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Photos by Pvt. Christopher McKenna  
Rakkasans and Iraqi Army troops organize items found in a cache north of Lutifiyah Feb. 19. At left, two Iraqi Army Soldiers pull multiple weapons and explosives from a cache.

## IED, IDF cells disrupted by cache find

PVT. CHRISTOPHER MCKENNA  
3RD BCT, 101ST ABN. DIV. (AASLT)

PB LUTIFIYAH — A significant weapons cache was discovered after a group effort between Iraqi Army and Red Knight Rakkasan Soldiers Feb. 19 north of Lutifiyah.

Led to the site by a local citizen who gave a tip, members of 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and 4th Platoon, Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), found a mass of weapons and homemade explosives.

The cache contained various impro-

vised explosive device-making materials, multiple explosive rounds, firearms and documentation.

"The source of intelligence for the cache was with us the whole way," said Capt. Charlie Lewis, executive officer for Btry. B, 3-320th FA. "He led us to the location and told us the cache was located between two specific houses; from there we started our search."

The IA came upon the cache before the U.S. forces did.

"The Iraqis know the area better than us and can tell more when ground in an area has been disturbed," said Sgt. Jeremiah Hash, fire support NCO, 4th Plt., Btry. B, 3-320th FA.

This was the largest find for the battery since arriving into country last October.

"The find is extremely significant, we thought it was going to just be a regular cache," Lewis said. "Instead we found a fair amount of IED-making materials, disrupting an IED cell in the area."

Six men thought to be tied to the cache were detained and brought in for questioning. Hash said he has seen a lot of IEDs and is confident this find will result in less attacks in the area.

Hash said mortar rounds and multiple direct-fire weapon systems found indicate an indirect fire cell was also disrupted.

# New restaurant opens at Hammer

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

FOB HAMMER — The recently-refurbished Oasis restaurant opened its doors Feb. 11 at FOB Hammer.

The owner, Adel Abbas, was one of several original vendors invited to open a shop at FOB Hammer in the summer of 2007.

Using his own resources and workers, Abbas renovated a shelled-out administration building once used by Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard.

The original Oasis opened in August, providing Soldiers with a small menu and various items such as cigarettes and sodas. Since that time, Abbas has turned the adja-

cent building into a more permanent restaurant.

The new area has marble-tiled floors and walls and double the original seating capacity. In addition, the menu was expanded to cater to 3rd HBCT Soldiers.

"I think it looks outstanding," said Lt. Col. Kelly Lawler, from Monticello, N.Y., commander of the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion. "He has taken that old shelled-out building and turned it into a great facility for our Soldiers to use."

The restaurant prepares traditional Iraqi food like falafel, humus and freshly baked flat bread, but also caters to more American favorites like hamburgers and pizza.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Leaders from 203rd Brigade Support Battalion and the IA join Adel Abbas (second from right), in cutting the ribbon to his restaurant at FOB Hammer Feb. 11.

"The food is pretty good," said Sgt. Michael Cowan, from Nashville, Tenn., 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, a reserve unit from Knoxville, Tenn., currently attached to the 3rd HBCT.

"The ambiance was a lot better than I expected."

The opening of the restaurant provides 3rd HBCT Soldiers another dining op-

tion, said 1st Lt. John Enfinger, officer in charge of the mayor cell at FOB Hammer, adding that Soldiers at FOB Hammer can expect more things in the future.

"We will continue exploring every avenue to increase morale and welfare for the Soldiers of FOB Hammer," said Enfinger, from New Brockton, Ala.

## Think OPSEC when sharing information on the Web

SPECIAL TO THE DOG FACE DAILY

Current technology makes staying in touch with family members a lot easier. Soldiers have been able to share parts of their daily lives in the form of photos and videos, or they post diary-like entries to blogs on the Web.

Blogs are allowed within Task Force Marne as long as they meet certain criteria. Soldiers assigned, attached, or within the Task Force Marne area of operation must register their Blog with their unit's S6, who in turn will register

the blog with the TF Marne G6.

Take measures to prevent the disclosure of sensitive information to any public domain, to include the World Wide Web, open source publications, publicly accessible software systems and the media. Sensitive information includes but is not limited to the following:

- Photographs of improvised explosive device (IED) strikes
- Battle scenes, casualties
- Destroyed or damaged equipment
- Personnel killed in action

- Locations and protective measures of military facilities

Personnel should consult with their immediate supervisor, unit OPSEC manager or Public Affairs officer before posting information in a public forum, to include articles for publication, Web site postings, blog postings and internet discussion forums.

YouTube and other Web sites will be monitored on a consistent basis and anyone who does not comply with these policies will be subject to disciplinary or administrative actions.

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# Lithuanian platoon impacts Wasit

**SGT. 1ST CLASS STACY NILES**  
214TH FIRES BRIGADE

FOB DELTA — With slightly less than two months at FOB Delta, Lithuanian soldiers are already making an impact on operations in Wasit province.

The Iron Wolf platoon provides a personal security detachment and quick reaction force in support of battlefield circulation for 214th Fires Brigade staff and other Coalition Forces, said Maj. James Singer, the 214th Fires Brigade operations officer.

“They provide the command group and staff a great amount of mobility that we didn’t have before,” he said.

The addition of the Lithuanian platoon allows the 511th Military Police Company, from Fort Drum, N.Y., to focus on their police transition team mission and provides security for Coalition Forces to conduct more civilian military cooperation missions, Singer said.

“They are absolutely vital in providing security in support of those operations,” Singer said.

Before assuming their mission, the Lithuanian platoon received drivers’ training, medical evacuation training and conducted a certification exercise.

During the certification exercise, led by 511th MP Co. personnel, the Lithuanian soldiers navigated scenarios such as reacting to improvised explosive de-



Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

Sgt. Victoria Chill, a healthcare NCO with Company C, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, discusses proper application of a tourniquet with Master Sgt. Andrius Samusevas, from the Lithuanian Iron Wolf platoon.

vices, reacting to a sniper, personnel recovery, vehicle recovery and reacting to an ambush.

“They did extremely well,” said Sgt. 1st Class David Riggons, a platoon sergeant with the 511th MP Co. “They are a very competent and professional organization.”

First Lt. Gediminas Ališauskas, platoon commander for the Lithuanian

contingent’s 10th rotation, said his soldiers started with a few mistakes, but learned and improved.

“It was important to see my soldiers think at a level higher than they were responsible for,” he said. “It was one of the best moments for our unit and the best training we have received.”

## Safety Thought of the Day

### Reacting to Indirect Fire

**Indirect fire can occur at any time with or without warning. Be prepared to take decisive action to prevent injury to yourself and others.**

- Familiarize yourself with all warning notifications at your location: Individual, unit and big voice.
- Be aware of your surroundings, pre-identify bunkers/shelters around frequented/unfamiliar areas.
- Take shelter immediately if time permits, preferably a bunker or hardened structure.
- Warn others in the area as you take cover.
- If out in the open, hit the ground (face down), cover your head with your hands and arms.

- If indoors (hardened structure/building), go to innermost part of building, stay away from windows/doors, stay inside until the all clear is sounded.
- Render first aid to the injured as required.

#### Units

- Ensure adequate shelters are in place for the protection of assigned personnel.
- Brief and review immediate action procedures for indirect fire with all unit personnel and visitors.
- Ensure accountability of personnel after all clear and report IAW unit procedures.
- References: MNC-I VBC Mayor’s Cell SOP, and MND-C Force Protection SOP.

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**ATTENTION!**

*First IPR for...*

**Women's History Month**

EO

**WHO:** MND-C Equal Opportunity Office

**WHAT:** Women's History Month

**WHERE:** MND-C DFAC

**WHEN:** March 26  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**WHY:** To solicit support for the upcoming Observance. The MND-C EO office is looking for VOLUNTEERS who would like to help in building this program. We need people who like to share their talents, ushers, set-up personnel, and much more.

**FIRST IPR:**

**Feb. 23, 2:30 p.m.**

**at the MND-C EO office next to IG**

**Please come by!**

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Headline Highlights

# New York bank error; milk and chicken seizure

## Drunk driver parks outside police station

OTTAWA (Reuters) — Police in the western Canadian town of Wetaskiwin didn't have to do much work when they arrested a drunk driver at the weekend -- he had parked his car next to their offices and wandered inside.

Police discovered the man as they drove by early on Saturday morning to respond to an unrelated call. Although the police office was locked, the lobby was open.

"There was a vehicle parked about 10 feet outside our front door. The gentleman had walked into the front lobby and he was displaying many indications of being intoxicated," Constable Mark Scheck said on Wednesday.

"So at that point we did take him into custody ... it's pretty unusual," he told Reuters by phone from Wetaskiwin, some 45 miles south of Edmonton, Alberta.

The 28-year-old man has been charged with impaired driving.

## Bank error in your favor

NEW YORK (Reuters) — A New York man who discovered that millions of dollars had mysteriously appeared in his bank account, and withdrew more than \$2 million, has been arrested on charges of grand larceny, prosecutors said on Wednesday.

Benjamin Lovell, 48, pleaded innocent on Tuesday to charges that he withdrew money from a Commerce Bank account that had been opened by

someone with the same name, prosecutors said.

The account belonged to Woodlawn Trustees Inc, a Delaware property management company, and was listed under the name of its finance director, who is also named Benjamin Lovell, court papers said.

Lovell had just \$800 in his own Commerce Bank account when he went to make a deposit, but a teller, mistaking the Woodlawn account for Lovell's personal account, told him that his account contained more than \$5 million, prosecutors said.

Lovell made multiple withdrawals even though he knew that the money was not his, prosecutors said. He used the money to buy jewelry for his girlfriend and to make several investments, they said.

Commerce Bank and Woodlawn Trustees did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Legal Aid attorney representing Lovell could not be reached for comment either.

Lovell is being held on \$3 million bail. He faces up to 25 years behind bars if convicted, prosecutors said.

## Venezuela seizes 1/2 ton of milk and chicken from clinic

CARACAS (Reuters) — Shoppers in oil-rich Venezuela often can't find basic food items in stores but the government of President Hugo Chavez on Sunday turned up a huge stash of milk and chicken in a private health clinic.

Inspectors from the consumer pro-

tection agency Indecu found the shelves of the upscale Caracas Policlinica Metropolitana stocked with half a tonne of milk and a similar amount of chicken.

Indecu coordinator Jesus Benavides told reporters the products had been illegally diverted from a chain of state-run subsidized grocery stores, which sell primarily to poor Venezuelans who form Chavez's support base.

The clinic will face fines for violating an anti-hoarding law Chavez passed last year and a possible criminal investigation, Benavides said.

Chavez has repeatedly complained that private clinics charge too much for services and has threatened to take them over.

Policlinica Metropolitana did not answer calls seeking comment.

Business leaders blame Chavez's strict price controls for shortages in the OPEC nation, saying they have not kept pace with inflation which has created a thriving black market.

Venezuela has benefited from high oil prices but faces Latin America's highest inflation, which reached 22.5 percent last year.

Government leaders attribute the shortages of basic foodstuffs to increased demand by poor families. They also say unscrupulous businesses are hoarding food or smuggling it into neighboring Colombia where it fetches higher prices.

Chavez has won broad support from the nation's poor by using oil revenues to finance social programs, but his supporters are increasingly complaining about food shortages, rampant crime and poor trash collection.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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## ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

Thank you

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