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Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 25th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, and Battery A, 3-320th FA, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), team up to provide security at the end point of a unity march in Mahmudiyah, Iraq.

## Sunni, Shia march in unity through Mahmudiyah

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

FOB MAHMUDIYAH – Sunni and Shia Muslims set aside differences to come together for a unity march through the streets of Mahmudiyah April 6.

Tribal leaders answered the Mahmudiyah Qada mayor's call for

their support in bringing tribes together for a march that began in a southern Mahmudiyah neighborhood and ended at a government building north of the Mahmudiyah market.

"The people must support the Government of Iraq in order to be successful as individuals," said Mayor Jabbar Farraj Mullah al Chalabi during the

gathering. "It is everyone's duty as a citizen to obey the law and keep peace."

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, provided security for the event with support from Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

## Coalition forces visit water company in Kut

STAFF SGT. CARLOS J. LAZO  
214TH FB

AL KUT – Coalition forces conducted an assessment of the al Kut Water Company April 6.

Lt. Col. Mario E. Murcia, an engineer with El Salvador's Cuscatlán Battalion's Civil Military Cooperation team, visited the water company to assess its capacity and maintenance.

The water company supplies

300,000 residents of the city with water, said Diaa Mohammed Obed, an engineer and supervisor of the water company.

Using five pumps, water is carried from the Tigris River to the plant for treatment. Once treated, four ad-

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# Op Estonia reels in numerous criminal, caches found

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FOB KALSU – Iraqi Security Forces detained numerous criminals and found two caches during Operation Estonia March 29 - 30 in the Iraqi cities of Hamza and Hashmiyah.

“Operation Estonia was an operation to combat extremists who had occupied the town of Hashmiyah,” said Maj. Tony Campbell, from Colorado Springs, Colo., G-3 adviser and deputy team leader with 31st Military Transition Team, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. “I was surprised by the tenacity of the extremists; they fought hard but the Iraqi Security Forces still prevailed in the operation.”

During the two-day operation, members of the 31st Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division; Emergency Response Unit with the Iraqi Police; and Hillah Special Weapons and Tactics teamed up with Coalition forces elements from 3rd Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, and the 31st MiTT.

Campbell said the operation showed both criminals and the local populace that ISF are willing and capable to combat criminals.

“This operation gave confidence to the Iraqi Security Forces that they were powerful enough, strong enough to defeat (the criminals),” Campbell said.

Operation Estonia was just one of many raids in the Babil province that were fought to defeat criminals, beginning in the evening March 25.

“During the next seven to 10 days the Iraqi Security Forces did a series of operations and in all of these operations the ISF were successful,” Camp-



Maj. Tony Campbell

Prior to detonation, Iraqi Police and Coalition forces stand with rocket-propelled grenades, 107 mm rockets and command wire April 5 at Iraqi Army Forward Operating Base Mahawil, Iraq; the munitions came from caches found in al Qasim and Hashmiyah last week.

bell said.

The two caches that were found during Operation Estonia consisted of 23 anti-tank mines, three crates of approximately 40 pounds of explosives each, three crates of pellet-shaped explosives, 15 81 mm mortars, two 120 mm mortars, 1,500 DSHKA rounds, one can of 120 mm mortar fuses, 10 explosively-formed penetrator housings, 10 EFP discs ranging from 4 - 12 inches, one 6-inch complete EFP, three grain bags full of EFP rings, tubes and back covers, two MK-19 rounds and one 120 mm casing.

“The overall outcome is favorable for the government because the Iraqi Security Forces have a renewed vigor, a new confidence in themselves and the people have a greater confidence in the ability of the security forces to protect them and they’re no longer intimidated by the militia,” Campbell said.

Campbell said the operation also improved lines of communication between elements of the Iraqi Police and Iraqi Army. “They are openly sharing intelligence between these organizations in order to improve their efficiency during operations.”

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# WATER: *Treatment plant assessed for proper maintenance*



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Lt. Col. Mario E. Murcia, an engineer with the Cuscatlán Battalion's Civil Military Cooperation team checks the water levels at the al Kut Water Company April 6. The visit was conducted to assess capacity and maintenance at the water company.

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ditional pumps carry the water from the plant to residents in the city.

The company also uses trucks to transport water to towns and villages surrounding al Kut, said Obed.

The only obstacle is obtaining spare parts for the machinery when problems arise, said Obed. Many of the parts are not available in nearby markets and must be purchased outside the local area. However, he said overall operations at the plant continue thanks to maintenance checks every six months.

"The company is functioning at around 80 – 90 percent capacity, but they still need help," Murcia said. "The more help we provide the water company, the more it helps the community."

Besides the main company in the city, the Salvadoran soldiers visited a water station in the village of al Yusofia, west of the city. The Cuscatlán Battalion previously refurbished a school and clinic in the village.

The village uses a man-made canal connected to the Tigris Riv-

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– Lt. Col. Mario E. Murcia  
Civil Military Cooperation team,  
El Salvador's Cuscatlán  
Battalion

er to fill a small reservoir. The reservoir supplies the school, clinic and homes in the surrounding area with water. Unfortunately, water levels are currently lower than what is required for the pumps to supply the entire village, said Murcia. Because of the low levels, the school and some of the residents do not receive any water from the station.

Murcia discussed with local leaders plans to expand and clean the canal in order to increase the flow and level of water. Plans are being developed to potentially build an additional conjoined reservoir to better supply all 600 residents of the village.

## Safety Thought of the Day Weapon's Cleaning Reminders

- Maintain muzzle awareness and don't allow the weapon to strike other people or objects.
- Inspect ammunition and magazines daily. Dust, sand, dirt, corrosion and poor spring tension can cause the weapon to jam.
- Conduct a daily inspection of the inside areas and functional parts of the weapon. If there are any signs of dirt, debris or corrosion, clean and lubricate with CLP or LSA only. Do not lubricate the external parts of the weapon or the internal components of the magazine.
- Do not "dry clean," use hot water or other solvents on the weapon.
  - Only Authorized Cleaning Equipment: CLP, RBC, LSA, Pipe Cleaners, AP, Bore and Chamber Brushes and Cleaning Patches.
- References: TM 9-1005-317-10 & TM 9-1005-319-10.



File photo

## Headline Highlights

# 'In an Absolut World' prompts boycott; watch out for turkeys

## Absolut vodka apologizes for controversial ad campaign

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The Absolut vodka company apologized Saturday for an ad campaign depicting the southwestern U.S. as part of Mexico amid angry calls for a boycott by U.S. consumers.

The campaign, which promotes ideal scenarios under the slogan "In an Absolut World," showed a 1830s-era map when Mexico included California, Texas and other southwestern states. Mexico still resents losing that territory in the 1848 Mexican-American War and the fight for Texas independence.

But the ads, which ran only in Mexico and have since ended, were less than ideal for Americans undergoing a border buildup and embroiled in an emotional debate over illegal immigration from their southern neighbor.

More than a dozen calls to boycott Absolut were posted on michellemalkin.com, a Web site operated by conservative columnist Michelle Malkin. The ads sparked heated comment on a half-dozen other Internet sites and blogs.

"In no way was it meant to offend or disparage, nor does it advocate an altering of borders, nor does it lend support to any anti-American sentiment, nor does it reflect immigration issues," Absolut said in a statement left on its consumer inquiry phone line.

Some fringe U.S. groups also claim the land is rightfully part of Mexico,

while extreme immigration foes argue parts of the U.S. already are being overtaken by Mexico.

"In an Absolut world, a company that produces vodka fires its entire marketing department in a desperate attempt to win back enraged North American customers after a disastrous ad campaign backfires," a person using the moniker "SalsaNChips" wrote on Malkin's Web site.

A plan for comprehensive immigration reform designed to deal with an estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants in the United States — the vast majority from Mexico — collapsed last summer under the emotional weight of the debate.

Absolut said the ad was designed for a Mexican audience and intended to recall "a time which the population of Mexico might feel was more ideal."

"As a global company, we recognize that people in different parts of the world may lend different perspectives or interpret our ads in a different way than was intended in that market, and for that we apologize."

## Postal workers attacked by numerous wild turkeys

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Rather than rain or snow, or even dogs, postal workers in a West Side neighborhood near Owen Conservation Park are being pestered by wild turkeys this spring. Mara Wilhite, manager of the Hilldale Station Post Office, said she

expected to deal with all manner of issues when she went to work for the U.S. Post Office. But that was not one of them.

"Just when you thought you'd heard it all," she said.

About five to 10 of the birds have been pecking at the postal workers as they make their rounds, and some of the birds have attacked the letter carriers with the sharp spurs on their legs. One of the birds went through the open door of a mail truck and scratched the driver.

Wilhite sought help in the matter from Eric Lobner, regional wildlife program supervisor for the state Department of Natural Resources.

Lobner said the behavior is clearly tied to the breeding season, which started recently and runs through about mid-May.

Color plays an important role in turkey breeding, he said, with the color of the male's head during mating season changes from gaudy blue to white to red. Lobner speculated that perhaps the turkeys are attracted to the red, white and blue postal trucks.

Postal workers were armed with water pistols. But Lober said that, while the squirts of water worked for a while, the turkeys now seem accustomed to it.

Some workers have been using long sticks to fend off the birds, he said, adding that he will meet with Wilhite next week to discuss other possible solutions.

## Sudoku

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

from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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

## ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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