friend, mentor and leader.

The story of Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith is known to the nation. His actions in combat, above and beyond the call of duty, on April 4, 2003, led to him being posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

On Friday, Holloway, on his third combat tour to Iraq, raised his right hand to indefinitely reaffirm his commitment to the Army in the exact location where Smith gave his life to preserve that of his Soldiers’.

Holloway, a 12-year Army vet-

eran, was in the fight on April 4 with Company B, 11th Engineer Battalion, securing a breach in a wall 100 meters from Smith when he was killed.

Smith was Holloway’s platoon sergeant for 10 months; his friend for three years.

“It’s still kind of hard to go back there,” said Holloway, whose only other time back there was on April 4, 2005, when Smith’s son, David, was presented his father’s Medal of Honor in Washington. “I lost a friend that day ... and a mentor who taught me what it means to take care of Soldiers.”

Now serving as the Task Force Marne Engineer Operations non-commissioned officer, Holloway said that junior Soldiers are the primary reason he made the choice to re-enlist.

“When Smitty was my platoon sergeant, we trained a lot — he



Staff Sgt. Tony Lindback

Staff Sgt. Steven Holloway re-enlists at the same location where his mentor, Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, was killed in 2003.

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Desert down time



Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Spc. Joshua Garrison and Pfc. Charles Frankie Kelly, communications Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, relax with their guitars under a camouflage-netted rest area at Patrol Base Murray, near Arab Jabour, Aug. 9.

PRT completes health clinic in Zayne al Qaws

214TH FIRES BDE.

FOB DELTA — About 40,000 residents from Zayne al Qaws now have access to quality healthcare thanks to the Wasit embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The primary health care clinic, completed Aug. 5, will provide Zayne al Qaws residents with access to medical and dental care. The 1,115-square-meter facility includes space dedicated to X-rays, vaccinations, a laboratory,

pharmacy and public education.

“The residents will have access to a top quality facility in their area,” said Bobby Bran, Wasit province PRT program manager. “They never have to leave their village for primary health care.”

Before the new facility’s completion, residents traveled a minimum of 45 minutes by car for health care. Residents will still have to travel to the hospital in ad Dijaylah or al Kut for surgeries and specialty care, Bran said.

A national health assessment iden-

tified the need for a clinic in this area, Bran said. The primary health clinic serves as a bridge between the emergency room and the hospital.

The clinic will provide preventative medicine classes to enhance the health of the community, Bran said.

When fully operational, the clinic will have a staff of 27 doctors, nurses, technicians and support staff capable of seeing between 100-150 patients daily.

The engineers secured the building contract and monitored the construction of the facility.

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Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Shia Muslims gather near Forward Operating Base Falcon to conduct a pilgrimage to Kadhimiya in honor of the seventh Shia Imam, Musa al-Kazim, Aug. 9.

Thousands of Shias conduct pilgrimage

SGT. CHRIS McCANN

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

MAHMUDIYAH — A shrine in Baghdad's Kadhimiyah neighborhood, named after the seventh Shia Imam, Musa al-Kazim, is the focal point of a pilgrimage from Aug. 7-10.

A large shrine built over his tomb and the tomb of his grandson, ninth Shia Imam Muhammad at-Taqi, immediately beside him, is now a shrine called the Kazimain.

Troops of 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., conducted patrols along the highway south of Baghdad that Coalition Forces dubbed "Route Jackson," the route most of the pilgrims have been taking to the northern Baghdad neighborhood.

"It's quiet and there have been no incidents — that's a good thing," said 2-15 executive officer Maj. Doug Mayzel.

Mayzel said the battalion had expected far more pilgrims than have actually passed through their area of operations. Only about 10,000 people have traveled through the 2nd

BCT's sector between Lutifiyah and Rasheed.

Nonetheless, he said, the Soldiers of 2-15th FAR and the 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, continue to stand watch, just in case.

"Between the Iraqi army, the Iraqi police and Coalition Forces, we continue to man checkpoints and secure routes. We have joint manning of the checkpoints and joint patrols, as well as a quick-reaction force in Mahmudiyah at the Iraqi Army Compound," Mayzel said.

All in all, Mayzel said, there are about 50 U.S. Soldiers providing security for the pilgrims along Route Jackson.

During last year's pilgrimage, several of the faithful were shot by snipers as they walked along the road into Kadhimiyah. Also on Aug. 31, 2005, a stampede on a bridge leading into Kadhimiyah killed more than 800 Shia pilgrims when the crowd panicked after shouts that there was a suicide bomber among the worshippers.

Shia Muslims make the pilgrimage to the Kazimain each year to commemorate the suffering and death by the poisoning of al-Kazim.

RE-UP: 3rd Inf. Div. NCO re-enlists to continue with mentor's legacy

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was big on training young Soldiers," he said. "He was hard to work for; a perfectionist. But his Soldiers were always the best at what they did, and they knew it."

"That's how I am. I love to train Soldiers. That's what I want to do," he said, adding that there are still hun-

dreds of future combat engineers who will need a competent leader capable of mentoring, training and teaching them. "I've still got a lot of work to do (in the Army), and I've got enough experience to provide that leadership."

Holloway, who has been a 3rd Inf. Div. Soldier for nine years, told his Soldiers after the ceremony that he re-enlisted for them and others like them.

He said he hopes that the lessons he's learned in Soldiering and leading while serving as a sapper in the Marne Division will be passed on to young Soldiers for years to come — a lesson taught to him on that fateful day in April.

"That's why I re-enlisted," he concluded. "So the young Soldiers can carry on not only what I teach them, but what Smitty taught me."

Safety Thought of the Day

Controlled Burn Policy

- Risk assessments should contain control measures that address hazards from accelerants, UXO hazards and stand-off distances, fire control, emergency procedures, personnel safety, and any other hazards unique to the operation.
- During controlled burning operations, care must be taken to only burn the minimum required area for the mission/Force Protection.

- Controlled burning will not be closer than 150 feet from any structure or woodlands.
- Controlled burning will be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished.
- A Combat Life Saver qualified Soldier will be on site with the CLS bag at all times. There will be one designated vehicle for ambulatory evacuation with a designated driver.

Headline Highlights

Decoy gone awry; British 'shark sighting'

Thief saw self as Robin Hood

MADRID (Reuters) — Spain's most wanted thief, "The Loner," saw himself as a Robin Hood-style figure and said he robbed banks only because they stole from the public, his lawyer said Thursday.

Accused of killing three policemen and holding up more than 30 banks, Jaime Jimenez Arbe was planning to move on to insurance companies when he was arrested last month, Spanish media reported, citing lawyer Jose Mariano Trillo-Figueroa.

"I am not a killer and if I was obliged to shoot at officers of the law, it was always against my will and in order to avoid being arrested," Jimenez said in a letter reproduced on the websites of newspapers El Pais and El Mundo.

Trillo-Figueroa said Jimenez, who robbed the banks disguised in a false beard and a wig, thinks of himself as Curro Jimenez, a Spanish 1970s television bandit in the style of Robin Hood.

The Loner was arrested in Portugal, armed with a submachinegun in preparation for another bank robbery.

Citing police, Spanish media reported he kept the money he stole, depositing it in several different bank accounts.

Shark scare has no teeth

PODGORICA (Reuters) — Reports of sharks off the Adriatic beaches of Montenegro have had little effect on bathers and tourists, local authorities said on Friday.

The sighting of a shark 10 days ago in the waters off the port of Bar at first prompted the local lifeguard to order all swimmers and divers out of the water, but they soon went back.

"The appearance of a shark should be accepted as normal. It's as natural as seeing a bear in the woods," said Captain Krsto Rakocovic, head of maritime security.

The scare enlivened the tabloid pages in Montenegro and Serbia but was short-lived. The coast of the newly independent republic continues attract record tourist numbers, many from neighboring Serbia, Montenegro's partner for nearly 90 years until they split last year.

The Bar shark sighting spawned copy-cat discoveries a few days later. Local fishermen said the creature spotted by water-scooter riders off the southern resort of Ulcinj was a harmless thresher shark, native to the waters.

Poachers flag their presence

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Vietnamese fishermen flying a Malaysian flag as a decoy while sailing in Malaysia's northeastern waters gave the game away by mistakenly flying it upside down.

This is an unusual mistake, because "Stripes of Glory" as the flag is known at home, carries a blue rectangle in its top left corner emblazoned with a yellow crescent and star, while red-and-white stripes alternate on the rest.

Local fishermen became suspicious,

and tipped off fishing authorities, who detained 13 crewmen after seizing 500 kg (1,102 lb) of stingrays, valued at 6,000 ringgit (\$1,737), along with a fake fishing license, the Star newspaper reported.

"We believe the fishermen were in our waters since Sunday," it quoted Munir Mohamad Nawi, a fisheries official in the northeastern state of Terengganu, as saying.

The Vietnamese are expected to be charged with encroachment under the fisheries act, and face a maximum fine of 100,000 ringgit, or two years' jail, or both, if convicted.

Safe to go back in water

LONDON (Reuters) — It's safe to go back into the waters off Britain -- reports of a man-eating shark that have made front page headlines were just a great white lie.

British newspapers reported Thursday that stories they had eagerly followed in recent weeks about sightings of a killer Great White shark lurking in the waters off Cornwall, southwest England, had in fact been made up.

Doorman Kevin Keeble sparked the media feeding frenzy when he sent pictures to his local paper of a shark he photographed during a fishing trip to South Africa, jokingly claiming the photo was taken near the British surfing resort of Newquay.

"I didn't expect anyone would be daft enough to take it seriously," newspapers quoted him as saying. "I can't believe the story went so big."

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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