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Romanians prepare IA commandos



Courtesy photo

Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Bn., 39th IA Bde., demonstrate perimeter security techniques in a hostile area during the first phase of their commando training, which was completed on Camp Ur near COB Adder April 26. Troops assigned to the 26th Romanian Inf. Bn. mentored their IA counterparts through the first iteration of this special operations training.

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4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV.



COB ADDER – The 3rd Battalion, 39th Iraqi Army Brigade reached the half way point of their commando train-

ing and their Romanian counterparts are confident the Iraqis will successfully complete the eight-week training course at Camp Ur near the operating base here in late May.

“Our duty here is to improve the tactical skills of our Iraqi partners,” said

Capt. Bumbac, the training team commander for the Romanian instructors. “They will use these tactics on real missions, so it’s important that they receive this active training.”

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TRAINING

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The 26th Romanian Infantry Battalion, 'Red Scorpions' mentored their IA counterparts through the first four weeks of tactical, physical and weapons training.

The future IA commandos received the same training the Romanian Special Forces units receive. The Red Scorpion Battalion also trained their partners on

Shotokan, a unique style of martial arts used during hand-to-hand combat.

"We're impressed with what they have accomplished so far," said Bum-bac. "It's a pleasure to be training together with these troops."

U.S. Soldiers, assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division provided advice and assistance to the Romanians during the planning stages of the event and the training.

"The Romanians are actively engaging their Iraqi partners and pushing

them in the right direction," said Maj. Troy Wayman, the Iraqi Security Forces Coordinator from Ainsworth, NE, assigned to the 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div.

The Coalition forces have already begun the next phase of the commando training, which consists of complex exercises like scouting, reconnaissance, check point procedures and patrolling. Upon graduation, the IA troops will join their units to provide security in the tri-province region of Dhi Qar, Maysan and Muthanna in southern Iraq.



Courtesy photos

(Left) Soldiers assigned to the 26th Romanian Inf. Bn. teach troops from the 3rd Bn., 39th IA Bde. the proper firing techniques to use in a combat situation during the first phase of their commando training, which was completed on Camp Ur near COB Adder April 26. (Above) Soldiers assigned to the 26th Romanian Inf. Bn. teach troops from the 3rd Bn., 39th IA Bde. Shotokan, a unique style of martial arts used in hand-to-hand combat, during the first phase of their commando training.

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IA leaders get live update from Texas

SGT. ALLISON CHURCHILL
41ST FB



FOB DELTA – While Brig. Gen. Abed Gabr Mazloun, commander of 32nd Iraqi Army Brigade, visited America with 41st Fires Brigade commander Col. Richard Francey, his unit kept busy in Iraq.

Each side had the chance to share their experiences during a video teleconference recently, linking the 41st Fires Bde.'s headquarters on FOB Delta and Fort Hood, Texas.

In the week their commander was gone, 32nd IA Bde., was named best in its division during an inspection by the Ministry of Defense and helped Iraqi Police find rockets that were intended for use against FOB Delta.

Mazloun had several stories to tell as well. Fort Hood

sounds like the Arabic word for lawlessness. When Mazloun told his troops that the large post in Texas was like heaven, a wave of laughter erupted until he made his point more clearly.

He also told his troops about the differences in climate as the group made their way from Washington, D.C. to Texas and marveled at the size of the Lone Star State.

"It's so big! Bigger than Iraq!" exclaimed Mazloun.

The VTC was Francey's idea, said Maj. Anthony Fields, 41st Fires Bde.'s signal and communications officer-in-charge and resident of Montclair, Va.

Francey called from Fort Hood April 7 and asked for the VTC to be set-up.

The Iraqis appreciated the opportunity.

"It was good to be able to use technology to keep in touch," said Lt. Col. Ali Kaleel of the 32nd IA Bde.



Photos by Sgt. Allison Churchill

(Above) On the left screen, Chris Andrews, 41st FB interpreter; Col. Richard Francey, brigade commander; and Brig. Gen. Abed Gabr Mazloun, 32nd IA Bde. commander say hello from the 41st FB headquarters at Fort Hood, Texas, to Soldiers in Mazloun's brigade, shown on the right screen, in the 41st FB's FOB Delta headquarters via video teleconference recently. (Right) Leaders of the 32nd IA Bde. talk to their commander, Brig. Gen. Abed Gabr Mazloun, during a video teleconference between the 41st FB headquarters on FOB Delta and Fort Hood, Texas recently. Mazloun was in the United States with 41st FB commander Col. Richard Francey.



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Headline Round-up

World News:

MEXICO CITY - Mexican police have arrested suspected Zeta gang leader Gregorio Saucedo Gamboa, one of Mexico's 24 most-wanted drug traffickers. Federal police say Saucedo Gamboa was detained in the border city of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas. Saucedo Gamboa appears on a list of 24 alleged drug traffickers published by prosecutors in March. Authorities have offered rewards of up to \$2.1 million for each suspect. Police said April 29 that they also seized five rifles and more than 4,500 rounds of ammunition in the raid that netted Saucedo Gamboa. The Zetas are a violent drug gang based in the states along Mexico's Gulf coast, and have been involved in many of the killings that have taken more than 10,650 lives since 2006.

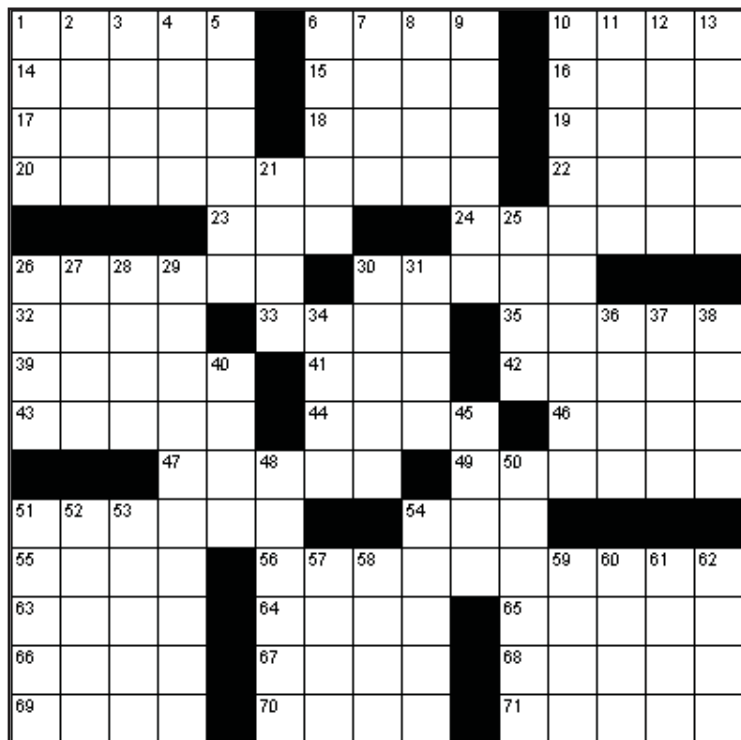
Crossword

ACROSS

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| 1. Mill | 22. Anagram of "Sail" | area | means whereby one |
| 6. Encourage | 23. Born | 42. A peninsula in | lives |
| 10. Catch | 24. Main course | northeastern Egypt | 63. Operatic solo |
| 14. Cowboy sport | 26. Sitting room | 43. Wish granter | 64. Diving bird |
| 15. Close | 30. A ring-shaped | 44. Top of a house | 65. Bend |
| 16. Diminish | surface | 46. Coarse file | 66. Breathe hard |
| 17. Perpendicular to | 32. Wings | 47. Secret meeting | 67. Auditory |
| the keel | 33. Breakfast or | 49. Slow to learn or | 68. Get on one's |
| 18. Information | supper | understand | knees |
| 19. Border | 35. A heavy blow | 51. Drink | 69. Kid |
| 20. Certain sayings | with the hand | 54. Pelt | 70. Walk through |
| from the Sermon on | 39. Whinny | 55. Standard | water |
| the Mount | 41. Metric unit of | 56. The financial | 71. Shop |

DOWN

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|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Snatch | 8. Box office take | 13. Fliers in V' | 29. Valid |
| 2. Gown | 9. Found at the | 21. Course | 30. Fortuneteller's |
| 3. Bright thought | end of a pencil | 25. Cashews and | card |
| 4. Tidy | 10. Pullover | pecans | 31. Margarine |
| 5. Eye mask | 11. Low point | 26. Twinge | 34. Cobs of corn |
| 6. Unjustified | 12. This is | 27. Sheltered, | 36. A Central |
| 7. Absorb written | measured in | nautically | American sloth |
| material | degrees | 28. Precipitation | 37. Catholic |



church service
38. Water carrier
40. Parsley or
sage
45. Offensively
malodorous
48. The color of
the sun
50. Some walls
are made of
these
51. Unsuitable
52. Eel
53. Threshold
54. Often was a
white picket one
57. Bit
58. Empty
59. Stalk
60. Chocolate
cookie
61. Not under
62. Expunge

**Look
for the
answers in
Saturday's
edition**

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DFAC 1 Worship

Sunday

Roman Catholic Mass, UK

led @ 9:30 a.m.

General Protestant @ 11 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saint @ 2 p.m.

General Protestant @ 6:30

p.m.

DFAC 3 Worship

Sunday

Gospel Worship @ 2 p.m.

DFAC 4 Worship

Monday - Saturday

Daily Mass @ 8 p.m.

Sunday

Protestant Contemporary

Worship @ 10 a.m.

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(UK) @ 11:30 a.m.

Roman Catholic Mass, UK

led @ 8:30 p.m.

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