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## Coalition Forces seize rockets aimed at Army base

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FOB HAMMER — Concerned citizens called Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment with a simple message: we know where rockets are, and they are aimed at you.

Soldiers from Troop A secured four rockets aimed at their base, Patrol Base Assassin, east of Baghdad, Oct. 27 as a result of the Concerned Local Citizens' tip. Soldiers from Battery A, 1st Battalion,

10th Field Artillery Regiment and the 789th Ordnance Company transported four rockets to FOB Hammer for investigation and proper disposal.

Capt. Justin Gerken, from Red Wing, Minn., commander of the 789th Ord. Co., said the rockets match descriptions and historical data that explosive ordnance specialists use to verify information from captured weapons; he said the rockets appear to be Iranian-made.

The 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, operating

east of Baghdad in the Mada'in Qada, has seized 44 Iranian-made rockets since an attack on FOB Hammer July 11. The brigade's area of operation is bisected by the Al-Kut Highway, a major road that runs southeast from Baghdad to Al-Kut, eventually hitting the Iranian border.

The 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., is from Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March. The 789th Ord. Co. is also from Fort Benning.

## Six detained in air assault

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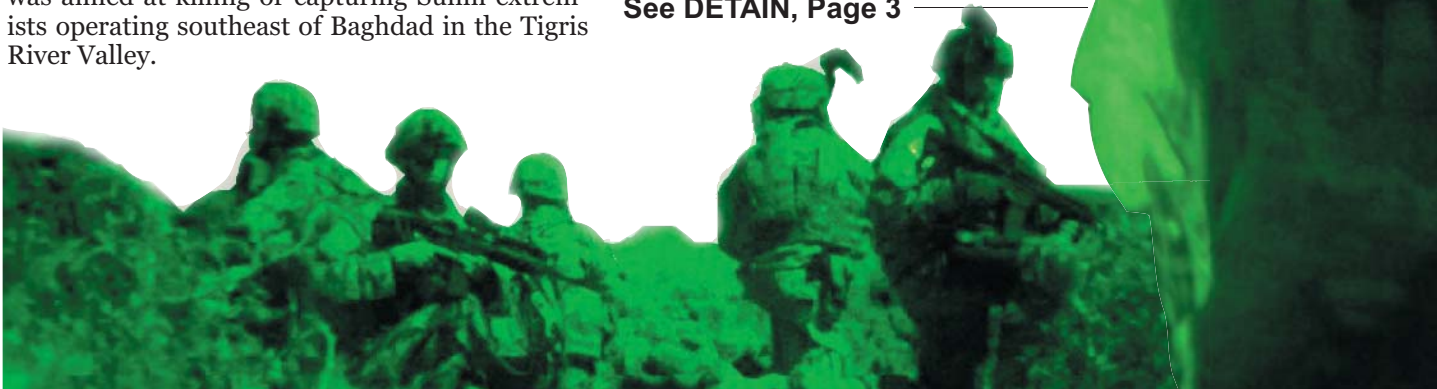
FOB HAMMER — Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment conducted its 4th air assault in the past five months Oct. 25, resulting in the detention of six suspected insurgents.

The assault across the Tigris River from the Mada'in Qada, a portion of the Baghdad Province, was aimed at killing or capturing Sunni extremists operating southeast of Baghdad in the Tigris River Valley.

Pilots from the 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, flew UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters in support for the operation.

Prior to the surge and the placement of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, east of Baghdad and the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat

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Photos by Sgt. Timothy Kingston

Soldiers of Co. A, 1-15th Inf. Regt. conduct a security halt during an air assault mission southeast of Baghdad. At right, a Soldier departs the Combat Outpost Cahill helicopter landing zone following the air assault mission.

# QRF exercise tests skills

214TH FIRES BRIGADE PAO

FOB DELTA — The transfer of information to a quick reaction force is critical during emergencies for a speedy response.

Transferring that information across several languages could delay response. With the multi-national nature of FOB Delta, it is essential that the process is unimpeded by language barriers.

To exercise response and coordination, the FOB held a QRF exercise with U.S. Soldiers, the El Salvadoran Cuscatlán Battalion, and the Georgian 3rd Infantry Brigade soldiers.

"The purpose of the exercise was to cement relations between two coalition units," said Col. Peter Baker, 214th Fires Brigade commander. "Part of it is to understand the capabilities of the units and the other part is to understand how to overcome the language barrier."

"This exercise was joint training to synchronize operations through all three lanes," said Maj. James Singer, the 214th Fires Brigade operations officer. "The Georgians responded very well and responded quickly. They were very tactically proficient."

For the El Salvadorans, communications was a key component of the training.

"The most important thing is the communications between the Georgian brigade and the U.S.," said Lt. Col. Roberto Soriano, the Cuscatlán Battalion executive officer. "It was a good experience to work jointly with the Georgian brigade."



Sgt. 1st Class Stacy M. Niles

An El Salvadoran soldier pulls security during a QRF exercise with U.S. Soldiers, the Georgian 3rd Inf. Bde. and El Salvador's Cuscatlán Bn.

"The exercise was well organized by the 214th Fires Brigade," he said. "We really need the support of the 214th to do this kind of exercise."

As the command and control element at FOB Delta, the 214th Fires Brigade is the conduit between units who are off the FOB and the QRF.

"The 214th Fires Brigade is the key because we coordinate through them in the event of a real incident," Soriano said.

The ultimate goal is to have the Coalition units coordinating directly with each other.

"The exercise was very successful," Baker said. "We will continue to work through the command and control issues in regards to the language. The process will be more effective and responsive when there are less links in-

volved."

The training helps the Cuscatlán battalion in their quest for perfection.

"We are looking for perfection to avoid casualties and incident," Soriano said. "We should do more exercises, not only with the El Salvadoran contingent, it could be with other contingents, because everyone has different ways to perform the mission," Soriano said.

Just as the El Salvadoran soldiers strive for perfection, so does the Georgian battalion.

"There were some mistakes," said Capt. Alexander Tughushi, the 3rd Georgian Brigade chief of operation, "but we are correcting them during our daily training."

"I liked this exercise," Soriano said. "We must be well-trained to avoid other people getting injured."

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Sgt. Timothy Kingston  
A Soldier from Co.  
A, 1-15th Inf. Regt.  
restrains one of  
six suspected in-  
surgents during an  
air assault mission  
Oct. 25.



## **DETAIN:** *1-15th air assault yields six insurgent detainees*

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Team, 3rd Inf. Div., west of the Tigris River and southeast of Baghdad, the area was considered a sanctuary for Sunni insurgents. The two brigades, both under Multi-National Division - Center, are now operating in the former sanctuary to disrupt insurgent operations.

"There are not a lot of Coalition Forces there on a regular basis," said Maj. John Cushing, from Rochester, Mich., operations officer for the 1-15th Inf. Regt. "Insurgents know that, go there and think they are in a safe location. Missions like this show that they are never safe or out of our reach."

The operation required Company A, which operates out of Combat Outpost Cahill near Salman Pak, to maneuver through farm fields and palm groves, interspersed with deep irrigation canals, to reach the insurgents' houses. Soldiers found moving through the terrain at night challenging, but not an impediment to the mission.

"It is not until you get guys on the ground that you truly realize the challenges of the terrain," Cushing said. "It is a tribute to the flexibility of Company A that few obstacles get in their way of mission accomplishment."

Supported by U.S. Army AH-64 attack helicopters from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Company A Soldiers cleared four houses during the night raid. Two of the six detained individuals were identified as Sunni insurgents.

"Soldiers knew the detention of those two would disrupt insurgent operations across multiple areas of operations throughout Iraq," Cushing said.

## **3rd Infantry Division Soldiers:**

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rear-detachment representative for coupon books.  
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## **Safety Thought of the Day**

### **Three Points of Contact Reminders**

- Dismount the vehicle using the proper steps and hand holds — never jump.
- Ensure handholds, rails, and foot rests are properly emplaced and anchored before putting weight on them.
- Keep the vehicle's steps and handholds clean, dry, and free of mud and oil.

This will allow better traction and decrease the chance of slipping and falling.

- Entry and exits from the back of an LMTV are best accomplished with the use of the vehicle's cargo ladder.
- Three points of contact increases stability and balance, so step up and grip with both hands.

## Headline Highlights

# Go-kart escape; 'Che's' expensive lock of hair

## Teenager in go-kart leaves police standing

BERLIN (Reuters) — A teen-ager speeding through a German town in a go-kart with seven squad cars in hot pursuit managed to give the frustrated officers the slip, police said on Friday.

After leading the convoy on a 5-km (3-mile) chase through the winding streets of Moenchengladbach, the 18-year-old driver spotted a private garage with an open door, where he decided to lie low, police said.

"We were chasing him across town, but the squad cars couldn't keep up because the go-cart was able to take the corners faster and he was able to get away," police spokesman Willy Thevisen said.

However, police later discovered his hiding place. He was questioned and charged with driving without a license and driving a go-kart on a public street, which is not permitted in Germany.

"He told us he knew driving a go-cart on the street is illegal," the spokesman said. "But he had purchased the vehicle from a friend and said he had no other way of getting it home."

Moenchengladbach has produced two Formula One racing drivers. Both Nick Heidfeld of the BMW Sauber team and former racer Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who retired in 2003, were born there.

## 'Che's' hair sold at auction

DALLAS (Reuters) — A lock of socialist revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara's hair and related items were

auctioned on Thursday in Dallas to a Houston-area bookstore owner for the very capitalist sum of \$119,500.

The curious collection had belonged to Gustavo Villoldo, 71, a former CIA operative who helped hunt Guevara down in the jungles of Bolivia in 1967 and who claims he cut off the lock before burying the guerrilla fighter with two of his comrades.

There was media speculation that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a leftist who greatly admires the iconic Guevara, would bid for the items.

In the end, it went to Houston-based Bill Butler.

"Butler ... is thrilled to own items from Che (and) will display them in his store," said Kelley Norwine, vice president of marketing for Heritage Auction Galleries, which auctioned the mementos.

The auction house said the hair could provide DNA proof that the remains of Guevara — affectionately known by his admirers as "Che" — are in Cuba, where he is venerated as a hero of the revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power five decades ago.

Then 39, the bearded rebel was captured by CIA-backed Bolivian soldiers on October 8, 1967 and shot dead the next day in a schoolhouse. Some remains believed to be his were dug up decades later and taken to Cuba.

"This may be the only DNA that could prove that Castro has his body. Gustavo helped bury Che and he claims there were only two other bodies with his corpse," Norwine told Reuters shortly before the auction, as she pointed to the dark lock of hair sealed in a plastic

envelope in a glass display case.

"But when the remains said to be his were dug up and taken to Cuba there were six other bodies in the grave," she said, adding that Villoldo claimed to know the precise location of his grave because he wrote down the coordinates.

The hair was auctioned with a few related items to Butler in one batch.

A scrapbook containing what Heritage says are previously unpublished photos of the dead guerrilla went with the hair. One shows a group of rag-tag soldiers brandishing rifles and standing proudly around his corpse like hunters posing with a trophy. Others show his corpse propped up, eyes wide open.

A hand-written note from one of Che's comrades-in-arms to the guerrilla leader saying he had reached an undisclosed location and awaited further orders was also sold.

Heritage had tightened security after receiving threatening e-mails from groups in Argentina, Guevara's home country, protesting the sale.

Guevara has come to symbolize rebel chic with his likeness emblazoned on countless T-shirts and buttons. But many of his left-wing admirers are uncomfortable with what they see as the commercial exploitation of his legacy.

Conservatives on the other hand see red at the pop-star status accorded a man they see as a ruthless communist killer.

Norwine said Heritage Auction Galleries has auctioned off hair before including strands from the heads of Abraham Lincoln, Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe.

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**Solution to Saturday's puzzle:**

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## ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

Foreigners

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