

Iraqi Police hone skills with Coalition forces help

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FOB ISKAN – A team of motivated and well trained Iraqi Policemen honed their skills and gained more in-depth training from a small group of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers, April 23 at FOB Iskan.

Soldiers from 4th Platoon, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div., teamed up with the Tahrir Iraqi Police Station to reinforce basic police procedures, including vehicle and personnel searches.

“My soldiers were pretty impressed with the knowledge and proficiency that these IPs possessed,” said 1st Lt. Greg Hope, 4th Platoon leader. “We definitely underestimated their abilities, and we were pleasantly surprised by their performance.”

Hope initiated the IP training by offering his platoon’s expertise to Lt. Col. Kareem, the Tahrir IP chief. Kareem responded positively to the training, believing that the training would be a benefit and welcomed any advice the unit had.



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Iraqi Police officers from the Tahrir IP Station in Iraq demonstrate proper personnel searches during training with Soldiers from 4th Plt., Co. C, 3rd Bn., 7th Inf. Regt. 4th BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., April 23 at Forward Operating Base Iskan, Iraq. Pvt. Jeffery Morris and Pfc. James Vanderheyden are the two Soldiers on the ground being searched.

The IPs arrived with Maj. Hussein, the officer in charge of the IP officers. Upon arrival, 4th Platoon recognized the IPs as some of the

most proficient and skilled from the Tahrir department, said Hope,

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Mahmudiyah radio station ready for first broadcast

SGT. 1ST CLASS KERENSA HARDY

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CAMP STRIKER – Coalition forces provided training April 24 to local citizens employed at the new radio station on the Iraqi Army Compound in Mahmudiyah.

The Mahmudiyah IAC received new radio station equipment April 12 to increase communication means in the area, in conjunction with Opera-

tion Marne Piledriver.

The new station, 106.5 FM, will be used as a conduit to keep the community informed. The inaugural broadcast aired April 27.

During the training, employees learned the program clock, types of broadcast, equipment familiarization and how to create scheduling calendars for future events.

Iraqi Army Soldiers from 25th Brigade, 6th IA Division also received

training on the equipment from Company A, 411th Civil Affairs Battalion, attached to 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The Iraqi Soldiers may fill in if regularly-scheduled employees are unable to travel.

Soldiers from 3-320th FA are working to inform local Iraqis about the new station and available services offered by Operation Marne Piledriver.

Best of Task Force Marne



Air Force Tech. Sgt. Adrian Cadiz

The Dog Face Daily used still photography to feature the heroic actions and generous deeds of the Soldiers in the Multi-National Division - Center. The best of the photos can be found on the Task Force Marne Web site by going to the following link:

http://taskforcemarne.com/index.php?option=com_g2bridge&Itemid=21&g2_itemId=19105

The photos can be downloaded and saved for you to use as keepsakes. While at the TFM Web site, take the time to view the hundreds of articles and video clips that capture MND-C's time in Iraq.

Family support extends to Iraqi children

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FOB ISKAN – Families across the United States with loved ones stationed in Iraq are showing support by sending care packages, which have now made their way to Iraqi children.

Care packages full of school supplies addressed to 1st Lt. Allen Von Plinsky continue to arrive at FOB Iskan, Iraq. When the packages first began to arrive, he received so many that he had to find new ways of distributing them. He came up with an idea that would impact more people than just him.

Now the Columbia, S.C., native with 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, receives anywhere from four to six care packages a week, including everything from school supplies to hygiene products from various sponsors back in the states.

"My family members and friends were asking me what they could do to help out the local schools in our area," Von Plinsky said.

His uncle Mike Cannon, from Stone Mountain, Ga., told Von Plinsky that since he could not be in

Iraq he wanted to participate in any way he could. A friend of the family, Brian Dunphy, from Columbia, S.C., raised more than \$2,000 amongst his co-workers which he used to purchase school supplies for Iraqi children, Von Plinsky said.

"These are just two examples from my family and friends who have pitched in to do what they can for children here in al-Musayyib, Iraq," Von Plinsky said.

When Soldiers of 1st Platoon, Company C, 3-7th Inf. Regt., visited the al-Mothana Primary School, the headmaster said no one had come to visit since 2003. After sitting and talking to the faculty, the Soldiers assured them this engagement would not be the last, Von Plinsky said.

Last week, the Soldiers went back to the school with truck loads of boxes, which included school supplies. The headmaster remembered them right away and greeted them enthusiastically. The children were equally excited to receive school supplies they needed, Von Plinsky said.

The small contributions from so far away give the schoolchildren a sense of pride and show them that someone does care, he said.

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a West Chester, Ohio, native.

Kareem sent his best men to the training, Hope said. Two of the IPs had attended a two-month course in Jordan designed to teach basic police skills.

During the training Coalition forces reached several conclusions. The IPs were motivated and appreciated the tips they received to improve their performance, Hope said. The Tahrir IP department has sufficient knowledge to train its entire force, and an internal training program needs to be

established in order to share the knowledge that some of the stronger officers have, Hope added.

"Now we just need to work with the Military Police Platoon on FOB Iskan to develop a training program so that these IPs can spread their knowledge to the rest of the Tahrir IPs," said Hope.

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Doctors gain valuable skills with Coalition training

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FOB DELTA – Military doctors here are conducting a series of lectures for Iraqi doctors in Wasit province.

This is the second eight-week course conducted by doctors from the 948th Forward Surgical Team and Company C, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, both attached to 214th Fires Brigade.

The training has proved valuable for the Iraqi doctors, particularly this second course, which held many of the same attendees as the first one.

The lectures emphasized how under the rule of Saddam Hussein, the medical community in Iraq became isolated from the outside world, said one doctor present.

The best thing for Iraqi doctors would be to establish medical schools in Iraq for post-graduate study, the doctor said. "The schools must be in Iraq, and we need a close relationship with the U.S. to make it work."

All of the Iraqi doctors who attended the course agreed that while the lectures were very valuable, they needed practical exercises to cement the learning.

"We've always had access to the information, from books and other sources," the doctor said. "For the past 20 years, there has been little



Sgt. Daniel T. West

An Iraqi doctor from the Wasit province looks on as Maj. David Van Echo, a provider with Co. C, 26th BSB teaches a class about blood transfusions on Forward Operating Base Delta.

interaction with outside providers. I want the opportunity to work side-by-side with American doctors."

The training made use of practical exercises utilizing both training and observation of trauma treatment, said 2nd Lt. Jennifer Powers, Company C's Treatment Platoon leader and the training facilitator.

During the program, the military

doctors got an initial list of equipment the Iraqi doctors need for their facilities.

"We have the lists," Powers said. "Now, we are working on getting the needed equipment out to the hospitals and preventative health clinics. One of our goals is to add intensive care unit capacity to hospitals in the area."

Safety Thought of the Day

HAZMAT Storage Safety

- Store under tents or sun shades to prevent leaks and internal pressure buildup.
- Ensure non-compatible items are separated by 3 ft & keep compatibles together.
- Keep HAZMAT separate from non hazardous material.
- Items should be checked daily for leakage.
- Store in properly marked approved containers.
- Elevate items off the ground to improve air circulation.
- Main aisles shall be at least 3 ft. wide & side aisles at least 4 ft. wide.
- No "smoking" within 50' from any Class III products.
- Ensure adequate fire fighting equipment & fire extinguishers are available in case of emergencies.
- Ensure Fire, First Aid, and Evacuation Plan is in place & use PPE.
- MSDS and inventory sheets must kept in a master log book (close to the area).
- Ensure all spills are cleaned immediately & reported in the Monthly Commander's Environmental Activity Report.
- Ref: MNC-I HAZMAT SOP dated 24 MAY 07.

Headline Highlights

Prayers for gas; Bond accident; hazardous check; stolen fish

Choir director brings prayers for lower gas prices

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A choir director who hopes prayer can bring down high gas prices is trying out his approach at some of the costliest pumps in the country

Rocky Twyman of Washington, D.C., came to San Francisco over the weekend to stage a pray-in at a Chevron station. He is also calling on churchgoers to ask for God's intervention where he says politicians have failed.

Gas costing \$4 a gallon or more has become common around the San Francisco Bay area.

The 59-year-old Twyman says people praying for cheaper fuel should also walk more and use car pools.

Twyman also works as a community organizer and public relations consultant. He has led campaigns to nominate Oprah Winfrey for the Nobel Peace Prize and to encourage African Americans to donate bone marrow.

Stuntman hurt on Bond set

LONDON (Reuters) - A stuntman was seriously injured in an accident on the Italian set of the latest James Bond movie, the production company said.

It was the second accident in the last few days near Lake Garda, northern Italy, where scenes from the 22nd installment in the Bond franchise called "Quantum of Solace" are being shot.

British media reported this week that

a driver of Bond's Aston Martin DBS skidded off the road and plunged into icy waters.

Fraser Dunn was only slightly injured but was quoted as saying that he regained consciousness only when the car was at the bottom of the lake and had to break free of the vehicle and swim for safety.

In the latest incident on Wednesday, an experienced stunt driver behind the wheel of an Alfa Romeo was hurt in an accident and was rushed to hospital.

In a statement released late on Wednesday, the producers said he remained in a serious condition.

"Filming with the second unit on 'Quantum of Solace' will be suspended tomorrow (Thursday) while the accident is investigated," EON Productions said.

Neither director Marc Foster, Bond star Daniel Craig nor any other cast members were at the Lake Garda location when the accident occurred.

Earlier this month, the mayor of a remote northern Chilean town burst onto the "Quantum of Solace" set and was detained by police.

He said he interrupted filming because he was angry at what he called an excessive police presence in the small town because of the filming, and the fact that Chilean soil was being used to represent neighboring Bolivia.

Smelly check at Connecticut bank prompts hazmat call

NEW MILFORD, Conn. (AP) - An overpowering bad odor at a Bank of

America branch office in New Milford prompted an emergency response from state environmental officials who discovered a bad check. It wasn't a check that was fake. It was smelly.

The Department of Environmental Protection made the discovery after evacuating the bank Thursday afternoon.

The stinky smell turned out to be from a paycheck deposited by a man who transferred machine oil from his hands to the check before he handed it to a teller through the drive-up window.

The DEP determined there was no hazard, and the bank reopened for business about an hour later.

Pet store owner says 25 ornamental pond fish stolen

INDIANA, Pa. - The owner of an Indiana County pet store is sure of one thing: 25 ornamental pond fish didn't walk away from his aquarium. Mike Pearce, the owner of Pearces' Pet Place in White Township, says someone took the koi sometime between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Tuesday. He says the total value of the fish is \$800 to \$1,000.

State police are investigating.

Pearce said the fish are becoming more popular, so that could have motivated the thefts. But he says animal rights activist might have stolen the fish to release them into the wild.

Pearce says maybe it was a "Save Willy" type of thing" referring to the movie "Free Willy" in which a captive killer whale is freed.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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

ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

What is your native language?

shih-noo hih-yeh loo-GHatek?