

## Hammer leaders promote peace through economy

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FOB HAMMER — As a signal officer in the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Lt. Ryan Martin has not touched one radio since deploying to Iraq. Instead, he has impacted the economy of the Mada'in Qada, east of Baghdad, by helping their council and an Iraqi business association find and fund hopeful ventures.

Martin, from Destin, Fla., executive officer of Company A, 3rd Brigade

Special Troops Battalion, leads the Sledgehammer Economic Team for the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div. There, he has helped the Iraqi Association for Securities Dealers (IASD) issue small business grants of \$10,000 to 13 businessmen. IASD awarded the grants on Oct. 18 in Jisr Diyala, following the completion of a Small Business Development Course attended by the Iraqi entrepreneurs.

Brigade leadership determined that advancing the economy of the largely agrarian district of the Baghdad Province would be a primary goal following

deployment to Iraq in March. Martin took on the duty of spearheading the brigade's effort to spark the local economy in April. One of Martin's first tasks was to promote small business ventures.

The IASD runs a small business development course in Baghdad. Martin coordinated a five-day course for budding entrepreneurs from the Mada'in Qada in September.

Working in conjunction with the

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## New walk in life



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Capt. Troy Thomas, commander of Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, gives Suham Hassan a pair of tennis shoes in her home in Kanan Oct. 20. Suham lost both of her legs in an insurgent mortar attack three years ago. Thomas escorted Suham and her brother to the Iraqi Army Surgeon General's Prosthetic Clinic in the International Zone Oct. 21, to get her right leg fitted for a new prosthetic.

# Concerned Citizens Program's success makes way for others

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FOB HAMMER — Sunnis and Shias are banding together in Besamaya and establishing a Concerned Citizens Program in their area.

The chairman for the Mada'in Qada, the Jisr Diyala city manager, a Jisr Diyala councilman and approximately 50 local sheiks listened to the success stories of Concerned Citizens Program in a surrounding area Oct. 20.

Abu Ammosh, the leader of the concerned citizens in Al Khargulia outlined the benefits of the Concerned Citizens Program in his area and asked for their cooperation.

"As a Sunni, I am happy to see Shia people fighting al-Qaeda and Shia extremists with us," Ammosh said. "Both sides are now fighting the same enemy. Four years ago there was a separation of the people in the area and we lived in a bad situation. We must accept what has happened, but then come together and become one body."

Abu Ammosh told the sheiks that his program, comprised of both Sunni and Shia citizens, has limited insurgent activity in his area and made the local residents feel safer.

Capt. Troy Thomas, commander of Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, explained that the Concerned Citizens Program in Khargulia is a good example of how effective the groups can be.

"The Concerned Citizens (Program) is seen by the locals as a way to take control of their neighborhoods," said Thomas. "For four years the people in Khargulia felt like their hands were tied. It is human nature to want to defend your neighborhoods, your family and your livelihood. Every neighbor-



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Abu Ammosh talks about his group's success during a meeting held in Besamaya to discuss the Concerned Citizens Program Oct. 20.

hood in our AO (area of operation) that has one (CCP) is doing well. The areas that don't have one want one."

Lt. Col. John Kolasheski, from Loudon, Tenn., the commander of 3-1 Cav. Regt., told local leaders about the program and solicited their participation.

He explained that the meeting will allow him and 3-1 Cav. Regt. leadership to get names of leaders in each area for a follow-up meeting to discuss strategies for securing critical infrastructure and improving security in the area.

Kolasheski said as the area becomes more secure, the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team would be able to resource contractors to restore essential services and create employment opportunities.

The area is located on the Al Kut Highway, which could be used to smuggle weapons and fighters into Baghdad from the Diyala Province in the north

or Iran from the southwest.

"It is very important tribal leaders, government leaders and security leaders work together so we can ensure that the area is moving forward," Thomas said. "Terrorists are a step backward. After a while, the terrorists will have nowhere to go and the good people of Iraq will have their country back."

Kolasheski is confident that Sunnis and Shias can work together to improve the area.

"There are things you can do to help the people in your area and the people of Iraq," he told the citizens in attendance. "I do not care if you are Sunni or Shia. This program represents the bridging of the divide between you. It represents security in some areas. Once you are secure we can start concentrating on economic and governmental improvements."

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# Paratroopers detain two during Adwaniya raid

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FOB KALSU – Tips from local residents led to the detainment of two insurgents in Adwaniya Oct. 22.

Paratroopers of Troop B, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and Iraqi army allies detained the two during raids designed to

disrupt insurgent activity in the area.

“(The) operation was a combined operation,” said Capt. Donald Braman, commander, Troop B, 1-40th Cav. Regt. “IA (soldiers) were in the lead as the assault/clear force for all the buildings.”

Local residents reported that one of the detainees was using his business as an al-Qaeda meeting point. Coalition Forces searched the building, and found improvised explosive device making materials.

The other individual detained, also reported as being a member of al-Qaeda, was the brother of a known al-Qaeda member. Residents’ sworn statements refer to him as an IED-emplacer and triggerman.

This instance of IA working with local contacts will help foster future cooperation with the community and Iraqi Security Forces, Braman said.

The two detainees were turned over to the IA for questioning.

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Qada government, Martin and local governmental leaders solicited applications from prospective local businessmen. Each application had to include business ideas. The Mada’in council selected 13 of the applications based on the feasibility of the business idea, the experience of the entrepreneur and potential benefits to the community.

The 13 applicants attended the small business development course in September. The course included instruction on business planning fundamentals, cash flow analysis, marketing concepts, information technology advice and financing basics. Each student produced a business plan as a result of the course.

Upon completion of the course and the various business plans, Martin inserted himself back into the process to review all the plans.

“We wanted to make sure their business plan was developed to an acceptable level,” said Martin. “We wanted to ensure that they had thought through the whole process. We worked with each individual to make sure all of the fundamentals taught in the course were included in their plan.”

Following review by the Sledgehammer Economics Team, the businessmen were certified to receive \$10,000 grants from the IASD.

Brigade leaders feel improving the economy will give the local population incentive to cooperate with Coalition Forces in creating a stable environment in the Qada.

The unemployment rate in the Mada’in Qada is 16 percent, according to 3rd HBCT estimates.

Employment is defined as one hour of regularly scheduled work per week, according to Maj. James Carlisle, from West Palm Beach, Fla., the 3rd HBCT civil-military operations officer.



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Ryan J. Kuhn speaks at a ceremony to award small business grants to Iraqi entrepreneurs Oct. 18.

Carlisle said this creates a population with many idle hours and a distinct need for a larger income.

“In the Arabic culture, providing for your family is a matter of honor and not being able to do that is a source of shame,” said Maj. Nathan Haas, from The Dalles, Ore., a 3rd HBCT staff officer. “We think a number of insurgents are not ideologically motivated, but rather in need of money and employment. By providing opportunities such as these small businesses, we hope to reduce the manpower pool available to extremist leaders and undercut the appeal of the insurgency.”

Martin thinks the small businesses are a good start in the right direction.

“We’re developing non-sectarian networks,” said Martin. “Whether you are Sunni or Shia, what’s good for business is good for business.”

“One small business, one family at a time is enabling the economy to grow from the bottom-up,” continued Martin. “We see this as a way to bridge sectarian differences through economic interdependence.”

## Safety Thought of the Day

### Humvee Door Maintenance

- Up-armored Humvee doors should be adjusted every 3000 miles or as needed.
- A “warning sticker” is required to be pasted on the door to remind the operator of important maintenance to be done.

**Proper door adjustment will provide:**

- Retention of the occupant in the vehicle during the first emergency
- Help prevent personnel injuries during door operation from trying to force the door closed or open.
- Additional benefit may include enabling efficient use of the door.

## Headline Highlights

# Smokers like animals; new portable car toilet

## Smokers irrational?

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Smokers are like animals that do not think rationally, a Malaysian hardline Islamist cleric said at the weekend.

Islam discourages the faithful from smoking, just as it bars them from alcohol, said Nik Aziz Nik Mat, spiritual leader of the Parti Islam se-Malaysia, which seeks to turn the country into an Islamic state that punishes thieves by lopping off their hands.

Smokers did not use their brains because they continued to let themselves be addicted to the habit, despite knowing it was bad for their health, the Star newspaper quoted Nik Aziz as saying.

"People who do not want to think are like animals," Nik Aziz told the launch of an anti-smoking campaign in Kota Baru, the capital of Malaysia's northeastern state of Kelantan, which is his party's last remaining bastion.

Nik Aziz, himself a non-smoker, has earlier said smokers would not be included among his party's candidates at Malaysia's next general elections, widely expected to be called as soon as early next year.

## Gives new meaning to 'going in the car'

TOKYO (Reuters) — If you're stuck in traffic when Mother Nature calls, Japan's Kaneko Sangyo Co. has developed the loo for you.

The manufacturer of plastic car accessories drew back the curtain on

Tuesday on its new portable toilet for cars.

The toilet comes with a curtain large enough to conceal users and a plastic bag to collect waste.

"The commode will come in handy during major disasters such as earthquakes or when you are caught in a traffic jam," a company official told reporters, according to Kyodo News.

Japan is situated on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" and accounts for about 20 percent of the world's earthquakes of magnitude 6 or greater.

Drivers stranded by tectonic movements or stuck in tailbacks simply assemble the cardboard toilet bowl, fit a water-absorbent sheet inside and draw round the curtain.

The product is small enough to fit inside a suitcase, the company said.

But prospective customers will have to hang on until November 15, when the firm begins selling the new product online.

## Man, being a cop just gets worse and worse!

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Police patrolling the red-light district of the Belgian capital have been ordered to stop visiting brothels and drinking in bars when on duty.

A letter sent to officers in Brussels' northern police district, and published in a Belgian daily Tuesday, urged them to set a good example and earn the public's respect.

"These officers think their duty

hours are to be used to drink alcohol in bars, practice sports..., visit brothels or massage parlors, and entertain (intimate) relationships with residents of the neighborhood during their patrol," said the letter from a local police chief.

"It is only by setting a good example that the police can make itself respected," the letter said, urging officers to adopt more conservative behavior.

A police spokesman confirmed the letter was authentic, but said the police chief had only reacted to rumors of officers behaving badly while on duty.

"There was no concrete evidence to substantiate any wrongdoing by police officers ... If there had been, they would have been prosecuted," said spokesman Roland Thiebault.

## Woman in wheelchair takes highway shortcut

BERLIN (Reuters) — An 81-year-old German woman driving to a cemetery in her electric wheelchair decided to take a shortcut and drove the wrong way down a highway.

The wheelchair had been traveling at about four miles per hour. Vehicles on German motorways must clock at least 37 miles per hour, and there is no upper speed limit on some sections.

Motorists spotted the woman and notified authorities, who escorted her to safety.

"She told us she got lost and wanted to avoid taking a big detour," a police spokesman in the southern city of Nuremberg said.

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**Solution to yesterday's puzzle:**

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## ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

What's your name?

*shiss-mek?*