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Above and below: Paratroopers from Co. B, 3-509th PIR, 4th BCT (Abn.), 25th Inf. Div. and a military working dog team board a CH-53 Chinook helicopter before an air assault on a suspected weapons cache in Sawarah, along the Tigris River south of Baghdad, as part of Operation Marne Husky.

Soldiers, air power destroy rigged building

3RD CAB, 3RD INF. DIV.

BAGHDAD — Coalition Forces conducted an air assault in the Tigris River Valley south of Baghdad and destroyed a possible booby-trapped building and car bomb Aug. 21.

Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division were transported to the target area via helicopters from the Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. The operation was dubbed Falcon Fury II, another air assault conducted in support of Marne Husky.

After arriving on the objective, a local resident pointed the Paratroopers to a building where he believed a weapons

cache was hidden. They moved to the structure and saw wires leading from a junction box to various parts of the structure and into the vehicle beside the structure.

Apache helicopters destroyed the suspected car bomb with a hellfire missile, and Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt jets leveled the building with a 500-pound bomb. An Air Force B-1 bomber destroyed a nearby suspected cache with another bomb.

Falcon Fury II falls under the umbrella of Marne Husky — the combined air and ground campaign led by the CAB to disrupt enemy insurgents' ability to recover after previous Marne offensives in the Arab Jabour and Salman Pak areas.



Insurgents target Coalition, but kill civilians

MAJ. JOE SOWERS

3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Insurgents who target Coalition and Iraqi security forces sometimes miss the mark — with grave consequences for Iraqi civilians.

Soldiers from Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, were targeted by insurgents while patrolling in Jisr Diyala, southeast of Baghdad, Aug. 21. U.S. Soldiers were unhurt, but two local children were caught in a roadside bomb explosion, killing one child and injuring another.

Capt. Darrell Melton, Troop C commander, a native of San Antonio, described the incident.

"The trail Bradley gunner was waving at two kids who were riding their bikes and were waving at my guys," Melton said. "The next thing the Bradley commander knew, one of the kids was gone in a puff and he was thrown backward

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— Capt. Chris Pearson,
Co. A, 1-15th Inf. Regt.

in the hatch. When he looked back, the other kid was crawling on the ground."

Melton said his Soldiers immediately dismounted their Bradley Fighting Vehicle and cautiously approached the wounded child. It is not uncommon for improvised explosive devices to be emplaced in groups and detonated on first responders coming to provide aid.

"He (the wounded child) crawled a few feet, when the medic on site, despite the danger, ran out to him, picked him up and ran back to the Bradley to administer first aid," Melton said.

The medic was able to stabilize the wounded child, Melton said. Troop C then evacuated the child to a U.S. Army medical facility nearby.

Such incidents are not unique to Troop C. Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, came upon a grieving family in the course of a routine combat patrol Aug. 13 in Salman Pak.

Capt. Chris Pearson, of Birmingham, Ala., met with a local banking official in Salman Pak to discuss issues and prospective solutions concerning the banking industry in the local area.

After the meeting, a town councilman approached him with a father who had lost his son earlier in the day to a roadside bomb.

Pearson said he did not talk directly to the father, but the councilman ex-

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VBC DESERT STRIDERS

- We are a new running group established to promote the sport of running and fitness
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TARGET: *Children killed, injured in attack*

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plained the father just wanted to bury his son in accordance with Muslim tradition.

"I expressed the Coalition's condolences," Pearson said. "Even though the IEDs target police or Coalition Forces, they can hit children and families. They are the ones who suffer."

The councilman informed Pearson that the family was having trouble getting through checkpoints and requested U.S. Soldier assistance in traveling to the cemetery.

"Just to make it easier, we had them travel with us," Pearson said.

After dropping off the family, Pearson's element began movement to Combat Outpost Cahill, north of Salman Pak. While traveling to COP Cahill, Pearson's unit received word that the grieving family had run into another IED as they were returning from the burial. No one was seriously injured in the second incident.

Pearson further explained that National Police, local Iraqi Police, governmental leaders and Coalition Forces all play a role in maintaining security in the area. When Pearson's unit arrived in March, the local populace and Iraqi Security Forces had not yet developed a trusting relationship.

"There are still a lot of improvements that need to be made," Pearson said. "Everyday it gets better. There are highs and lows. They've begun attending meetings together and as long as they are communicating, it's helpful."

Caring for the people



Air Force Master Sgt. Jonathan Doti

Soldiers in 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) conduct a medical civilian aid program in Mahmudiyah Aug. 17.

Safety Thought of the Day

Vehicle Trailers

- Do not stand between trailer drawbar and truck coupler during hook-up procedures to prevent being pinned between truck and trailer.
- Towing trailers too large or too small for the vehicle capacity may cause the trailers to not track the tow vehicle properly, cargo shifting and/or a capsize.
- When driving the towing vehicle and trailer, keep the overall length of the unit in mind when passing other vehicles and turning.
- Slow down for curves, wet or rough roads, or downgrades.
- Anticipate all stops to take longer as a result of the added weight. Brake early and gently.



Headline Highlights

Frozen bodies; father of 78; drunk sailing

Bodies found, 40 years later

GUWAHATI, India (Reuters) — The snow-preserved body of an Indian soldier was given to his family Tuesday, nearly 40 years after he died in a plane crash in the Himalayas, an official said.

Soldiers discovered the frozen bodies of Mahendranath Phukan and two other victims half-buried in snow on a glacier at an altitude of 17,500 feet on a search earlier this month.

"The body is intact and not decomposed," said an army commander, who asked not to be named in keeping with army protocol.

The corpses were discovered close to where an army plane crashed in 1968 in the mountains of Himachal Pradesh state, but the army has not yet disclosed the identity of the other two victims.

Only one other body has even been found following the crash, in which all 102 passengers are believed to have been killed.

Phukan's body, wrapped in the Indian flag, was given to his family Tuesday morning in Deodhai Gaon Deuri Chuk village in Assam, a state in northeastern India, the commander said.

UAE father of 78 aims for 100

DUBAI (Reuters) — A one-legged Emirati father of 78 is lining up his next two wives in a bid to reach his target of 100 children by 2015, Emirates Today reported on Monday.

Daad Mohammed Murad Abdul

Rahman, 60, has already had 15 brides although he has to divorce them as he goes along to remain within the legal limit of four wives at a time.

"In 2015 I will be 68 years old and will have 100 children," the local tabloid quoted Abdul Rahman as saying.

"After that I will stop marrying. I have to have at least three more marriages to hit the century."

The United Arab Emirates newspaper splashed its front page with a picture of Abdul Rahman surrounded by his children, the eldest of whom is 36 years old and the youngest of whom is 20 days old. Two of his current three wives are also pregnant.

Abdul Rahman said his large family lived in 15 houses. He supports them with his military pension and the help of the government of Ajman, one of seven emirates that comprise the UAE, which includes the Gulf trade and tourism hub of Dubai.

Islam allows men to marry up to four women at a time, though most marry only one. The UAE is a Muslim country but is home to migrants from around the world.

Breathalyzer imminent for Spanish yacht owners

MADRID (Reuters) — Yacht owners in Spanish resorts may be breathalyzed after police found revelers were sailing home from parties to avoid being caught drunk-driving.

Authorities in the southeastern region of Murcia say the number of al-

cohol-related accidents off its beaches has increased this summer. A person died in one collision.

"We are trying to avoid people sailing who have quite a lot of alcohol in their blood after parties and meals," a government spokeswoman said.

"We have reason to believe that some boat owners are not using their car after drinking but are using their yachts," said Luis Gestoso, the head of Murcia's civil protection body.

Police are cracking down on drink-driving on Spanish roads in an attempt to cut the death rate, which is almost double that of countries like the Netherlands and Britain.

Hijack 'bomb' only clay

ANKARA (Reuters) — A "bomb" hijackers threatened to use against hostages on a Turkish plane Saturday turned out to be a block of modeling clay with wires attached, several Turkish newspapers reported Sunday.

Two men, one Turkish and one a Syrian passport holder thought to be Palestinian, hijacked the plane early Saturday as it headed from Turkish-backed northern Cyprus to Istanbul.

Most passengers were quickly released or escaped through emergency exits but six crew and passengers were held hostage until the hijackers surrendered about five hours after forcing the plane to land in southern Turkey.

The pair had demanded to be taken to Tehran, but their motives were not clear, officials said.

Sudoku

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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

Shelter

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