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US, Georgian troops work toward peaceful Iraq

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FOB HAMMER – Soldiers stationed at Combat Outpost Cleary have been working closely with soldiers from Georgia as part of Task Force Petro.

Task Force Petro is a combined effort involving the Georgian forces along with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, and the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, to bring peace to Iraq and improve living conditions both on and off of COP Cleary.

The 13th Georgian Light Infantry Battalion's progress as a unit has been phenomenal, said Capt. Christopher Rehnberg, from Norfolk, Conn., a member of the liaison team, 2nd BCT, 1st Armd. Div. He credits this to the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., for their hard work



Courtesy photo

Zaza Arsoshvili, a medic in the 13th Georgian Light Infantry Battalion, performs a routine check-up on an Iraqi child while working with U.S. Soldiers as part of TF Petro, a combined effort between both forces to improve living conditions on and off of COP Cleary.

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Hatched chicks kick start poultry industry



Sgt. 1st Class Kerensa Hardy
Some of the 32,750 day-old chicks peek out of their containers as they wait to be picked up from the Karadi Hatchery in Mahmudiyah.

SGT. 1ST CLASS KERENSA HARDY
3RD BCT, 101ST ABN. DIV. (AASLT)

FOB MAHMUDIYAH – The Karadi Hatchery was abuzz with activity as nearly 33,000 day-old chicks were prepared for delivery to chicken farms in Mahmudiyah, about 26 kilometers south of Baghdad, May 13.

At the end of a 21-day incubation period, 32,750 chicks were distributed among seven local farmers. The chicks represented approximately 94 percent of the 35,000 eggs, well exceeding the expected 90 percent survival rate.

"After eight to nine months of planning, this is the first step where all the chicken farmers see live chickens getting put into the entire chicken industry," said Capt. Benjamin Neusse, civil military operations officer for 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment,

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The day-old chicks were purchased from the hatchery and given to local farmers to kick start their businesses. Hatchery employees worked for hours separating the peeping chicks into trays of 100 to hand off to the farmers.

"In about 45 days they'll grow to a couple pounds each and they'll go off to the market," Neusse said. "This should hopefully create a nice market for fresh, Iraqi-grown chickens."

Two more batches totaling 60,000 eggs are scheduled to hatch within the next three weeks. Thirteen additional farmers have been identified to receive and grow them into broilers for market.

"It's a good example of the ground

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with the Georgians.

Rehnberg said both forces are working together to make the Mada'in Qada a more safe and secure place. Upcoming projects include building water pumps for agricultural needs, and building housing for Iraqi contractors while they work on COP Cleary.

Rehnberg also points out that up to this point, the Georgians have built everything on COP Cleary.

"These soldiers are hard working and passionate about their work," Rehnberg said. "They did an outstanding job building the COP. We are their guests here."

Rehnberg can speak for their work

ethic since he spent time with the Georgians prior to arriving in Iraq. He was a participant in the Georgian Sustainment and Stability Operation Program, a project aimed to help the Georgians become members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

He said there is a small cultural barrier between the two units, but the distance is closing on a daily basis.

"We are learning each other's language, plus we are both learning Ara-

"Every day communication gets better."

—Capt. Christopher Rehnberg
2-1st Armd. Div.

bic. Every day communication gets better."

The Georgians pride and joy on COP Cleary is a church they built from the ground up. The church includes a picket fence and a small bell tower.

Zaza Arsoshvili, a medic in the 13th Georgian Light Infantry Battalion, said Georgia has been a Christian region for over 16 centuries. He said having the church on the COP helps soldiers feel more comfortable while away from home.

"Faith is very important in our country," Arsoshvili said. "The church is like a small piece of home for the soldiers."

First impressions are very important and theirs was very good," Arsoshvili said. "They are new blood and have new ideas. They can only make us better."

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forces and the (embedded provincial reconstruction team) working together toward the same objective," said Lt. Col. Linda E. Capobianco, ePRT deputy team leader. "It's great when Soldiers get involved with a great project like this one. They're helping the farmers... they're helping the economy."

The poultry association is using this as a means to reopen some of the dormant chicken farms in the Qada'a. One farmer who received a batch of the day-old chicks said he hasn't had chickens on his farm in more than a year.

"This is a region that once thrived on the poultry industry," said Col. Dominic Caraccilo, commander of the 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT). "This infusion of chicks provides us with an opportunity to restart a process very familiar to the people of the Mahmudiyah Qada'a."

To date, Commander's Emergency

Relief Program funds have paid for this initiative. The Government of Iraq is working on a plan to take over the effort.

"This is a one-time thing, we're buying the eggs one time and the feed one time," said Lt. Col. Robert Bobinski, Baghdad-4 ePRT deputy team leader, attached to 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT). He said that in order for the process to continue and yield a profit, all entities will need to work together.

Bobinski said what is important is having the hatchery, chicken farm, feed mill and processing plant on the same sheet of music.

"Everyone gives a percentage of their profits back to the poultry association, then the poultry association reinvests," he said.

Since poultry is the top protein staple in the Middle East, Bobinski said there is a huge potential for them to be sold as a fresh, halal, Iraqi-grown product.

"There are no fresh-grown chicken

here in Iraq, it's all frozen — other than some guy on the corner — there's nobody doing it on a large scale," Bobinski said. "There's a market for that here."

Shakir al-Karadi owns the Karadi Hatchery and said if it weren't for Coalition forces' intervention and assistance the poultry business would still be in trouble.

His hatchery has not operated at full capacity since 2003.

"I would work one month and stop for three months," al-Karadi said.

When Coalition forces purchased the live chicks from him, al-Karadi said it helped his business tremendously.

Before this project began, the hatchery owner estimated about 5 percent of poultry farms were operating. He said about 10 percent will be operating once remaining batches of chicks are delivered.

"I hope this is a new beginning," Al Karadi said. "There is a big future for this industry now and this is a very big push."

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Reins at Combat Outpost Carver change over

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FOB HAMMER – Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment transferred authority over to 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, during a ceremony May 11 at Combat Outpost Carver.

Just three months ago, the 1-15th Inf. Regt. Soldiers moved onto the land that is now Carver and built the place from the ground up with help from hired local Iraqis.

Carver is located next to the Tigris River near Salman Pak, which had been used by extremists as a safe haven. The outpost is one of the largest that 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division has set up.

Transferring the land and the commitment over began with the Iraqi national anthem followed by the United States national anthem. Colonel Wayne Grigsby, commander of the 3rd HBCT, addressed the crowd of Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division; 3rd HBCT Soldiers; and local Iraqi leaders and citizens.

Following the anthems, Grigsby thanked the Iraqi citizens and leaders for their support of the 3rd HBCT Sledgehammer Soldiers over the past 15 months and assured them that the 2-6th Inf. Regt. would continue to support them.

“Sledgehammer is now leaving, but



Spc. Justin Snyder

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Shrout, 2-6th Inf. Regt. commander, uncases his unit colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at COP Carver.

the United States remains committed,” said Grigsby, a native of Prince George’s County, Md. “I know that the 2-6 Infantry Regiment will continue to support the leaders of Iraq and take them to the next level.”

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Marr, commander of the 1-15th Inf. Regt., followed Grigsby. He said that he is excited the 2nd BCT, 1st Armd. Div., was chosen to lead in the Mada’in Qada.

“The [2nd BCT] Soldiers are the best of the best,” Marr said. “They are ideally suited to lead in the Mada’in Qada.”

Afterwards, Marr, a native of Minneapolis, cased the colors of the 1-15th Inf. Regt. and turned over the podium to Lt. Col. Michael Shrout, commander of the 2-6th Inf. Regt.

Shrout, a native of Renton, Wash., made the transfer of authority official when he uncased the colors of the 2-6th Inf. Regt. He then thanked the 1-15th Inf. Regt. for their hard work.

“The cooperation between the 1-15 Infantry Regiment and the people of the Mada’in Qada is remarkable,” Shrout said. “On behalf of the 2-6 Infantry Regiment Soldiers, we will continue where they left off. We look forward to partnering with you to bring further prosperity to this area.”

Shrout said he plans to do that by working with Iraqi leaders on various projects. He is most excited about building a civil service corps, which will develop a department of public works for their town.

Brigadier General Adnan Javad, of the Iraqi Police, attended the ceremony and said IP and the 1-15th Inf. Regt. have had a great relationship over the past 15 months.

“We would like to work in sync with the 2-6 Infantry Regiment,” Javad said. “I am looking forward to the next year or so.”

The ceremony concluded with the playing of the 3rd Infantry Division Song, 1st Armored Division Song, and the Army Song.

The 2-6th Inf. Regt. falls under the command of the 2nd BCT, 1st Armd. Div., from Baumholder, Germany, which is replacing the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., in the Mada’in Qada in Eastern Iraq.

Safety Thought of the Day

Living Quarters

Sanitation Controls:

- Throw-away trash daily at the assigned locations. Maintain good housekeeping standards.
- Don’t brush teeth outside of the quarters, it promotes/attracts rodents and insects.
- Don’t hang wet clothes or put other objects on top of interior wiring.

Electrical Controls:

- Don’t use hot plates or microwaves in the tents. Eating is not allowed in tents.
- Make sure all lights and electrical

devices are turned off when you leave.

- Don’t use frayed, spliced or damage extension cords.
- Be sure of the voltage entering your tent-use transformer if necessary. Avoid using cheap surge protectors.
- Use of candles, or any other devices that have an open flame or smolder are not authorized.
- No smoking or grilling within 50 feet of tents or trailers.
- Ensure adequate fire extinguishers are available and do not block doors or aisles.

Headline Highlights

Arm-wrestling mishap; wrinkle detector; shark attack

Rochdale striker ko'd after arm-wrestling match on team bus

LONDON (Reuters) – Fourth division striker Lee Thorpe faces a miserable summer after breaking his arm in three places while arm-wrestling with a Rochdale team mate on the bus taking the team to a playoff match at Darlington.

Thorpe would have missed Saturday's match in any case because of a dead leg but now faces surgery on the arm injury, the club said.

"It was an unfortunate, freak accident occurring during something we have been doing all season," manager Keith Hill told the club's Web site (www.rochdaleafc.premiumtv.co.uk).

"No-one is to blame and it is certainly not that we are unprofessional but it is not something we will be doing again. We have learnt a valuable lesson from what might occur."

Rochdale, seeking promotion from League Two (fourth division), lost the first leg of their playoff semi-final with Darlington 2-1 after conceding a last-minute goal. The return leg is at Rochdale on Saturday with the final at Wembley on May 26. Rochdale have been in the bottom tier of the league for 34 years.

A new wrinkle in smoking enforcement procedures

TOKYO (Reuters) – Cigarette vending machines in Japan may soon start counting wrinkles, crow's feet and skin sags to see if the customer is old enough

to smoke.

The legal age for smoking in Japan is 20 and as the country's 570,000 tobacco vending machines prepare for a July regulation requiring them to ensure buyers are not underage, a company has developed a system to identify age by studying facial features.

By having the customer look into a digital camera attached to the machine, Fujitaka Co's system will compare facial characteristics, such as wrinkles surrounding the eyes, bone structure and skin sags, to the facial data of over 100,000 people, Hajime Yamamoto, a company spokesman said.

"With face recognition, so long as you've got some change and you are an adult, you can buy cigarettes like before. The problem of minors borrowing (identification) cards to purchase cigarettes could be avoided as well," Yamamoto said.

Japan's finance ministry has already given permission to an age-identifying smart card called "taspo" and a system that can read the age from driving licenses. It has yet to approve the facial identification method due to concerns about its accuracy.

Yamamoto said the system could correctly identify about 90 percent of the users, with the remaining 10 percent sent to a "grey zone" for "minors that look older, and baby-faced adults," where they would be asked to insert their driving license.

Underage smoking has been on a decline in Japan, but a health ministry survey in 2004 showed 13 percent of boys

and 4 percent of girls in the third year of high school – those aged 17 to 18 – smoked every day.

Australian survives attack by poking shark in its eyes

SYDNEY (Reuters) – An Australian swimmer survived a great white shark attack by poking the creature in the eyes as it dragged him through the water after badly savaging his left leg.

Jason Cull was swimming off a beach on Australia's southwest coast on Sunday when the four meter (12 feet) shark attacked.

"Initially I thought it was a dolphin," Cull told The Australian newspaper on Monday. "I just remember being dragged along backwards. I was trying to feel its gills but I found its eye and I stuck my finger in and that's when it let go."

The shark tore two chunks from Cull's left leg, ripping off half his calf and leaving him with deep lacerations to his knee and thigh. A local surf lifesaver heard Cull, 37, screaming and raced into the surf to rescue him.

An Australian teenage surfer was killed in a shark attack in April. Sharks are protected in Australia and attacks on humans are relatively rare, despite the country's huge coastline.

Around 42 percent of attacks involve surfers or windsurfers, according to the U.S.-based International Shark Attack File. Australia had 12 shark attacks in 2007, none of them fatal, among 71 shark attacks worldwide that year.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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6	2	8	1	9	7	5	4	3
3	1	7	4	6	5	2	9	8
5	9	1	7	3	4	8	2	6
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ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

Where did they come from? im ni-en edge-oh?