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## Three IA soldiers killed subduing suicide bomber

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BAGHDAD—A suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest after being subdued by three Iraqi Army soldiers outside the neighborhood advisory council building killing all three soldiers and two civilian bystanders in the Karadah district at 12:35 p.m. Jan. 6.

“The selfless sacrifice of the three Iraqi soldiers should not be forgotten. These martyrs gave their lives so that others might live,” said Lt. Col. Steve Stover, spokesman for Multi-National Division-Baghdad. “The valor and devotion to the mission displayed by these two Iraqi soldiers embodies the character of the Iraqi army, especially on the Iraqi Army Day.”

Four Iraqi civilians were also wounded in the attack.



## Stryker Cavalry Regiment improve healthcare for Soldiers

### **by Sgt. Mark Matthews**

27th PAD

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq —Every unit comes to theater with a specific mission. Some units clear neighborhoods of improvised explosive devices and weapon caches, some provide security for convoys carrying vital war fighting materials and others support their fellow troops by helping them stay healthy.

Soldiers with the Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment have continued to “improve their foxhole” since their arrival here in August. The evidence of all their hard work is visible with the recently upgraded Camp Striker Troop Medical Clinic.

“We got the mission in September to provide a level 2 clinic to support Camp Striker,” said Long Island, N.Y. native Maj. John McMurray, RSS, 2nd SCR, Medical Troop commander. “This TMC is a 24-hour medical treatment facility offering a pharmacy, x-rays, a lab, physical therapy, behavioral health and patient hold capabilities for all Soldiers.”

Since September, almost 16,000 patient encounters have been logged between all the departments in the Camp Striker TMC, which averages about 4,000 encounters a month.

Although the clinic is located at Camp Striker the facility is available to all Soldiers needing medical attention.

“We don’t care what patch you wear or what unit you’re with,” McMurray said. “We have an ‘open to all who need care’ attitude here.”

Although the building has been in existence for quite a while, only recently has it been transformed into the state-of-the-art medical facility it is today. The Camp Striker TMC staff seems proud of the hard work they have put into creating this clinic.

“The level 2 TMC allows the troop population on Camp Striker 24/7 access to world-class healthcare, similar to what they would get on any Army post back in the states,” said this is home station Vilsek, Germany native Lt. Col. Danny Tilzey, RSS, 2nd SCR commander. “There is an excellent team of medical professionals that continue to amaze me every time I see them in action.”

Although the troops have worked day in and day out to improve upon the TMC, everyone continues to come up with new ideas to maintain the progress of the clinic.

“Many of my junior troops lead the way with good ideas and better ways to do business,” Tilzey said. “It is

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by Spc. Nathaniel Smith, 4th IBCT PAO

# Armed Escort

BAGHDAD - An Iraqi National Policeman walks a family through southern Baghdad's Risalah region, Dec. 31. The "shurta," or police, have had an impact on the neighborhood, evidenced by the recent declaration of a main road as being safe.

## Baghdad Three Day Weather Forecast

**Monday**

**Clear**

**HI: 50F/10C**

**LO: 30F/-1C**



**Tuesday**

**Partly cloudy**

**HI: 50F/10C**

**LO: 37F/3C**



**Wednesday**

**Partly cloudy**

**HI: 51F/11C**

**LO: 33F/1C**




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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Iraqi Army, Iraqi Security Volunteers strengthen ties of unity**

BAGHDAD—Key leaders from the Iraqi Army and the local volunteer security force in Baghdad's Adhamiyah neighborhood held a summit Jan. 3 to discuss the way forward.

The meeting was attended by Maj. Gen. Mushir, commander of the 11th Iraqi Army Division, and Col. Riyadh Al Samarrae, the contractor in charge of the local Iraqi Security Volunteers, as well as the IA and ISV leaders.

At the meeting, the IA and ISV leaders were able to form a stronger relationship and resolve their differences, said Maj. Ike Sallee, operations officer for the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, the U.S. unit that operates in the area.

Sallee said the meeting was called

in partnership to bring unity among the groups. The relationship between the ISV and the IA remains strong. Contrary to recent media reporting no ISVs received severance pay and all remain on the job.

"The important thing is that every body is working towards the same goal – safety and security in Adhamiyah," Sallee said.

**Iraqi Army, Black Lions Host Returnee Meeting**

BAGHDAD – More than 100 Sunni and Shia families applied to return to their homes in West Rashid, Dec. 28 at a returnee meeting at Joint Security Station Black Lion.

At the meeting, spearheaded by 2nd Battalion, 1st Division, 10th Iraqi Army Division and the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Com-

bat Team, 1st Inf. Div., families wishing to return to Furat and Jihad neighborhoods filed their paperwork and learned of the process which will help return them to their homes.

After the filing the paperwork, Iraqi Army soldiers will verify the packets are legitimate and investigate the houses to ensure they are empty.

Once the claims are proven, the IA will escort the five to 10 families back to their houses each day. The IA will not return families to houses that are occupied.

"This is an important step towards the continued progress in West Rashid, as it demonstrates the improvement of security enough for the families to return and attempt to resume their lives," said Maj. Kirk Luedeke, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st ID, spokesman.

**Stryker medical clinic averages 4,000 encounters a month**

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great to see that everyone is excited and involved in their TMC. This sense of ownership instills a sense of pride and satisfaction in providing healthcare to their fellow troopers."

Not only have the improvements and renovations helped fix issues such as patient flow, but it is also helping boost the local Iraqi economy.

"We are currently planning a major (renovation) of the interior and exterior of the building," Tilzey said. "This is part of an initiative I have in the RSS, 2nd SCR to put local Iraqis to work, and in turn we get a clean, aesthetically-pleasing environment to conduct health care operations."

"We are still supporting convoys with two or three medics per convoy," McMurray said. "We are able to do a lot and still complete a dual mission."

The RSS, 2nd SCR MED Troop Soldiers' mission does not consist of only the TMC and convoy support, but they

are also responsible for operating and maintaining a medical storage facility as well.

All the hard work the Soldiers with the Camp Striker TMC have put into providing quality healthcare to Soldiers at an impressive facility does not go unnoticed.

"The Soldiers are a well-trained group," McMurray said. "They know they are held to a higher standard. They always build on their skills, and I'm very proud of them all."

Although the Camp Striker TMC is fully functional and treating patients at a high volume, the troops continue to learn, improve and build upon their clinic to further support Camp Striker, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, the 2nd

SCR and any Soldier needing medical attention.

"I am very proud of what they do everyday," Tilzey said. "They all hit the ground running with a vision and they all work toward that vision every day. They will leave everything they touch in a much better state than when they left it."



by Sgt. Mark Matthews 27tPAD

Edwardsville, Ill. native Spc. Alyson Haynes (right) practices examination procedures on Augusta, Maine native Spc. Lena Reichardt at the newly renovated Camp Striker Troop Medical Clinic.