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Working for the future health of Basra's children

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COB BASRA – Members of the Warhorse Brigade visited and surveyed the progress of the Basra Children's Hospital May 28.

The 94-bed, 16,000-square-meter building will be the first state-of-the-art pediatric specialty hospital in Iraq and is nearing completion with outpatient services slated to start in September.

Inpatient oncology services are scheduled to begin in November, surgical services in January, and additional services, such as radiation oncology, will become available later.

"Having a specialized pediatric hospital will be beneficial for the children of Basra and the future generations to come," said Maj. Roger Brockbank, 2nd Brigade Combat Team surgeon, 4th Infantry Division. Brockbank calls Colorado Springs, Colo., home.

"We participated in what I would consider a joint, multi-agency project, to provide a critical care facility for children in southern Iraq," said Maj. Peter Hesford, water, electricity and infrastructure manager of the Commander's Emergency Relief Program for the 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

"Our contribution was the provision of treated water for the hospital. Our role was small but our contribution was critical," said Hesford, who comes from Portland, Ore.

The project is spearheaded by the U.S., but is also financed by the government of Iraq, the United Nations and Project Hope, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing health care for people worldwide, said Gerald Ramos, project manager for the hospital, Gulf Region South District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, based out of



Photo by Sgt. Rodney Foliente

Warhorse Soldiers make their way to the entrance of the Basra Children's Hospital May 28 as local laborers continue with construction. The 94-bed, 16,000-square meter internationally funded hospital will be the first state-of-the-art pediatric specialty hospital in Iraq, and will also function as a training center. The hospital is slated to begin outpatient services in September with inpatient services beginning in November.

Huntsville, Ala., which he calls home.

"In 2003, Project Hope evaluated the healthcare system in Iraq and found it to be broken," said Ramos. He explained that the infant mortality rate is one of the highest worldwide and Project Hope determined that a significant contributing factor was pediatric cancer.

The specialized focus of the hospital is on cancer treatment, continued Ramos.

"The cancer rate is ten times higher in Iraq than in developed countries. In the south, it is twice the national average," said Ramos. "It was decided to build the hospital in Basra because it is a major population center."

The hospital will also function as a training center, capable of improving and expanding the training and

proficiency of healthcare professionals throughout Iraq.

"It's encouraging and exciting to see a project of this regional importance nearing completion," said Hesford. "It is important for the critical need the hospital will fill in the area of pediatric care (and) for the employment and economic stimulus it will provide to Basra."

Ramos said the hospital will stimulate the local economy and offer jobs for local citizens, both at the hospital and to industries servicing the hospital. In the construction alone, he estimated that approximately half of the \$160 million for the building project will go to the local laborers and contractors.

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Iraqi accountants receive training on modern techniques



Photo by Pfc. Bethany Little

Rgdee Abd Mslm, Central Euphrates Farmers' Market head accountant, listens intently during a training session here recently. When the CEFM opens, Abd Mslm and one other accountant will be the first females to serve in that capacity in a wholesale market in Babil Province.

By Pfc. Bethany Little
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FOB KALSU – The 450th Civil Affairs Battalion held training for the Central Euphrates Farmers' Market accountants here recently.

To help the CEFM prosper, two members of the 450th CA Bn. instructed two accountants on basic accounting principles.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Albert Smith, 450th CA Bn., Multi-National Division Economics Director, taught the accountants through worksheets representing the daily sales, invoices and labor costs of the CEFM. He also explained to the women the importance of staying on budget by giving examples of what could cost the CEFM money.

"For example, you don't let your maintenance worker waste cleaning supplies or let a guard sleep while on duty," explained Smith, a native of Killeen, Texas.

Other skills that will be taught over the next four months include management and accounting principles, as well as marketing initiatives.

Each session will be held once a month for around two hours, depending on the material covered during the class. This session was the second of six the accountants will attend.

"This training has been very successful because we have a lot of support and help from the Babil Provincial Reconstruction Team," said Capt. Jack Nicholson, 450th CA Bn., plans civil military operations officer.

When the CEFM opens, the two accountants will be the first females to serve in that capacity in a wholesale market in Babil Province.

"These classes are very beneficial for us," said Rgdee Abd Mslm, head accountant for the CEFM. "Even though I have over a decade's worth of experience in accounting, it is very valuable for me."

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Operation Liberator searches for missing personnel in Iraq

BAGHDAD -- Hostage-taking, abductions and kidnapping are unacceptable practices that adversely affect the future of Iraq's burgeoning government, but they still occur.

"As the environment changes with the responsible drawdown of forces in the country, it is also important to responsibly locate and recover our missing personnel and bring them home with honor," said Australian Brigadier Simon Gould, Deputy for Operations, Multi-National Forces - Iraq. "Operation Liberator is a full-scale personnel recovery campaign to assist in locating and recovering missing personnel."

Currently, 22 people who supported coalition forces in the country are unaccounted for. These missing personnel were military members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors. The group includes 13 Americans, five British and four South Africans.

One of the Americans is still missing from Operation Desert Storm. All others were lost during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Coalition forces will not stop looking for those who have been kidnapped, taken hostage or killed," said Gould. "Every individual is vitally important."

Multi-National Force - Iraq and U.S. Embassy - Baghdad's initiative, Operation Liberator, is a renewed effort in direct response to limited intelligence and reporting. It is in-

tended to generate information that will ultimately lead to the location and expedient recovery of all missing persons.

"Coalition forces vow to never leave a fallen comrade and to not stop looking for missing persons until all have been found and returned to their homeland," added Gould. "As the search for missing comrades continues, the importance of educating personnel on security procedures and ways to avoid becoming isolated or a potential target for kidnapping is paramount."

Locating missing personnel is a team effort. The MNF-I Personnel Recovery Division collaborated and coordinated with a variety of military, governmental and non-governmental U.S. and non-U.S. agencies for the theater-wide Operation Liberator. The government of Iraq supports the multi-service, multi-agency effort.

"Anytime someone supporting the Coalition forces in Iraq goes missing, a search begins immediately," said Gould. "As forces in Iraq responsibly drawdown, the desired outcome of Operation Liberator is to responsibly recover our missing personnel, return them home with honor, and provide closure for their families."

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of missing personnel should contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation via their website at:

<https://tips.fbi.gov>.



NEVER FORGOTTEN

Name: Sgt. Ahmed Al-Taie

Date of capture: Oct. 23, 2006

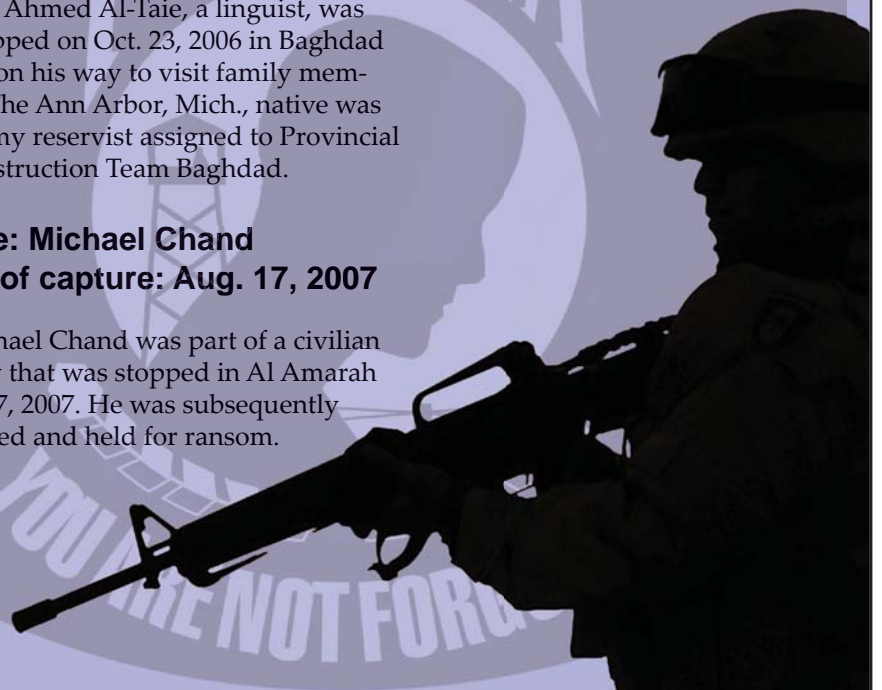
Sgt. Ahmed Al-Taie, a linguist, was kidnapped on Oct. 23, 2006 in Baghdad while on his way to visit family members. The Ann Arbor, Mich., native was an Army reservist assigned to Provincial Reconstruction Team Baghdad.



Name: Michael Chand

Date of capture: Aug. 17, 2007

Michael Chand was part of a civilian convoy that was stopped in Al Amarah Aug. 17, 2007. He was subsequently abducted and held for ransom.



Around the world in 34 seconds

World News:

RIO DE JANEIRO - An Air France jet with 228 people on a flight to Paris vanished over the Atlantic Ocean after flying into towering thunderstorms and sending an automated message that the electrical system had failed. A vast search began June 1, but all aboard were feared killed. Military aircraft scrambled out to the center of the Atlantic and France sought U.S. satellite help to find the wreckage. If there are no survivors, it would be the world's worst aviation disaster since 2001. The official Agencia Brasil news agency on June 1 quoted Brazilian Air Force spokesman Col. Jorge Amaral saying a commercial pilot saw what appeared to be fire on the ocean near the route taken by the Air France plane. French President Nicolas Sarkozy said the cause remains unclear. Some experts dismissed speculation that lightning might have brought the plane down.

U.S. News:

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - A man with "political and religious motives" killed a soldier and wounded another June 1 in a targeted attack on a military recruiting center, police said. Police reports said Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, 23, told police he observed two soldiers in uniform, drove up to the recruiting center and started shooting. William Long, 24, of Conway, died, and Quinton Ezeagwula, 18, of Jacksonville, was wounded and in stable condition, Police Chief Stuart Thomas said. Both men volunteered to work at the recruiting center to attract others to the military. Police arrested Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, 23, moments after the shootings. Muhammad, previously known as Carlos Bledsoe, was not part of a larger group nor was his attack part of a larger conspiracy, Thomas said.

Sports News:

SAN DIEGO - The back-to-back home runs allowed by Joe Blanton didn't hurt as much as the ones Kevin Correia gave up. Chase Utley and Ryan Howard hit consecutive home runs off Correia in the fifth inning and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Adrian Gonzalez and the San Diego Padres 5-3 on June 1 for their fourth straight win. Gonzalez hit his major league-leading 21st homer in the sixth inning off Blanton, followed by Scott Hairston's shot that pulled the Padres to 4-3. The Phillies got an insurance run in the eighth when pinch-hitter Greg Dobbs doubled and scored on Shane Victorino's two-out double. Victorino and Utley had two RBIs apiece in the opener of a three-game series. San Diego surprised the defending World Series champions by taking two of three games at Philadelphia in mid-April. The fourth game was rained out and was rescheduled for July 23. San Diego's 10-game home winning streak ended.

Odd News:

DETROIT - An agent used surveillance cameras to confirm a smelly suspicion: Someone had been urinating in a freight elevator at an Internal Revenue Service data center in Detroit. Authorities filed a criminal charge May 26 against Michael Hicks. In an affidavit, treasury agent Delmaria Scott said she interviewed Hicks in January 2008 and he admitted urinating in the elevator for months. Scott said Hicks did it "because he felt he could get away with it." It cost \$4,600 to clean the elevator. Hicks, who was a contract employee at the IRS, was charged with damaging federal property. A defense lawyer was not listed. Gina Balaya, a spokeswoman for prosecutors, says the government was unsuccessful in trying to resolve the case without a criminal charge.

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'50s Songs

BLUEBERRY HILL	MOVE IT
BO DIDDLEY	MYSTERY TRAIN
BYE BYE LOVE	NIGHT TRAIN
CRAZY ARMS	ONLY YOU
DJANGO	PEGGY SUE
DONNA	RAVE ON
EVERYDAY	RED HOT
FEVER	RIP IT UP
HEARIBREAK HOTEL	RUMBLE
HONKY TONK	SEARCHIN'
HOUD DOG	SHOUT
JAILHOUSE ROCK	SIXTEEN TONS
KANSAS CITY	SPEEDO
LA BAMBA	SUZIE Q
LONELY TEARDROPS	TAKE FIVE
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MACK THE KNIFE	TUTTI FRUTTI
MANNISH BOY	YAKETY YAK
MAYBELLENE	YOU SEND ME
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MWR Stage

Centermass - June 5, 7 - 9:30 p.m.

The Mirage

Red Bull Riders - June 6, 8 -10 p.m.

Worship:

Daily Mass

Mon. - Fri., 8 p.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Protestant Sunday

Contemporary Worship

10 a.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

General Protestant

11 a.m., DFAC 2 Chapel Room

Holy Communion-Protestant

11:30 a.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Gospel Worship

2 p.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Chapel Next Protestant

6:30 p.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Contemporary Worship

7 p.m., DFAC 2 Chapel Room

Roman Catholic

Saturday Vigil - 8 p.m., DFAC 2

Chapel Room

Sunday Mass - 9:30 a.m., DFAC 2

Chapel Room

Sunday Mass - 8 p.m., DFAC 3

Chapel Room

LDS Sunday:

2-4 p.m., DFAC 2 Chapel Room

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