

2-10 Mtn. Div. takes on partnership role

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2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div.

BAGHDAD — The Soldiers of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division took over partnership responsibilities with Iraqi Security Forces in eastern

Baghdad during a transfer of partnership ceremony, Nov. 15.

The ceremony at Joint Security Station Loyalty marked the end to the yearlong deployment for Paratroopers of 3rd Brigade Combat Team,

82nd Airborne Division.

“I would like to take a moment to thank...the entire Panther team for the hard work they put in to making our transition a success. Congratulations on all you’ve accomplished and for everything you have done in setting the foundation for what we will do with our ISF partners.” said Col. David M. Miller, of Evanston, Ill., the commander of 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div.

The Panther brigade served a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and will now return for the holidays to Fort Bragg, N.C.

“The transition of partnership between the Panthers and Commandos with our ISF Partners is a renewal of the friendship and commitment of the American people to the people of east Baghdad and the Mada’in,” said Col. Timothy McGuire, of Alamo, Calif., and commander of the 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div. “As my Soldiers and I return to our families, we look forward to telling the story of our Iraqi partners to our fellow Americans.”

The mission of Fort Drum, N.Y. based Soldiers is to support the ISF and Government of Iraq to secure the population, defeat the enemy, and further develop their government and economic structures.

“The Commandos of 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. are eager to partner with you [ISF]



Photo by Sgt. Jennie Burrett

Col. David M. Miller (far left), the commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Montour, of salute the colors after they have been uncased; signifying the moment when the responsibility of the mission transferred from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division to 2nd BCT 10th Mtn Div.

and support your efforts to provide a bright future for Iraq,” said Miller. “We are committed to your vision and the success of your mission.”

The 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. has six subordinate battalions: the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment; 4th Bn., 31st Inf. Regt; 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regt; 2nd Bn., 15th Field Artillery Regt.; 2nd Bde. Special Troops Bn. and 210th Bde. Support Bn.



Photo by Sgt. Jennie Burrett

A joint color guard, comprised of U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers, presents the United States and Iraq flags along with the brigade colors for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division during the transfer of partnership ceremony.

New Texas traffic and criminal laws

The following are notable traffic and criminal laws that went into effect on Sept. 1 in the state of Texas which was released by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Seatbelts:

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is taller than 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.

Driving:

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100.

Driver license:

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15.

HB 2730 and HB 339 restrict all drivers under the age of 18 from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 2730 prohibits DPS from issuing a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas. The law specifies that an applicant may receive a driver license at a post office box only if the applicant's residence address has also been provided, with some exceptions

Crime:

HB 558 allows minors to be charged with public intoxication.

HB 1282 makes it a Class B misdemeanor to steal a driver license, commercial driver license or personal identification.

Motorcycles etc.:

Senate Bill 1967 requires that applicants for an original class M license or class A, B or C driver license (including commercial driver licenses and permits) with authorization to operate a motorcycle, provide evidence of completion of an approved motorcycle operator training course.

The upcoming Hajj is approaching

By Sgt. Joshua Risner
MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD – An important time for Muslims is fast approaching. The Hajj, the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, begins on the eighth day of the Arabic month of Dhul-Hijjah, which corresponds to Nov. 25.

The Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam and is required of every able-bodied Muslim at least once in their lifetime, according to Kadhim al-Waeli, cultural advisor for Multi-National Division—Baghdad. In fact, the word hajji in Arabic means a person who has undergone the Hajj.

“Mecca is the holy city of Islam, built by the prophet Abraham and Ishmael,” said Kadhim. “If you’re a Muslim you have to make the pilgrimage if you are physically able.”

The religious observance at

Mecca is a ritualized observance of the trials of Abraham, who is the common denominator of three of the world’s major religions.

“The Hajj lasts seven days and each day has different rituals,” said Kadhim.

Pilgrims perform a variety of rituals, including seven revolutions around the holy Kaba, the black stone believed to be constructed by Abraham and Ishmael. They will also make seven trips between the hills of Safa and Marwah, commemorating the search for food and water by Hagar, the mother of Ishmael.

Another ritual during the Hajj is the symbolic defiance of Satan (al Shaitan), demonstrated by throwing seven stones at a pillar that represents the devil’s temptation of Abraham as described in the Quran, said Kadhim.

According to Kadhim, Mus-

lims undertaking the Hajj will also go to Mount Arafat, where Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son, Ishmael, as ordered by God, to prove his faith. As a reward for his steadfast loyalty, Ishmael was spared and a lamb was offered in his place.

“They will sacrifice a lamb in commemoration of this act,” he said.

Finally, the Feast of the Sacrifice, or Eid al-Adha, which is a four-day celebration, occurs at the end of Hajj, Kadhim explained.

“This is the second Eid in the Islamic calendar, the first one being at the end of Ramadan,” he said. “They are very peaceful days. There will be celebrations, maybe some celebratory fire, but I don’t expect anything out of the ordinary.”

For Shia Muslims, the end of Hajj is a time to travel to Najaf,

to celebrate the nomination by God of Ali ibn Abu-Talib to be the Prophet Muhammad’s successor, which is the source of the schism between Sunni and Shia, Kadhim explained.

“When the Iraqi Shia return to Iraq [from Mecca], they go to Najaf to visit the tomb of Imam Ali ibn Abu-Talib for two or three days and then they go home,” he said.

One thing Soldiers of Multi-National Division Baghdad can expect, Kadhim mentioned, is increased amounts of traffic as the pilgrims return from Mecca and during the subsequent days of celebration.

The period of Hajj is a joyous time for Iraqi Muslims.

Soldiers of Multi-National Division Baghdad can keep this in mind to better relate to their Iraqi counterparts.

Zaidon Market road increases commerce

By Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth
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BAGHDAD — Local area leaders of Zaidon gathered Nov. 12 to celebrate the completion of the three-month-long project which transformed what was once just a pot-holed dirt road into paved thoroughfare.

Soldiers with 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division provided security at the official opening of the road, designed to facilitate easier travel and better business opportunities for locals going to the Zaidon Market in Abu Ghraib.

“People weren’t able to get in the Zaidon market to make purchases in the city and transport goods and items that were sold, particularly agricultural items,” said Navy Lt. Ross Simpson, a civil affairs team leader with 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion. “Trucks couldn’t fit through.”

The \$440,000 funding for

the project was funded through Commander’s Emergency Response Program. The project started during a previous brigade’s deployment and was transferred to Simpson when his unit took over responsibility for the area.

The close proximity of the market to the citizens of Zaidon was also taken into consideration when planning what improvements would be made. These considerations lead to going beyond just simply widening and paving the streets for vehicles, the sidewalks were also paved for the safety and ease of pedestrian traffic.

“The overall goal of the project was to provide the local populace of the Zaidon village with a more efficient, safer, more convenient way to travel throughout this major village,” said Simpson, a native of Dalton, Ga.

Convenience, however, came

to a screeching halt in the beginning of the project.

“One of the biggest obstacles was being able to juggle the amount of traffic on any given day with construction work that needed to be completed,” ex-

plained Simpson. “[The workers] had to do it in a way to allow the local populace to use [the road.]”

It took a lot of planning, but the project was finally completed earlier this week, he said.



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

Surrounded by local leaders, Sheikh Diab cuts a ribbon to celebrate the opening of a newly-paved road in Zaidon Market. The road allows easier access to the market, which has strengthened its businesses.

On This Day In History

November 23, 1936

First issue of Life is published

On November 23, 1936, the first issue of the pictorial magazine Life is published, featuring a cover photo of the Fort Peck Dam by Margaret Bourke-White.

Life actually had its start earlier in the 20th century as a different kind of magazine: a weekly humor publication, not unlike today's The New Yorker in its use of tart cartoons, humorous pieces and cultural reporting. When the original Life folded during the Great Depression, the influential American publisher Henry Luce bought the name and re-launched the magazine as a picture-based periodical on this day in 1936. By this time, Luce had already enjoyed great success as the publisher of Time, a weekly news magazine.

Whereas the original mission of Time was to tell the news, the mission of Life was to show it. In the words of Luce himself, the magazine was meant to provide a way for the American people "to see life; to see the world; to eyewitness great events ... to see things thousands of miles away ... to see and be amazed; to see and be instructed ... to see, and to show ..." Luce set the tone of the magazine with Margaret Bourke-White's stunning cover photograph of the Fort Peck Dam, which has since become an icon of the 1930s and the great public works completed under President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal.

Life was an overwhelming success in its first year of publication. Almost overnight, it changed the way people looked at the world by changing the way people could look at the world. Its flourish of images painted vivid pictures in the public mind, capturing the personal and the public, and putting it on display for the world to take in. At its peak, Life had a circulation of over 8 million and it exerted considerable influence on American life in the beginning and middle of the 20th century.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Ezekeil Earle, 101st Eng. Bn., 16th Eng. Bde.

BAGHDAD- Spc. Tim Killough (far left), from New Salem, N.C., with the 621st Engineer Detachment, 101st Eng. Batttalion, 16th Eng. Brigade, and an Iraqi Soldier from the 6th Iraqi Field Engineer Regiment, survey the area of land on Joint Security Station Constitution, where the footings will be poured for the new Joint Operations Center. Sgt. Todd Brawley (right) of Wingate, N.C., supervises and checks the accuracy of the survey conducted on Nov. 21

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

Archeologists unearthed an old english dictionary dating back to the year 1236. It defined "victim" as "one who has encountered Chuck Norris"



News Bulletin

Effective Tuesday 17NOV09, the DSTB aid station will be changing hours from 0700-1800 hrs. The only exception is the days that we will be giving flu shots. Sick Call still remains: Monday-Fridays 0800-1000 hrs and 1300-1400 hrs, Saturdays 0800-1000 hrs, and Sundays 1330-1430 hrs.

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
66° F | 48° F



Tomorrow
69° F | 46° F



Wednesday
67° F | 48° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

On November 13, 2000, the Michigan State basketball team broke what team's 1,270 game winning streak?

Last Issue's Answer: VERMONT

Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today's Cav Round-Up # 202 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers check Iraqi vehicles at a local traffic stop under the guidance of Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Jones. Story from the field by SGT Nathan Jones, Ironhorse Public Affairs Office.

2. A new bridge in Taji is giving Iraqi's an improved route of transportation. Interview with SSG

Nicholas Lien, 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st BCT.

Though it is a small bridge it means a lot to the local people. It cuts out 15 to 20 kilometers, making life easier for the people of Taji.

NIPR LINK: Cav Round-Up

SIPR LINK: Cav Round-Up

Check out more news at the 1st Cavalry Division's homepage:

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Trigger's Teasers

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

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Yesterday's Answers

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



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