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## 4th Infantry Division commemorates MLK

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CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq - Multi National Division - Baghdad and the 4th Infantry Division commemorated the life and achievements of one of America's titans, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at the Division Chapel Jan. 21.

Soldiers of all races and creeds gathered at the chapel to rejoice and commemorate the true meaning of freedom.

"Martin Luther King Jr., did not live long, but his impact in our society and way of life has been profound and lasting," said Maj. Kem Fleming, executive officer, 4th Inf. Div. Special Troops Battalion and master of ceremony. "He was a man of vision and his vision was of a liberated nation guided by the principles of compassion, tolerance and inclusion instead of hatred, elitism and segregation".

Chap. (Lt. Col.) James R. Carter, MND-B and 4th Inf. Div. Chaplain, was the guest speaker for the occasion.

"I grew up in the deep South during very difficult times," said Carter, who is a Monroeville, Ala. native. "Dr. King impacted my life directly and indirectly in many ways. Black-Americans needed Martin Luther King, but above all, America needed him."

In a short period of 13 years Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his non-violent stand against segregation changed the life of millions in America and around the world.

"From 1955 to 1968 he was able to expound, expose and extricate America from many wrongs," said Carter. "He was the right prescription for our country, and it was the right time for our country."

Dr. Martin Luther King had everything in life. He graduated from high school at age 15, and earned his bachelor's degree four years later. At age 26 he earned his Bachelor of Divinity and earned his doctorate four years after that, Carter said.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. earned his place in society and could have easily looked the other way instead of facing the challenges of his time, he added.

"He was a man who could easily put image over integrity, but he refused to do it," Carter said. "He had a heart beat for moral courage and refused to give in to the system even though he knew what was required."

Dr. King endured 20 arrests, four beatings, two bombs placed in his house and countless threats against him and his family.

"He was motivated by faith to walk toward fear and did the hardest right instead of the easy wrong," Carter said. "He was an ordinary man who did extraordinary things."

In 11 years Dr. King traveled more than six million miles giving more than 2,500 speeches and writing five books as well as numerous articles. He was the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize at age 35 in 1964. Above all, his crusade for equality for all Black-Americans in the Nation brought both political and legal changes which can still be seen today.

"If you embrace freedom regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender, national origin or religion, then you are part of the great dream Dr. King had for America," said Fleming.

"The Martin Luther King Jr., commemoration week is being celebrated in more than 100 countries around the world," said Fleming. "They celebrate the best mankind has to offer."



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Chap. (Lt. Col.) James R. Carter speaks at the MLK commemoration service at the Division Chapel. Carter said Dr. King impacted his life directly and indirectly in many ways. "Those were difficult and hard times... the Nation needed him."

# MPs and IPs hand out toys in Khadra



by Sgt. Daniel Blottenberger, 18th MP BDE PAO

Native of Bessemer, N.C., Sgt. Joshua Holland, 25, a member of the 401st Military Police Company, 716th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade hands out toys to local school children of the Khadra Kindergarten Tuesday in Khadra, Iraq. The unit partnered with the Khadra local Iraqi police station to hand out toys to the children as part of a community policing operation to help establish better relationships between IPs and their local communities.

## Baghdad Three Day Weather Forecast

**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy  
HI: 57F/14C  
LO: 41F/5C



**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy  
HI: 59F/15C  
LO: 39F/4C



**Monday**  
Partly cloudy  
HI: 57F/14C  
LO: 48F/9C




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# Sniper walks into Coalition hands

4IBCT, 1ID Public Affairs

BAGHDAD – Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldiers were given a gift when a sniper walked into their control during a small arms engagement in West Rashid, Jan. 22.

“Black Lions,” of Company B, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, were hunting for three men believed to have been firing at them, when two men

attempting to flee the cordon entered a house occupied by MND-B Soldiers.

One of the men was positively identified at the scene as a known sniper, while the other is an alleged extremist.

The suspected sniper and extremist were taken to a Coalition Detention Facility for further questions.

This is part of Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldiers on going offen-

sive operations in support of Operation Phantom Phoenix to kill or capture Al Qaeda and Shia/Sunni extremists to deny them rest and sanctuary in Baghdad and the surrounding rural areas. AQI terrorists and other extremists are the root cause of the most horrific attacks against Iraqi civilians, security forces and coalition troops.

## CLC provide tip to cache

2nd Stryker, Cav. Regt. Public Affairs

ABU GHRAIB – On Jan. 18, Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers attached to the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment found a cache in an abandoned building approximately 20 km. north of the Abu Ghraib district. The cache consisted of .50 caliber small arms rounds, 70 mm rocket warheads, a rocket launcher, a surveyor’s tripod, a motor base plate, other small arms munitions and various grenade parts.

The next day, Jan. 19., Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division acted on a tip from a Concerned Local Citizen and found a deep buried improvised explosive device in the same area.

2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment spokesperson Maj. Jon Pendell stated, “Bravo Company’s cache and improvised explosive device finds highlight the pressure from Coalition Forces, the Concerned Local Citizens and Iraqi population against terrorists and the continued success in disrupting Al Qaeda in Iraq operations.”

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courtesy photo

## Working together

Native of Buffalo, N.Y., U.S. Army Lt. Col. Thomas Lombardo, operations officer, 18th Military Police Brigade, discusses the enhanced Police Transition Team concept to Iraqi Deputy Commander for the Provincial Directorate of Police Headquarters, Brig. Gen. Sabar during a meeting that took place recently in Baghdad. The ePTT is a new staff strategy that focuses on systems in the Iraqi police organization’s higher echelons centered on sustainment operations. Systems the ePTT will assist the IPs in are: logistics, communications, personnel operations and public perception and legitimacy.