

Tip leads to anti-aircraft gun, ammunition in Jurf

4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV. PAO

FOB KALSU – A tip led Coalition forces to a cache containing an anti-aircraft gun and 103 37 mm rounds April 27 in the al-Hujierr area of Jurf as Sakhr, 40 kilometers south of Baghdad.

Soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, used intelligence gathered from Sons of Iraq to locate the cache. Once at the location, they compensated a local resident who had an excavator to help dig up the site.

After digging approximately 10 feet, the AA gun and crate of munitions were visible.

"We couldn't have done this without the hard work of the Soldiers who dug up the cache all day and the SoI who reported it," said 1st Lt. Ryan Daly, Company A.

The AA gun was considered in operable condition and is believed to have been buried approximately four to six



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from 2nd Plt., Co. A, 3-7th Inf. Regt., find an anti-aircraft gun that was buried in the al Hujier area of Jurf as Sakhr, Iraq.

months according to informants.

The cache was transported to Patrol

Base Jurf and was disposed of by an explosive ordnance disposal team.

Success not just a big-fish tale in Task Force Marne

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FOB KALSU – Members of the Baghdad-7 embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team visited a fish farm south of Baghdad April 26, to assess progress in its development.

The farmer, Abdul Jabar Abid Kasim, received a \$2,500 grant from the ePRT to improve production on his farm, which is now showing noticeable signs of development. Until recently, Kasim's operation yielded just enough fish to feed his family and others in the community. Now he's looking forward to selling his fish in commercial markets and growing his operation.

The micro-grant provided ready cash for Kasim to repair his water pump and buy expensive, high-protein feed, which has already paid dividends in larger, healthier fish, said Capt. Christopher Flores, ePRT fish farm advisor. Flores is also the personnel actions officer for 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

"It's taken off a year of overhead for him," said Flores, a Corpus Christi, Texas, native whose passion for recreational fishing led him to work with the ePRT.

"Fishing is all science," Flores added. "It's been my number-one passion since I was a kid, so I know all about

fish farming and how they grow."

Kasim's farm lies in the al-Buaytha loop of the Tigris River, an area with a long history of fish farming. Currently, many farms do not produce enough fish to make it a commercially robust business. However, with increased involvement in the local agricultural union and the assistance of micro grants, some farmers are getting the help they need to grow.

Nineteen fish farms in the area have received one-time ePRT grants so far, most of them received the maximum of \$2,500. Farmers like Kasim are identified to receive grants by their local representative in the

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agricultural union.

"He understands this is a one-time micro grant," Flores said. "He said if he does well enough he should have enough to buy another pond."

With this year's first harvest, Kasim plans to sell 1,500 kilograms of his carp to the Baghdad market. He then intends to use profits to buy a better pump to improve water circulation, which makes for healthier, faster growing fish.

In addition to improving his yield, Flores said Kasim's real success is in how he did it by working with his local agricultural union.

"He was able to convey his needs to his local union, which is Iraqi-led, and that union was able to work with the ePRT," he said.

"The process was there. An Iraqi helped another Iraqi. It's boosting his confidence in his government if he can get something done with his local union," he added.

The payoff for Flores was in visiting the farm to check progress and finding a happier farmer.

"He was happy to see us," he said.



Courtesy photo

Capt. Christopher Flores, from Corpus Christi, Texas, fish farm advisor to the Baghdad-7 ePRT, holds a fish grown on a farm in the al-Buaytha region south of Baghdad. Flores' passion for fishing led him to work with the ePRT to improve fish farming in the area.

"He invited us to stay and wanted to cook lunch for us."

And what was for lunch? Fresh fish, of course.

Sons of Iraq help secure Fuhail Village

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PATROL BASE YATES – As part of their commitment to keeping insurgents away, members of the Sons of Iraq built a check-point on a narrow stretch of road through Fuhail Mujeer Village, 25 kilometers southwest of Baghdad,

April 25.

As recently as December, Rakasan Soldiers of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), established a presence in the area, which was previously an insurgent safe haven.

Now Soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, assigned to

their battalion's Company D, are living at the newly built Patrol Base Yates and working with the SoI to maintain security in the area.

Increasing the SoI's ability to maintain the security on the road benefits both the Soldiers and the village, said 1st Lt. Michael Nolan, from San Antonio, platoon leader for 2nd Platoon.

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Teaching means improved health care

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4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – Coalition forces are trying to increase Iraqis life expectancy by teaching basic hygiene, and reinforcing the importance of drinking clean water.

Under the auspice of a cooperative medical engagement, Soldiers from 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, taught classes on water purification and handed out 150 water purification systems to families in Samrah, Iraq, April 26.

The engagement allowed villagers to learn about basic public health. Most of the classes focused on the importance of clean water to prevent gastrointestinal issues and skin problems experienced in the area.

The local drinking water comes from a canal used by animals and as a result, residents have been victimized by worms and skin diseases, said Spc. Lori MacFarland, a medic for 703rd BSB, 4th BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., who taught the classes.

The local sheikh selected five males and five females from different households throughout the village to participate in the train-the-trainer course.

Medics from the unit scooped

a bucket of water from the canal, strained it through a white cloth and boiled it to show residents all the sediments that still remained despite filtration.

“By boiling the water it kills the living organisms and makes it better for them to drink, which will mean fewer illnesses,” MacFarland said.

Medics strained the water several more times until clear.

“After that I drank the water it gave them the confidence that it was clean,” MacFarland said, an Atlanta native.

Classes also included instructions on brushing and flossing teeth, hand sanitation, washing food, and using the purification systems.

“Overall I think this was a step in the right direction,” Woody said. “It’s sustainable and the nice thing about the classes is now they have something they can use.”

The Soldiers also left behind Arabic instructions so other families could benefit from the classes, and donated toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, basins, straining cloth and goodies for the children.

“After I went and came back I thought, ‘Wow, they really did need this class,’” MacFarland said. “It’s a good idea to go out and train others



Capt. K.C. Woody

Soldiers from 703rd BSB, 4th BCT, teach villagers the importance of purifying water during a cooperative medical engagement in the village of Samrah, Iraq.

and have them get the information out to the other families.”

Right now the unit is scheduled to conduct another CME in a different location May 24.

Safety Thought of the Day

Compressed Gas Cylinders

Storage:

- Cylinders shall be labeled & stored upright in well-ventilated locations and be protected from physical damage, electric current, and extremes of sunlight & temperature (not to exceed 130F).
- All cylinders (full or empty) will be secured to a wall, cart, or other device to eliminate the risk of tipping.
- Oxygen cylinders must be separated from flammable gases and empty cylinders must be isolated from filled cylinders.
- Always place valve protectors on cylinders when they are not connected for use.

- Oxygen and acetylene must be separated by 100 ft.
- Smoking is prohibited within 50 ft. of cylinders.

Movement of Cylinders:

- Never drag, slide or roll a cylinder. Do secure it to a cylinder cart or basket with the protective cap on.
- Never transport the cylinder with the regulator in place.
- Do not drop cylinders or strike them against each other or other surfaces violently. It could explode.
- Do not use the valve cover to lift cylinders.
- Ref: EM 385-1-1.

Headline Highlights

Car-free no-no; underwear auction; newlywed brawl

Indonesian VP criticised over car use during car-free day

JAKARTA (Reuters) – Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla and his security personnel will be quizzed by environmental officials for using vehicles during a car-free day in part of the capital, the Jakarta Post newspaper reported.

The teeming capital of around 10 million people, which suffers notorious traffic problems, introduced the car-free day on the fourth Sunday of every month in an effort to improve the air quality in the city.

Kalla took part in a fun walk on a main street between the country's national monument and a major roundabout, while his security detail trailed him in cars, the paper said.

"I will search for information on the matter," Budirama, the head of Jakarta's Environmental Management Board, told the paper.

"I have yet to issue any reprimands," he added.

A spokesman for Kalla was quoted by the paper as saying that using the cars was necessary to ensure the security of the vice president and it was permitted under a presidential code.

The car-free day was launched last year and local media reported at the time that the then governor of Jakarta and his deputy arrived in official cars to launch the event rather than using more environmentally friendly modes of transport.

Record price for men in underwear at China auction

BEIJING (Reuters) – A Beijing auction raised a record 57.12 million yuan (4.1million pounds) for a mainland Chinese oil painting of men playing cards in their underwear, state media said on Tuesday.

"The Breeding Ground No.1", from the contemporary painter Liu Xiaodong's Three Gorges Series, was bought by a private buyer at the China Guardian 2008 Spring Auction, Xinhua news agency said.

The painting, 2.6 metres (eight and a half feet) high and 10 metres wide, was drawn in the Three Gorges area from 2005 to 2006, depicting 11 men in their underwear playing cards.

"I painted the Three Gorges three times. Every time was a personal improvement for me," said Liu, 45, a China Central Academy of Fine Arts graduate.

Newlyweds jailed after brawl at Pittsburgh-area hotel

PITTSBURGH (AP) – A newlywed couple spent the night in separate jail cells — she in her wedding gown — after police said they brawled with each other, then members of another wedding party, at a suburban Pittsburgh hotel.

The fight started Saturday night after a reception when he knocked her to the floor with a karate kick in the

seventh-floor hallway of a Holiday Inn, according to police. It escalated when she attacked two guests from another wedding party who came to her aid, police said.

The melee moved to an elevator and then to the lobby, where the couple threw metal planters at the two guests of the other party, causing minor injuries, police charged.

"It was pretty wild," Ross police Sgt. Dave Syska said.

Dentist David W. Wielechowski, 32, of Shaler, and Christa Vattimo, 25, had married a month earlier in the Bahamas but repeated their vows Saturday at a reception for 150 guests. They were checking into their room when the argument began, police said.

Police arrived to find the dentist lying on the lobby floor and his bride screaming, they said.

Authorities charged them both with simple assault, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct, and the bride with an additional count of public intoxication. They face a May 7 preliminary hearing.

A district judge considered issuing a restraining order against Wielechowski, but his new bride declined the measure.

The couple declined comment upon their release Sunday morning.

She left with her father, still dressed in her white gown.

Wielechowski left alone, sporting a swollen eye, tuxedo pants, a bloody T-shirt and one shoe.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

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ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

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