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A Soldier of Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment escorts a detainee after conducting a daytime air assault targeting al-Qaeda leaders during Operation Benelli in Arab Jabour Oct. 12.

Surge Soldiers revel in successful operation

SGT. LUIS DELGADILLO

2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – Taking 13 suspected al-Qaeda leaders off the street was a major accomplishment for 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers who are part of the surge brigades on the ground.

U.S. and Iraqi forces targeted al-Qaeda leaders in Arab Jabour Oct. 12

Soldiers of Company A and Scout Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div., rounded up the detainees in house-to-house searches.

A squad-size element of Iraqi soldiers also contributed to the mission by entering and clearing a Mosque near the houses, which were the focus of the operation.

All of the detainees were identified by a local source, said Capt. Eric Melloh, commander of Co. A. They were bad guys, and it was evident by the fact that there were grenades, multiple AK-47s, ammunition and materials to build improvised explosive devices, Melloh added.

Both the junior Soldiers and the officers were proud of their accomplishment.

“It’s good to get one (a high-value

individual) on the list like that,” said Spc. Tom Puskar, a Co. A infantry team leader. Puskar said during their searches of buildings he and the Soldiers in his squad were able to detain three of the 13 suspected insurgent leaders.

“This is one of the best missions we’ve ever done,” Melloh said. “It was a company-sized air assault into an objective farther (south) than we’ve ever gone.”

The operation, dubbed Operation Benelli, also led to a suicide vest, four grenades, three AK-47s, 18 magazines, improvised explosive device making materials, and fake identification cards.

101st Soldiers put initial boots on ground

MAJ. JASON WAGGONER
3RD BCT, 101ST ABN. DIV. (AASLT)

CAMP STRIKER — Recently, a group of Soldiers from Kentucky put their boots on the ground in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VI.

The lead elements of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team "Rakkasans," 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) out of Fort

Campbell, Ky., began arriving to the Baghdad International Airport Oct. 13 for a 15-month tour in Iraq.

Soldiers from 626 Brigade Support Battalion and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, both from the 101st Abn. Div. were the first of the brigade's main body to arrive to Iraq from their initial staging area in Kuwait.

"Our reception and integration plan, laid out by our advance party, will

make for a seamless transition," said Maj. Curtis Crum, the 3rd BCT operations officer and native of Richmond, Va. "We look forward to the challenges ahead."

The brigade is in the process of assuming authority from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., currently operating in an area southwest of Baghdad.

Help name the 3ID's OIF VI Yearbook

Do you like the title, "Chapter 90 in the History of the 3rd Infantry Division" as the title of your redeployment yearbook? If you have an idea, please share it with the 3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office.

At the end of your 15-month tour in Iraq, every deployed Soldier from a 3rd Infantry Division brigade will receive a free yearbook, and the PAO staff needs your help in making sure it's a quality product that depicts your successes.

Feel free to send your ideas for a title, personal photos or graphics to 3IDyearbook@iraq.centcom.mil. The last day to submit a yearbook title is Nov. 10.

Iraqi baby flown to treatment

3RD CAB, 3RD INF. DIV.

CAMP STRIKER — A baby boy suffering from a potentially life-threatening fever and a severe abdominal hernia was flown in an Army helicopter to a Coalition Forces hospital in the International Zone, Baghdad, for treatment Oct. 12.

The aeromedical evacuation helicopter from 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, transported the child to the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad after picking him up from a Coalition Forces patrol base southwest of Baghdad.

The six-month old boy's parents brought him to the patrol base that morning. Soldiers there determined the child needed more help than their medics could provide and called in the helicopter, which arrived within minutes.

The MEDEVAC crews, from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, find that while their main mission is to care for Soldiers, many of their flights also help Iraqis with life-threatening injuries and illnesses.

The boy's fever was treated at the hospital; he has since been transported by ground to an Iraqi hospital in Fallujah for further treatment of the hernia.



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720th Military Police Battalion
Mobile Unit 3 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion

Joint mission introduces unit to new area of operation

SPC. BEN HUTTO

3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Soldiers from Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment and Battery A, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment conducted a joint operation at the Al-Ma'amil Brick Factory, east of Nahrwan Oct. 12.

Troop B, assisted by Battery A, cleared 23 buildings during the operation, but found no weapons caches or insurgents.

Battery A recently moved to Forward Operating Base Hammer from the Camp Bucca Detention Facility and will soon assume a portion of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division's, battle space.

"I thought it went really well today," said Capt. Jared Albright, from Lancaster, Pa., the commander of Troop B. "We were able to confirm locations where insurgents are meeting and storing weapons. Unfortunately, none of them were there today."

Albright said the mission was conducted to introduce the 1-10 FA Regt. to their new area of operation and to gather information about the factory. The 1-10 FA Regt. is scheduled to take over parts of the 3-1 Cav. Regiment's area of operations on Oct. 15.

"Today was very successful," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Benedict, Chesterton, Ind., 1-10 FA Regt. "We will be transitioning into this area. All of our Soldiers handled themselves very professionally and were very friendly."



Spc. Ben Hutto

Through an interpreter, 1st Lt. James Self, from Mobile, Ala., the platoon leader of 1st platoon, Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, talks with workers at the Al-Ma'amil Brick Factory east of Nahrwan Oct. 12.

Benedict felt this mission was very important for his battalion.

"This mission was definitely a confidence builder," Benedict said. "You go out with an attitude of 'What's next?' Everyone I saw was vigilant and communicating with one another. We really look forward to going into Nahrwan, Sabah Nissan and places like that, to help build communities and be a part of the team-building process."

As excited as Benedict is about helping these areas, he is still mindful of the

danger his troops face.

"We still need to maintain our warrior spirit out there and remain aware of our surroundings," Benedict said. "I tell all my Soldiers to maintain their discipline and treat the citizens we come across the way they would like to be treated."

The 1-10 FA Regt. and the 3-1 Cav. Regt. are part of the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., from Fort Benning, Ga., and have been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March.

Safety Thought of the Day

Bradley Fighting Vehicle Driver's Hatch Safety Reminders

Protect yourself by opening and closing the hatch the right way. Here's how:

- Unlock and remove the padlock from the lock lever.
- While holding down the driver's hatch with one foot, open the lock lever.

- Hold the periscope guard with both hands and raise the driver's hatch to the full-open position.
- Eyeball the safety latch to make sure it's locked.
- If the hatch fails to open and close properly, it is a safety deficiency and must be corrected.

Headline Highlights

Explosive rain drops; friendly unarmed cops

On Saturn's moon Titan, bring an umbrella

CHICAGO (Reuters) - The daily weather forecast on Saturn's largest moon Titan appears to be a steady drizzle of liquid methane, at least around the bright, exotically named region known as Xanadu, U.S. researchers said on Thursday.

But this is hardly the paradise romanticized by the Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem "Kubla Kahn."

New images from Hawaii's W.M. Keck Observatory and Chile's Very Large Telescope show nearly global cloud cover at high elevations and a dreary morning drizzle that seems to dissipate around midmorning local time -- which is about three Earth days after sunrise.

Scientists had expected rain in the atmosphere of this planet-sized moon, but these near-infrared images for the first time have revealed a persistent drizzle of methane off the western foothills of Xanadu.

"We expected that perhaps it was raining. It was reasonable that it could be raining. We just didn't know if it was raining right now," said Mate Adamkovics, a University of California, Berkeley researcher whose paper appears in the journal *Science*.

Titan is larger than the planet Mercury, but much, much colder, with surface temperatures of minus 297 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 183 degrees Celsius) -- cold enough to turn an explosive gas like methane into a liquid form.

It is well known for its hydrocarbon lakes and methane cloud cover. Radar images of Xanadu taken in 2006 showed deep channels that cut through plains and wind around hills.

And now it appears these moisture-laden clouds rain down on Xanadu.

"The question is, is it liquid methane that is sitting in a cloud, or is it falling through the sky," Adamkovics said in a telephone interview.

His hunch is that it is falling, given the massive size of these raindrops, which Adamkovics believes are about 1,000 times bigger than rain on Earth.

"Because there is a bit less gravity and the atmosphere is thicker on Titan, the rain drops and the cloud drops are really big," he said.

Whereas raindrops on Earth are micrometer sized, he said on Titan they appear to be a millimeter or bigger in size.

"The droplet gets so big it can't hold itself together anymore," Adamkovics said.

He and colleagues are now speculating about just what is causing the rain, and whether it follows weather patterns similar to those on Earth.

"The first thing you need is either air being pushed upward or you need the temperature to drop. What we didn't expect is there to be a big temperature drop daytime to nighttime on Titan," he said.

"Since we have seen the rain, we thought maybe there is enough of a temperature drop to cause the rain to start," he said, but right now that is just

speculation.

"How it happens is unclear. We just know that it does," he said.

Xanadu, a region about the size of Australia, was first discovered in 1994 by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope.

Don't make me use this whistle on you...

MANILA (Reuters) - The Philippines is starting to give its 110,000 policemen a makeover, trying to make them more like friendly neighbors than their current hard man image, the new national police chief said Thursday.

Avelino Razon also said he has ordered police officers to stop wearing expensive jewelry, such as gold necklaces, bracelets, and rings, to remove suspicions they were corrupt.

For a start, Razon, said he has ordered 500 police officers to patrol the streets of the capital Manila with a baton and whistle. He has barred them from carrying assault rifles and has said handguns should be used only as a last resort.

The number will be increased progressively, Razon, who used to head the national police commando unit, told reporters.

"We're trying to go back to the basics. We'll be training our police officers to blow whistles instead of firing their handguns in the air to stop crime," he said.

"It's safer and less menacing to our citizens. I want the people to look at our police officers as their friends."

Sudoku

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to Saturday's puzzle:

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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