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Cav's going home



Sgt. Jason Stadel

Lt. Col. Clifford Wheeler (right) and Command Sgt. Maj. William Transue case the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division colors at Forward Operating Base Kalsu March 24. The squadron is returning to Fort Stewart, Ga., after a 15-month deployment to al Anbar province in western Iraq and southern Arab Jabour in Baghdad province.

Hillah SWAT captures HVI, discovers large cache

4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

HILLAH – Hillah Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) police forces, working together with Coalition forces, captured an individual classified as a high value individual and discovered a large weapons cache while conducting patrols in the Hamza and Hashimiyah areas March 22.

The HVI is accused of directing the planting of improvised explosive devices on routes used by Iraqi Security

Forces and Coalition forces.

The cache contained multiple rockets of various sizes, anti-personnel mines, hundreds of rocket-propelled grenade rounds, mortar rounds, hand grenades and other materials to include 22 122 mm rockets with 50 complete rail systems, 200 pounds of C-4 explosives, 15 120 mm mortar rounds, 20 Katusha rounds and three RPG launchers.

The find resulted from a patrol consisting of several vehicles to include

both Hillah SWAT and Coalition forces during which the HVI was detained.

SWAT members conducted a thorough search of the area, finding large amounts of munitions after searching buildings in the industrial area.

There have been several attacks on ISF over the past few years dating back to at least 2004. This has included some complex attacks using a combination of RPGs, IEDs and mortars, which have killed and wounded several ISF members.

Georgians provide aid to local residents

STAFF SGT. CARLOS J. LAZO
214TH FB

FOB DELTA – When it comes to humanitarian assistance, population size doesn't determine priority.

Whether it's a small village or large town, his soldiers go everywhere, said Capt. Zaori Marakadze, the Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC) commander for the 1st Georgian Brigade.

On March 22, the 1st GB provided assistance to two locations near one of their checkpoints: Jassan, a town with several hundred residents, and Mazra Bad, a small village with just one hundred residents, accessible only by a dirt road. Both communities are located in the Wasit province of Iraq.

At Jassan, a makeshift clinic was set up inside the mayor's office, where 1st GB doctors saw local residents. Treatment and medicine was provided for rashes and other skin ailments, which many residents suffered.

Along with the medical aid, residents received food and water. The Georgian soldiers handed out soccer balls to children in the town. Within minutes, small soccer matches sprung up in front of the mayor's office among the groups of children.

In Mazra Bad, more supplies were provided to the local residents.

After the visits, Marakadze reiterated that no matter the size of the location, the 1st GB provides as much assistance as possible to everyone.



Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo
Second Lt. Tea Labadze, a doctor with the 1st GB, treats a teenage boy for a skin ailment on his face during a medical and humanitarian aid mission March 22 in Jassan, Iraq.

SoI, Soldiers take school back from insurgents

1-30TH INF. REGT.
2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – Sons of Iraq and school administrators reopened the al Alemia School in Arab Jabour.

The school, closed for the past eight months, was once used by insurgents as a base of operations before efforts by Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team and the SoI.

Sgt. 1st Class David Snyder, platoon sergeant of 3rd Platoon, said the SoI played a major role in clearing the school March 7. Besides removing de-

bris, the SoI also removed one 105 mm round filled with homemade explosives.

In the coming weeks, a local contractor will be hired to conduct repairs on the school, including painting, restoring electricity and building a playground.

Currently, nine of 14 classrooms are being used by six teachers to teach 53 students.

Re-establishing schools and the education system will help meet the 1-30th Inf. Regt.'s desire to see Arab Jabour



Courtesy photo

Children gather together for the opening of al Alemia School in Arab Jabour March 16.

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SCHOOL

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return to a thriving community before redeploying, said Capt. William Lyles, of Hampton, Va., 1-30th Inf. Regt. battle captain.

Improving services and helping businesses are other main components of the plan to build Arab Jabour's capacity.



Recently, the Yusifiyah pump station reopened, repairs to the city's electrical grid were made and small businesses received microgrants from Baghdad-7 embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team, attached to 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

"Basically, if the Iraqis take charge it will be successful," said Snyder, a native of Midwest City, Okla.

Fort Stewart "Frontline" wants to hear for you

The Fort Stewart, Ga., newspaper, the Frontline, would like to feature Soldier Diaries in its July 4th special edition. Soldiers who would like to share excerpts of their journals or write about a memorable event can send their submissions to the Public Affairs Office at mnd-c_pao@iraq.centcom.mil.

Families in the Hinesville and Savannah areas would like to hear from their Soldiers and vicariously experience day-to-day life in Iraq. The Public Affairs Office will determine what submissions will be forward to the Frontline. The deadline to send your article into the PAO is June 2.






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Women's History Month Observance

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"Contributions of Female Soldiers on today's Battlefield"

Location
AL FAW Palace (ROTUNDA)

When
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
From
7:30PM to 8:30PM

POC: MND-C EO OFFICE
DSN: 822-7654/ 53/ 9088
SIPR: 243-4128

Safety Thought of the Day

Controlled Burn Safety Reminders

- Risk assessments should contain control measures that address hazards from accelerants, UXO hazards and stand-off distances, fire control, emergency procedures, personnel safety, and any other hazards unique to the operation.
- If feasible and the tactical situation permits, ensure the area is clear of any hazardous ordnance and materiel.
- During controlled burning operations, care must be taken to only burn the minimum required area for the mission/Force Protection.
- Controlled burning will not be closer than

150 feet from any structure or woodlands. Keep watch of the weather and winds for that day.

- Controlled burning will be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished.
- A qualified Combat Life Saver will be on site with the CLS bag at all times. There will be one designated vehicle for ambulatory evacuation with a designated driver.
- Wear proper protective clothing and equipment.
- Ref: MND-C Policy Letter dated Aug. 1, 2007.

Headline Highlights

Dead man lives; new logo for Korean spas; dog prays in Japan

Man declared dead months ago feels 'pretty good'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Four months after he was declared brain dead and doctors were about to remove his organs for transplant, Zach Dunlap says he feels "pretty good."

Dunlap was pronounced dead Nov. 19 at United Regional Healthcare System in Wichita Falls, Texas, after he was injured in an all-terrain vehicle accident. His family approved having his organs harvested.

As family members were paying their last respects, he moved his foot and hand. He reacted to a pocketknife scraped across his foot and to pressure applied under a fingernail. After 48 days in the hospital, he was allowed to return home, where he continues to work on his recovery.

On Monday, he and his family were in New York, appearing on NBC's "Today."

"I feel pretty good, but it's just hard ... just ain't got the patience," Dunlap told NBC.

Dunlap, 21, of Frederick, said he has no recollection of the crash.

"I remember a little bit that was about an hour before the accident happened. But then about six hours before that, I remember," he said.

Dunlap said one thing he does remember is hearing the doctors pronounce him dead.

"I'm glad I couldn't get up and do what I wanted to do," he said.

Asked if he would have wanted to get up and shake them and say he's alive, Dunlap responded: "Probably would have been a broken window that went out."

Dunlap now has the pocketknife that was scraped across his foot, causing the first reaction.

"Just makes me thankful, makes me thankful that they didn't give up," he said. "Only the good die young, so I didn't go."

SKorea issues new logo for spas to prevent confusion

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea is introducing new signs for its hot spring spas to remove any confusion for those seeking other kinds of steamy liaisons.

The Ministry of Public Administration and Security introduced the new blue logo Monday for about 480 spas across the country, said ministry official Lim Jae-wung.

The sign replaces a nearly century-old red icon — a circle with rising wisps of steam that have been appropriated by "love motels," which offer prostitution or short stays for couples having extramarital relations.

Public baths and many lodging facilities also use the old logo, which was introduced when South Korea was colonized by Japan from 1910-45, Lim said.

The new logo depicts waves of water with two circles symbolizing the heads of a father and son amid rising steam.

Those using the sign at non-spa facilities can be punished by up to two years in jail and a fine of up to \$10,030, Lim said.

Dog prays at Japanese Zen temple, working on meditation

NAHA, Japan (AP) — At a Zen Buddhist temple in southern Japan, even the dog prays. Mimicking his master, priest Joei Yoshikuni, a 1 1/2-year-old black-and-white Chihuahua named Conan joins in the daily prayers at Naha's Shuri Kannondo temple, sitting up on his hind legs and putting his front paws together before the altar.

It took him only a few days to learn the motions, and now he is the talk of the town.

"Word has spread, and we are getting a lot more tourists," Yoshikuni said Monday.

Yoshikuni said Conan generally goes through his prayer routine at the temple in the capital of Japan's southern Okinawa prefecture (state) without prompting before his morning and evening meals.

"I think he saw me doing it all the time and got the idea to do it, too," Yoshikuni said.

The priest is now trying to teach him how to meditate.

Well, sort of.

"Basically, I am just trying to get him to sit still while I meditate," he explained. "It's not like we can make him cross his legs."

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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