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Army's Newest Modular Combat Team Makes Mark in Iraq

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WASHINGTON - In its first deployment to Iraq, one of the Army's newest modular light infantry brigade combat teams is making its mark under the president's troop plus-up plan, the brigade's top officer said in a May 25 briefing to Pentagon reporters.

The 1st Infantry Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team from Fort Riley, Kan., is deployed as part of the troop plus-up to the east and west Rashid security districts in the Multinational Division Baghdad area. It is partnered with the 2nd Infantry Division's 3rd Stryker Brigade from Fort Lewis, Wash., and three Iraqi security force brigades.

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Spc. A.J. Jackson looks for snipers during a cordon and search in Baghdad on May 16. Spc. Jackson is assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. Photo by Sgt. Tierney P. Nowland.

Airmen deliver strategic aid to Lebanese military

By Capt. Teresa Sullivan 379th Air Expeditionary Wing

BERUIT, Lebanon (AFPN) -- C-17 Globemaster III crews of the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron delivered bullets to Beirut as part of a short notice ammunition re-supply tasking in support of the Lebanese military.

The 816th EAS, a tenant unit of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing based out of Southwest Asia, was given the order to deliver ammunition to the Rafic Harari International Airport in Beirut. The delivery was critical to the Lebanon Armed Forces due to a rise in hostilities this week.

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Staff Sergeants Greg Rada and John Quick, Senior Airman Dale Adkins and 1st Lt. Alex Hanna joined with two forward-deployed Airmen to upload about 180 pallets of ammunition for delivery to Rafic Harari International Airport in Beirut, Lebanon . Photo by Cpt. Teresa Sullivan.

CENTCOM PODCAST

Hungarian forces fight the drug trade in Afghanistan, the Command Sergeant Major of the Iraqi Assistance Group talks about the relationship between Iraqis and Americans, and a U.S. Army unit works to improve relations in Tarmiyah, Iraq.

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MUHAMMAD KHALIL AL-HAKAYMAH URGES MUSLIMS TO SUPPORT FATAH AL-ISLAM



Muhammad Khalil al-Hakaymah AKA Abu Jihad al-Masri, a prominent member of a faction of al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya in Egypt which aligned with al-Qaeda, issued a statement through al-Fajr Information Center and dated Sunday, May 27, 2007, urging Muslims to support the Fatah al-Islam Movement in northern Lebanon.

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WARFIGHTER STORIES

AMPUTEE BLAZES NEW TRAILS ON, OFF THE BATTLEFIELD



WASHINGTON - Maj. David Rozelle learned early the importance of leading from the front and setting the example for his fellow soldiers.

But his ability to lead was tested June 21, 2003, when a landmine struck his vehicle a few miles west of baghdad and he lost his right foot.

For most, this would have been a devastating, lifechanging event. for this native Texan, it was only a speed bump.

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