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Paratroopers check up on Shiite, Sunni neighborhood

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ISKANDARIYAH — With the influence of Sunni and al-Qaeda pressing down from the North and West and Shia and Jaysh al-Mahdi rising from the South and East, the city of Iskandariyah straddles the fault line of sectarian violence.

The epicenter of sectarian tremors in the area is the Hateen Apartment complex, a neighborhood of more than

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— Shiite resident,
Hateen Apartments

25,000 Shiite and Sunni Muslims.

Paratroopers from 1st Platoon, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 509th Airborne, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division,

and Military Policemen from 3rd Platoon, 127th MP Company are tasked to provide security in the area and keep extremist influence to a minimum.

“The militia has a pretty good hold over the Hateen Apartments by keeping the people in fear,” said 1st Platoon leader Capt. Paul Pena, of San Marcos, Texas, Co. D, 3-509th Abn. “Although, now our presence in this area is welcomed, and most of the local people are starting to help us, accepting the change.”

Even though Shiites outnumber the area’s Sunnis roughly 70 to 30, this

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Carry that weight



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills

A Chinook helicopter from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment picks up a Humvee during sling load training with Soldiers from Company A, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion Aug. 18.

Delta Team sets 214th FB up for success

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FOB DELTA – Establishing a headquarters can be a demanding process, but the task is even tougher when performed with minimal personnel.

The 214th Fires Brigade deployed to Iraq to augment 3rd Infantry Division headquarters, but was given the mission of command and control of Forward Operating Base Delta shortly after its arrival in theater. With about 50 personnel in tow, the brigade assumed control of FOB Delta June 20.

To make the process easier for the 214th Fires Brigade, Multi-National Division - Center stood up a team to help with the establishment of a brigade headquarters.

Dubbed the Delta Team, or "Tiger Team," the Soldiers converged on FOB Delta to help establish systems to sustain themselves as a brigade headquarters, according to Sgt. Maj. Reginald Young, Delta Team NCO in charge.

"The Soldiers brought here are the subject matter experts in their areas," Young said. "They were able to mentor and support designated brigade members in their day-to-day missions."

One of the biggest tasks was helping the brigade staff receive and integrate the 3rd Georgian Brigade, said Master Sgt. Kevin Tatem, one of the division's logistical support representatives.

Two areas receiving division support are communications and logistics.

Division automation specialists assisted the 214th FB with the migration to a secure network, provided automation support to the 3rd Georgian Brigade, and acted as a liaison between the 214th and the 86th Signal Battalion, said Sgt. Edward Mayfield, a network administrator.

Mayfield assisted with the cabling of the Georgian brigade and the hospital, completed trouble tickets, helped establish help desk procedures, and helped the brigade's communications section keep up their daily mission.

The brigade's logistics section also received assistance in establishing its systems and procedures, completing the theater property hand receipt, contract submission process, receiving and distributing property.

"It was very extensive," said Sgt. 1st Class John Anderson, 3rd Infantry Division Special Troop Battalion NCO in

charge. "(Staff Sgt. Valerie Morris, the Fires Brigade supply sergeant) started from scratch. She was responsible for six (theater property equipment) hand receipts."

Besides providing support, the team also mentored staff members.

"I'm here to assist the (logistics officer) and help get systems in place so they can function more effectively as a brigade (logistics section)," said Maj. Thomas Fife, a division logistical officer and the Delta Team officer in charge.

For the logistics NCO, the team's mentorship was what she needed.

The team of supply sergeants showed her checks and balances, proper procedures for completing paperwork, helped her complete inventories and provided a much needed channel of information, Morris said.

The team helped her get the supply system working, establish rules for the field operating officer program, and establish a tracking system for incoming property.

Morris, a track mechanic, said she's never had to build a supply system.

"The foundation was not here, but it's getting there," she said.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2007
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6 p.m., Aug. 25
OPEN TO ALL

Guest Speaker
Col. Anislow
(875th Eng. Bn.)

SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE: Gift giveaways, Praise Dance Performance, and Voter Registration Booth

Attention!

WHO: MND-C Equal Opportunity Office
WHAT: Women's Equality Day
WHEN: Aug. 26, 3-4 p.m.
WHERE: Marne Dining Facility, VIP Room
WHY: To solicit support for the upcoming Ethnic Observances. The MND-C Equal Opportunity Office is looking for talent and volunteers to participate in this observance.

Next IPR: Aug. 4, 1 p.m. at the EO Trailer (51M Trailer #2)

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Photos Sgt. Marcus Butler

Paratroopers from 3-509th Abn., 4th BCT, 25th Inf. Div. walk through an open field near the Hateen Apartments in Iskandariyah Aug. 19 to check up on militia activity and living conditions in the area.

HATEEN: *Paratroopers keep watchful eyes on diverse neighborhood*

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area has been relatively calm over the past months. First Platoon has conducted more than 40 missions in this area over recent months, and Paratroopers can see the difference that their hard work is making.

"We can tell that we are making a difference by the drop in violence in this area," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Brown, platoon sergeant, of Huntsville, Ala. "Now people are always coming out and thanking us for our help."

Even though the area is a mix of Shiite and Sunni, most residents of the Hateen Apartments seem to get along fine.

"I live across the hall from Sunnis," said a Shiite resident of the Hateen Apartments. "We are all Iraqis, and we get along fine."

With Shiites and Sunnis beginning to live in harmony in this area, and with violence on the decline, Paratroopers from 1st Platoon still will not get complacent.

"No matter what, I am always thinking of the task at hand," said Pfc. Matt Lundberg, of Fayetteville, N.C. "Keeping an eye out for anything out of the ordinary and completing the mission."

Now that the violence has subsided, the focus shifts to rebuilding.

"Along with searching for intelligence leads to militia activity, we also just sit and talk with the residents to see what



Capt. Paul Pena stops to talk with an Iraqi police officer Aug. 19, about the militia situation and living conditions in the Hateen Apartments in Iskandariyah.

we can do to help make their neighborhoods better," Pena said. "We work closely with the Iraqi Security Forces and community leaders to help make their neighborhoods better and take responsibility for the future of their homes."

Safety Thought of the Day **Heat Injury Prevention Reminders**

- If wearing body armor, add 50F to WBGT index in humid climates.
- Heat strain and dehydration can accumulate over several days before causing heat illness; therefore, during recovery periods, emphasize rest, shade, hydration and eating.
- Assure adequate hydration of all soldiers before any exercise or work.
- Avoid the heat of day when possible and provide shade to reduce the solar load.

- Drink liquids that contain some added salt or electrolytes for heat cramps.
- Signs of overheating include the inability to work, flushed face, confusion, disorientation and fainting.
- When in doubt, treat as a heat injury.
- Identify Soldiers who were previous heat exhaustion or heat stroke injuries.

Weak Link Rule:

When the first heat casualty occurs, assess the status of the whole unit.

Headline Highlights

Heartbreak survivors; illegal cross-dressing

Study: lovelorn will survive

CHICAGO (Reuters) — Despite the laments of pining pop stars and sad sack poets, U.S. researchers now think breaking up may not be so hard to do.

"We underestimate our ability to survive heartbreak," said Eli Finkel, an assistant professor of psychology at Northwestern University, whose study appears online in the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

Finkel and colleague Paul Eastwick studied young lovers -- especially those who profess ardent affection -- to see if their predictions of devastation matched their actual angst when that love was lost.

"On average, people overestimate how distressed they will be following a breakup," Finkel said in a telephone interview.

The nine-month study involved college students who had been dating at least two months who filled out questionnaires every two weeks.

They gathered data from 26 people — 10 women and 16 men — who broke up with their partners during the first six months of the study.

The participants' forecasts of distress two weeks before the breakup were compared to their actual experience as recorded over four different periods of time.

Not surprisingly, they found the more people were in love, the harder they took the breakup.

"People who are more in love really are a little more upset after a breakup, but their perceptions about how dis-

traught they will be are dramatically overstated when compared to reality," Finkel said.

"At the end of the day it, it is just less bad than you thought."

Indonesia district drops school virginity test plan

JAKARTA (Reuters) — A plan to carry out virginity tests on female high school students in a district in Indonesia's West Java province has been dropped after a public outcry, media reports said.

The head of Indramayu district, Irianto Syafiuddin, is reported to have made the proposal for the tests after an explicit video circulated via mobile phones.

"Because many people oppose it, we cancelled (the plan)," Syafiuddin was quoted as saying by online news service Detik.com.

Syafiuddin could not immediately be contacted, but according to media reports he will look for an alternative way to prevent students from engaging in pre-marital sex. Students, parents and activists viewed the planned tests on thousands of high school students in the district as a violation of human rights, the *Jakarta Post* said.

"We can't accept this idea. It's unfair as the video was just an isolated case," a female student, Gita, was quoted as saying by the *Post*.

Many in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, place high value on virginity, although pre-marital sex is not uncommon among the

younger generation.

Nigeria court tries 18 for cross-dressing

BAUCHI, Nigeria (Reuters) — Eighteen Nigerian men accused of dressing up as women during a party at a hotel went on trial Tuesday before an Islamic sharia court in the northern state of Bauchi.

Dozens of residents shouted abuse and hurled stones at the men as they were escorted into an armored prison vehicle after the hearing, prompting police to fire tear-gas at the crowd.

The men, mostly in their 20s, were arrested in a Bauchi hotel on August 4. Police say they were dressed as women, which is illegal under the state's sharia penal code.

The offence is punishable by up to a year in prison and 20 lashes by cane.

The accused, who tried to hide their faces as they were jeered on their way in and out of court, deny the charge.

One told Reuters they went to the hotel for a graduation party.

Muhammad Bununu of the Hisbah Commission, a body charged with enforcing sharia law in the state, told reporters the accused were "addressing each other as women and dressing themselves as women."

The police brought handbags and suitcases of women's high-heel shoes and clothing to the court as evidence.

The 18 are not formally charged with homosexuality, which is illegal in Nigeria and considered immoral by the vast majority of people.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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