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Staff Sgt. Gary Minnich, battalion motor sergeant, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, shows Emhad Abdeohasam, an Iraqi army mechanic, components of a Humvee engine at Forward Operating Base Kalsu Oct. 8.

26th BSB trains IA mechanics

STORY SGT. KEVIN STABINSKY
2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB Kalsu — Iraqi army soldiers began learning basic vehicle maintenance for their Humvees in a new step towards self-sufficiency Oct. 8.

The IA soldiers, part of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division, met with Soldiers of Company B, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, to learn how to properly maintain, repair their vehicles and troubleshoot basic problems they may experience.

"We'll be doing preventive maintenance, basic operations - changing filters and fluids, tires, troubleshooting," said Staff Sgt. Gary Minnich, 26th BSB battalion motor sergeant.

"It is important that they learn these skills so that they can continue to progress in becoming an army," Minnich

said.

As the IA evolves it is incorporating new technologies and vehicles such as the American up-armored Humvee.

Staff Sgt. Frank Brantly, a member of a military training team who is working with the 3-3-8, said the Iraqis he works with have only had Humvees for about a year. While he praised the Iraqis' ability to pick up basic soldier skills, he said the logistical capacity is still being developed.

Developing the logistics side, including supply lines, and distribution and subject matter experts to use supplies necessary to keep the IA combat-ready, is important in creating a self-sustaining military, said 2nd Lt. Tiffani Williams, maintenance control officer, shop office.

"We are experienced and they are inexperienced, and we can shed some

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Iraqi officials meet to discuss security

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

FOB HAMMER — Iraqi government officials, Iraqi national police leadership and concerned citizens from the Mada'in Qada met at the 1st National Police headquarters at Forward Operating Base Volunteer in the International Zone Oct. 9 to discuss coordinating their efforts to bring more security to the qada.

"Today was a great day to see the Iraqi government, Iraqi Security Forces and concerned citizens come together to secure the future of the Mada'in Qada," said Lt. Col. Ryan J. Kuhn from Clarks, Neb., the deputy commander of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Maj. Gen. Riadh, the 9th National Police Division commander and Rusafa area commander, and Maj. Gen. Kareem, the 1st National Police Division commander and deputy Rusafa commander, both outlined their security plans for Lt. Gen. Abud, the Baghdad Operations Center commander, and the concerned citizens in attendance.

"Brothers, whatever we do, if we do not have the proper planning it will fail," Kareem said through an interpreter. "It is like a house without a strong foundation, no matter how high it is built it will eventually fall."

Riadh stressed that the local concerned citizens are a key component in the security of the qada.

"As leaders, we have wanted to secure our area, despite the obstacles, for some time now," Riadh said through an interpreter. "We cannot achieve peace in the area without the help of our brothers here."

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Injured Soldier earns CIB and Purple Heart



courtesy photo

Pfc. Awa P. Gasper, 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort. Benning, Ga., was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart for an injury suffered during an assault of a suspected sniper position in Salmon Pak Sept. 29. Col. Roger Cloutier, 3rd Inf. Div., G3, pinned the medals on Gasper at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

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Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Alaa Hussein, a maintenance warrant officer in the Iraqi army, prepares to change the air filter on one of his unit's Humvees.

MAINTENANCE: *IA soldiers maintain Humvees*

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light on certain situations they have trouble with," Williams said. "What better way to learn than a left-seat, right-seat ride. Hopefully they can share their knowledge with their comrades as well."

Emhad Abdeohasam, an IA mechanic, said the interaction with soldiers was a great way to learn. Abdeohasam said he is not used to the new American supplied Humvees. Previously, he said, the IA used Russian equipment and pickup trucks – so much of his knowledge is limited to those machines.

With the guidance of 26th BSB soldiers, Abdeohasam was able to troubleshoot and begin maintenance on his vehicle.

Minnich said the IA soldiers seemed to be able to grasp the concepts being presented.

"This way they'll have mechanics to fix their equipment, troubleshoot their equipment and keep it fully mission-capable," he said.

Becoming a self-sufficient army is a desire the IA soldiers said they are striving for.

"We want to get to know trucks more. That way we don't need to go to you. We can fix it ourselves," Abdeohasam said.

Alaa Hussein, a maintenance warrant officer who helped Abdeohasam perform many of the day's maintenance, agreed.

"We're here to gain as much information as possible," he said.

Challenges learning the new techniques only served to motivate him, Hussein said.

"We take pride in doing a job right, especially when it is hard."

SHEIKS: *local leaders come together with Coalition leaders for peace*

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Concerned citizens spoke about the plans put out before them and voiced their support.

"It is good that concerned citizens voiced their pledge to work with the Iraqi Security Forces to secure their neighborhoods and allow freedom of movement for all the people of the Mada'in Qada," Kuhn said.

Brig. Gen. James Huggins from Augusta, Ga., the deputy commanding

general for maneuver for the 3rd Infantry Division, and Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr. from Prince George's County, Md., the commander of the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., were both participants in the meeting.

Grigsby outlined how successful the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., Iraqi national police and local concerned citizens have worked together successfully in past operations in the qada. He is con-

fident that the same cooperation will make future operations between the three groups equally successful.

At the end of the meeting, all parties agreed to meet again to discuss future operations and how to go forward with the concerned citizens program.

The 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div. out of Fort Benning, Ga., has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March 2007.

Safety Thought of the Day

Ground Guide Reminders

- Ensure drivers understand they must immediately stop if they lose sight of the ground guide or don't understand a signal.
- Make sure everyone understands the basic signals to control vehicle drivers (don't forget about flashlight signals) from Field Manual 21-60, Visual Signs.
- Position front ground guides to the left front of vehicles. Never allow a ground guide to walk directly in the vehicle's path. Ground guides and

drivers must understand this!

- When using two ground guides, they must maintain visual contact with each other. The front ground guide must stop the vehicle if he or she loses sight of the rear ground guide.
- Ensure the ground guide, not the vehicle commander, is in charge of the vehicle. Whenever the vehicle is under the control of a ground guide, the only command the vehicle commander should issue to the driver is "stop."

Headline Highlights

Big money; calorie counting carts, Bible thief

China No.2 in billionaires as assets boom?

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China has more billionaires than any country except the United States, as soaring stock and property prices helped to boost wealth among the country's super-rich, researcher Rupert Hoogewerf said on Wednesday.

The number of Chinese worth \$1 billion or more jumped to 108, from 15 last year, growing much faster than in western countries, Hoogewerf said in his 2007 China "rich list," which ranks the 800 richest people in the country.

The average wealth of those on the list doubled from a year earlier to \$562 million.

"There's still plenty of growth opportunity as China's top entrepreneurs turn their sights to the vast underdeveloped and largely unregulated economic hinterland," Hoogewerf said.

Yang Huiyan, 25, tops the list after receiving \$17.5 billion from her property developer father, the report said, echoing another China rich list published by Forbes magazine on Tuesday.

Last year's champion, Zhang Yin, fell to second place even as her wealth tripled to \$10 billion after a surge in the share price of Nine Dragons Paper (Holdings) Ltd, in which she holds a 72 percent stake.

Zhang, the world's richest self-made woman, continues to widen the wealth gap with western counterparts such as U.S. television host Oprah Winfrey, eBay Inc founder Margaret Whitman

and Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling, according to the report.

In a sign that China's economic growth is largely driven by construction and manufacturing, rather than by science and technology, seven of China's 10 richest people are mainly or partly in the real estate business.

Xu Rongmao, owner of Shimao Property Holdings Ltd, ranked number three with \$7.5 billion in wealth.

Huang Guangyu, who founded GOME Electrical Appliances Holdings and owns unlisted property businesses, is China's fourth wealthiest person with \$6 billion.

High tech shop trolleys could help watch waistlines

LONDON (Reuters) - Supermarket shoppers may soon be cruising the aisles with "intelligent" trolleys that warn them if they're buying too much junk food, technology experts say.

While many would be happy enough if they could simply get their trolley to go in a straight line, the high-tech model will be fitted with a computer screen and barcode scanner.

It will read each product's individual code to give customers information about calories, nutrition, ethical sourcing and the environment.

U.S. technology services company EDS outlined the concept in a study paper published this week.

It said the screens would reduce the need for lots of packaging for food, helping stores to tackle environmental

concerns.

"Shoppers want barcode readers on their trolleys to calculate the nutritional content and tell them when they have blown their calorific budget," said EDS's Sion Roberts, director of consumer industries and retail.

"It's high-time that the humble barcode is recognized as a practical and cost-effective solution to consumers' thirst for information."

Research carried out by food industry body IGD on behalf of EDS found that a third of shoppers want barcode scanners fitted to their trolleys.

Thou shalt not steal -- especially the Bible

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - A Singaporean judge sentenced a man to four months in jail for stealing a Bible, admonishing him with Scripture before hauling him off to prison, The Straits Times newspaper reported Wednesday.

District judge Bala Reddy also gave a new Bible to the 26-year-old thief, who said he had tried to steal the book from a bookshop last month because he wanted to replace his old, tattered copy.

At the Tuesday sentencing, the judge told the defendant -- who has previous convictions for theft -- to open his gift.

"You will see at page 65 that it says 'Thou shalt not steal. While you are in prison, sit in prison and read the Bible, and ensure that you don't come before the courts again,'" Reddy 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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