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Enemy loses passage point

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HAWR RAJAB — An AH-64 Apache attack helicopter supporting Paratroopers of the “Denali Squadron” found and engaged an illegal crossing point here Sept. 4.

The helicopter’s crew observed and engaged the illegal crossing point with two hellfire missiles, rendering it impassable.

Insurgents often use illegal bridge crossings like the one in Haw Rajab to avoid Coalition checkpoints.

Paratroopers of 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, currently attached to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, are conducting operations in Hawr Rajab to eliminate insurgents’ ability to maneuver and transport weapons and explosives into Baghdad.

Courtesy photo

Paratroopers with 1-40th Cav. Regt. watches behind cover as an illegal crossing is rendered impassable.



Soldiers legitimize concerned citizens

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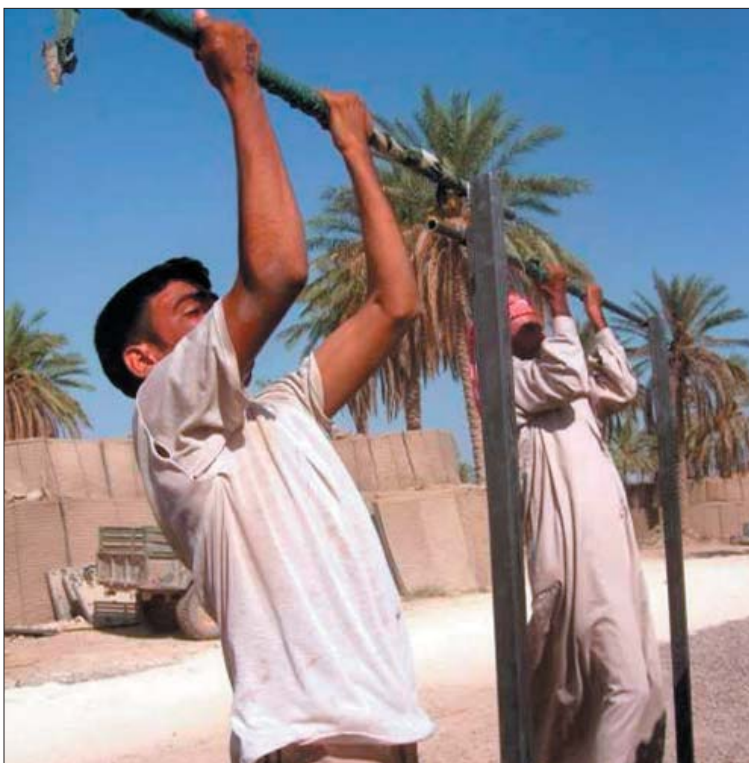
PB WARRIOR KEEP — Local police forces are vital to order and safety in Iraqi villages, but some communities have not seen a law enforcement presence for years.

Coalition troops are helping concerned citizens fill this gap, paving the way for them to become legitimate Iraqi police officers.

To assist in the process, Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, and 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, both from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), out of Fort Drum, N.Y., tested Iraqi police recruits at Patrol Base Warrior Keep Sept. 4-6.

More than 700 Iraqi men from each of the seven tribes within Sadr al Yusufiyah showed up for the drive, but only 412 made the cut.

The recruits were selected from a group of concerned local citizens by Sheiks and other operational leaders to



Courtesy photo

A concerned citizen does pull-ups during Iraqi police testing at PB Warrior Keep Sept. 4.

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Baghdad governor meets Arab Jabour leaders



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

Former Iraqi army Brig. Gen. Mustafa Kamel Hamad Shabib Al-Jabouri (far left) meets with the Governor of Baghdad, Hussain al Tahan (center) and other key leaders Sept. 3.

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PB MURRAY – Coalition Forces hosted the first meeting between Baghdad Governor Hussain al Tahan and the leader of the Concerned Citizens program in Arab Jabour, former Iraqi army Gen. Mustafa Kamel Hamad Shabib al Jabouri, also known as Gen. Mustafa, Sept 3.

Baghdad officials and Arab Jabour community leaders met to discuss the legitimization of Gen. Mustafa's concerned citizens group. Also participating in the meeting were the mayor of Mahmudiya-Muyad Fadil, and Sheik Toma, a prominent Arab Jabour community leader.

Other topics of discussion included plans to open a police station in the region, repair Arab Jabour schools and roads, provide assistance with 20 water pumps and the construction of a medical clinic.

This marks the first time any Iraqi government officials and Arab Jabour community leaders have met.

A moment in Marne history September 6-7, 1951

Cpl. Jerry K. Crump, a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. During the night a numerically superior hostile force launched an assault against his platoon, overrunning friendly positions and swarming into the sector.

Crump repeatedly exposed himself to deliver effective fire, inflicting numerous casualties. Observing two enemy soldiers endeavoring to capture a friendly machinegun, he charged and killed both with his bayonet, regaining control of the weapon. Returning to his position, now occupied by 4 of his wounded comrades, he continued his accurate fire into enemy troops surrounding his emplacement.

When a hostile soldier hurled a grenade into the position, Crump immediately flung himself over the missile, absorbing the blast with his body and saving his comrades from death or serious injury.

His aggressive actions so inspired his comrades that a spirited counterattack drove the enemy from the perimeter. Crump's heroic devotion to duty, indomitable fighting spirit, and willingness to sacrifice himself to save his comrades reflect the highest credit upon himself, the infantry and the U.S. Army.



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IPs: 2-14th Infantry Soldiers help Iraqi police recruit concerned citizens

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become official members of the Iraqi police.

Concerned citizens, who have been working with Soldiers for nearly three months, have not been allowed to act as an official part of the government before, but IP recruiting represents change within the 2nd BCT's area of operations.

"Having the government recognize these concerned citizens will help to build grassroots security within the local populace," said Lt. Col. John Valledor, of Weehawken, N.J., commander, 2-14th Inf. Regt. "Before, the concerned citizens had no real authority to enforce the law, but getting them legitimized will enable them to enforce the rule of law."

Choosing the candidates did not come easy.

Each candidate was selected based on physical fitness, age and basic literacy skills.

After candidates were screened at the local level, their names were submitted to the Iraqi government with the intent of manning the new IP station forming in Sadr al Yusufiyah.

"There has not been a local police station in Sadr al Yusufiyah in four years," Valledor said. "But we are on the road to establishing governance



Courtesy photo

A Soldier from 2nd BSTB grades IP recruits as they do push-ups at PB Warrior Keep Sept. 4. Soldiers tested more than 700 recruits.

within this area."

The police station, which is scheduled for completion within a year, will be built on a piece of land donated from a private land owner and supported by

a local sheik.

The new police station will house newly transitioned concerned citizens when they become official members of the Iraqi police.

Safety Thought of the Day Anti-Fratricide Vehicle Markings

- IAW MND-C OPORD 07-20, all units should ensure that they have the appropriate markings on convoy vehicles to aid in vehicle recognition:
- All vehicles in convoys shall display a national flag representation in the left side (as you look at vehicle) of the front passenger side window to aid in day recognition.
- All convoy NTVs, including contractor convoy escorts, shall display a pennant or VS-17 panel or other high visibility fabric to aid in day recognition.
- All designated military convoy escort vehicles in a convoy shall display an IR strobe either on the roof or the



dashboard at night to aid in night recognition for any units traveling using NVGs.

- In addition, convoys may use white light (headlights) at command discretion.

Headline Highlights

Loose lion; killer author; plagiarized apology

Three bears, lion try to leave Kazakhstan zoo

ALMATY (Reuters) — A lion escaped from its cage at a Kazakh zoo over the weekend, the second such incident in a month, news media reported Monday.

The six-year-old lion called Adam sneaked out of his cage through a door that had been accidentally left open, Kazakhstan Today news agency reported.

The lion roamed around freely for half an hour before zoo workers lured it back to safety.

Just a month ago, three bears broke out of their enclosure in the same zoo in southern Kazakhstan.

Truth stranger than fiction

WARSAW (Reuters) — A Polish crime writer has been jailed for 25 years after authorities found he had committed a murder that had been described in one of his thrillers, officials said Wednesday.

In his 2003 book "Amok," Krystian Bala described in detail the brutal murder of a Polish businessman.

Police found that the fictional crime had similarities with a case in 2000 when a body was fished out of the river Oder in the town of Wroclaw, near the German border. Prosecutors said Bala had humiliated, tortured, starved and later killed his victim, who had a love affair with the writer's wife.

"The court has sentenced Krystian B. to 25 years in prison for the murder of his ex-wife's lover," said a spokesman for the court in Wroclaw.

Bala told authorities that he had taken details of the case from press reports and made up other aspects of the story.

Woman lived with dead aunt

VIENNA (Reuters) — An Austrian woman lived with the mummified remains of her aunt for a year, Vienna police said Wednesday.

Officers found the corpse of the 96-year-old aunt under a blanket on a bed after ignoring the 51-year-old niece's claim that her aunt was sleeping and should not be disturbed, a police statement said.

A preliminary inquiry had determined that the niece, who was taken to a psychiatric hospital for examination, may have covered up the death for financial reasons, it added.

Austrian news agency APA quoted police investigator Gerald Hoebart as saying possible theft was being looked into since the younger woman appeared to have lived off her aunt's pension since the death and used her cash-point card to withdraw money.

An autopsy was planned to check whether any foul play was involved in the death, believed to have happened in August 2006.

Official plagiarizes apology

BEIJING (Reuters) — Music, books and Hollywood films... China can now add testimonies of regret by corrupt officials to its exhaustive list of copyright violations.

Zhang Shaocang, former Communist

Party chief of state-owned power company Anhui Province Energy Group Co Ltd, wept as he read a four-page "letter of apology" during his corruption trial at a court in Fuyang, Anhui, according to a Procuratorial Daily report reproduced in Wednesday's Beijing News.

But Zhang's sentiments were later found to be strikingly similar to those of Zhu Fuzhong, a disgraced former party chief of Tongan village in southwestern Sichuan province, whose apology letter was printed in the Procuratorial Daily less than two weeks before.

"Before working, I never gave much thought to money and regarded achievement as the starting point and end result of my work," the paper quoted both of the letters as saying.

"I gradually lost my bearings and the scope of my position," Zhang said at his trial, an exact copy of Fu's own wording.

Apart from using whole sentences word for word, Zhang also -- more craftily -- made "slight changes" in other areas.

The Procuratorial Daily, the official paper of China's top prosecutions office, is distributed as reading material at many "supervision venues," the paper said, referring to the often secret locations where Communist Party officials are held for questioning.

It was possible that Zhang, while being investigated for charges of bribe-taking, had drawn inspiration from Zhu's apology in the hope of gaining leniency from the court, the paper said.

"Because of this, Zhang's apology was dismissed as 'show-boating,'" the paper said.

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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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