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Spc. Eslam Mabrouk with the 2-15th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), trains the Iraqi army to use a 60mm Mortar MK-1 model 1979 at Mahmudiyah, Iraq, June 10.

CSMs storm Kalsu

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"Are we winning the war?"

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill, Multi-National Forces Iraq command sergeant major, posed this question to a group of Soldiers and Airmen during a luncheon on Forward Operating Base Kalsu on June 9.

Hill, U.S. Marine Corps Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Morin, Central Command's command sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, Task Force Marne command sergeant major, visited Kalsu to speak with the troops on the ground and to discuss the feelings, beliefs and opinions of the young servicemembers who are fighting the Global War on Terror.

"You are as important as anyone in the fight," Morin said to the group. "You all make it happen."

To illustrate this point, Morin used an example of an F16 squadron at Fort Anaconda. The F16s, while lethal against the

3-1 Cav. arrests four after extended observation

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Four men were arrested after their vehicle was tracked for an extended period Wednesday afternoon east of Baghdad.

Along with the detainees, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment Soldiers found one loaded AK-47 assault rifle and two loaded handguns, as well as a black ski mask.

A search of a nearby house led to the discovery of multiple power switches commonly used in the construction of roadside bombs, along with an AK-47 assault rifle, two RPK light machine guns, multiple magazines for the three weapons and a set of body armor with ballistic plates.

The 3-1 Cavalry is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning, Ga.

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DAMO keeps Task Force connected

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In the sweltering summer heat, many problems can occur, especially in communications. Luckily for Task Force Marne, help is not far away.

The Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division's Automations Management Office at Task Force Marne headquarters are the people who provide the elbow grease that keeps the network switches working.

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mitchell, NCO in charge of the DAMO, said that when 3rd Inf. Div. arrived at Camp Victory, it took his 19 Soldiers nine days and approximately 12,000 feet of cable to bring communications for the task force online.

"Our mission is to provide the local area network connectivity on the (secret internet protocol receiver)," said Mitchell, a native of Leakey, Texas.

He said they also install computer software, provide support for their servers and email service, and support a system used for conference calls referred to as Breeze.

Staff Sgt. Chris Goodwin, a Hephzibah, Ga., native and information systems operator analyst, said Multinational Corps — Iraq provides a fiber cable to the task force, which is used to run the non-secret internet protocol receiver.

Besides being maintainers of the SIPR, the Soldiers of the automations management office also have a help desk where

information management officers can go to get problems solved.

Sgt. Edward Mayfield, an information systems operator analyst, said that when people come to his help window they can expect to be treated with courtesy.

"It's just like a regular help desk at any corporation," said Mayfield, a native of Alexandria, La.

When not taking work orders at the help window, Mayfield assists in maintaining the servers and switches of the local network. He said the most commonly occurring problem is TF Marne members forgetting the passwords for their SIPR and NIPR accounts.

Mitchell said his Soldiers take great care to ensure that there is no unauthorized use of the SIPR and NIPR.

"There are certain days of the week that we scan the entire network," he said.

The teams look for breaches in the information assurance areas, which include unauthorized software on government computers and SIPR information that is on a NIPR computer.

Mitchell says that once DAMO finds anyone, intentionally or unintentionally, outside their parameters, that person is investigated and the proper action is taken to ensure no future violations take place.

Though security is a serious concern for these Soldiers, they always keep in mind that they are here to serve the task force at every level.

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CSMs

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enemy, would be useless without the crews who move the fuel, the handlers who fuel the fighters, to the cooks and medics who ensure the pilots are able to fly, everyone is part of a larger chain that equals success, Morin said.

"Every single person here has a key role. Everyone in the chain has an extremely vital role. We can't afford to have the chain break anywhere; the whole chain must work," he said.

"What you do at anytime has strategic value. You can turn this from north to south," Hill added.

Because most of the fighting is done at street level by Soldiers of junior rank it is important to get their opinion on how operations in Iraq are going, the command sergeants major said.

"In this game how do you keep score? There is no clock on the wall. So how do we define winning?" Hill asked.

Some definitions of winning included accomplishing the mission by getting rid of terrorists, lowering U.S. casualties, providing the Iraqi people the means to live without fear, and training the Iraqi army and Iraqi police to provide security instead of relying on American service members, according to the Soldiers in attendance.

Most of the Soldiers' views were in line with those of Multi-National Forces-Iraq: security, stabilization, defeating international terrorism and armed militias, and creating a self-reliant Iraq, said Morin.

While the Soldiers understand what is going on, he added, it is important to let America back home understand as well.

"America supports us. When one of us dies, a piece of them dies," Morin said.

It is important that Soldiers let their families and communities know that the sacrifices being made in Iraq are worth the cost being paid, he added.

"Externalize how we helped Iraqi people, give the story of what you really did, and break it down into ways people can relate," Morin said. "We are the ones to counter (the negativity in the news)."

The best way for this to happen is for Soldiers to tell how they have helped the

Iraqi people secure a better life when they go home, said Hill.

"One good act ripples out. Your acts are making the lives of Iraqi people get better," said Hill.

By telling these stories, it is like using the right weapon at the right time. Such stories help regain support back home, Hill said.

"We are a country about will. When we lose our will we lose our way," Hill said. "The U.S. is not a country about losing. So tell what you did to help make Iraq a better place."



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills

Task Force Marne Command Sergeant Major Jesse L. Andrews Jr. talks helicopter maintenance with Sgt. Ian Pasley (right), a helicopter mechanic with 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment; Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Stidley (left center), Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. David Perkins (left), 4/3 Avn. Andrews visited the CAB at Baghdad International Airport. He met with CAB Soldiers and NCOs over lunch, then toured the flightline to become familiar with the brigade's capabilities and aircraft.

Safety Thought of the Day

M9 Safety

- On some weapons, when the weapon is placed on safe and the slide is retracted and released, the safety switch simultaneously moves to fire position.
- Such a weapon is unsafe. Firer may not know that the safety has inadvertently moved to the fire position with the hammer fully cocked after the slide stop is disengaged. Accidental discharge may occur.
- All M9 users must perform the safety/function check outlined in TM 9-1005-317-10, WP 0014 00-1, paying attention to the position of the safety.
- If safety lever moves to the fire position during this part of the check, the weapon is NMC.
- NMC weapons will be evacuated to DS maintenance for repair.



HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

'Robin Hood' banker sentenced to prison

REUTERS

BERLIN — A German banker who stole money from rich clients to help poor ones has been sentenced to two years and 10 months in prison, a court said Thursday. The 45-year-old, dubbed by German media as a modern day Robin Hood, diverted 2.1 million euros (\$2.79 million) to clients he felt were needy while holding a senior position at a savings bank in the southern region of Tauberfranken.

"The accused undertook these actions to grant liquidity to clients who, in his view, were short of money and who no longer got loans under the usual money market conditions," said a statement issued by the court in the southern town of Mosbach.

But the man soon lost track of the funds he had misappropriated, as well as where they had come from, it added.

A spokeswoman for the court said

the man, a German of Yugoslavian origin, had not enriched himself during the scam.

His scheme was uncovered when he turned himself in to police in 2006, the spokeswoman said. This was just when local media had begun to get wind of the story, she added.

Prosecutors said the man managed to plug some of the financial holes he had created, so that the net losses to the Sparkasse Tauberfranken bank were ultimately some 640,000 euros.

The court said the man had made a full confession to the five year ruse, which ended in January 2006.

He has the right to appeal the court's decision.

Text in time saves nimble-fingered teen

REUTERS

KUALA LUMPUR — A Malaysian teen-ager woken by a night-time noise dashed off a warning text message to her mother just in time to be rescued

from an intruder who burst into her bedroom.

Alerted by the mother's screams, relatives rushed to the rescue, breaking down a door and scaring off the man, who escaped through the back of the house, the New Straits Times said.

Salima Mohamad Noor, 17, said a man broke into her bedroom and placed a knife at her neck just as she finished sending the message on her cellular telephone.

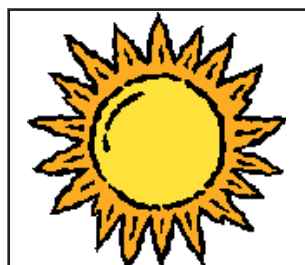
"I was terrified and started screaming when he threatened to kill me," the newspaper quoted Salima as saying. "He also said no one would come to my rescue as he had already locked my mother's bedroom door from the outside."

But her mother's loud screams drew the attention of Salima's uncle, who kicked open the front door, frightening away the intruder, the paper added.

About 80 percent of Malaysia's population of roughly 26 million own a cell phone, statistics show, with many teenagers proficient in text messaging, as a cheaper way of talking to friends than telephone calls.

Marne Weather Watch

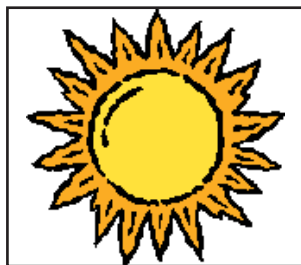
Saturday, June 16



Sunny

Low: 88F/High: 115F

Sunday, June 17



Sunny

Low: 87F/High: 115F

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Can you get me a ... ?

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to
yesterday's
puzzle:

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