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Iraqi Army receives step-by-step instruction at Cedar



Photo by 1st Lt. Patrick Dunn

Iraq Army Soldiers stack before going through a room-clearing scenario during a three-day joint training exercise with their American counterparts from 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division on FOB Cedar, recently.

1ST LT. PATRICK DUNN
4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV.



FOB CEDAR – Soldiers assigned to 3rd Battalion, 40th Iraqi Army Brigade received three days of intense training by instructors from 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 4th

Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division here recently.

The Iraqis were trained on various tactical formations, including entering and clearing a room and sensitive site exploitation. The training was followed by a practical exercise in which the IA Soldiers executed those scenarios.

“I am very impressed with all the classes my men have re-

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The CG wants to talk to you!

When?? Sunday, April 5 at 7 p.m.
Baghdad time
(Noon, Fort Drum time)

Where?? <http://www.taskforcemountain.com/lima-charlie-chat-room>

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Chaplain receives Bronze Star Medal



Photo by Pfc. Tyler Maulding
Chaplain (Maj.) Gary DeRouche, a Catholic priest with Multi-National Division – South and Miller, S.D. native, is awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service to MND-S during an award ceremony here March 28.

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New Iraqi mortar men graduate with a bang



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Soldiers from the Iraqi Army 39th Brigade fire 60mm mortars in their final exercise prior to graduating from advanced indirect fire training at the Ur Regional Training Center south of Contingency Operating Base Adder recently.

SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV.



COB ADDER – Approximately 120 Soldiers from the Iraqi Army 39th Brigade completed advanced indirect fire training at the Camp Ur Regional Training Center recently.

The new troops' final training exercise was to shoot an average of two 60mm mortars per soldier.

Iraqi Staff Brig. Gen. Arif, the training center's commanding general, watched his troops launch high-explosive

rounds before the sun set that evening, and then watched as they lit up the night sky with illumination rounds.

"This was a great training event," said Lt. Col. Chris Robbins, officer-in-charge of 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division's artillery coordination cell. "The (Iraqi) Soldiers were highly motivated and wasted no time in setting up the range. The (RTC's) leaders were personally involved, to include Staff Brig. Gen. Arif and Maj. Muhammad Abbid Ali, the weapons wing commander. This mortar training was

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Edborg promoted to colonel



Photo by Sgt. Josh LeCappelain

Maj. Gen. Michael Oates, Multi-National Division–South commander, congratulates Col. John Edborg, MND-S division engineer, on his promotion to colonel March 30 in the MND-S Headquarters building at Camp Victory. Edborg has since redeployed to Germany.

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just one more example of the Iraqi Army's commitment to the developing of their combined arms capabilities and their dedication to defending the people of Iraq."

While the majority of the Iraqi troops were launching mortars into the sky, a handful were learning how to teach Iraqi Army Soldiers who are already in the field with their units.

"It is a good way for the Iraqi Army to command the skies," explained 1st Lt. Talib, a platoon leader from the 39th Brigade, 10th Iraqi Army Division. "I've been observing the training and will teach what I've learned to my troops back in Samawah."

"I'm happy about the training we've done," Muhammad added. "But we still need to develop our artillery skills more."

The excited Soldiers packed up their mortar tubes and accessories, and went back to their base once they completed the exercise.

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ceived from the American Army," said 2nd Lt. Mohammed, an Iraqi Army platoon leader. "I think that the sensitive site exploitation class was the most valuable training my platoon received because up until now we had no training involving (that)."

"The Iraqi soldiers learned a lot in a short amount of time," said Sgt. 1st Class Benito Flores, a 2nd Bn. 'Thunder Horse' platoon sergeant. "The best way for them to learn is to teach each other, and to continue to conduct the training as many times as it takes for everyone to know every man's

job on their team."

Command Sgt. Maj. James Redmore, Multi-National Division-South's senior enlisted leader, was present for the training.

Redmore said he was very impressed with the joint training the Thunder Horse troops were conducting and emphasized how important it is to strengthen the American-Iraqi partnership for the future of Iraq and its people.

The Thunder Horse Battalion will continue to train the Iraqi Army during the next two months and set up future training with the Iraqi Police.

Headline Round-up

World News:

PETATLAN, Mexico - President Felipe Calderón is deploying nearly 50 percent of Mexico's combat-ready troops along the U.S-Mexico border and throughout the country to combat what U.S. and Mexican officials describe as a widening narco-insurgency. Calderón's deployment of about 45,000 troops to fight the drug cartels represents a historic change. Previous administrations relied on Mexico's traditionally weak police agencies to combat the traffickers who funnel 90 percent of the cocaine that enters the United States.

U.S. News:

CENTRAL SQUARE, N.Y. - Officers arrested a central New York couple because their 7- and 8-year-old sons showed up at school stoned on marijuana, police said. Officials at Cleveland Elementary School notified authorities about the possible drug use last week. On April 1, state police charged 33-year-old James Tyson and 34-year-old Christina Miczek of Bernhards Bay with endangering the welfare of a child. The misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year in jail. The boys smoked the marijuana after finding it at their home, police said.

Odd News:

MILFORD, Conn. - It's no April Fools' joke. The baby bunny really does have two noses. Allison Noe, a Connecticut pet shop worker, found the nosey bunny in a delivery of 6-week-old dwarf rabbits that arrived at the Milford store last week, according to the Connecticut Post. Both noses have two nostrils. The owner of the Purr-Fect Pets shop says he's never seen anything like it in 25 years in the business. He says the bunny eats, drinks and hops around like the rest of the litter. Beardsley Zoo director Gregg Dancho says the deformity could be the result of too much inbreeding or the parents' exposure to pesticides or poisons.

Quote of the Day

"When someone asks you, 'A penny for your thoughts', and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?"

- George Carlin

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Fishbowl Gym

April 11

Pirate's Cove Run 5K/10K.

Registration begins @ 7 a.m.,

race begins @ 8 a.m.

T-shirts awarded to top

finishers.

Freedom Chapel

Sundays

Protestant (Traditional) @ 10

a.m.

Roman Catholic Mass @ 12 p.m.

LDS service @ 2 p.m.

Eastern Orthodox @ 4 p.m.

Protestant (Contemporary) @ 12

p.m.

Mondays

A History of Christianity @

7 p.m.

Tuesdays

God & the Military @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Guitar Lessons @ 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Catholic Choir practice @ 5:30

p.m.

Fridays

Catholic hour @ 6:30 p.m.

Solution Saturday

Saturday, March 28

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Monday, March 30

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Tuesday, March 31

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Wednesday, April 1

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9	7	2	4	8	6	1	3	5

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Thursday, April 2

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5	9	2	7	8	1	3	4	6
6	1	7	5	4	3	2	8	9

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Friday, April 3

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