

# Troops move out of JSS Basateen

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers from Company E, 1st “Black Knights” Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, attached to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, moved out of Joint Security Station Basateen, June 2, in preparation for transfer of the station to the Government of Iraq.

The move of U.S. Soldiers and the transference of responsibility for the JSS are in accordance with the Security Agreement. The agreement, that took effect Jan. 1, 2009, states that all U.S. combat forces will withdraw from Iraqi cities by June 30.

“This is the first company sized JSS to be closed,” said Detroit, Mich. native, 1st Sgt. Henry Gadsden, the company’s senior enlisted advisor said about the “Ironhorse” brigade’s footprint. “All other JSS’s have been platoon sized.”

With June 30 quickly approaching, Soldiers are working to remove all excess property from JSS Basateen.

“The local national contractors have been nothing but help to us— a very big help,” stated Gadsden. “They are just as tactical and proficient as we are.”

Local national contractors assisted in the movement of the containerized housing units (CHUs) and in packing Coalition gear in support of

the move.

“Their response time is magnificent. If we need help with anything they respond within the hour,” said Gadsden. “They always bring us 100 percent.”

Company leadership will transfer excess equipment to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st National Police Division (NP) and the local nationals who will be occupying JSS Basateen.

While at JSS Basateen,

U.S. troops partnered with the NP’s everyday. Whether just a security patrol of the area or a more specific mission, they were involved with the NPs in providing security to the north central sections of Baghdad.

The Soldiers plan to support their Iraqi Security Forces partners by going out every day to work and meet with the NP leadership, said San Antonio, Texas native Capt. Brent Kinney, the Co. E commander.

“Moving out of the JSS’s is one of the bigger signs that U.S. forces are almost ready to move,” said Gadsden.

There are approximately 21 CHUs and 50 T-Walls left to remove from Basateen. “I see it only taking about three days to finish removing everything from the JSS,” said Kinney.

The transference of responsibility ceremony, scheduled for early June, will be the final step in returning the facility to the GoI.



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Staff Sgt. Terrell Washington, from Oklahoma City, Okla., noncommissioned officer in charge of the cooks with Company E, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, attached to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, moves a block of concrete to finish building a wall around the kitchen area at Joint Security Station Basateen, June 2.

# Terrorists target small Iraqi villages for recruiting

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BASE WARRIOR, KIRKUK,  
Iraq — Nestled away in the sandy

dunes of northern Iraq is the small village of Zalla Al Sabae. With a population of approximately 500 people, it is one of thousands of

small Iraqi villages that most people have probably never heard of.

However, this village and many others play a vital role in the overall stability of the country, which is why a platoon of Soldiers accompanied by the Daquq, Iraq Police travelled there May 31.

1st Lt. Christopher Minter and Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Casarez are platoon leader and platoon sergeant respectively, in C Troop, 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. Their platoon, along with Lt. Abbas of the Daquq IP and several of his officers travelled to Zalla Al Sabae to conduct an assessment of the village's needs and meet with the village leader, Mukhtar Mohammad Muslih Shhab.

According to Minter, it is villages like Zalla Al Sabae that are targeted by insurgent and terrorist recruiting efforts and which is why these assessments are important.

“Often the young men are recruited in these small villages by terrorists and insurgents due to the lack of essential services and employment,” Minter said. “Without employment the prospect of being paid by anyone to support their families becomes an enticing offer.”

Minter and Abbas met with Mohammad and were invited into the mukhtar's home for customary tea and conversation. After exchanged pleasantries, the men got down to business and discussed security, essential services, and other shortcomings the village might have.

“We must travel to Daquq for medical treatment since we have no clinic in our village,” Mohammad informed the gathered men. “We also have no water well to provide water for our people and our young men must travel to Kirkuk city, Iraq to work because there are no jobs here.”

This struck right at the purpose

of the meeting for Minter and Abbas.

“We want to make sure the information that is provided here gets relayed to the Daquq district council member responsible for this area,” Minter said.

Abbas also informed Mohammad their representative on the Daquq council had an open door policy and any shaykh or mukhtar could stop by and discuss any concerns they may have.

This was also the first time since 2007 that Coalition forces had travelled to this village, although the Iraqi Army had been in the area within the past several weeks which, according to Mohammad, was uneventful and cordial.

“We also want to know how interaction with the IA is going to make sure they are doing their part in securing the countryside and looking out for the people's best interests,” Minter said.

According to Minter, a large-scale project planned in the area is to build a paved road so residents will have an easier time navigating from village to village and traveling to nearby Daquq to use facilities there.

Following the meeting Abbas returned to the Daquq IP station while Minter and his Soldiers returned to FOB Warrior.

“Overall, the mission was a success,” Minter said. “We can provide an accurate assessment of the village's needs to their district council member so that he can address those needs at the next meeting.”

According to Minter, the IA and IP along with Coalition forces will continue to conduct assessments like this with follow-ups in the numerous villages within their area of responsibility to make sure concerns are addressed and measures are implemented to ensure the younger generation of Iraqis is less likely to fall victim to the recruiting efforts of insurgents.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Douglas

Lt. Abbas (left) of the Daquq, Iraq Police and 1st Lt. Christopher Minter (right), platoon leader in C Troop, 4th Sqn. 9th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div., visit the village of Zalla Al Sabae in Kirkuk province to assess essential services May 31. (



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Douglas

Lt. Abbas (upper left) of the Daquq, Iraq Police and 1st Lt. Christopher Minter (left), platoon leader in C Troop, 4th Sqn., 9th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div., speak with residents near the village of Zalla Al Sabae.

# IA and U.S. forces destroy large cache

56th SBCT PAO, MND-B

TAJI, Iraq – IA and Multi-National Division—Baghdad Soldiers uncovered a large weapons cache, June 5, during a cordon and knock mission southwest of Taji.

Members of the 2nd Battalion, 37th Iraqi Army Brigade and U.S. Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, seized a cache consisting of 104 60mm mortar rounds and 350 50mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of Hor al-Bosh, Iraq.

“Uncovering this cache will have a significant impact on enemy operations,” said Capt. Nicholas Buchheit, Bellefonte, Pa., commander, Company C, 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment. “This will increase the safety for soldiers and citizens in the area.”

A Coalition explosive ordnance disposal team safely destroyed the munitions in place. There were no injuries or damage.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Brauer, 56th SBCT, MND-B

Hor al-Bosh, Iraq—First Lt. Joshua Fox, of Shinglehouse, Pa., walks along side rows of mortar rounds recovered by members of his platoon near Hor al Bosh, Iraq. Members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Multi-National Division—Baghdad, recovered 104 60mm mortar rounds and 350 50mm mortar rounds during operations, June 5.

## Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

### MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

The June 5 newscast includes the following stories:

1. Moving an entire JSS is tough work. Packing up and moving operations is part of the transitioning period that Soldiers are experiencing as part of the Security

agreement.

This partnership phase sees Soldiers all across Multi National Division Baghdad on the move to new areas of operation. SGT Ashley Anderson, Multi National Division Baghdad Public Affairs Office.

2. Patrol Base Yusafaya is getting a facelift.

Soldiers are diligently working to make upgrades for deployed Soldiers.

Repairing facilities and provide elec-

trical power to make sustained missions possible.

Improvements include basic housing, medical needs, dining and hygiene.

To hear the Cav Round-Up, click on the following links:

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## On This Day In Military History

1972 - South Vietnamese forces drive out all but a few of the communist troops remaining in Kontum. Over 200 North Vietnamese had been killed in six battles in and around the city. The city had come under attack in April when the North Vietnamese had launched their Nguyen Hue Offensive (later called the Easter Offensive), a massive invasion by North Vietnamese forces designed to strike the blow that would win them the war. The attacking force included 14 infantry divisions and 26 separate regiments, with more than 120,000 troops and approximately 1,200 tanks and other armored vehicles. In addition to Kontum, the other main North Vietnamese objectives were Quang Tri in the north and An Loc farther to the south. Initially, the South Vietnamese defenders were almost overwhelmed, particularly in the northernmost provinces, where they abandoned their positions in Quang Tri and fled south in the face of the enemy onslaught. At Kontum and An Loc, the South Vietnamese were more successful in defending against the attacks, but only after weeks of bitter fighting. Although the defenders suffered heavy casualties, they managed to hold their own with the aid of U.S. advisors and American airpower. Fighting continued all over South Vietnam into the summer months, but eventually the South Vietnamese forces prevailed against the invaders and retook Quang Tri in September. With the communist invasion blunted, President Nixon declared that the South Vietnamese victory proved the viability of his Vietnamization program, which he had instituted in 1969 to increase the combat capability of the South Vietnamese armed forces so that U.S. troops could be withdrawn.



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## Picture of the day!



Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles, MND-B PAO

Spc. Phillip Papciak, of Detroit, a mechanic assigned to HHB, 1st Bn., 82nd FAR, 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div., works on the floor of a new barber shop under construction at COP Cashe South, May 31. The barber shop is one of several new amenities for an additional 140 Soldiers which will be stationed at COP Cashe. A new, larger Morale, Welfare and Recreation center and an expanded dining facility are also under construction.

Here's an invitation to play Wordplay!

Find words inside of words.

Today's word is: SNIPER

Proper nouns do not count, nor does the word shown.

Words should be at least 5 letters long.

Try to find 8 words. Good Luck!

Last issue's wordplay: Marksman  
ranks, marks, karma

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Chuck Norris is allowed to talk about Fight Club.

## Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today  
102° F | 77° F



Tomorrow  
102° F | 78° F



Monday  
105° F | 87° F



