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Spc. Cleveland Henderson, a medic with Company D, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment provides security with a policeman from 3rd Brigade, 1st National Police Division during an operation in Samadiyah Dec. 28.

National Police secure Samadiyah

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3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

FOB HAMMER — The 3rd National Police Battalion conducted a combined search operation with the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment in Samadiyah, a village near Jisr Diyala, Dec. 28.

As 3-1 Cav. Regt. provided security, air support and guidance from the outer cordon, National Policemen cleared buildings and found a small cache.

"The operation was a combined operation that was focused on finding insurgent caches and denying insurgents sanctuary in Samadiyah," said 1st Lt. Tom Hearon, executive officer for Troop C, 3-1 Cav. Regt.

"We are very happy with the way the National Police took the lead in clearing buildings and securing the citizens there. Colonel Emad (the commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st National Police Division) took the lead in the entire operation. He gathered information and planned how everything was going to go. I think he did pretty well."

Policemen detained four individuals for questioning and found a small cache containing one mortar round and several boxes of ammunition. After questioning the four detainees, the NP released all of the suspects.

"Even though we made no arrests and only found one small cache, we were able to make a significant show of force and the NP secured the area so we could turn it over to the Concerned Local Citizens," Hearon said.

It was believed that Samadiyah was being used as a staging area for insurgents smuggling weapons into Baghdad.

Georgians celebrate brigade's anniversary

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FOB DELTA — Hundreds of miles from home, Soldiers from the 3rd Georgian Infantry Brigade celebrate the brigade's 3-year anniversary.

Formed on Dec. 29, 2004 in Gory, Georgia, in its short history the brigade has participated in peacekeeping operations in Kosovo and Iraq. The brigade has received professional training from Turkey and the United States.

The first year and a half was difficult as the brigade transitioned from that of a conscript army to being a professional one, said Maj. ZaZa Kvaraia, the brigade's executive officer.

"It is important that the brigade has had the opportunity to develop skills in Iraq with the help of our Coalition partners and being part of the regime," Kvaraia said. "For us it is not just about honor, but it has been good for our professional development.

"For us this is a beginning," Kvaraia said. "There was a lot of knowledge gained here, but most important was the development of the Soldiers. We will share what we have learned with the rest of our unit."

While the first year and half of its history has been hard, this rotation to

Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

Father Gabriel, 3rd Georgian Infantry Brigade priest, conducts an invocation ceremony during a celebration of the brigade's third anniversary.

Iraq has also been difficult for the brigade. The brigade lost two of its Soldiers. This was the first loss of life for the brigade, Kvaraia said.

The 3rd GB will hand over their responsibilities to the 1st Georgian Brigade in early February and return to Georgia to conduct peacekeeping operations, Kvaraia said. The brigade has began sharing its tactics, techniques, procedures, lessons learned and relationships that it has built with the incoming brigade.

The brigade's experience in Iraq will help with their return mission to Georgia, Kvaraia said.

The 3rd Georgian Infantry Brigade is comprised of three battalions, the

31st Battalion and Artillery Division, the 33rd Battalion, and the 32nd Battalion.

The brigade units have participated in the following peacekeeping operations: the 32nd Battalion's light infantry company in Kosovo from March 30, 2006-Nov. 5, 2007; the 31st Battalion's light infantry company in Kosovo from October 2006 to May 2007; a light infantry platoon from 31st Battalion with Turkey troops in Kosovo from January to July 2007; from Nov. 3, 2006 to Aug. 28, 2007, 281 military members have been in Iraq.

Since March 24, 2007, 532 members of the 33rd Battalion have been in the Republic of Iraq.

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SADAMIYAH: *Iraqi National Police secure village, find small cache*

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"Samadiyah is a critical area because of its proximity to the Rustimiyah Bridge and it lies on a direct route to Baghdad," said Lt. Col. John Kolasheski, 3-1 Cav. Regt. commander. "We will use this operation to further secure the area and will continue to hold it with the Concerned Local Citizens."

After the operation was over, Troop C worked with local leaders to decide on a leader for the area's Concerned Local Citizens program. Maad Jassim Al-Gaidat accepted the job after conferring with local sheiks.

Kolasheski said the group will be on a 30-day probationary period to prove themselves before they are given a contract by Coalition Forces.

"We have high hopes for the CLC in Samadiyah," Hearon said. "I think if we get them involved, a combination of pride and sense of responsibility will help them secure this area further. A lot of these citizens are hoping to use this as an entry-level job to get more involved with Iraqi Security Forces, like the National Police."

Troop C provided the group with hesco barriers, sand bags and concertina wire to start building and securing checkpoints.

"We worked with the CLCs to help them pick ideal locations for their checkpoints," Hearon said. "We will return in a couple of days to see if they need any more help."

Colonel Wayne Grigsby, Jr., Prince George's County, Md., the commander of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, and Maj. Gen. Abdul Kareem, the commander of the 1st National Police Divi-

Spc. Ben Hutto

Lt. Col. John Kolasheski confers with Col. Emad (middle), during a combined operation in Samadiyah, a village near Jisr Diyala, Dec. 28.

sion, were both on hand to witness the operation and meet with local leaders.

"An important piece of the operation was the tribal and Iraqi security leaders working openly with Coalition Forces," Kolasheski said. "To further illustrate that point was General Kareem coming down from Baghdad to observe the operation and talk with local leaders. I think the people of the area have seen cooperation work in the other parts of the nahia and know that now is a good opportunity for them. Ultimately the area will benefit from cooperation among themselves and with Coalition Forces."

Kolasheski was pleased with the performance of the NP and thought that

their professionalism won over many of the citizens in Samadiyah.

"The NP performed well," he said. "They handled themselves in a professional manner. I think the citizens there now have confidence in the NP. I think their actions showed they are not a sectarian force."

Hearon said Grigsby's presence showed the importance of the operation.

"I think Colonel Grigsby's arrival showed everyone how big a push there is to secure this area," he said. "When two high ranking people like General Kareem and Colonel Grigsby show up it shows everyone involved how important security is in this area."

Safety Thought of the Day
Secondary Loads

• All equipment loaded must be firmly and properly secured to avoid movement fore and aft, side to side and up and down.
• Loads may be secured with tie-down straps, netting, cables, and chains.
• Hazardous materials must be in compliance of Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 49, for ground transportation.
• Loads for ground movement will be secured regardless of the trip distance.
  - Loads should be checked when driver

suspects problem with a load or during planned rest area based upon the mission.
• Tie down methods for aircraft vary upon the cargo making up the load, the restraint criteria, and the load factors.
• The "Pilot In Command" is responsible for ensuring the load is in compliance with the appropriate "-10."
• For further information see TM 55-2200-001-12, TM 1-1520-240-10, TB 55-46-1, Pam 55-19 and Pam 55-20.

Headline Highlights

Holiday beer heist; list of ban-worthy words

Georgia brewheisters steal 2,600 cases of beer

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Sounds like some south Georgia crooks have been stocking up for a big holiday bash.

Thieves took tractor-trailers loaded with beer and swiped the suds twice within the past week, authorities said.

Dougherty County authorities are investigating a report of a missing 53-foot-long trailer that was loaded with more than 2,300 cases of beer. Police said the beer disappeared sometime between Dec. 21 and Thursday.

Also on Dec.21, more than 300 cases of beer were stolen from another tractor-trailer, which had a tracking device. The trailer as driven about three miles before it was emptied, police said.

Jumps race ends in farce with nine jockeys banned

DUBLIN (Reuters) — A jumps race at Tramore in southeast Ireland on Monday ended in farce with nine of the jockeys banned for five days.

All 14 riders finished a circuit too early in the fifth race of the afternoon over two miles five furlongs (4.2 km), eased down and began to head towards the unsaddling enclosure.

But five of them then realised their mistake, returned to action and completed the final circuit, Andrew McNamara winning the race on 9-4 favorite Mr Aussie by six lengths.

While jockeys individually occasionally ride a finish too early it is rare for an entire field to do so. Their mistake even fooled the commentator who de-scribed the first "finish" in animated terms before also realising the error.

The jockeys of the horses that finished second, third and fifth were among those banned, the stewards deciding that like the others they had also failed to give their mounts every chance to obtain a best possible finishing position.

Wordsmiths, avoid these

CHICAGO (Reuters) — A "surge" of overused words and phrases formed a "perfect storm" of "post-9/11" cliches in 2007, according to a U.S. university's annual list of words and phrases that deserve to be banned.

Choosing from among 2,000 submissions, the public relations department at Michigan's Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie targeted 19 affronts to the English language in its well-known jab at the worlds of media, sports, advertising and politics.

The contributors gave first prize to the phrase "a perfect storm," saying it was numbingly applied to virtually any notable coincidence.

"Webinar" made the list as a tiresome non-word combining Web and seminar that a contributor said "belongs in the same school of non-thought that brought us e-anything and i-anything."

Similarly, the list-makers complained about the absurd comparisons commonly phrased "x is the new y," as in "(age) 70 is the new 50" or "chocolate is the new sex."

Some words and phrases sagged under the weight of overuse, contributors said, citing the application of "organic" to everything from computer software to dog food.

In the same vein, decorators offering to add "pop" with a touch of color need new words, the list-makers said.

Such phrases as "post 9/11" and "surge" have also outlived their usefulness, they said. Surge emerged in reference to adding U.S. troops in Iraq but has come to explain the expansion of anything. Other contributors took umbrage at the phrase to "give back" as applied to charitable gestures, usually by celebrities.

"The notion has arisen that as one's life progresses, one accumulates a sort of deficit balance with society which must be neutralized by charitable works or financial outlays," one said.

"Back in the day" raised hackles for being applied to recent trends rather than historical events. Other teenage linguistic indiscretions such as the often meaningless use of "random" and "sweet" raised the ire of list-makers, as did the pointless "it is what it is."

Reporters were chided for skipping out on detail by describing an event or parting as "emotional," and for misapplying "decimate" when they mean annihilate or destroy, not the word's true meaning of to lose a fraction.

Sports announcers were urged to drop "throw under the bus" when assigning blame to a player. "It is a call for the media to start issuing a thesaurus to everyone in front of a camera," a contributor said.

And finally, any self-respecting writer would groan at being labeled a "wordsmith" who engages in "wordsmithing," the list-makers said.

Sudoku

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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2	1	7	6	5	8	4	9	3
5	9	3	4	1	7	8	2	6
3	2	4	8	7	5	9	6	1
7	5	9	1	6	2	3	4	8
1	8	6	9	4	3	2	7	5

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Speak slowly   *et kell-lem AA-leh key-eh-fek*