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Soldiers from Co. A, 1-15th Inf. Regt., 3rd HBCT, patrol through an orchard with a mine detector during a cordon and search of a farm in Salman Pak Sept. 21. At right, Pfc. Henry Krigbaum, 3rd Pltn., Co. A, 1-15th Inf. Regt., climbs in the back of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle after conducting a joint clearance mission with Iraqi National Police in Salman Pak Sept. 21.



Soldiers, INPs take on insurgents during Operation Blore Heath III

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FOB HAMMER — The 1st Iraqi National Police Brigade cleared a road connecting al-Bawi and Stiyah during a combined effort with 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, resulting in the killing of six insurgents Sept. 21.

Iraqi National Police, in conjunction

with Company A, 1-15 Inf. Regt., conducted the mission to make the route safer.

The mission started with the 1st Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st NP Brigade, linking up with the 3rd platoon of Co. A for the mission.

The 3rd Battalion NPs were engaged by small-arms and machine-gun fire. One NP was wounded during the ex-

change. As the NPs maneuvered on the insurgents, 3rd platoon, Co. A, moved to assist and cleared six buildings from where the fire was originating.

The NPs discovered an improvised explosive device while clearing the area. A quick reaction force and explosive ordnance disposal personnel from

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Golf pros get servicemembers into the swing

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FOB HAMMER — Golfers from the Professional Golfers' Association of America and Ladies Professional Golfers' Association shared some laughs, their equipment and experience with servicemembers at FOB Hammer and FOB Kalsu Sept. 23.

The visits were part of the Fairways 2 Greens Golf Tour that had four professional golfers touring 15 locations in Iraq in only six days.

Golfers Carl Paulson, Jim Carter, Suzanne Strudwick and Mollie Fankhauser set up a small putting hole in the gym where they gave a little instruction before heading outside to help servicemembers with their swings at an impromptu driving range.

Sgt. Raymond Lemelin has not had much opportunity to work on his game since being deployed with the Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, as an unmanned aerial vehicle operator. Originally from Miami, Lemelin said he loves playing golf and what it does for him.

"I could sit out here and watch this all day," Lemelin said. "Golf is probably the most relaxing thing for me."

Servicemembers took advantage of the professional help.

"There were a couple of things I was concerned with about my swing," Lemelin said. "They pointed out what I was doing wrong and helped me square it away."

Staff Sgt. Andrew Pearce, battle non-commissioned officer, 3rd HBCT, said he tries to play golf two or three times per week at home, but, like Lemelin, has not had a chance to work on his



Staff Sgt. Tony Lindback

Staff Sgt. Andrew Pearce tees off after getting pointers from pro golfers at FOB Hammer Sept. 23.

game in Iraq.

"Six or seven months out here will put a hurting on your game," Pearce said. "I've almost hit two guys in the head out here. Mollie helped me on a couple things. She widened up my stance and got my stance squared up."

Strudwick, originally from Stafford, England, who is semi-retired, has spent 13 years living in Knoxville, Tenn., and playing in the LPGA. Though Iraq is new to her, Strudwick said she knew what to expect for the most part.

"I have played in Dubai three years in a row when I played the European tour," Strudwick said. "I kind of knew the general area. I have seen sand and camels and things like that, but I have never been to a base camp or FOB."

The golf tour was able to reach out to the Soldiers in a way most morale tours cannot, Strudwick said.

"We've been to a lot of the smaller

places that don't get a lot of the entertainers or sports people visiting," Strudwick said. "It's a great way to interact with the Soldiers. We've really been able to interact with everybody."

"It's amazing how passionate and young the Soldiers are," she added about 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division troops during her visit to Kalsu. "To be so young and have a skill level so high ... is amazing."

Smiles could be seen after every well-driven and poorly-smacked ball that left the tee. What seemed to get the most laughs, however, was the rash of club-breaking shots.

"You guys are so strong. We've lost clubs all the way around. Which is good, we want you to be strong," Strudwick said after a third golf club's head went flying off.

Carter said he joined this tour as his way to do something for the military.

"I'm kind of a born-in-the-Army, Army brat. I was born in Fort Bragg (N.C.)," Carter said. "This tour was something I wanted to do. Everyone in my family has been in the service except for me. This was a nice chance for me to give something back."

Sharing their knowledge of the game was beneficial to the servicemembers looking for a few less strokes on their scorecards, but it was beneficial to the golfers as well, Strudwick said.

"What we get to take home with us is a much deeper appreciation for what you guys do here," said Strudwick. "Not just because you're away from your families, and that you're sacrificing to be here — but it's the little things like having to walk to the latrines, the lack of privacy you have all the time. We'll be able to take that back and share it so everybody will know what's going on."

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Staff Sgt. Sean Riley

Pfc. Henry Krigbuam provides security outside of a house during a Operation Blore Heath III in Salman Pak Sept. 21.

BLORE: *Six insurgents killed during combat ops*

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Combat Outpost Cahill moved to the bomb site, and destroyed the IED.

While EOD and the 3rd Battalion NPs were completing the task of destroying the IED, 3rd platoon, Co. A, came under small-arms fire from another house. Bradley Fighting Vehicles moved to support the infantry platoon's repositioning of Soldiers in the line of fire with 25mm cannon and machine-gun fire.

Once the enemy fire ceased, AH-64 Apache attack helicopters, already on site in support of the mission, were called to the scene and engaged the enemy position with 30mm cannon-fire and Hellfire missiles.

A flight of U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons dropped a 500-pound bomb onto the house, killing six insurgents inside.

The 1-15 Inf. Regt. is assigned to the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March 2007.

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- Buy one, get one free Godfather's pizza with free delivery until 9 p.m. weekdays
- One VIP Delivery Card – buy five Godfather's pizzas, get the next one free

See your brigade combat team or battalion rear-detachment representative for coupon books. A Soldier must sign for the coupons to receive them.

Safety Thought of the Day

Gator Operator Safety Tips

- Ensure all operators are properly trained and licensed IAW AR 600-55.
- Drivers conduct a proper PMCS.
- Drivers and passengers will wear a helmet, protective eyewear, and seatbelts.
- Secure secondary loads and remember, no passengers in cargo area.
- Follow the rules of the road and maintain appropriate spacing with other vehicles.
- Ensure your speed is appropriate for conditions.

Headline Highlights

Batman in Hong Kong; woman in sumo ring

Batman's arrival ruffles Hong Kong politicians

HONG KONG (Reuters) — The arrival of Batman in Hong Kong this November for filming of the latest Hollywood sequel has ruffled local politicians who say the masked hero could disrupt traffic and cause noise pollution, reports said Friday.

In "The Dark Knight" due for release next July, the caped crusader will leave Gotham City for Hong Kong to fight his enemies, Hong Kong's Standard newspaper reported.

But local politicians who met the film's producers on Thursday reportedly expressed concerns at the inconvenience and "traffic chaos," Batman might cause during the nine-day shoot.

One district councilor warned residents in the normally teeming, high-decibel city to "prepare earplugs" as the movie-makers planned to use a helicopter for late night scenes, the report added.

"Of course, we are worried that the residents will be disturbed," Kam Nai-wai, a district councilor for the affected downtown district of Central was quoted as saying.

Hong Kong's stunning, modern cityscapes and harbor panoramas have proven a draw for Hollywood producers in the past, including a "Tomb Raider" movie starring Angelina Jolie.

"We welcome the movie but want to ensure arrangements are hassle free," said Kwok Ka-ki, a legislator who attended the meeting. "Just don't get it done in the middle of the night at 2 a.m.," he told Reuters, referring to the

helicopter sequences.

The Batman flick will be directed by Christopher Nolan and star Christian Bale, Heath Ledger and Michael Caine, with filming to also take place in Chicago and London according to reports.

Woman dives for sumo ring

TOKYO (Reuters) — A woman invaded a sumo ring -- a sacred arena from which females are banned -- in Tokyo during a major tournament, domestic media said on Thursday, then was pulled down by a referee and one of the sport's huge wrestlers.

The middle-aged woman dashed from the side of the Kokugikan sumo stadium Wednesday and shoved away a female security guard before rolling onto the ring just as a bout was set to begin, the Yomiuri newspaper said.

The Japan Sumo Association insisted that though the woman did enter the raised platform around the battling ring, she did not set foot on the ring, or dohyo, itself.

"It's bad for the heart," said Takami-sakari, a popular wrestler who helped catch the woman, told Sports Nippon daily. "What was the person trying to do while we were wrestling seriously?"

It was not clear why she had attempted to reach the ring during one of the sport's heavily televised six big tournaments, but she was carrying a bundle of flyers saying "help, bad spirits," Nikkan Sports daily reported.

Such an intrusion would be a severe faux pas for the ancient sport, which is so serious about keeping females out that a female governor of Osaka had to

delegate prize-giving duties to a male subordinate at a 2001 tournament.

Japan's giant wrestlers battle it out in a ring with a diameter of 4.6 meters (15 feet) set in the centre of a sand stage raised around 50 centimeters (19 inches) from the ground.

Tradition forbids women from entering the ring on the grounds that it is sacred and their presence, considered unclean, would pollute it.

"It's just the way it's been from the past," an official from the sumo association said. Women were also banned in the past from climbing mountains or entering mines in Japan.

Malaysia cop sacked for taking second wife

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — One policeman in mainly Muslim Malaysia has been sacked and another demoted — both for taking a second wife.

A newspaper said on Saturday the pair, who were married abroad, had not sought prior approval from their respective commanders.

"In the force, we have to vet whom they (policemen) want to marry as a policy," the New Straits Times quoted the country's police chief, Musa Hassan, as saying.

"You can't just simply marry anyone for security reasons. They got married overseas and they didn't even inform they went overseas," he said. "Let this be a lesson to other police officers."

Just over half of Malaysia's 26 million people are Muslims. Islam says a man can take up to four wives if he is able to support them.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Help me sah-ed-nee