

## Women’s Bazaar helps local Iraqi families

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BAGHDAD – Women of the Mahmudiyah Qada filled tables with homemade products and Iraqi souvenirs during a special bazaar on Forward Operation Base Mahmudiyah, south of Baghdad, Feb 17.

Sponsored by Soldiers of Task Force 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, the innovative event gave troops stationed on the southern base the opportunity to purchase items and assist neighboring Iraqi families at the same time.

“This is a great way for local women to improve their small businesses and take care of their families,” said Capt. Sara Woods, with the 445th Civil Affairs Battalion, from Janesville, Minn. “It also allows our Soldiers to purchase authentic Iraqi souvenirs and gifts.”

Many of the women in the Mahmudiyah

area lost their husbands to insurgent violence and struggle to provide for their families; making them easy targets for insurgents. The bazaar served as a way to show them they can create a better future for their families.

“This is a good project that is helping widows and people who need the money. I am so happy to be a part of it,” said Madiha Kumar, one of the small business owners, and a member of the Mahmudiyah Women’s Group.

This is the second bazaar Soldiers of TF 1-63 CAB have had the opportunity to be involved with and was much larger and had more participants than the first. Those who took part in the bazaar felt, not only they were walking away with something to take home, but also giving back to the local Iraqi community.

“It was very beneficial in what we’re trying to do for Iraq. From a personal stand point it was really gratifying to know we were help-



Photo by Spc. Jamie Vernon

A woman from the Mahmudiyah Qada arranges her table of merchandise during the Women’s Bazaar.



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Soldiers from Task Force 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment buy from a vendor during the Women’s Bazaar.

ing the widows and their children,” said Dale Hamilton, a civilian law enforcement professional attached to TF 1-63 CAB.

The bazaar was considered a success at the end of the day, and it also presented a foundation for the women present to continue and expand her business.

“They came in and they sold these products to the Soldiers, and I think each one of them walked out with a couple hundred dollars,” said Lt. Col. Anne Resty, a Women’s TInitiative coordinator from Clarinda, Iowa. “So now afterwards they can buy more fabric and other materials to make more products that they can sell in the local markets as well.”

The event contributed to the good relationship between the people of Mahmudiyah and the MND-B Soldiers on FOB Mahmudiyah.

“The more they see us as helpful Americans and they get to know us, they get to know that we have children, they get to know that we have spouses, and they get to know that we’re just normal people... and the benefits are multi-faceted,” said Resty. “They’re going to think of us as normal people and that we can help them.”

# Engineers learn Mine Detection

**Photos by Sgt. Tracy Knowles**  
101st Eng. Bn. PAO, 16th Eng. Bde.



Spc. Humberto Fraire, of Fennville, Mich., with the 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Engineer Battalion, prepares a testing lane, Nov. 27, after completing the last hands-on portion of a mine detection class.



Spc. James Devos, of Escanaba, Mich., with the 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Engineer Battalion, uses a hand held device during the testing phase of a forty-hour mine detection class.



Soldiers of the 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Engineer Battalion, practice mine detection, during the testing portion of a four-day class.

# Highlighting K-9 capabilities

**By Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan**

30th HBCT PAO

BAGHDAD -- The explosives were expertly placed under the engine of the truck, just past the front bumper.

It was impossible to be seen from the street, and yet in seconds Sara found all three sticks.

Sara, a special search dog, along with several other military working dogs with their handlers of Multi National Division – Baghdad's Provost Marshal Office, put on a demonstration for Iraqi Federal Police at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Nov. 25.

The dogs searched for hidden explosives, restrained suspects, and performed other basic tasks they routinely execute in the field.

"A dog like that can solve a lot of problems," said Maj. Hussien Jabbar, of the 1st Mechanized Brigade Iraqi Federal Police.

For the first demonstration, one of several cars parked along FOB Falcon's athletic field had hidden explosives.

Sgt. Rashad Harris and Sara approached

from more than 200 feet away. Sara, working several yards ahead, checked the wall boarding, the field, and then approached the cars.

Sara was thorough, and carefully checked the cars, front to rear. She sniffed along the vehicles, and soon stopped and stared intently at the front of a truck where the explosives were hidden.

Iraqi Federal police observing the demonstration recognized how valuable the dogs were.

"We can tell headquarters how these dogs are used; they can search faster than any technology can," said Jabbar.

In the next scenario, Xanny, a patrol explosive detector dog, was to react to a suspect who was approaching in a non-threatening manner. Staff Sgt. William Morton, of Richmond Va., Xanny's handler, ordered the suspect to halt and then return to him.

Xanny waited patiently for the command to control the suspect, who was wearing a special arm guard, preventing him from be-

ing hurt when the dog bit.

After refusing to comply with Morton's verbal orders, the suspect ran down the field.

On command, Xanny chased and latched onto the arm of the suspect, preventing him from running. Xanny then released the arm on command, and returned to Morton.

"I wish we had dogs like that," said Jabbar.

"All you have to do is ask; we will support your mission," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Jasper, of Lawton, Ok.

Other demonstrations highlighted the dog's abilities to follow the commands of the handler, such as: following alongside the handler, holding in a set position or stopping from a dead run instantly.

The Iraqi Federal police appreciated the versatility of the dogs, and acknowledged they could do much to help them on missions against criminals and terrorists.

"In the field technology can fail, a dog never goes wrong, never needs batteries," said Jabbar.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan

Cpl. Timothy Wolff, with Multi National Division – Baghdad's Provost Marshal Office, wrestles with Xanny, a patrol explosive detector dog, during a military working dog demonstration for Iraqi Federal Police at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Nov. 25.

# On This Day In History

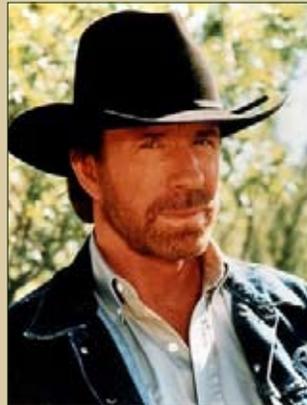
December 1, 1955

## Rosa Parks ignites bus boycott

In Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks is jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, a violation of the city's racial segregation laws. The successful Montgomery Bus Boycott, organized by a young Baptist minister named Martin Luther King, Jr., followed Park's historic act of civil disobedience.

# FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS

DID YOU KNOW?



Chuck Norris ranger rolls his Kevlar.

## MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth, 4th SBCT PAO, 2nd Inf. Div.

BAGHDAD – Spc. Jacob Barbe (left), an Ocala, Fla. native, provides security with a personal security detachment at an event in Zaidon, Nov. 12. Barbe trains with the PSD as a way to gain skills needed to better protect and assist the chaplain.

## Quote For Today

“Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.”

— Antoine de Saint Exupery —

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
62° F | 42° F



**Tomorrow**  
66° F | 33° F



**Thursday**  
64° F | 48° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

What U.S. war broke out the same year the federal government first printed paper money?

Last Issue's Answer: PITTSBURGH STEELERS

# 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 # 209 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. A local Iraqi primary school is seeing better days thanks to the Soldiers from the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. Story from the field by Pfc. Mitchell Fosman, Raider Public Affairs office.

2. The H1N1 vaccination is available for soldiers and DoD civilians on Victory Base Complex.

Interview with SFC Greg Wilson Jr., HSC, DSTB, 1CD

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## Trigger's Teasers

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

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



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