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## Arab Jabour citizens receive medical treatment from Soldiers during humanitarian operation

**SGT. LUIS DELGADILLO**  
2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU — With the assistance of concerned citizens in Arab Jabour, Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Stewart, Ga., held a medical operation Oct. 3 for the local residents.

Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment provided security while 2nd BCT, 3rd Infantry Division, medical personnel gave medical evaluations, medicines, preventive medicine tips and small 'goodie' bags to children who were seen by medical staff in Arab Jabour.

First Lt. Quinalin C. Green, a physician's assistant for the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, said getting out into the community and letting people know that Coalition Forces are in the area is important.

The event was also a positive experience for the Soldiers involved.

Capt. Keri L. Mullen, brigade surgeon for the 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., said that she enjoyed getting an opportunity to help the men, women and children of Arab Jabour.



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

Lt. Col. Hee-Choon Lee, battalion surgeon for the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., checks an elderly Iraqi man's eyes during a medical operation in Arab Jabour Oct. 3.

## Iraqi Security Forces kill foreign fighter near Salman Pak

**MAJ. JOE SOWERS**  
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Iraqi policemen from the 1st Brigade, 1st National Police Division killed a foreign fighter from Yemen Sept. 27 southwest of Salman Pak.

This is the first confirmation of foreign fighters operating in areas patrolled by 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldiers or their Iraqi counterparts.

The Yemenese-born fighter, Abu

Muhammad Al-Yameni, was armed with a PKC machine gun and grenades at the time of his death.

"This is a great example of the Iraqi National Police conducting independent operations," said Maj. Dave Fivecoat, Delaware, Ohio, 3rd HBCT operations officer. "This foreign fighter was definitely a threat to the people of Salman Pak and their government."

Soldiers from the 3rd HBCT work daily with policemen from the 1-1 NP to secure Salman Pak and its surrounding communities.

"Working with our Iraqi Security Force counterparts has been one of our priorities from the beginning," said Fivecoat. "We see this as a positive step in the development for the National Police in Salman Pak."

The Mada'in Qada is a portion of the Baghdad Province just east of Baghdad. The 3rd HBCT has been working with various Iraqi Security Forces since their deployment to the Qada in March 2007.

The 3rd HBCT, 3rd Infantry Division, is from Fort Benning, Ga.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Command Sgt. Major Mark Moore, the command sergeant major for the 1-15 Inf. Reg., pins the Purple Heart medal on Sgt. Jason Silva, a tanker with Company A, during an awards ceremony at Forward Operating Base Hammer Oct. 1. Silva was injured Aug. 1, when the tank he was riding in was hit by an improvised explosive device during a combat patrol near the Al Bawi pump station.

## 1-15 Infantry Soldiers receive Purple Hearts

**SPC. BEN HUTTO**  
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Two Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment were awarded Purple Hearts

in a ceremony held at FOB Hammer Oct. 1.

Sgt. Jason Silva from Ridgecrest, Calif., and Spc. Jayt Massiet from Palm Dale, Calif., tankers with Company A, 1-15 Inf. Reg., 3rd Infantry Division

both received the awards for injuries sustained from improvised explosive device attacks while on separate combat patrols.

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## AWARDED: Injuries earn Purple Hearts

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Silva was a gunner in a M1A1 Abrams tank when it ran over an IED on a combat patrol near the Al Bawi pump station Aug. 1. He received a concussion from the blast.

He does not remember much about the incident, but said his parents and fiancé were happy that it wasn't worse.

"They were relieved that I was fine and I still have all my limbs," Silva said. "It could have been worse."

Massiet was injured when the Abrams tank he was driving was struck by a buried IED on a combat patrol near the Tigris River June 7. He received a shrapnel wound in his right elbow and several lacerations on his right side.

"Basically, the blast knocked out both Massiet and my gunner," said 1st Lt. Justin Patton, the executive officer for Company A, 1-15 Inf. Regt., Waynesville, Mo., and the tank commander at the time of the attack. "We rolled about 70 meters and they both came to. I was yelling down to him because the coms (radios) were out. I asked, 'Are you ok?' and he yelled back 'Yeah, I'm bleeding.' At that point, the fact that he said anything was a relief. The tank was destroyed. He was very lucky. Really, the whole tank was."

Massiet was happy to receive the award.

"It's not something I ever wanted, but I'll take it," he said.

Massiet was thankful that Patton and Sgt. Robert Lady, the gunner during the mission, were there to help him.

"They both got me out of the hatch and got me to the medic really quick," Massiet said. "Those guys were great."

The 1-15 Inf. Reg. is part of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March.

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## Safety Thought of the Day

### Risk management & decision making

- Do the benefits outweigh the risks?
- Does time saved balance risk taking this route?
- Am I taking the right personnel for this mission? Are they trained properly?
- Is getting home early worth the risk from not following SOPs?
- Are the standards met?
- Are seatbelts, earplugs, eye protection, neck guards, groin protectors, and other equipment utilized during combat patrols?
- Were safety briefs, PCIs, and PMIs conducted to standard prior to missions?
- Have I or my teammates become complacent?

## Headline Highlights

# Eliminating brain eating rats; dog-gone drunk

## Biologists aim to wipe out "Rat Island"

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (Reuters) — Two centuries after rats first landed on a remote Aleutian island from a shipwreck, wildlife managers in Alaska are plotting how to evict the non-native rodent from the island that bears their name.

Rat Island, like many other treeless, volcanic islands in the 1,000-mile (1,609-km) long Aleutian chain, is infested with rats that have proved devastating to wild birds that build nests in the earth or in rocky cliffs.

"They pretty much made the island worthless for a lot of wildlife," said Art Sowls, a biologist with the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, which sprawls across the Aleutians and other Alaska islands.

Rodents have reigned at Rat Island at the western end of the Aleutians since the 1780 shipwreck of a Japanese sailing ship, wreaking havoc on millions of seabirds with no natural defenses against land predators.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages the Maritime refuge, is drawing up plans to wipe out Rat Island's rats. A formal proposal is expected in about a month, according to Sowls.

The agency is trying to find an effective way to wipe out rat populations without harming other wildlife. Rat Island is a good starting point, according to biologists, for a removal program because it is small without much other

wildlife.

Rats are a problem shared by remote islands all around the world. Biologists said successful rat removal programs have taken place in more than 250 islands including Campbell Island south of New Zealand and Langara Island in British Columbia.

"A lot of people go, 'Oh they're just rats, what's the big deal?'," said Ron Clarke, assistant wildlife conservation director at the Department of Fish and Game.

Once informed about the environmental destruction wrought by rats, citizens are generally determined to avoid them. Rats are blamed for causing about half the extinctions of various species worldwide since the 1600s and are persistent nuisances once established, said Clarke.

"They're very good swimmers. They'll eat anything. They're just very good at surviving," Clarke said.

### SWEEPING RAT MANDATES

Alaska state officials have issued sweeping new regulations that slap rat-prevention mandates on Alaska ports and harbors that have served as entry points for invading rodents. The removal plan and new state regulations are extensions of previous anti-rat policies in Alaska.

Since the early 1990s, wildlife refuge managers have maintained a "rat-spill" program -- in which emergency responders prevent the spread of rats from shipwrecks -- similar to oil-spill contingency plans maintained by state and federal agencies.

"It's entirely possible that in a shipwreck situation, the environmental damage created by the introduction of rats into the environment would be even worse than that of a major oil spill," Sowls said.

He cited the situation on the Aleutian island of Kiska, which still holds a colony of millions of auklets, a small seabird, but where introduced rats are decimating that natural population.

Researchers commonly find vast stretches on Kiska with no live birds, only rotting bodies stuffed into burrows.

"A lot of the birds you find, the only parts the rats eat are the eyeballs and the brains," Sowls said. "It looks like, unless something is done in the next 20 to 40 years, that the rats will probably eliminate that colony."

## "Burglar" turns out to be drunk neighbor

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) - A man in an eastern Dutch town went home last Saturday to find his lights on and his inebriated neighbor welcoming him at the front door with a drink.

The drunken 53-year old, who lives two doors down in the small town of Gasselternijveen, had broken into the wrong house after finding that his key didn't work, according to a police report. His furniture looked different, his dog was missing.

The drunken neighbor was arrested for trespassing, but has since offered to pay for damages.

## Sudoku

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				5				
	5			1	9		6	
4					6	1		
9		3	1				7	5
				8		9		6

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

1	6	4	9	2	3	8	7	5
3	9	8	7	1	5	4	6	2
2	5	7	8	4	6	9	3	1
6	1	5	3	8	4	2	9	7
4	2	3	6	7	9	1	5	8
8	7	9	2	5	1	3	4	6
5	4	6	1	9	2	7	8	3
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## ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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