

Government officials, U.S. work to heal, unite

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PB KEMPLE – For the first time in recent history, the Government of Iraq came to the aid of local residents requiring medical care in al-Betra and Owesat, about 25 kilometers southwest of Baghdad, May 20.

Assisted by Soldiers of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), GoI officials and Iraqi doctors flew to a school in the remote community of al-Betra to provide medical care and discuss the extension of government services to the area.

The adjoining communities of al-Betra and Owesat sit on the western shores of the Euphrates River. The area falls under the jurisdiction of Anbar Province and Ameriyah-Fal-lujah Nahia, despite being more than 30 kilometers from the Nahia government and more than 40 kilometers from Fallujah, the seat of provincial government.

This natural isolation has led to a lack of essential services. In recent months, however, the tribal leaders of al-Betra and Owesat have reached out to GoI officials with the assistance of



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Doctor (Maj.) Angela Uy, of Co. C, 626th BSB, examines a child during the medical-care portion of a mission in al-Betra.

Coalition forces. This mission marks a turning point in the effort to integrate the communities into government operations.

Following a recent meeting concerning the al-Betra area with Mayor

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Uthman Feed Mill celebrates completion of renovation

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CAMP STRIKER – After months of planning and hard work, the Uthman Feed Mill celebrated the completion of renovations in Mahmudiyah, about 26 kilometers south of Baghdad, May 21.

The finished feed mill now boasts a sound-proof generator and increased ability to provide pelletized feed for the re-energized poultry and fish industries.

“My feed mill shows the continued commitment of American forces to the area,” said Uthman Daheesh, the owner. “Without their assistance this would not be possible.”

The feed mill also now has the dyes it previously lacked to pelletize feed.

“Syria, Iran and Saudi Arabia have dyes that are able to produce fish and chicken food, but these are (some of) the first to enter Iraq,” Daheesh said. “This is a very important day for Iraq.”

Feed in pelletized form allows growers to control the amount of proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals in their feed.

“Controlling the diet can ensure the birds reach optimal growth before slaughter,” said 2nd Lt. Bronson Hayes, Uthman Feed Mill project manager with 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

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63rd EOD Battalion assumes control of TF Troy

SPC. JOSH LeCAPPELAIN
MND-C PAO

CAMP VICTORY – Lieutenant Colonel Marty Muchow and the 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion assumed command of Combined Joint Task Force Troy in Multi-National Division – Center during a ceremony May 23 at Camp Deutsch, in southern Baghdad.

Navy Cmdr. Jeff McCauley, commander of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6, relinquished command as CJTF Troy commander Col. Kevin Lutz presided.

Lutz called the day a “great opportunity to realize the contributions of one organization and welcome the arrival of another.”

“You’ve saved lives every single day,” Lutz told EOD Mobile Unit 6, noting they had not sustained one serious injury during their four months in CJTF Troy, MND-C. “Without question, you came in and did a phenomenal job.”

Lutz also welcomed the 63rd EOD Bn., based out of Fort Drum, N.Y., saying that they “are at the tip of the spear

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– Lt. Col. Marty Muchow
63rd EOD Bn., 10th Mtn. Div.



Spc. Sam Dillon

Lieutenant Colonel Marty Muchow and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Cushing, 63rd EOD Bn. commander and sergeant major, unveil their unit's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony on Camp Deutsch.

of making a difference.”

McCauley thanked the more than 250 different Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen who worked under him since taking command in January, as well as the 3rd Infantry Division for their assistance in helping defeat improvised explosive devices.

“We’ve had phenomenal found-and-cleared rates,” he said, highlighting the removal or destruction of approximately 250,000 unexploded ordnance during their time in Iraq.

McCauley and the rest of the Mobile Unit 6 will return to Charleston, S.C., to refit prior to deploying to Multi-National Division – North in early 2009.

Muchow thanked Mobile Unit 6 for

all their hard work and help in preparing his Soldiers and uncasing the colors of the 63rd EOD Bn.

“You have met and exceeded all pre-deployment and transfer of authority standards,” Muchow told his battalion. “You are now ready for combat operations.”

The 63rd EOD Bn. has a clear mission and focus during their time in Iraq.

“We are here primarily to support the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) with the IED Defeat mission,” Muchow said. “And to save lives by defeating IEDs, and more importantly, defeating the networks that emplace them.”

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Fallah Younis Hassan, of Ameriyah, Capt. Nathan Raymond said an upcoming air assault mission was an excellent occasion for the mayor to visit the area.

"It seemed like a perfect opportunity," Raymond said. "These people want to take care of themselves, so the best thing we can do for them is help them make contact with the government officials who can help them do that."

After picking up Hassan at a Coalition patrol base in Ameriyah, helicopters loaded with doctors and Iraqi advisers touched down outside the school in al-Betra shortly after sunrise. While locals lined up to be seen, two helicopters dropped medical supplies in the school's courtyard.

Najim Obaid Jassim, a local nurse, arrived with the helicopters and quickly began organizing patients

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– Fallah Younis Hassan
Ameriyah mayor



Courtesy photo

An Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter delivers medical supplies to the al-Betra School.

for care. Assisted by Dr. Ali, an Iraqi medical adviser to Coalition forces, and Dr. (Maj.) Angela Uy, of Company C, 626th Brigade Support Battalion, Jassim helped treat 128 local residents throughout the day.

"I am glad we were able to do this," she said. "Normally, there are

so many people that I do not have enough supplies to help everyone, but today has been good."

While the doctors and nurses treated patients, Hassan met with local tribal leaders and Coalition commanders to address government involvement in the area to include a need for medical supplies, government-paid teachers, fuel and insufficient water and power. Despite recent conflicts, the mayor said it is time for things to change.

"It is my job to care for these people," he said. "It is time to put the past behind us."

"Elections are coming up soon," he continued, "and Owesat and al-Betra need to have a part in them so they do not lose their rights."

Local sheikhs were pleased with the operation and its outcome and expressed their gratitude to Coalition forces for helping bring GoI attention to their community.

"Screaming Eagles are a part of us now," said Sheikh Khudayr Hasim Ismael. "Nobody put any effort into this area until the Screaming Eagles did. We are looking forward to our own government taking care of us now, but we will always remember what Screaming Eagles did for us."

MILL

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Traditional feeds do not allow farmers the ability to dictate the diets and often produce birds of various sizes.

The area poultry association plays an integral role by working with poultry houses, processing plants and feed mills in recent efforts to boost the poultry industry in the qada. The association worked with Department of State agricultural experts in the embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team attached the division to identify needs for the Uthman Feed Mill and ensure necessary improvements were made.

"The chicken industry was once very big in the area. With the Mahmudiyah Poultry Association and [Coalition]

forces helping, it will hopefully become stronger than it was in the past," said Sheikh Ibrahim Daheesh, brother of Uthman Feed Mill owner and influential leader in the Mahmudiyah area.

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Courtesy photo

Workers bag pelletized chicken feed at the Uthman Feed Mill in Mahmudiyah.

Headline Highlights

Side effects of performance drugs; pacemaker for K-9

Warning issued over unlicensed sex drugs

OTTAWA (Reuters) – Canadians should avoid unlicensed drugs that claim to improve sexual performance because they could cause problems such as loss of consciousness, prolonged erections and chest pain, the health ministry said on Friday.

Health Canada issued the warning in a release about a product called Desire, which was found to contain the prescription drug phentolamine – something not indicated on the label.

“Health Canada advises consumers not to use Desire or any other unauthorized products promoted to increase sexual performance that are advertised as ‘all natural’, as such products may contain undeclared prescription drugs that may pose serious risks to health,” it said in a statement.

Phentolamine is used in the prevention and control of high blood pressure in patients with adrenal tumors.

“Use of phentolamine by patients with heart disease can potentially result in serious cardiac side-effects such as low blood pressure, chest pain and abnormal heartbeat,” said Health Canada.

“Other side-effects may include dizziness, loss of consciousness, prolonged erection, headache, flushing, nasal congestion, indigestion and abdominal pain.”

Health Canada said it was taking steps to ensure Desire – which it said

could be on sale across Canada and over the Internet – was removed from the marketplace.

Vets install pacemaker in search-and-rescue dog

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) – After years of helping authorities look for murder victims and survivors of natural disasters, a search-and-rescue dog named Molly has been rescued herself.

Surgeons at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine on Thursday installed a pacemaker in the 5-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever’s heart.

She needed the surgery after being diagnosed with a complete electrical heart blockage.

Owners Allen and Alicia Brown of Saginaw were overwhelmed with offers to help pay the more than \$2,500 in surgery, vet and travel costs after The Joplin Globe reported on Molly’s need for the pacemaker.

Medical technology company Medtronic Inc. donated the device, and a Kansas businessman offered to anonymously pay up to \$2,000 of the cost.

“It surprises me greatly,” Allen Brown said.

“There’s just been such an outpouring of public support for her,” he added.

Molly was scheduled to return home Friday and be confined to her crate for two weeks.

She will have limited activity for the next two months, but should be able to return to full-time rescue work after that, Allen Brown said.

The Browns are volunteers with the Newton County K-9 search-and-rescue unit, which doesn’t have a budget.

Allen, a paramedic, and Alicia, a nurse, put in hundreds of hours searching for bodies during emergencies.

The unit has five certified dogs and three others in training.

The Browns noticed that the usually energetic Molly, whose full name is The Unsinkable Molly Brown, became lethargic and out of breath last month.

Veterinarians believe she had a heart attack.

Allen Brown drove Molly to Columbia on Tuesday night after her heart rate fell to 38 from a normal 80.

The couple have five dogs, but only two are trained as rescue dogs. It can take about two years to train a search-and-rescue dog for both live body and cadaver retrieval, and buying a fully trained one can cost up to \$20,000.

Patrice Graham, another member of the K-9 search-and-rescue team, spearheaded efforts to help the Browns pay for the surgery.

“I know that everyone is tight, but these people do a lot of volunteer work,” Graham said. “If she could save one more life or recover one more body for a family, it would be worth it.”

Sudoku

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

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