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72-year-old concerned citizen takes down suicide bomber in Arab Jabour

1st Lt. Kalen Smith 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

FOB KALSU — A 72-year-old man stopped a suspected suicide bomber from detonating himself at a checkpoint in Arab Jabour Oct. 14.

The man approached a checkpoint where Mudhehr Fayadh Baresh was standing guard, but did not make it very far. Baresh, a tribal commissioner and member of the Arab Jabour Concerned Citizens program, said he ordered the man to lift his shirt — using training received from Coalition Forces — when he did not recognize him as a local villager.

The suspect refused to lift his shirt. Baresh repeated the command again, and the suspect exposed his suicide vest, running toward the checkpoint. Baresh opened fire which caused the vest to detonate, killing the suspect.

"I did it for the honor of my family and the honor of my country," said Baresh, when he met with Col. Terry Ferrell, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Adgie, commander of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment presented Mudher with a battalion coin for his valor Oct. 16.

MEDOP serves as beginning, end of friendship

SGT. BEN BRODY MND-C PAO

MAHMUDIYAH — A year ago U.S. troops would encounter bitter combat if they tried to set foot in the home of a powerful Mahmudiyah sheik. Now they're getting invitations from the sheiks to do just that.

After nearly 15 months spent securing the area south of Baghdad, Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, are getting ready to go home to Fort Drum, N.Y.

Before they go, they are sharing both their experiences, and their new Iraqi friends, with Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), who will take over operations in the next few weeks.

A team of Soldiers from 2-15th FA, the 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div., and Iraqi troops, converged on Mahmudiyah's Saedi tribal compound Oct. 15, and set up a makeshift clinic in the compound's meeting rooms.

"Medical operations are a good way to get information about the community we work in, and help raise the quality of life," said Capt. James Brumley, battalion surgeon for 2-15 FA. "The sheik looks powerful in front of his village because he brings the American doctors."

In addition to the U.S. and Iraqi troops securing the compound, several concerned citizens - former insurgents recruited to fight al-Qaeda in Iraq - pa-

trolled the surrounding streets in their bright orange vests.

As local residents lined up to be seen by the medics, Capt. Blake Keil, com-

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Sgt. Ben Brody

Capt. Blake Keil, commander of Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, greets local sheiks at Mahmudiyah's Seadi tribal compound Oct. 15. Soldiers from Battery A set up a makeshift clinic in the compound and rendered medical aid to 181 Iragis.

FOB Delta hosts first musical concert



214th Fires Brigade photo

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214TH FIRES BRIGADE

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"We enjoy doing the tours," drummer Jacob G. said. "The military has a better appreciation and respect for the music we play.

"We just like to come out and do our thing. Whether it's for 200 or 10," he

Jacob G. has done three tours in Iraq, two in Afghanistan and two in Bosnia and Kosovo.

"We do it because we love our country and are proud of the war effort," said Damon, a singer for Fresh.

"If we can make the Soldiers happy for half an hour, then it's worthwhile," she said.

"We do this for the troops. To boost their morale," Rayleen said. "What you see in the news is not always what's going on."

"This gives us a chance to see how you are doing," she said. "Not many people get a chance to do that."

For the Soldiers it was a chance to hear music they enjoyed, regardless of age, said Sgt. 1st Class Karen Brown, 214th Fires Brigade, personnel noncommissioned officer in charge.

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mander of Battery A, 2-15 FA, met with Sheik Faysal, who controls the Concerned Citizen Program in that area.

"We can treat basic stuff here – nothing long-term," said Staff Sgt. Dustin Parchey, a medic with Battery A. "Most of the complaints in these rural areas are about stomach pain from worms, upper respiratory infections from the dust, and back pain from working in the fields."

In a partnership with a Mahmudiyah metalworking factory, Soldiers brought five wheelchairs for Iraqis who need them.

"A lot of times on these medical operations you see people brought in on wheelbarrows, lawn chairs, or just carried – so we ordered 1,000 wheelchairs from a local factory," said Parchey, who is from Harrisburg, Pa.

Parchey said the factory built bicycle frames and bed frames, but was quiet and had few employees. The wheelchair order changed that.

"Our order for all those wheelchairs created a bunch of jobs in Mahmudiyah," said Brumley, who is from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

After five hours, medics had seen and treated 181 Iragis.

As the group packed up to head back to base, Sheikh Faysal's daughter came out with an armful of freshly baked flatbread and passed the steaming loaves out to the hungry Soldiers.

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141 Paratroopers volunteer to stay Army

SGT. MARCUS BUTLER 4TH BCT (ABN.), 25TH INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU — In a mass re-enlistment ceremony held at FOB Kalsu Oct. 14, 141 Paratroopers decided to stay Army.

The Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, made the decision to continue their service in the Army after being deployed for over a year.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of Multi-National Division – Center, made a special trip to FOB Kalsu to lead the Oath of Enlistment for these Paratroopers. "To re-enlist this many Paratroopers after being deployed for a year is truly amazing," said Master Sgt. Douglas Goodwin, senior career counselor for the 4th BCT (Abn.), 25th Inf. Div. "It says a lot about the leadership and the patriotism of these Paratroopers."

After the ceremony, Lynch thanked each Paratrooper individually and posed for pictures.

To this date, the Spartan Brigade has re-enlisted nearly 1,300 Soldiers; approximately 70 percent of them have decided to stay with the brigade for another tour.

"Soldiers are special people and to



Sat. Marcus Butler

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of Multi-National Division – Center, administers the Oath of Enlistment to 141 Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, during their re-enlistment ceremony Oct. 14 at Forward Operating Kalsu.

see these Paratroopers making a commitment to continue serving their country when the operational tempo is so high proves they trust in their leadership," Goodwin said. "It also shows

how much they believe in what they are doing and stand proud as United States Paratroopers ready to defend our country against the ever-growing threat of terrorism."



Camp Victory competition dates are Oct. 19, 20 and 27th. Start time for all dates is 7 p.m. at the Oasis Stage.

Safety Thought of the Day

Seatbelts

- Recent Combat Readiness Center (CRC) sensing session revealed that some Soldiers believe it is acceptable to not wear a seatbelt.
- Soldiers are 75% less likely to be killed in a rollover crash if they're wearing a seatbelt.
- Seatbelts help Soldiers survive the first

emergency, i.e. the rollover or collision.

- Seatbelts provide a means of orientation after a rollover or collision, i.e. I know where the door is located because I am still in my seat.
- Seatbelts keep passengers anchored so they can help keep gunners from being ejected out of the vehicle.

Headline Highlights

Under dressed fall guy; forgetful doc; no deal

Oh, he's walking the plank in his undies again..

SYDNEY (Reuters) — An Australian man, clad only in underwear, fell nine stories while trying to build a makeshift plank bridge into a neighbor's flat, but lived to tell the tale.

The bridge collapsed just after midnight Tuesday sending the 35-year-old man plummeting into a building structure below, police in Western Australia state said.

"He was skylarking around, building planks across to his neighbor's place when it happened. He was very lucky. It was an iron and timber structure, possibly a pergola, that cushioned his fall," police spokeswoman Ros Weatherall said.

Forgetful doctor left body for 9 days

VIENNA (Reuters) — The body of a 76-year-old woman found dead in her Vienna flat was left there for nine days because a doctor who registered the death forgot to notify a removal service, officials said Tuesday.

The oversight was noticed when neighbors of the deceased woman complained of a worsening stench, said Andreas Flaschner, spokesman for the Austrian capital's disinfection department.

"It was a mistake. The doctor thought paramedics had removed the body while the paramedics thought the doctor had arranged for it. I've worked here 20 years and never seen anything like it," said Flaschner. The body was taken for burial on October 8.

Woman seeks rich husband, banker says "crappy" deal

NEW YORK (Reuters) — An online exchange between a woman looking for a husband who earns more than \$500,000 a year and a mystery Wall Street banker, who assessed her potential for romance as a business deal, has caused quite an Internet stir.

The anonymous 25-year-old woman recently posted an ad on the free online New York community Web site Craigslist, http://newyork.craigslist.org/, appealing for advice on how to find a wealthy husband.

"I know how that sounds, but keep in mind that a million a year is middle class in New York City, so I don't think I'm overreaching at all," the woman, who described herself as "spectacularly beautiful" and "superficial," wrote.

"I dated a business man who makes average around 200 - 250. But that's where I seem to hit a roadblock.

"Your looks will fade and my money will likely continue in perpetuity..."

— David Worthy, beaten at son's party

\$250,000 won't get me to Central Park West," she said, asking questions like "where do rich single men hang out?"

The mystery banker, who said he fit the bill, offered the woman an analysis of her predicament, describing it as "plain and simple a crappy business deal."

"Your looks will fade and my money will likely continue into perpetuity ... in fact, it is very likely that my income increases but it is an absolute certainty that you won't be getting any more beautiful!" the banker wrote.

"So, in economic terms you are a depreciating asset and I am an earning asset," he said. "Let me explain, you're 25 now and will likely stay pretty hot for the next 5 years, but less so each year. Then the fade begins in earnest. By 35 stick a fork in you!"

"It doesn't make good business sense to "buy you" (which is what you're asking) so I'd rather lease," he said.

While the woman has since removed the ad from Craigslist, it -- along with the response -- has become a popular email joke that, bank JPMorgan Chase says, led to one of its bankers mistakenly being credited with writing the response.

Brian Marchiony, spokesman for JPMorgan Chase, said the banker's email signature accidentally became attached to the ad and response when he forwarded it to friends.

Craigslist was not immediately available for comment, but a spokeswoman told The New York Times that "it does look as if the post was made sincerely."

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

Prisoners

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