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Sign of a successful raid



Sgt. Ben Brody

Sixteen members of Jaysh al-Mahdi, a Shiite militant group, were detained by U.S. and Iraqi troops during a joint raid Sept. 1 in Mahmudiyah. See tomorrow's *Dog Face Daily* for the full story and additional photos.

Cav troopers earn coveted combat spurs

1ST LT. SEAN TROESCH
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CAMP STRIKER — It's not a Super Bowl ring, a pennant or a trophy. Yet a pair of them marks success and achievement. For cavalry Soldiers, it is all about the gold spurs.

The Soldiers of Troop D, 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort

Drum, N.Y., currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, participated in the time-honored tradition of the spur ceremony Aug. 27.

The spur ceremony is a time-honored tradition in every cavalry unit. In days of old, when "green troopers" first arrived at their new cavalry assignments, they were in need of extensive training. During this phase of training, the troopers were not allowed to wear spurs, since this would simply com-

pound their problems.

Cavalry Soldiers were required to undergo rigorous training and professional development, and only when they were able to demonstrate their ability to perform with their horse and saber were they awarded the coveted spurs.

Today, spurs indicate the modern trooper has demonstrated cavalry and

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Soldiers, Iraqi leaders discuss medical aid

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FOB KALSU — In the first step toward a larger project, members from the 3rd Infantry Division met with Iraqi business leaders to discuss a \$25,000 contract for upcoming medical assessment missions.

The discussion was centered on future medicines needed for upcoming humanitarian missions, contracts for businesses, payment and delivery means.

"This was the initial phase of a bigger project," said 1st Lt. Maria Lucero, a linguist with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div.

The project is to help the residents of Arab Jabour reach a better quality of life by providing medical aid, especially for the children, she added.

The meeting took several steps toward meeting this goal.

By working through Iraqi companies, the brigade is able to help the economy of Iraq by placing money into its businesses, Lucero said. "We want the money to stay in Iraq."

The \$25,000 contract will also help provide employment. Besides creating jobs in the pharmacies producing the drugs that Soldiers will distribute during their medical assessment missions, jobs will also be created by hiring local Iraqi doctors to perform alongside Coalition medics.

The jobs created in both of these endeavors will help employ many of the young military-aged men in the area who may have otherwise turned to illegal activities to get money, Lucero said.

Seeing Iraqis performing the missions with Soldiers will also put an



Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

1st Lt. Maria Lucero (left) and Shaho Hussein (in striped shirt) meet with two Iraqi contractors Sept. 1 at FOB Kalsu.

Iraqi face on the mission, which will help citizens have more faith in their own people and government, Lucero added.

Working with Iraqis also promotes the message that Soldiers want to serve the people and work with them.

"We want to serve the people and we want your help to do something better," said Shaho Hussein, an embedded provisional reconstruction team bilingual, bicultural adviser.

Although there are several more steps needed, such as having the Iraqis set a price for the medicine and fill out a contract, Maj. Catherine Haverty, Civil

Affairs Team B, an emergency room nurse in the civilian world, was pleased with the results.

"We made contacts and established relations," Haverty said.

Likewise, the Iraqi contractors were pleased with the coordination.

"We are very proud of this cooperation between the people and U.S.," said one of the representatives. "It is a benefit for our country."

"We are very grateful and hope you stay here; we are safe and happy among you," his partner said. "May your efforts get realized by God and not just people."

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SPURS: 1-89 troopers become part of time-honored cavalry tradition

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leadership skills greater than those expected of a common Soldier.

Spurs are visual symbols of the demonstrated qualities of professional excellence which all cavalymen hold in high regard — esprit de corps, technical and tactical competence, common sense, judgment, humor, humility, daring, dash, and panache.

Only those who have served in combat with a cavalry unit and been issued a spurs certificate are authorized to wear gold combat spurs.

The ceremony began with a brief dinner, and opening comments by Capt. Joe Vargas, commander of Troop D, who spoke about the history and traditions of the cavalry.

He was followed by Squadron Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Morris, the squadron's senior cavalryman, who provided the troopers with the significance of their induction into the "Order of the Spur."

The troopers then lined up and, one by one, mounted the troop's steed to be presented their spurs by the chain of command.

In preparation for the ceremony, the maintenance platoon constructed the troop's mount — a 55-gallon barrel welded to a frame and customized to resemble the horse of the cavalry of old.

Painted in the traditional cavalry colors of red and white, with a rope handle set across the flanks, the mount proved sturdy enough to provide a seat for the new inductees, and even sur-



Courtesy photo

First Sgt. Darryl Hill shakes hands with Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Morris as he is awarded a pair of cavalry spurs by Lt. Col. Mark Suich. Hill is astride the cavalry squadron's "horse" for the honors, held at the Camp Striker dining facility Aug. 27.

vived a number of courageous — and outrageous — mounting techniques employed by exuberant Soldiers.

In all, 55 combat-hardened Soldiers of Troop D were recognized for their achievements and inducted into the

Order of the Spur. The new inductees are scheduled to return to Fort Drum in the fall, where they will play a key role in training the next batch of "green troopers" to ensure their success in the next combat deployment.

Safety Thought of the Day

UAS-Shadow Safety

- High sound levels are present during launch. Wear approved hearing protection when within 300 feet of the AV during high power engine runs.
- All nonessential personnel must be a minimum of 100 feet away from the Launcher. Use caution when working around GPU Output Connector; it supplies a 24VDC charge with a capacity of 1000 amps.
- The normal AV operating temperature range is -22 to 122 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The UAS-Shadow should not be launched in winds greater than 20 knots steady, gusting to 25 knots



- Failure to comply with the all procedures listed in the technical manual may result in injury or death.

Headline Highlights

Freed minks; man-girdles;

Farmers chase freed minks

HELSINKI (Reuters) — Farmers and other locals were chasing thousands of minks let out of their cages at a fur farm in western Finland early on Friday by suspected animal rights activists.

About half the 2,500 minks released from unlocked cages in Mustasaari, 400 km (250 miles) northwest of Helsinki, had been recaptured by 1000 GMT, but it could take several days to round up the others, police said.

"We have no firm suspects at the moment. But the letters EVR were spray-painted on a feed silo at the farm. In this connection it usually means Animal Liberation Front in Finnish," Chief Inspector Mika Jylha told Reuters, but added: "Of course, anyone could write that."

Men girdle up to battle bulge

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japanese men worried about bulging bellies now have another option to cutting back on beer — slip into a boxer brief girdle or T-shirt with tummy-control panels.

Overweight adults are still far rarer in Japan than in the United States, but the trend is definitely up for men, especially the middle-aged. Many suffer from metabolic syndrome, a condition characterized by excess fat around the abdomen.

A fashion trend toward slimmer cuts in suits and form-fitting trousers is also making men — even the relatively slender — more worried whether their hips, bellies and thighs pass muster.

"We made our men's brand aimed at those in their 30s and 40s, but it has been selling well among younger guys too," said Asako Iwahashi, a spokeswoman for underwear maker Triumph International Japan, which introduced its line of girdles for men last year.

"Young men are wearing tighter trousers now and like women, they want a cleaner line."

Wacoal Holding's "Completely Nude" tummy-tightening briefs are also proving popular, as are Fukuske Corp's "Shapers for Men" line of shorts and T-shirts, company officials said.

How much men are willing to suffer for fashion, though, is still in some doubt.

"Lots of older men come to look at the support underwear," said a spokeswoman for a Tokyo branch of Tobu Department Store.

"But sales aren't growing drastically yet."

Lovers fined for a hug

BEIJING (Reuters) — China has punished three policemen for detaining and fining two young lovers 5,000 yuan (\$660) for hugging in public on the Chinese version of Valentine's Day.

The couple paused to embrace while taking a stroll along a river in Jinshi in the central province of Hunan, the Shanghai Daily said.

"As we hugged each other, three policemen came and separated us so they could ask questions. They brought us to the police station and didn't free us un-

til we paid a 5,000 yuan fine," the paper quoted female detainee, Xiao Hong, as saying in an Internet posting on a local news portal.

The police were in plain clothes and many other couples were out strolling on the evening of "Qi Xi" — a local festival often dubbed Chinese Valentine's Day, the Beijing News said in a separate report.

Internet users poured derision on the police, which "forced officials to look into the case," the paper said.

"The three policemen have been punished. We have never dealt with such a case before," the paper quoted a clerk at the police station as saying.

Police had refunded the money to Xiao Hong's boyfriend and apologized, the paper said.

Police in China have previously taken a dim view of public displays of affection. Last October, volunteers offering "free hugs" in a shopping street in Beijing were hauled away for questioning.

Man held for stealing bridge

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russian police have detained a 45-year-old municipal worker for stealing a bridge.

The 5-meter span metal bridge disappeared from a river crossing in the Ryazan region, east of Moscow. Police said they tracked it down to the man, who had used his work truck to remove it and then chopped it up and sold it for scrap.

In a statement, Ryazan region police called it "the bulkiest theft of the year."

Sudoku

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

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