

# MND-C extends a hand to Iraqi children

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BAGHDAD – Several years ago, the diagnosis of baby Noor's rare congenital condition would have been equal to a death sentence. Today, she is on her way to leading a happy and healthy life, thanks to the Soldiers of Multi-National Division - Center.

Born with certain organs outside her body, Noor's life depended on advanced medical procedures the Iraqi medical system could not provide. Determined to get her the care she needed, doctors from 948th Forward Surgical Team successfully performed an operation that saved her life. Soldiers are now making arrangements to send her to the United States for two follow-up surgeries.

Stories like Noor's are increasingly common throughout MND-C's area of operations. Throughout the region, Soldiers are coming to the aid of the often-neglected victims of this conflict - Iraq's children.

From building schools, to distributing toys, to buying wheelchairs, Task Force Marne Soldiers are determined to improve the quality of life for Iraqi youth.

This commitment was exemplified when Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division came to the aid of Abdul Razik Ra'ad Mutter al-Jabouri. Last November, the young boy was doing chores along the Tigris when he stepped on an improvised explosive device planted by insurgents. Abdul lost his right arm and leg in the blast, but the Soldiers re-

sponded to the scene quickly and managed to save his life.

Company A has continued to play a role in his recovery. They transport Abdul and his family to and from the hospital for his many appointments, helping him through each step of his grueling recovery. Now Abdul is able to

walk with the help of a prosthetic leg the Soldiers had fitted for him.

Often, for injuries as serious as Abdul's, a medical evacuation by helicopter (MEDEVAC), presents the best chance of saving a patient's life. The unit responsible for MEDEVACs, the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, evacuates an average of 60 Iraqi civilians every month. This figure does not include evacuations of those serving in the Iraqi Security Forces.

Aside from individual assistance, TF Marne Soldiers routinely conduct large-scale medical engagements. These initiatives give local residents an opportunity to receive free care, from treating small injuries to serious ailments.

An average of seven coordinated medical engagements take place in the MND-C area of operations every month, reaching thousands of people in need, many of them children.

However, not all humanitarian engagements focus on caring for the sick and injured. The Soldiers contribute to multiple aspects of the Iraqi school system. Their efforts have helped facilitate an environment where children can learn and thrive.

Since their deployment, TF Marne has helped renovate 87 Iraqi schools, at a cost of nearly \$20 million.

In one such project, Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) coordi-



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Soldiers of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), distribute school materials donated by the Mike Stokely Foundation at a school in Mullah Fayad.

# Arctic-tough engineers build Rakkasans' capacity

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**PATROL BASE YATES** – In a push to move Rakkasan Soldiers closer to the people they protect, Task Force Marne engineers are constructing a new base southwest of Baghdad.

Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, is building Patrol Base Yates in support of Operation Marne Piledriver, a capacity-building operation for Multi-National Division – Center. Living at PB Yates are Rakkasans from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Company C, from Fort Richardson, Alaska, is the only vertical construction engineer company serving MND-C. Since arriving in Iraq, they have been under the command of the 479th Eng. Bn., serving TF Liberty and TF Marne.

First Lt. Brian Smith, 1st Platoon leader, Co. C, 864th Eng. Bn., said having a base so close to the local village eliminates the need for convoys to and from the area, allowing Soldiers to better carry out their missions.

When finished, the new facilities will create more comfortable living condi-

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864th Eng. Bn.



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Engineers with 1st Platoon, Co. C, 864th Eng. Bn., erect a 20 foot by 80 foot sea-hut at PB Yates. It is one of two sea-huts being built at the base to host a platoon of Soldiers working in the area.

tions for Soldiers currently inhabiting adequate, but battle-damaged, buildings.

“It’s all about amenities for the Soldiers,” said Staff Sgt. Howard Gump II, a vertical construction supervisor from New Martinsville, W. Va. “When they go out on a patrol, they know they’re coming back to a house, not a dingy, grungy building.”

By the end of the platoon’s deployment, the engineers will have completed PB Yates among a total of 11 patrol bases and two combat outposts.

Though this project is smaller than previous ones, the engineers had to approach this site differently, Smith said.

“We usually (pre-fabricate) walls and stuff like that, bring them to their loca-

tion and put them together,” said Smith, from Crestview, Fla. “But with this one being so remote, it’s just easier to have the materials brought here and for us to do the work on-site.”

Building on-site has helped the engineers adapt to uneven and imperfect building surfaces on the fly, he said. It allowed the construction team to be more flexible according to the site’s needs.

“We are the Arctic Warriors – arctic tough,” Gump said. “No matter what it takes, we’ll get the job done for the Soldiers of Task Force Marne and its supporting units.”

Company C left its home station in September for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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# MND-C recognizes Rule of Law 50th anniversary

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“One of the great challenges of our age is man’s struggle to sustain individual freedom, human dignity and justice for all; and . . . one of the vital bulwarks in that struggle is the rule of law which underlies our whole social, economic and governmental structure.” – President John F. Kennedy, 1962 Law Day Proclamation

May 1 marks the 50th Anniversary of Law Day. In 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed May 1st “Law Day U.S.A.” Law Day was originally conceived as a response to the Soviet Union’s May Day parade which celebrated communist rule by highlighting their military’s weapons.

American Bar Association President Charles S. Rhyne wanted to shift Amer-

icans’ focus on the 1st day in May to a celebration of the rule of law.

This year, we return to the roots of Law Day and celebrate the “Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity.” This theme has great relevance to the work we do daily in Iraq as we attempt to help the Iraqi people bring about a free society. It explores the meaning of the rule of law while fostering public understanding of its role in sustaining rule “by the people” and “for the people.”

Here in Iraq, Coalition forces are working daily to help the Iraqi people create a democratic system of government which is founded upon the belief that the people are ruled by laws, not men. In the 13 months since the creation of MND-C, we have celebrated the spirit of Law Day as we trained Iraqi Security

Forces to promote safety and stability in Iraqi neighborhoods while bringing insurgents and criminals to justice in the Iraqi Court system. These activities and the increased security the “Surge” has provided, allow the Iraqi citizens to build and strengthen their developing democracy based on a system of equal access to courts, human rights and the right to self-determination.

Although the specter of communism no longer haunts freedom-loving peoples, the threat of those who attempt to rule with fear and intimidation is no less terrifying and stands in stark opposition to the democratic ideal of the rule of law. As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Law Day in the United States, you can take pride in all that you have accomplished to bring the rule of law to the people of Iraq.

## CHILDREN: Task Force Marne improving quality of life

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nated refurbishment of two schools in Mahmudiyah. The Iraqi Ministry of Education and the Mayor of Mahmudiyah identified the Uthman School and the Omah al-Mukhtar Girls School as most in need for improvements.

The Commander’s Emergency Response Program funded the renovations, which included fresh paint, new classrooms, desks, windows and exterior walls. Changes like these help eliminate overcrowding and unsanitary con-

ditions that make learning difficult.

The Soldiers have also addressed the problem of Iraqi students lacking resources like school supplies, textbooks and areas for recreational activities. To date, \$2.25 million has been spent on parks, school supplies and youth centers.

Growing up in a war zone, many young Iraqis miss out on basic pleasures often taken for granted, like playing sports or receiving a new toy. Certain humanitarian projects aim to simply bring joy into the lives of Iraqi

children.

Various other TF Marne initiatives organized classes and provided uniforms equipment to young Iraqi athletes. For example, Soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT) recently ran a three-day basketball camp for children in Radwaniyah.

It is projects and initiatives like these that help to build ties of friendship and understanding among the country’s future generations.

### Safety Thought of the Day UXO Safety Reminders

- UXOs can be found in all shapes and sizes, on and off the FOB
- If a suspicious object is found remember the 3R’s:
  - Recognize – A munition may have been encountered.
  - Retreat – Do not touch or disturb it, but move away carefully, walking out the same way as entered.
  - Report – What was seen and where it was seen to EOD.
  - Next complete a 9-line UXO Spot Report & submit to HQ.
- Mark the UXO without touching it (Place marker/s between waist & head level) – Use improvised or official markers.
- Caution Soldiers against collecting dud rounds, bomblets, or suspected UXO’s for souvenirs. Ordnance and munitions are designed for one thing – and that is to blow up.
- For more information on UXO procedures, reference GTA 9-12-1 and FM 21-16 dated 30 Aug 94.
- Remember: If you didn’t drop it, don’t pick it up! UXO’s are an EOD mission only.

## Headline Highlights

# Hair-pulling calls; bullet-proof sale; streaking Penguin

## Guy tears hair out over hairdresser's phone calls

BERLIN (Reuters) – Police helping a German man track down a nuisance caller discovered his tormentor for two years was a faulty card payment system in a hairdresser's shop.

The 58-year-old man in Frankfurt did not recognize the Hamburg number that kept ringing him and had it blocked.

After several months, he got tired of paying for the blocking service and the calls began again on working days.

Police traced the number to a Hamburg hairdresser whose payment system dialed the man whenever it accepted a card. Staff were oblivious to the problem, which is being fixed.

"When he picked it up he got no answer, and there was no response when he called back either," said Frankfurt police spokesman Manfred Fuellhardt on Tuesday.

## France's Le Pen selling bullet-proof car on eBay

PARIS (Reuters) – French far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen is looking to make a bit of extra cash by putting his old bullet-proof car up for sale on eBay.

Le Pen, who stunned France in the 2002 presidential election when he finished second, put his party headquarters up for sale earlier this year

after humiliating defeats in presidential and legislative elections last year left his group deep in the red.

Another drain on Le Pen's finances was the 10,000 euro (7,922 pound) fine he incurred in February when a court found him guilty of "contesting crimes against humanity" for saying the Nazi occupation of France was "not particularly inhumane".

Asked why the car was up for sale, a National Front spokesman said: "Money, money, glorious money."

With a little more than nine days left before the eBay auction (www.ebay.fr) finishes, the 1991 Peugeot that has ferried Le Pen around during his campaigns has been bid up from the one euro starting price to 3,510 euros.

"Following its replacement, we are putting up for sale Jean-Marie Le Pen's armoured Peugeot 605, used daily by him, including during his last presidential campaign," the posting on the ebay site (ebay.fr) said.

"To be considered as a collector's item, no jokers."

## Minor league player charged after caught streaking

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) – The captain of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins was charged with indecent exposure after a police officer saw him running naked on a downtown street early Sunday, and a teammate

was arrested for public drunkenness. Nathan Smith told the officer he acted on a bet.

Officials said Smith, a center for the AHL team, was charged with misdemeanor counts of indecent exposure, open lewdness and disorderly conduct, as well as public drunkenness. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

Penguins forward Ryan Stone was charged with public drunkenness.

The American Hockey League team suspended Smith for its second-round home playoff game Thursday. It was not immediately clear how Stone would be disciplined but the team said he would not be suspended.

"I would like to apologize to the people of Northeast Pennsylvania, my teammates, and to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and Pittsburgh Penguins organizations," Smith said in a statement.

"I made an embarrassing and regrettable decision this weekend and understand I will face disciplinary action, he said.

"My conduct was unacceptable and totally out of character — it will not happen again. I promise to do my best to win back your trust and support," he added.

Stone's arrest was his second this season for public drunkenness. He was cited for the same charge in October, pleaded guilty and paid a fine.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

**Solution to yesterday's puzzle:**

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

## ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

Are you Shia/Sunni/Kurd?

in-teh she-AAh, Sin-nee, kur-dee?