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GIs, Iraqis hold joint humanitarian effort

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Hundreds of local Iraqis benefited from a joint humanitarian effort conducted by American Soldiers and Iraqi Highway Patrol officers Oct. 22, reinforcing what the Soldiers here already know: together, American and Iraqi forces are making a positive difference.

Working together, dozens of Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 7th Infantry Regiment, and more than 50 Iraqi Highway Patrol officers set out at dawn to establish a security perimeter around the site for the day's mission: an old elementary school, situated in a neighborhood frequently targeted by insurgents. A short time later, more Soldiers from 42nd Military Police Brigade arrived at IHP Headquarters, to help load boxes full of clothes, medicine, toys and other supplies into several Iraqi patrol trucks.

After following the IHP trucks to the school a few hundred meters away, Soldiers helped IHP officers unload the goods, then



An Iraqi woman helps her daughter try on a jacket during a humanitarian effort conducted by American Soldiers and the Iraqi Highway Patrol.

transformed an outdoor basketball court into a shop full of tables adorned with free clothing, toys, and other supplies.

Inside the school, doctors used three classrooms as makeshift offices.

By the time Soldiers and IHP officers took their positions, without prior notification of the

event, local Iraqis had lined the sidewalk, eagerly awaiting their chance to enter the front gate.

After Iraqis were searched for weapons and explosives, they were led across the basketball court and down a path leading to their first stop: Dr. Ulkarem.

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Military Police protect, serve Victory Base

Spc. Jeremy Crisp
MNC-I PAO

Law and Order isn't just a television show; it's a reality at the Victory Base Complex in the form of a Las Vegas-based Army Reserve Unit.

The 313th Military Police Detachment has changed its role of keeping the peace in Iraq to serving the residents of VBC in a law enforcement capacity.

"We're here to maintain good order and discipline at Camp Victory, Camp Liberty and the surrounding complexes," said Sgt. 1st Class George P. Wehrly, operations sergeant, 313th. "We patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week and respond to a variety of calls, such as shoplifting, larceny or shots fired."

The MPs also patrol the roads of the complex in order to deter speeding and to maintain safety and discipline for pedestrians and bicyclists.

"We try to sit out in the areas where we know people speed, especially around the chow halls," said Sgt. Julio E. Ramos, a patrolman with the unit and native of San Francisco. "We're not trying to hide though. We are very visible. I park right next to the speed limit signs so people see me and slow down."

The law enforcement Soldiers aren't out to get anyone in trouble, Ramos said.

"I don't like to give the Soldiers a hard time; we just want people to slow down," he said. "The first time we catch someone speeding is usually just a verbal warning. That usually works because I haven't pulled over a repeat

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Staff Sgt. Terry Rodgers, 860th Military Police Company, Arizona Army National Guard, unloads hand-assembled wheelchairs from a military vehicle outside a school in Baghdad.

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As a doctor at Baghdad University Medical Center, Dr. Ulkarem has seen his fair share of patients.

He has seen a large increase of transmitted diseases in Iraq, especially during the last two years, and wanted to do his part in reaching out to those in great need of medicine.

"I've come here to examine patients and give them medicine. The people of this area will make benefit of these medicines," Dr. Ulkarem said.

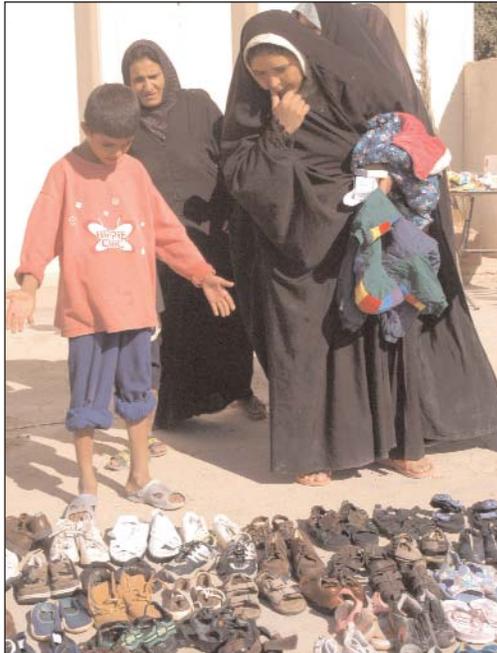
With no promise of paying a second visit to patients, Dr. Ulkarem arranged a visit to the nearby hospital for those in need of intense medical care.

Patients who had extreme difficulty walking were given a wheelchair, courtesy of Free Wheelchair Mission, a nongovernmental organization out of Santa Ana, Calif. Not your typical wheelchairs, these modes of mobility were made out of plastic lawn chairs and durable bicycle wheels.

For Maj. Lisa Forsyth, public health team, 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade, the wheelchair mission is well worth every minute involved.

The mission became a passion of hers last year after learning about it. Since October 2004, Forsyth has distributed more than 180 wheelchairs to needy Iraqis.

"One of the things that we're trying to do is to enable the Iraqi health care system to help its own citizens," Forsyth said. "Being able to provide this type of service to disabled Iraqis makes a huge, positive impact immediately; not only to their quality of life,



An Iraqi boy and his mother look in amazement at the variety of shoes available for them to choose from. Residents who waited in line to get inside school grounds were free to take shoes, clothes and supplies as needed during a humanitarian effort conducted by American Soldiers and Iraqi Highway Patrol officers.



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An Iraqi man is assisted to the gate by an Iraqi Highway Patrol officer of Baghdad, and Pennsylvania native, Maj. Lisa Forsyth, 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade. The elderly man was one of 10 Iraqis who received a wheelchair during a humanitarian effort in a small Baghdad community.

but to their surrounding communities."

Michvid, a paraplegic, couldn't be happier after being the first wheelchair recipient of the day.

"It's going to help me, especially if I don't use the fake leg. It will help me when I move around to different places," Michvid said. "This is very nice of you. I thank everybody for sharing this humane side."

Although Dr. Ulkarem's clinic may have been the highlight of the efforts, both ailing and healthy Iraqis left the school with plenty of supplies. Maj. Jeffrey Bryan, civil affairs officer, 42nd MP Bde., acquired boxes full of shoes, clothing, jackets, stuffed animals and school supplies; all of which were donated by fellow Soldiers and civilians at nearby bases.

Expressing the importance of handing out toys and supplies, Staff Sgt. Stacy Bruno, noncommissioned officer in charge of IHP, 42nd MP Bde., described a situation involving an IHP officer and a young child. She recalled handing an IHP officer a toy to give the child. At first, the officer didn't want to give the toy away himself; he wanted Bruno to do it. He continued to be resistant, but after Bruno insisted he present the toy to the child, the officer agreed. He handed the girl a stuffed animal, and in return, received a hug from her. The officer's actions caused a chain reaction, leading other officers and children to follow.

"Once the kid hugged the Iraqi patrolman, (the IHPs) started stuffing the toys in their pockets and strapping them on their weapons, drawing attention to them," Bruno said. "The kids are used to fearing weapons from the

other regime -- today was different. It was awesome."

From the moment Bruno and Maj. Niave Knell, officer in charge of IHP, witnessed the incident involving the officer and child, they began noticing a level of trust build between the citizens and IHP. They hope the trust will build, especially with the younger generations, as Iraqi security forces take on a larger role in building a new Iraq. Iraqis are finally beginning to associate the color blue (Iraqi's security forces uniform color) with being safe, which is a huge step forward, they said.

"We want the Iraqis to love and trust their police officers. Instead of going to (the Americans) for help, they're going to start going to their own people, and they're going to start relying on their own people," Bruno said. "If (the Iraqis) start trusting the IHP and IPs, you're going to have a lot of people start reporting incidents to them. Intelligence gathering is going to be bigger."

"We wanted to affect the Iraqis in that particular area so they feel more comfortable with the police and may come forward with information so attacks on the police stop," Bryan said.

Everyone involved agreed that the mission was a success. The American forces were able to stay in the background of events while the Iraqis took charge, from start to finish.

"We were able to service some of the Iraqis while putting an IHP face on (the event). It's even better if we can reduce the attacks on IHP," Bryan said. "We'll know in a few weeks if the attacks go down or not; that's our real measure of effectiveness."



IRAQ REFERENDUM AND ELECTION INFORMATION SPOTLIGHT

Referendum and Election Media guidance

Do:

1. Follow your Unit Public Affairs Office media advice
2. Be helpful and courteous to the media
3. Refer any media enquiries up the chain of command

DEMOCRATIC TIMELINE



Don't:

1. Speak "off the record" to the media
2. Express any opinions on any particular candidate or party
3. Hinder authorized media access to polling sites

If you have any questions regarding the Referendum or Election then speak to your unit Public Affairs Officer:

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offender."

The MPs warn that if a citation is issued, it can be put into the Department of Defense database and adversely affect a service member's future driving privileges.

Aside from vehicles on the road, it is the pedestrians and bicyclists that the MPs have the most concern for, Wehrly said.

"If someone is out running, they need to run against traffic to avoid being hit," he said. "That way the runner can see the vehicle coming and get out of the way."

People have been hit by vehicles on the installation, and wearing the right reflective gear at night can curtail some of these instances, Wehrly said.

According to regulations, bicyclists should wear a reflective belt, a helmet and have some sort of front and rear lighting system at night.

"It's difficult for Soldiers in Humvees to see sometimes -- especially at night," he said. "Wearing the proper reflective

and protective gear can help cut down on accidents."

The 313th is also conducting various customs operations since redeployment is in full swing, meaning they aren't able to dedicate as much time as they would like to patrolling the streets. The unit asks for help where they can get it, Wehrly said.

*-- Sgt. 1st Class
George P. Wehrly,
operations sergeant,
313th Military Police
Detachment*

"People just need to slow down on camp and remember they are inside the wire," said the 15-year veteran from Pahrump, Nev.

Although busy with their round-the-clock mission, the MPs are available for assistance anytime, day or night.

"We're always here if and when anybody needs help," Wehrly said.

The MP station is located by the Camp Victory Post Exchange at the corner of Lightning and Main Streets.

Service members and civilians needing assistance can stop by the Police Station or call DSN: 318-822-4790 or Iraqna cell: 0-790-193-248.



Schedule

- Panthers at Buccaneers
- Texans at Jaguars
- Bengals at Ravens
- Falcons at Dolphins
- Lions at Vikings
- Chargers at Jets
- Titans at Browns
- Raiders at Chiefs
- Seahawks at Cardinals
- Bears at Saints
- Giants at 49ers
- Steelers at Packers
- Eagles at Redskins
- Colts at Patriots



SSG St.Clair



PFC Clifton



Capt. Arroyo

This Week's Picks

Panthers	Buccaneers	Panthers
Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Bengals	Bengals	Ravens
Falcons	Falcons	Falcons
Lions	Lions	Lions
Chargers	Chargers	Chargers
Browns	Titans	Titans
Raiders	Chiefs	Chiefs
Seahawks	Seahawks	Cardinals
Bears	Saints	Bears
Giants	Giants	Giants
Steelers	Steelers	Packers
Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Colts	Patriots	Patriots

Week Nine Bye Teams:

Bills, Broncos, Cowboys, Rams

Last Week's Results:	8 - 6	9 - 5	10 - 4
Overall:	66 - 50	64 - 52	68 - 48

Notes

Things were pretty dull around the Pick'em headquarters last week since Seattle had a bye, and Staff Sgt. St.Clair, bored with the Seahawk-free proceedings, posted a lackluster 8 - 6 for the week's low score.

Somehow the guests again went 10 - 4, taking over sole possession of the lead by (a measly) two games.

Pfc. Clifton posted a respectable 9 - 5, gaining no ground overall, but -- like his precious 5 - 2 Bengals -- holding his (or their) own nonetheless.

Week nine marks the halfway point in the season, and week 10 sees the last of the byes and the return of 16-game schedules.

This week's guest picker is Marine Capt. Katherine M. Arroyo, Multi-National Corps - Iraq Staff Judge Advocate's office.

If you think you're all that and a bag of potato chips, be a guest picker by calling 822-1414 or e-mailing mark.st.clair@iraq.centcom.mil.

The Camp Victory Post Office is offering extended hours to facilitate redeploying troops.

To take advantage of the extended hours, units will need to contact Sgt. 1st Class Bowie or Lt. Usher at 822-2934 or 822-2925. The goal is for units to come as a group to mail belongings home instead of crowding the post office during normal operating hours.

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Voices of Victory: How do you feel about MWR hosting a flag football league in Iraq?



"As long as everybody wants to do it, it would be a good thing."

Maj. Lisa Bushnell, operations officer, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Fort Bragg, N.C.



"It would be cool. I would go watch!"

Jim Lamb, country manager, Cummins Inc.



"Having a flag football league would be a good morale booster."

CW3 Barry Durant, logistics maintenance officer, Iraqi Assistance Group, Multi-National Corps-Iraq

Operating Hours

Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Shopette

Open 24 Hours

Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

Chapel (Bldg. 31)

Sunday:

Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.
Gospel Service Noon
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.
Episcopal 4 p.m.
Full Life Service 6 p.m.

Saturday:

7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.
Eastern Orthodox services:

Saturday:

Vespers 5 p.m.
Confession 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Sunday:

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Golby Troop Medical Clinic

Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Use the five C's to secure an IED site.

- Confirm : the device**
- Clear : the area**
- Call : EOD**
- Cordon : the perimeter**
- Control : site access**



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Multi-National Corps - Iraq Courts Marshal results

19 Oct - A private first class with 1st Corps Support Command was convicted by a special court-martial for larceny of property over \$500. Sentence: Reduced to E-1; forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for three months, and confinement for three months.

23 Oct - A Sergeant with 18th Aviation Brigade was convicted by a special court-martial for conspiracy, false official statement, and larceny of military property. Sentence: Reduced to E-1, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for seven months, confinement for seven months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

23 Oct - A private with 1st COSCOM was convicted by a general court-martial for assault upon a commissioned officer, disobeying a lawful command, resisting apprehension, larceny, assault, making a false statement, possession of marijuana, violating a lawful general order by possessing, consuming, and selling alcohol, and possessing valium, a controlled substance. Sentence: Forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for 18 months, confinement for 18 months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

21-23 Oct - A corporal with 1st COSCOM was convicted by a general court-martial for indecent assault and adultery. Sentence: Reduced to E-1, forfeiture of \$1,235 pay per month for six months, with a recommendation to waive the forfeiture and have money paid to the accused's dependents, confinement for six months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

24 Oct - A sergeant with 18th Avn Bde. was convicted by a special court-martial for conspiracy and larceny of military property. Sentence: forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for six months, confinement for six months, and discharged with a bad-conduct discharge.

Victory MWR Events November 1 - 7

Today: Spades Tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Dominoes tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Chess tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.; Softball coaches meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 51.

Thursday: Country Night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 124; RISK tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m. Ping Pong tournament at 7 p.m.

Friday: Fast Movie Marathon at 5 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Salsa Lessons

at 8 p.m., Latin Night at 9 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Softball tournament.

Saturday: Regge Night at 8 p.m. in Bldg. 124; College football at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.; Softball Frisbee tournament.

Sunday: NFL football at 9 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Madden football PS2 at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Monday: Dominoes at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

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