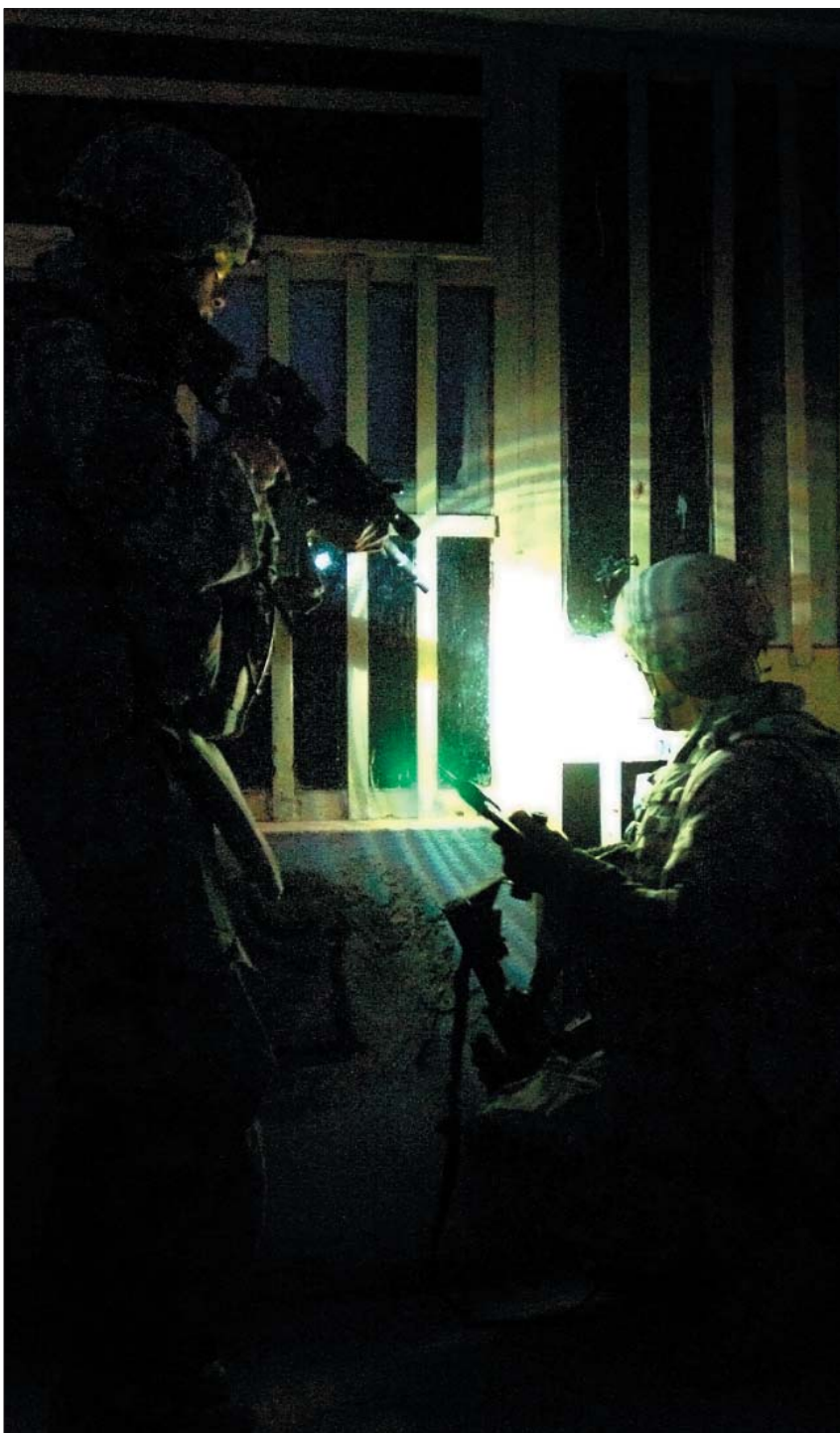


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Soldiers from Btry. A, 2-15th FA, break into a building while searching Mahmudiyah's Al Qa Qaa apartments for Shiite extremists Sept. 1.

Troops detain 16 suspected Shia extremists

SGT. BEN BRODY
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MAHMUDIYAH — In a predawn raid on a large apartment complex in Mahmudiyah, Coalition and Iraqi troops detained 16 suspected Shiite extremist members Sept. 1.

Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), out of Fort Drum, N.Y., along with their Iraqi counterparts from 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, conducted the combined air assault and ground operation.

Mahmudiyah's al-Qa Qaa apartment complex is about a square mile of three-story buildings housing thousands of residents, mainly lower-income Shiites.

After an Iraqi army company commander was killed by Shiite Extremist in Mahmudiyah Aug. 28, U.S. and Iraqi forces have worked together to bring the perpetrators to justice, raiding Shiite safe houses and homes.

Soldiers in UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters landed in the darkness and quickly surrounded the target buildings, ensuring no one fled the scene.

A few minutes later, U.S. and Iraqi troops arrived in Humvees and Badger armored troop carriers to search the buildings.

The force swept through the buildings, and brought all military-age males down to a central point for questioning as OH-58 Kiowa helicopters circled the area.

After the males were in military control and a cursory search had been conducted, Soldiers with bomb-sniffing dogs thoroughly cleared the apartments and put evidence into plastic bags marked with the apartment's number.

Although the dogs did not sniff out any explosives, among the items confiscated were two Iraqi police pistols, 120 Iraqi-style gas masks and an

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Photos by Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Soldiers from Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division sing in the Task Force Marne gospel choir during the ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for Honor Chapel, held Sept. 1. Above, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L. Andrews Jr. cut the ribbon on the new chapel, located in front of TF Marne headquarters.

New chapel is spiritual sanctuary for Soldiers

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CAMP VICTORY — In Iraq, life is anything but peaceful, and even a “safe” environment inside the wire is not exactly considered suitable for any kind of personal reflection.

Where are Task Force Marne Soldiers to go when they need a place to get in touch with their spiritual side? Until Sunday, they’d been going wherever they could.

“You know, a place of worship can be any place in which one can sense the presence of God,” said Master Sgt. Kevin Crawford, a worship leader for the TF Marne gospel service. “We started here in a dusty tent near the motor pool, with the same fervency we have now for worship.”

Now, nearly six months after arriving in theater, Soldiers no longer have to meet in the motor pool.

TF Marne commander Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch and Command Sergeant

Major Jesse L. Andrews Jr. cut the ribbon on Honor Chapel Sept. 2.

“I’ve got to tell you, what I think we’re about to dedicate here is a sanctuary,” Lynch said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. “I don’t believe it’s a church; I don’t believe it’s a mosque; I don’t believe it’s a synagogue. It’s a chapel and it’s a sanctuary, because we all have to have a place to go to find peace.”

Since there are a plethora of religious backgrounds represented here, the chapel is non-denominational — all are welcome.

“It helps to have a place to call a resting place,” Crawford said. “People have always had a need to make a particular place into a holy place; if it brings about pure worship, then it’s a worthy investment indeed.”

Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Bueno, 3rd Inf. Div. chaplain’s office plans and operations NCO, said the chapel had been in the works since before the division even deployed.

“We started requesting the facil-

ity while we were still at Fort Stewart (Ga.),” Bueno said. “At first we were told it would take four months, then five. We had to borrow some furniture and equipment from other chapels in the area in order to open.

“We’re still waiting for the rest of our stuff to come in,” he added, “but it’s good to have a place.”

After the ribbon-cutting, Soldiers crowded into Honor Chapel for the rest of the dedication ceremony. Crawford, on a new keyboard, led the gospel choir in a song.

“Our new chapel represents the priority of our country and this Marne Division,” he said. “For some, a recreation center, sports bar, or movie theater may have been erected first. The fact that we wanted the chapel erected and in use as soon as possible speaks of our priority as a fighting force.

“We realize that it’s about God and country, and that keeping Soldiers fortified means helping them to maintain their faith first.”

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RAID: Coalition, Iraqi forces capture 16 during predawn sweep

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AK-47 assault rifle.

"It was a well-executed mission — we quickly isolated the objective and surprised our targets," said Capt. Nick Ziembra of Battery A, 2-15 FAR. "The Iraqi soldiers have made great progress acting professionally and getting the job done."

Ziembra, from Wilbraham, Mass., said his unit has a good rapport with the Mahmudiyah soldiers and that they are growing together as a joint force.

"By operating alongside us, they pick up a lot of our tactics, while we pick up on their cultural knowledge," he said. "They remind us that we're not always dealing with the enemy — a lot of the people in Mahmudiyah are becoming familiar, friendly faces."

After 16 suspected Shiite extremists were identified by informants and Iraqi troops, the rest of the men were released to their apartments.

"One of the guys we picked up today is wanted for multiple murders and forcing people from their homes," said Capt. Dustin Walker, intelligence officer for 2-15 FAR. "Within two hours of the operation, I received five phone calls from Iraqis asking us not to release him. The people of Mahmudiyah do not support Shiite extremists and just want to live in peace."

The 16 males detained were taken into IA custody for further questioning.



Photos by Sgt. Ben Brody

A resident of Mahmudiyah's al-Qa Qaa apartments waits in the hall as U.S. and Iraqi troops search the building for Shiite extremists Sept. 1. At left, Sgt. Carlos Tavares swings a hammer to smash down an apartment door.

Safety Thought of the Day

Safe Vehicle and Equipment Operations

Squad leader or first line supervisor responsibilities:

- Ensure vehicle and equipment operators are properly trained and licensed.
- Ensure operators are trained in PMCS, safe driving practices, and correct loading techniques.
- Review operator forms and records for accuracy and completeness as required by the chain of command.

Each vehicle or equipment operator will:

- Not operate a vehicle or piece of

equipment unless properly licensed.

- Operate vehicles or equipment in a safe and prudent manner.
- Report unsafe operating conditions of vehicles or equipment.
- Ensure cargo (including personnel) is properly loaded and secured.
- Ensure vehicles or equipment are properly serviced.
- Wear installed restraint systems and use ground guides when backing.
- Inform supervisor if using medication that may cause drowsiness.

Headline Highlights

Wikipedia faux pas; taxi fashion; superjumbo

Royal couple edited own Wikipedia entry

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — Prince Johan Friso of the Netherlands and his wife Princess Mabel edited information about her past in the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, the royal family said Friday.

Friso, 38, the younger brother of heir to the throne Prince Willem-Alexander, gave up his place in the line of succession in 2004 when he married Mabel Wisse Smit without official consent because of a controversial relationship she had had with a Dutch drug baron.

A spokesman for the Dutch royal family, headed by Queen Beatrix, confirmed that the entry on Wikipedia describing Mabel's relationship with slain drug baron Klaas Bruinsma had been changed from a computer in one of the queen's palaces.

When Prince Johan Friso asked the Dutch parliament in 2003 for permission to marry Mabel, Dutch media published details of her relationship with Bruinsma, who was shot and killed in 1991 in front of the Amsterdam Hilton hotel.

As a result, the couple decided not to seek parliament's permission for their marriage, which resulted in Friso renouncing his right to the throne.

Mabel said she had known Bruinsma vaguely but later admitted spending several nights on his boat.

The edits were discovered by Dutch media using Wiki Scanner, an online tool that tracks changes to Wikipedia, where anyone can submit and edit entries.

According to Wiki Scanner, the entry saying Mabel provided "incomplete and false information" about Bruinsma was changed to just "incomplete information" in January 2006.

Friso and his wife are the latest in a long list of people, companies and institutions that have changed their entries in Wikipedia. It is usually considered bad taste to change one's own entry in the online encyclopedia.

Wiki Scanner has also revealed that changes to entries on the Iraq war and Guantanamo Bay prison have been made from CIA and FBI computers.

Fashion war on taxi slobs

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Malaysia is cracking down on shabbily dressed taxi-drivers, fining them for not tucking in their shirts or for wearing shoes of the wrong color.

Malaysia's lowly paid tax-drivers are supposed to wear white shirts, dark trousers and black shoes, but in reality passengers are happy if they can just persuade them to use the meter.

But the Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board is out to make a fashion statement, the Star newspaper said Monday, quoting its chairman as saying drivers had to present a professional image.

Taxi-drivers have been fined 100-300 ringgit (\$29-\$86) — or up to three days' average wages — for wearing an off-white shirt or getting behind the wheel without socks, angering the drivers and reducing one of them to tears, the paper added.

"I actually saw a taxi-driver crying over having to pay a fine of 200 ringgit

when I was at the (licensing board's) office recently," Abdul Jalil Maarof, president of the Klang Valley Taxi Owners Association, told the Star.

Man pays \$100,000 for superjumbo tickets

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — An Australian man has paid S\$152,898 (\$100,000) for two first class tickets for the maiden commercial flight of the world's biggest passenger plane, Singapore Airlines said Tuesday.

The plane, an Airbus A380, is scheduled to take off from Singapore for Sydney on October 25.

An airline spokesman said that Australian businessman Julian Hayward bought the premium one-way tickets in a charity auction.

Singapore Airlines, the world's biggest carrier by stock market value and the first to fly the A380 commercially, put all tickets for the 471-seater up for sale on online auction Web site eBay on August 27. Bidding will close Sept. 10.

So far, more than 100 tickets have been sold, raising a total of \$400,000.

Franco-German plane maker Airbus is scheduled to hand over the first A380 jet to Singapore Airlines on October 15, ending a frustrating two-year wait that cost Airbus parent EADS billions of dollars. The carrier said in a statement it would also auction tickets for the plane's October 26 Sydney-Singapore return flight.

Auction prices are starting at US\$3.80 for economy class, US\$38 for business class, and US\$380 for first class seats.

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

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