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Pvt. Christopher McKenna
A Soldier with 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) holds his trained military working dog as Iraqi Army Soldiers move in to search the cleared house in Sa'id Abdul Corridor 24 kilometers southwest of Baghdad.

2nd BCT meets with IA, NP, IP Leaders about security

Pfc. EVAN LOYD
2ND BCT, 1ST INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER – Leaders from the Iraqi Army, National Police and Iraqi Police met here May 21 with Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, to discuss security measures for an upcoming voter registration in the Mada'in Qada, in southeastern Baghdad Province.

Brigadier General Adnan, local IP

"With more Police comes more security during the upcoming voter registration."

– Brig. Gen. Adnan,
local IP commander

commander, said he plans to hire new recruits to strengthen their forces.

"This will allow the Iraqi Police to set up more checkpoints and operations in the area," Adnan said. "With more Police comes more security during the upcoming voter registration."

Colonel Pat White, 2nd BCT commander, from Apple Valley, Calif., listened to the plans and concerns of the Iraqi forces. He agreed Coalition forces working with Iraqi Security Forces would help provide a safe and secure environment for Iraqis registering to vote.

"Our role is to support and assist the Iraqi forces," said Col. Pat White, commander of the 2nd BCT.

The 2nd BCT, 1st Armored Div., from Baumholder, Germany, has been deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since April.



Pfc. Evan Loyd

Brigadier General Emad, 3/1 NP commander, listens to Brig. Gen. Adnan, local IP commander, talk during a security meeting at FOB Hammer about his security plans for voter registration in the Mada'in Qada, Iraq.

26th BSB assists getting IA logistics on line

SGT. DAVID TURNER

2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – U.S. Soldiers finalized two weeks of training with Iraqi Army Soldiers at Combat Outpost Murray to improve their battlefield logistics support capabilities May 22.

Soldiers from the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, trained the 6th Battalion, 25th Brigade, 6th IA Division on vehicle maintenance, supply and first aid.

Training will continue at COPs Meade and Dolby in the coming weeks.

“They’ve proven they can take the fight, now we’re focusing on their logistics efforts so they can sustain the fight,” said 26th BSB commander, Lt. Col. Mark Weinerth.

The IA Soldiers are part of only two IA battalions recently moved into the 2nd BCT’s area of operation. Until their own support elements are in place, Coalition forces are filling the gaps in their supply needs.

“That’s one of the great challenges right now in the way ahead in Iraq, is from the unit level all the way up to the national level, connecting the logistics chain,” Weinerth said.

“It’s a start-up system,” he said. “At the Soldier level, they’ve got great skills. They know how to fix stuff; it’s pretty impressive. But getting repair parts or a new vehicle to them, that’s bigger echelon stuff, so we’re trying to connect them to the national system.”

The most effective way to train IA Soldiers is through a “train-the-trainer” approach, so they can go back to their units and successfully train their



Sgt. David Turner

Sergeant John Hudgins teaches IA Soldiers first aid as part of a five-day training session at COP Murray. Hudgins, from Newport News, Va., serves with Co C, 26th BSB.

own fellow Soldiers, Weinerth said.

“There are some Soldiers who are already standing out, taking the initiative and teaching their classmates,” said Sgt. Herbert Miller, first aid trainer for the program and member of Company C, 26th BSB.

Since the IA units don’t yet have medical assets attached to them, IA Soldiers need to learn these skills in addition to their other training, Miller

said.

“It will allow them to perform first aid care on the battlefield, so when they get back, they’ll have a better chance of survival,” Miller said.

Miller said the training is comparable to the Army’s combat lifesaver course.

“I can say that after five days of training, these guys are at the same level as any of our Soldiers on the battlefield,” he said.

During the vehicle maintenance portion of training, IA used an Arabic translation of an Army technical manual to learn how to keep their M1114 humvees working on the battlefield.

“If they’re out on a mission and something happens, they know how to repair it really quickly,” said Sgt. John Ellerbe, of Apopka, Fla., a light-wheel mechanic assigned to the 26th BSB.

“The biggest problem we have now is they don’t really have any tools,” Ellerbe said.

“We’re trying to help them out with getting the proper tools and getting more support for them,” he said.

Another thing Ellerbe said would help IA Soldiers is more uniforms, particularly coveralls for vehicle maintenance.

Weinerth said he considered his mission a success by helping IA Soldiers help themselves.

“It’s all about getting these guys trained so they can sustain themselves, so they’re not relying on Coalition support,” he said.

“Then they’re not running out of supplies and they understand the Iraqi system and can use the Iraqi system,” he said.

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Iraqi Police take greater responsibility, action

SGT. DANIEL T. WEST
214TH FB

FOB DELTA – Iraqi Police in Wasit Province have made significant capacity gains in recent months to improve security for the citizens of Iraq.

Their planning ability has greatly improved and their effectiveness increases daily, said Col. Peter Baker, commander of the 214th Fires Brigade.

Much of the improvement is due to the actions of Maj. Gen. Hannin al-Ameer, the provincial director of police, appointed in September.

“He is very competent,” Baker said. “He has taken a large force and made immediate and long-term improvements – not an easy task for a unit of that size.”

“The current leadership is more disciplined and training-focused,” said 1st Lt. Lynette Jefferson, a platoon leader for the 511th MP Company attached to the 214th Fires Brigade, a unit responsible for training Iraqi policemen. “They’re taking their jobs more seriously.”

“The Iraqi Police seem more disciplined in training with us,” said Sgt. Melissa Overton, a squad leader with



Sgt. Daniel T. West

Sergeant Michael Valley, of the 511th MP Co., from Fort Drum, N.Y., looks on as Iraqi Policemen search a vehicle at a checkpoint in al-Kut.

the 511th MP Co. “They want to learn better skills.”

They are also more open to conducting joint patrols with Coalition forces, she added.

One example of this new spirit became evident during an operation in the Zuwarijat district of al-Kut, 163 kilometers southeast of Baghdad, April 26. Iraqi Police, in support of Iraqi Army elements and Coalition forces, entered the neighborhood and established a permanent joint presence with the IA – something the Iraqi Security Forces had been unable to do before.

“When they went there [Zuwarijat] before [March 4], they had no plans or means to stay,” Baker said. “This time they planned to go in and stay. It’s had a huge effect on the population.”

“Now when we go in, people ask if we will stay,” he said. “The reinforcements and improvements that we have made are a sign.”

“Overall, I know that taking ground, it was a huge step,” said Staff Sgt. Erik Golden, a squad leader with the 511th MP Co.

The company’s mission has been to train IP on the ground in their stations around al-Kut. The close relationship they have developed definitely helps all those involved, Golden said.

“They’re more willing to learn, and we’re willing to teach,” he said. “We are working on a train-the-trainer program, so that Iraqi Policemen can do the training at the stations as the Americans supervise.”

Baker praised the work of the 511th MP Co. with the IP in Wasit.

“Much of what they do has a direct result on the Iraqi Police, and that translates into better security,” he said.

Safety Thought of the Day

Rhino Safety

- While the use of the RHINO is essential for combat operations, this unit when not stored properly can pose a safety hazard to both personnel and equipment.
- Reduce and eliminate risk by ensuring the RHINO is properly stored for travel inside the wire.
- The Rhino in the down position:
 - Reduces stopping distance.
 - Increases the risk of hitting other equipment, vehicles or personnel.
- Do not lock the RHINO in the stored upright position while fully extended. This practice increases the risk of the unit coming into contact with overhead objects, power lines, or guy-wires.

- Ensure that the RHINO is fully retracted and stored in the locked upright position prior to and upon completion of each mission.



File photo

Headline Highlights

'Indiana Jones' at box office; Hitler's deputy on stamps

'Indiana Jones' cracks whip at box office opening

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Paramount Pictures appears to have another hit on its hands, as the new "Indiana Jones" movie grossed \$25 million from its first full day in North American theaters, independent box office analysts reported on Friday.

That tally ranks as the fourth highest-grossing Thursday debut on record and puts "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" on track to possibly match or overtake last year's "Pirates of the Caribbean" film as the biggest opening on a U.S. Memorial Day holiday weekend.

The last big release from Viacom Inc.'s Paramount, "Iron Man," opened three weeks ago with \$98.6 million in U.S.-Canadian receipts its first Friday-through-Sunday frame -- a sum that the latest "Indiana Jones" film is expected to surpass.

Unlike the new "Indiana Jones" film, "Iron Man" was fully financed by Marvel Studios, which paid Paramount a flat fee to market and distribute its film. Thus, Paramount has much more at stake riding on the success of its latest release.

"Crystal Skull," directed by Steven Spielberg, is the fourth movie in the beloved and lucrative movie franchise that began in 1981 with "Raiders of the Lost Ark," and is the first to hit the big screen in 19 years.

Harrison Ford reprises his title role as the bullwhip-cracking archeologist who

hates snakes, and reunites with actress Karen Allen, his co-star from the first adventure. In the new film, set during the 1950s Cold War era, he competes with an evil KGB agent played by Cate Blanchett to find a skull endowed with mystic powers.

Box office analyst Paul Dergarabedian, president of Media By Numbers, said the film's opening Thursday performance was strong enough to bode well for its commercial potential but not so strong as to diminish its weekend audience.

If its Friday-through-Monday box office tally crosses the \$140 million mark, the film would exceed last year's Walt Disney Co.'s "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" as the biggest North American opening yet for the four-day Memorial Day holiday weekend.

"They have a strong shot at meeting or exceeding that Pirates of the Caribbean number last year," Dergarabedian told Reuters.

By comparison, the highest-grossing Thursday debut at the domestic box office was the \$50 million raked in three years ago by "Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith," according to Box Office Mojo.

German mail firm issues stamps of Hitler deputy

FRANKFURT (Reuters) — German mail company Deutsche Post has inadvertently issued stamps bearing the image of Adolf Hitler's former depu-

ty, Rudolf Hess, the company said on Wednesday.

Deutsche Post printed 20 stamps with Hess next to a bouquet of flowers as part of a service which allows clients to order custom-made envelopes, a company spokesman said.

"It is very unfortunate. But it happened," the spokesman said. "I presume it came from the far-right scene. But those 20 envelopes won't shake up German democracy."

The stamps would be offensive to Jewish groups and embarrassing to Germans anxious to live down the country's Nazi past.

The company said it would make every effort to avoid a repeat of the incident.

The Hess blunder was not the first time customers had tried to order stamps commemorating Nazi leaders, the spokesman said.

Earlier this year, the company intercepted a request to have stamps printed featuring Hitler as a small child, he said.

The latest delivery stemmed from a private order made in March, a few weeks before Hess's birthday, he added.

Hess, who served as Hitler's deputy before he flew to Britain in 1941 on an apparent peace mission, was tried at Nuremberg for war crimes and sentenced to life in Berlin's Spandau prison.

He was the only prisoner in the vast complex for the last 21 years and was guarded by jailers from occupying Allied powers until he committed suicide in 1987 aged 93.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Surrender

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