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Serving Task Force Marne

Commando Bde., IA render aid after massive car bombing

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2/10 MTN. PAO

MAHMUDIYAH, Iraq – Coalition and Iraqi troops secured the area after a car bomb detonation near the south Baghdad city of Mahmudiyah, Sunday.

Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and the 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division rendered aid to Iraqi local nationals after a vehicle borne improvised explosive device detonated at a mechanic shop killing 17 Iraqis and injuring 26 others.

"Today was an evil attack and I as an Iraqi am very sad," said Brig. Gen. Ali, the 4-6 IA commander. "However, the terrorists will not get away with this."

The attack, which was coordinated just one day before the anniversary of Iraq's liberation, was intended to disrupt the lives of the Iraqis.

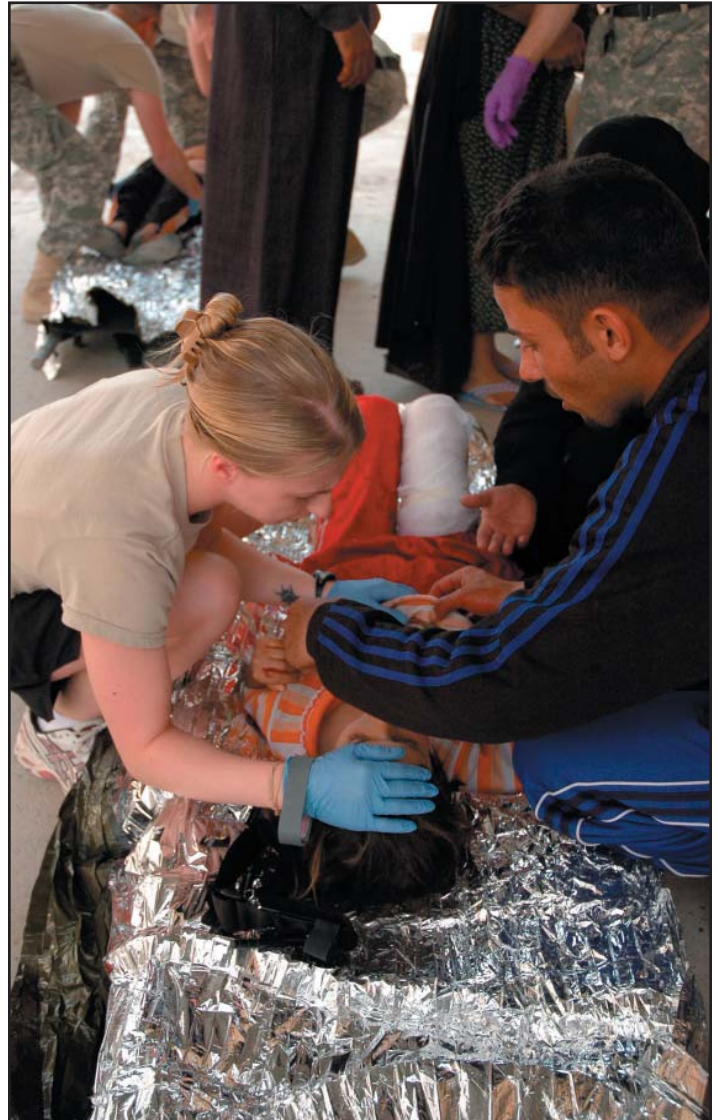
"Since we have been here we have been able to work with the IA to cut terrorist attacks in half," said Lt. Col. Bob Morschauser, the 2-15 commander and native of Fairless Hills, Penn. "And since the terrorist have seen us making so much progress they are trying to undermine what we have done by hurting their own people and discrediting our efforts."

Within minutes of the detonation, U.S. and IA soldiers secured the site and rendered aid to the wounded.

"Today was a disaster, but we were there helping our people ... protecting them," said Sgt. Mohammed Jouad Kazeen, a personal security detachment noncommissioned officer with the 4-6. "We will do what we can to oppress the terrorists and get them out of our country."

During the incident a medic spoke of what it was like to treat the Iraqis.

"I really want to help the Iraqis and providing quality medical care is just one way that I feel I am contributing," said Spc. James Buron, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2-15 and native of Phippsburg, Maine. "But the tough patients are children. Just a few weeks ago a child was changing the oil underneath a car when it exploded. We never found the child."



Staff Sgt. Angela McKinzie

Pfc. Lisa Dueker, from Carbondale, Ill., and medic from 210th Brigade Support Battalion attached to 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division treats the wounds of a young girl, injured in a car bomb attack near a mosque in the town of Mahmudiyah, April 8.

Just steps away from where Buron was rendering medical aid an Iraqi child screamed in anguish. His father, brother and uncle were all killed from the detonation.

"It is very sad to see this," said Abdali, an Iraqi local national. "We have not done anything to these people and yet they still hurt us. They are not human; they do not care about life."

What can the IG do for me?

SGT. 1ST CLASS RIETTA D. OWENS
IG NCOIC

Problem-solving is one of the Inspector General office's primary missions.

All Soldiers, civilians and family members have the right to seek IG assistance without the fear of reprisal. However, before you seek IG assistance, be sure you have a problem and not just a peeve.

IGs look into issues concerning whether policies and regulations are adhered to and to determine whether personnel are given due process. Issues regarding possible violations receive a thorough inquiry or investigation and findings are based on facts from regulations and policies.

When issues and/or violations are found, the IG will substantiate the case in the Inspector General Action Request Database. In addition, the findings are returned to the command or Directing Authority (Commanding General) for

action.

IG findings are not used as a basis for adverse actions, unless released by the Inspector General. Remember, IGs are not commanders and cannot order, direct or make policies. IGs do not take on issues that have other means of redress, but may assist in the resolution process.

Before coming to the IG, you should do the following:

- Give your chain of command a chance to solve the problem. Many issues must be addressed to the chain of command for resolution anyway.
- If IG assistance is needed, contact your local IG first. IGs at higher commands will normally refer the case to the local IG for action.
- Be honest and don't provide misleading information. IGs will discover the truth quickly in most cases and there are penalties for knowingly providing false information.

• Keep in mind IGs are not policy makers. If a policy is flawed, you can submit proposed change on a DA Form 2028.

• Keep in mind that IGs can only recommend, not order, a resolution. Only commanders can order; the role of the IG is to advise the commander.

• Remember, IGs can only resolve a case on the basis of fact. Your claim that rules have been violated does not make it fact. A claim must be supported by evidence.

• Don't expect instant action on your request — be patient. Inquiries/investigations take time, and IGs ensure accuracy before rendering advice.

• Be prepared to take no for an answer. Whatever the answer is, the IG will explain it.

Remember: IGs are here to help, but they can only provide resolutions based on facts. Evidence must support a person's allegation that a violation of a policy/regulation has been committed.

IG on site to take care of Task Force Marne Soldiers, civilians

LT. COL. WILFRED D. CLAYTON
TF MARNE INSPECTOR GENERAL

My team and I are proud, honored, and dedicated to be to serving the Soldiers and civilians of Task Force Marne.

We will work closely with all leaders to ensure we understand the characters of their commands and elements.

Together, we will proactively and genuinely care for Task Force Marne personnel and solve issues within our capabilities.

As always, we are here to help you. In spite of being deployed away from home, it is important that we continue to take care of our Soldiers and families.

We will provide assistance and seek every opportunity to conduct teaching and training to help ensure our Soldiers

are combat ready and the needs of their families are met.

Remember ... we are here to assist the leaders, Soldiers, civilians and family members.

Do not hesitate to phone or e-mail this office for advice or answers to any of your questions.

While the answer or resolution to your question or issue may not be immediate or what you want to hear. I can assure you it will be accurate.

Our ability to support you with assistance is paramount to the overall success of our great organization.

Droit Et Avant! Rock of the Marne!

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DOG FACE VOICES

**What's the best thing
you've ever received
in a care package?**



"Pictures of my kids."

STAFF SGT. LEONARD ELKINS JR.
HHSC, STB

*"One Christmas, my mom sent
us a whole box of cookies."*

SFC. LEANN K. ABERNATHY
HHOC, STB



*"Phone cards, so I could call my
wife."*

NAVY IT2 STEVEN ALVAREZ
MNC-I C-6



*"I got a fishing hat from a fish-
ing company."*

SGT. AARON HUDSON
3RD SIG. CO., STB



*"A bunch of CDs from a friend's
high school class."*

MAJ. EDWARD NICKERSON
HHOC, STB



Say 'hello' to locals

SAMI HOURANI
CULTURAL ADVISOR

Since I arrived in Iraq, several Soldiers have asked me, "How do you say 'Hello' in Arabic?"

Even though the answer is a very simple "Marhaba," there is more involved to it than just a simple greeting.

For starters, there are so many different phrases that can be used that mean the same thing or imply the same thing.

You can say "Hayak Allah" (God greets you), "Al-Salam Alaikum" (peace be upon you), "Marhaba" (Hello), "Sabah El-Khair" (Good morning), "Masa El-Khair" (Good evening) or just a simple "Hallow" which is the Iraqi informal hello.

It depends on the occasion and who you are addressing. That will justify which phrase you can or will use. Also, for each of these greetings there is a response that is normally associated with that greeting.

"Marhaba" (Hello), is normal-

ly used in an informal setting, and normally with people of the same age group.

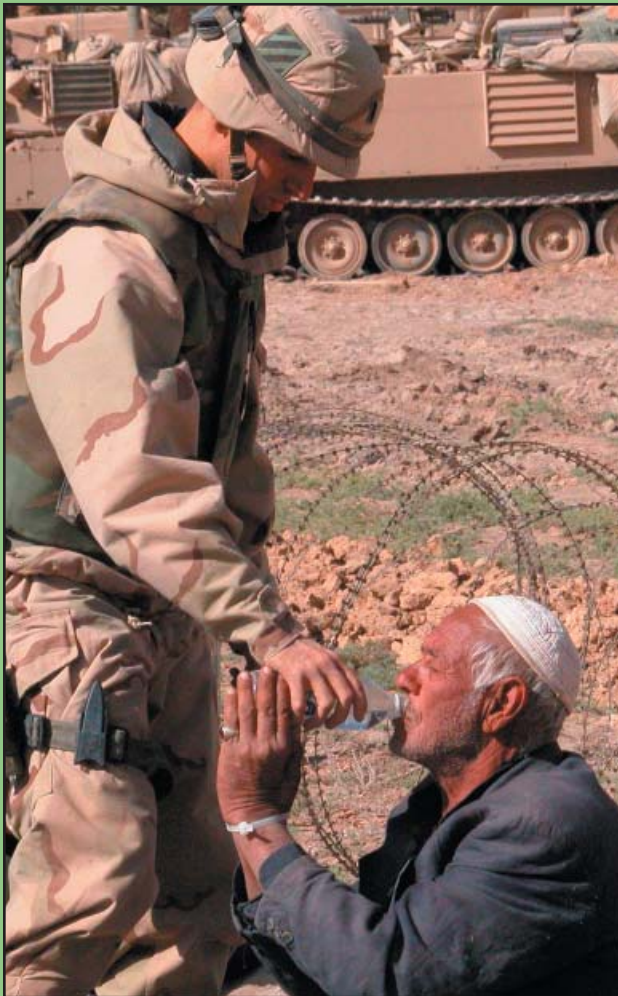
Normally the greeting goes like this: You encounter someone you know or met before, and you say "Marhaba - Kifak" (Hello - How are you). The response could be "Ahllan - El- Hamdulillah - Kifak Int" (Hello/welcome - Thank God - How are you).

"Al-Salam Alaikum" is used in a formal setting when greeting a group. It can also be used on an individual basis, when addressing an older person or someone you are not familiar with.

The response is "Wa-alaikum El-Salam, wa rahmatullah wa barakatuh" (and peace upon you too and God's mercy and blessings).

These two greetings are the most commonly used and most known amongst Iraqi soldiers. I hope that this gives you some insight to the greeting ritual, and I hope that you will continue to read *The Dog Face Daily* to find out about other cultural issues.

SECURITY BEGINS WITH YOU!



Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

A look back ...

Four years ago, the news reports stated that on the second day of Operation Iraqi Freedom I, elements of the 3rd Infantry Division were steadily headed into Iraq, traveling fairly quickly. After making a 100-plus mile dash through southern Iraq the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division came under artillery fire late on March 21 near Nasiriyah. Air strikes from the naval and Air Force attack aircraft were called into attack the 11th Infantry Division which was located near the city. The 11th Infantry ultimately surrendered and 3rd Inf. Div. forces captured the Talil airfield which is south of Nasiriyah.

While the 3rd Bde. was dealing with Iraq's 11th Infantry, the 1st Brigade seized an airfield at Jalibah sometime shortly after noon on March 21. After securing the airfield, 1st Bde. turned the unit over to an unidentified Marine unit.

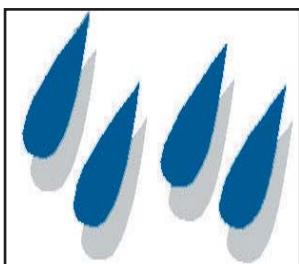
This was a look back in history.



File photo

Marne Weather Watch

Tuesday, April 10



Rainy

Low: 60F/High: 73F

Wednesday, April 11



Rainy

Low: 53F/High: 67F

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Yes

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Sudoku

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from Green Belt Sudoku, by Frank Long

Solution to
yesterday's
puzzle:

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