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# Coalition, Iraqis ‘jazz up’ Ziggurat



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

The Ali Joda band performs for a crowd of approximately 200 Iraqi citizens and Coalition Forces at the Ziggurat of Ur in southern Iraq April 1. This concert was open to the Iraqi public and allowed them an opportunity to explore the historic landmark.

**SPC. REBEKAH LAMPMAN**  
4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV.



echoed off the walls of the 5,000-year-old Ziggurat of Ur at a concert here April 1.

“This concert is because of all of you,” said Dr. Anne Prouse, the Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team leader, as

she stood on the stage in front of more than 200 Iraqi and Coalition Forces. “Iraqi citizens, the Iraqi Army and the rest of the Coalition Forces are the rea-

COB ADDER – The smooth sounds of keyboard, drums and saxophone

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# British CDS visits MND-S



Photo by Maj. Page Baldwin

Air Chief Marshal Sir Graham Eric "Jock" Stirrup, British Chief of the Defence Staff, speaks with Maj. Gen. Mike Oates, 10th Mountain Division commanding general, at COB Basra recently during a tour of the new Multi-National Division-South headquarters building. Stirrup was appointed CDS April 28, 2006, making him the first RAF officer to hold Britain's senior military post since 1994. The British commanded MND-SE until recently when it was combined with MND-C to form MND-S.

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# Iraqi Army gathers intelligence in Maysan

1ST LT. BRYAN HAMMOND  
4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV. 

FOB HUNTER – Iraqi and American Soldiers went door-to-door to speak with community leaders about information concerning operational security and illegal weapons smuggling along the roadways that line the banks of the Al Kahla River in southern Iraq recently.

The 3rd Battalion, 41st Iraqi Army Brigade, and 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, conducted the joint patrol, designed to clear known smuggling routes that pass through the Maysan Province.

“This was not just another foot patrol for us; this gave us another chance to work hand-in-hand with our American partners,” said 2nd Lt. Ahmad At’a Sulayman, of the 41st IA Bde.

“My men always look

forward to working with the Americans to share the things that make both of our armies great.”

The Iraqi Security Forces led the way as the American troops, also known as the ‘Black Dragons,’ assisted by providing added security and guidance when necessary.

“We learned a lot about this area, and we would have never gained (this information) from our normal check point operations,” said Ahmad.

Sgt. Michael Dean, a Black Dragon troop from Ravenna, Ohio, said, “The mission couldn’t have gone any better once we were outside the wire; the Iraqi scout platoon showed great flexibility and adaptability with the mission.”

The information and intelligence gathered will be used to paint a better picture of the area and will help the IA and the U.S. forces better assess the needs of local Iraqi citizens.

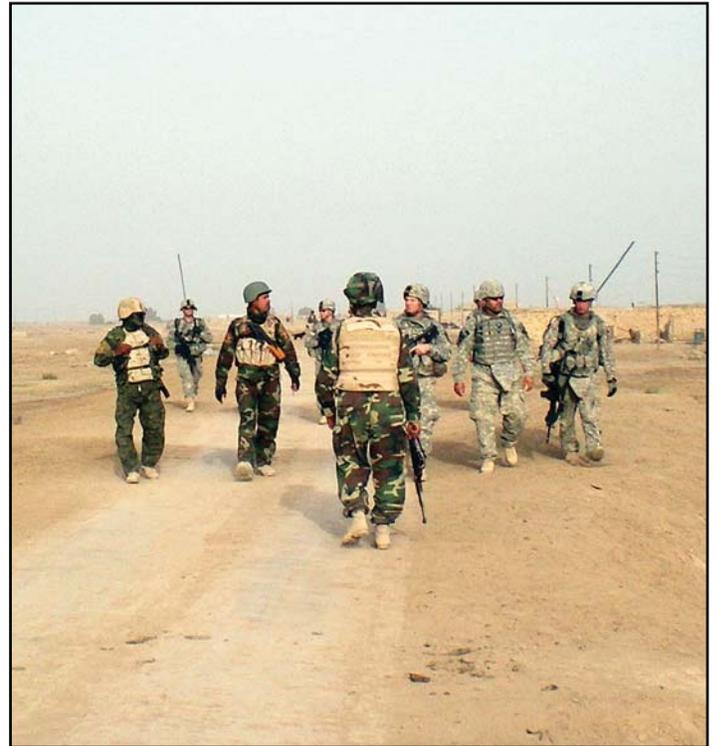


Photo by 1st Lt. Bryan Hammond

Soldiers assigned to 3rd Battalion, 41st Iraqi Army Brigade, and 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, travel toward the Al Kahla River in southern Iraq to speak with Iraqi citizens about possible smuggling routes that pass through the Maysan Province, recently.

## JAZZ

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son why this is happening today.”

Prouse and her PRT assisted the Iraqi Security Forces, Coalition Forces and Dhaif Muhsen, the Ziggurat curator, to plan the event. The musical event showcased the Ali Joda band from Iraq and the Alvin and Atkinson Jazz Band from America.

“In some other countries in the world, like Egypt or Jordan, they depend on tourism,” said Muhsen. “This is a good

thing and I hope that Iraq can depend on its tourism using places like the Ziggurat.”

The Ali Joda band started the night by performing some of their internationally known music, which has played worldwide, including at the White House.

After a standing ovation, America’s Alvin Atkinson Jazz Band took the stage.

“It was wonderful to see the (Iraqi citizens) united through music,” said Lt. Col. Mark Nelson, the deputy commander of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. “They were able to sample a short, yet enjoyable moment of normalcy during this cultural event.”

***Right now the Army is experiencing an unacceptable level of sexual assaults against female Soldiers. For me, one sexual assault is unacceptable - but what is going on here? How do we reduce this trend?***

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# Headline Round-up

## U.S. News:

On March 25, a Taliban Web site claiming to be the voice of the “Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan” boasted of a deadly new attack on coalition forces in that country. Four soldiers were killed in an ambush, the site claimed, and the “mujahideen took the weapons and ammunition as booty.” Most remarkable about the message was how it was delivered. The words were the Taliban’s, but they were flashed around the globe by an American-owned firm located in a leafy corner of downtown Houston. The Texas company, a Web-hosting outfit called ThePlanet, says it simply rented cyberspace to the group and had no clue about its Taliban connections. The Taliban’s account was pulled last week when a blogger noticed the connection and called attention to it. But the odd pairing of violently anti-American extremists and U.S. technology companies continues elsewhere and appears to be growing. Intelligence officials and private experts cite dozens of instances in which Islamist militants sought out U.S. Internet firms -- known for their reliable service and easy terms that allow virtual anonymity -- and used them to incite attacks on Americans. Militants’ use of U.S. Web hosts has sparked occasional spats between the United States and its allies, as well as endless debates over whether it is better to shut down the Web sites when they’re discovered or to let them continue to operate. By allowing them to remain online, intelligence analysts can sometimes discover clues about the leadership and structure of terrorist groups, some analysts say.

## Health News:

Fight fat with fat? The newest obesity theory suggests we may one day be able to do just that. Just like good and bad cholesterol, there apparently are good and bad types of body fat. Scientists until recently believed this good fat, which spurs the body to burn calories to generate body heat, played an important role in keeping infants warm but by adulthood was mostly gone or inactive. Now three studies — from researchers in Boston, Finland and the Netherlands — show that some good fat remains in adults, affecting metabolism and potentially offering a target to help people shed pounds. The studies were published in the April 9 New England Journal of Medicine.

## Quote of the Day

*“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.”*  
- Abraham Lincoln

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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Camp Victory

April 12  
Victory Cigar Social @ 7 p.m., Joint Visitors Bureau hotel, Bldg. 56. Complimentary Fumar cigars provided.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday Keep it Movin’ Running Club, 5:15 a.m., corner of Echo Valley Rd. and Williams Wallace Blvd.

### Liberty

April 11  
Yung Joc concert Liberty Stage @ 8:30 p.m.

### 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.

### Babylon Theater

April 15  
Fire Warden Class @ 1 p.m.  
Fire Extinguisher Class @ 2 p.m.  
May 20  
Fire Warden Class @ 1 p.m.  
Fire Extinguisher Class @ 2 p.m.

### Freedom Chapel

April 12  
Easter Sunrise Service @ 6 a.m.  
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.

# Solution Saturday

**Saturday, April 4**

2	4	6	7	5	8	3	1	9
3	5	8	6	9	1	4	7	2
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6	7	4	8	1	5	9	2	3
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**Monday, April 6**

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8	4	5	2	1	7	3	6	9
7	1	6	3	4	9	2	8	5
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**Tuesday, April 7**

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

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**Wednesday, April 8**

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9	4	6	1	3	8	5	2	7

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**Thursday, April 9**

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5	2	6	1	7	9	3	4	8

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**Friday, April 10**

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

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