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Keeping an eye out



Sgt. Timothy Kingston

Staff Sgt. Jerrime Bishop (left) and Sgt. Charlie Jones (right) from Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, stop to provide security during a joint dismounted presence patrol with Iraqi National Police at a market in Nahrwan Nov. 1.

Attack avn. kills three IED planters near Al Bawi

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

FOB HAMMER –The pilots of an AH-64 Apache helicopter, killed three insurgents after they attempted to place an improvised explosive device on a route near Al Bawi, a small village along the Tigris River near Salman Pak, Nov. 3.

After an unmanned aerial vehicle recorded three insurgents with explosives, pilots from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment were called in to

follow the insurgents and the individuals who were acting as lookouts further down the road.

The pilots followed the insurgents to a residence and observed them loading a pickup truck with IED making materials. The insurgents then returned to the road, and the pilots launched a Hellfire rocket, destroying the vehicle and killing the insurgents.

Capt. Troy Gillett, the battle captain for 1-3 Avn. Regt., explained that UAVs

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Crime in Mada'in Qada drops drastically

MAJ. JOE SOWERS

3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Officers in the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division completed an analysis Nov. 2 of local crime statistics in the Mada'in Qada, an area southeast of

Baghdad, following a recent decrease in violent crimes.

This study matches a trend across Iraq reported the same week by the Washington Post and the New York Times.

Capt. Colin Donlin, a staff officer with the 3rd HBCT, conducted the

study. He analyzed crime statistics reported by the six Iraqi police stations in the Mada'in Qada. The Mada'in Qada is a portion of the Baghdad province and is home to almost 900,000 Iraqis, both Sunni and Shia.

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3rd BSTB medics teach Soldiers how to save lives

SGT. NATALIE ROSTEK

3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Health care specialists from Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, held a combat lifesaver recertification class Nov. 2 at the FOB Hammer chapel.

A Soldier's combat lifesaver certification expires after one year. The purpose of the recertification class is to refresh Soldiers, who have already completed the full course, on their medical skills and responsibilities as combat lifesavers, said Staff Sgt. Kristine Sutton, NCO in charge of the 3rd BSTB health care specialists.

Sutton explained that approximately a year ago a new recertification program was implemented into the combat lifesaver training.

"The new program focuses on tactical combat casualty care," Sutton said. "This is the care a first responder should provide based off the enemy situation."

The 3rd BSTB health care specialists conduct classes the first and third Friday of every month. The course is held for 3rd BSTB Soldiers; however, Soldiers of any battalion can attend with permission from Sutton, who instructs



Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Spec. David Henderson administers an IV to Sgt. Joshua Miles at a CLS recertification class as Spec. Chandra Walton checks his technique.

the class.

Sutton said she sometimes conducts joint combat lifesaver training with the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team battalions and the 3rd BSTB medics.

"It's crucial to have many combat lifesaver certified Soldiers," Sutton said. "When units roll out on patrols,

the more combat lifesaver Soldiers there are, the better it is for the unit."

The 3rd BSTB is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March.

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ATTACK: *Avn. Bde. Apaches take out three insurgents near Al Bawi*

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and helicopters do not operate in the same area at the same time.

"It's sort of like having two sets of eyes on a bigger area," Gillett said. "This was a classic case of manned, unmanned teaming. They spotted it and handed it off to us and we were able to engage."

Maj. David Fivecoat, the operations officer for 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, said 1-3 Avn. Regt. plays a key role in the success 3rd HBCT is having in places like Al Bawi.

"The 24-hour a day presence of attack aviation has insurgents looking over their shoulders anytime they operate," he said. "The elimination of three IED emplacements increases the security of the Bawi residents."

Capt. Steve Schmidt, targeting officer for 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, which controls the battlespace that

includes Salman Pak and the surrounding areas, was confident that the elimination of the three extremists will help secure the Bawi area, but emphasized that the 3rd HBCT and Coalition Forces will continue to help the citizens there.

Capt. Josh Powers, the assistant operations officer for 1-15 Inf. Regt., explained that with helicopters and UAVs Coalition Forces have a huge surveillance advantage over their enemy.

It is an advantage that they will continue to use to protect the security forces operating in Bawi.

"Through continued surveillance of the Bawi area, we are able to target any individuals who intend harm on local Iraqis, Iraqi Security Forces or Coalition Forces," Powers said.

Fivecoat was pleased with the result of the operation and said it bodes well for future operations in Bawi.

"Future operations in Bawi will build on this and limit the ability of al-Qaeda to operate in the area," he explained.

CRIME: *Mada'in Qada crime decreases, Iraqi police patrol streets*

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"Our studies have shown a distinct decrease in violent crime since the introduction of the Hammer Brigade into the Mada'in Qada," Donlin said. "We are optimistic this trend will continue with the increased capability of the Iraqi Security Forces and Concerned Local Citizens. These statistics are a great measure of effectiveness of our goal to secure the population of the qada."

One of the most striking declines was reported homicides. Iraqi police from the qada reported eight murders in October. This marks a sharp decline from the monthly average of more than 21 murders.

Estimating that homicides will occur at the same monthly rate for the remainder of the calendar year, the 3rd HBCT expects to see the qada's total reported homicides for the year at approximately 245. This would be less than half of the 2006 total of 631.

Murders increased dramatically dur-

ing 2006 following the bombing of the Golden Dome mosque in Samarra, yet estimated totals for 2007 are still lower than the 2005 total of 355 reported homicides.

Capt. Elizabeth Cain, commander of 59th Military Police Company, from Fort Carson, Colo., attributes the decline to the improved performance of the Iraqi police.

"Now the Iraqi police are better trained, better equipped, and now have leadership that is knowledgeable, as well as confident," Cain said. "This results in more IPs doing their job and doing it well."

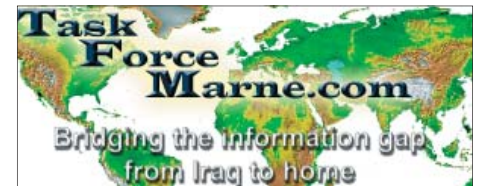
Cain's company is attached to the 3rd HBCT, assisting in the development of the local police forces of the qada. Currently, more than 900 Iraqi police patrol the qada and man its six police stations.

"The police now have a better understanding of investigative techniques and how to put a case together with proper evidence collection," Cain said. "The IPs understand how to maintain

the integrity of a crime scene and build a case. More people now get convicted and go to jail, therefore dispelling a climate of lawlessness."

The study also showed a slight decrease in the number of reported kidnappings in the qada. There were 13 reported kidnappings in October, slightly below the monthly average of 13.6.

"Due to numerous factors — the surge, the development of 1,500 concerned citizens, the Sadr ceasefire and gradual improvements made by the Iraqi police — murders continue to decline here in the Mada'in," said Maj. Dave Fivecoat, 3rd HBCT operations officer. "Over the coming months, we'll continue to work with the IPs and concerned citizens to try and sustain this trend."



Safety Thought of the Day

Dirty Windshields

- Keep your windshields, windows, headlights, backup lights and turn signals clean.
- Ensure your windshield wipers work.
- Keep windshield washer reservoirs full.



Headline Highlights

Japanese 'love hotels'; secret landscaping

Love hotels woo investors

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japan's secretive love hotels are opening up to European investors as one player in the sector prepares for a debut on London's stock market this month.

Japan Leisure Hotels, which owns five love hotels worth some 21 million pounds (\$43.68 million) in Japan, hopes to lure investors to its IPO with an 8 percent dividend and promises of fast growth -- shedding light on a sector that is often associated with sleaze and organized crime.

Japan's 25,000 or so love hotels have long provided discreet hideaways for couples, some featuring Karaoke machines or vibrating beds. Guernsey-based Japan Leisure Hotels rents out rooms for short stays lasting only a few hours, but the company's director believes this system doesn't just appeal to thrill-seekers.

"People have busy life styles and they don't want to be tied down to 'Now, I got to check in after 12, or after three' or 'I've got to check out before mid-day'," director Stephen Mansfield told Reuters in a phone interview.

"It's very much like a discount airline. The required time reduces the prices to attract more people in and make it more economical for them. At busy periods, prices go up."

The industry is also seen to be shielded from economic cycles and has potential for sweet returns since rooms have a high turnover.

Japan Leisure Hotels aims to expand

its assets by 14 times to 300 million pounds (\$623.9 million) in 5 years.

The five hotels, which are operated under the Bonita brand, have 195 rooms. Japan Leisure Hotels plans to increase that to 1,200 rooms in two years and 3,000-3,500 rooms in five years, which would raise the value of its portfolio to 300 million pounds.

"We've been looking at the sector for over four years now, and we are quite confident that we will be able to put the money to work," Mansfield said.

Japan's love hotels generate nearly 3 trillion yen in annual sales but investors have long shied away from the sector because it is often associated with gangs and red-light districts.

Recently, more players have ventured into the market. Global Financial Support Co, a Tokyo-based investment group, has launched 10 love hotel funds, raising a total 12.5 billion yen. MHS Capital Partners also solicited \$10 million from foreign institutional investors a few years ago.

Mansfield said Japan's leisure hotel market is going through structural changes, presenting an opportunity for institutional investors.

Some financial institutions are now willing to provide non-recourse loans to buy love hotels.

"An operator has been basically a family business. Providing finances is more like a personal loan than a commercial debt structure," he said. "We get a large enough portfolio. We provide the transparency and we provide the accountability. We provide that

level of professionalism."

Japan Leisure Hotels plans to go public by selling up to 100 million pounds of shares on London's junior Aim market.

Asked if he is worried by the perceived influence of organized crime on the sector, Mansfield said his company is careful about which areas it invests in.

"Organized crime tends to be focused on specific geographical areas. When we do our due diligence and when we are purchasing hotels we are very careful about that. We try to avoid those areas," he said.

Yeah, we call it our chainsaw sea view ...

BERLIN (Reuters) — A German retiree secretly cut down or shortened 122 trees in a publicly owned forest to give his holiday cottage a clear view of the Baltic Sea, police said Thursday.

The 70-year-old Hamburg resident told police he had felled 56 trees with a chainsaw and left only the bottom four yards of 66 others, mainly copper beech, oak, ash and wild cherry trees.

"He told us he wanted to enjoy an unobstructed view of the Baltic," about 50 yards from his cottage, said Jan-Hendrik Wulff, a police spokesman in the northern city of Luebeck.

The man, whose tree-felling caused an estimated 15,000 euros (\$22,000) of damage, is likely to be charged with damaging property and breaking conservation laws, officials said.

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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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