Market opening highlights progress

By Sgt. Brian Tierce
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BAGHDAD — The Abu Ghraib district is undergoing a joint effort to not only provide security for the population, but also improve essential services and strengthen the local economy.

Over the past 12 months, U.S. Soldiers have planted the seeds for security and infrastructure through projects like the opening of the new Abu Ghraib market in western Baghdad.

In a ceremony hosted April 29, and attended by key leaders from the Abu Ghraib district, Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition forces, the Abu Ghraib Market was signed over to Iraqi control and declared ready for business.

“This new and safe market is a gift from the American people to the local citizens of Abu Ghraib,” said Col. Joseph Martin, commander, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division—Baghdad. “The opening of this market is a big step but one of many as we work together to move forward with progress in the future.”

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The construction of the Abu Ghraib Market did not happen overnight.

Planning for the project began in May of 2008, and after Col. Martin’s units took control of the area, the market was identified as a critical project, which could greatly improve the lives of the local population.

“This market represents the culminating efforts of 11 months of planning and working with contractors and project managers,” said Capt. Mathew McKnight, a native of Carlisle, Pa., Civil Military operations officer, 2nd Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, operationally attached to the 2nd HBCT.

“The market offers the residents and vendors of Abu Ghraib a shopping experience that most people in Iraq have probably never had before.”

The unique aspect of the market is its closed air frame, rather than being out in the open the market is inside a building with air-conditioning and power outlets at each stall.

The project also required a joint venture for providing security during the construction phase. With help from their partners in the 24th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and support from the local population, the Soldiers of the battalion were able to see the project through to completion.

“Paxton” Soldiers have been hard at work in the district; having recently refurbished a 33 kilovolt power line to provide more dependable electricity to the citizens of Aqur Quf as well as the opening of a water treatment facility in the Khandari area and renovating numerous schools in the region.

“Like northwest Baghdad, each day we see indicators in the Abu Ghraib Qada of continued improvement,” said Martin.

“It’s a result of the partnership we share but most importantly it’s a result of the tenacity and resolve of the people of Abu Ghraib.”

After the opening ceremony a group of distinguished guests from the community was able to tour the market and see the many distinct features, which set the market apart from any other in the region.

“Each stall has electricity, water and the ability to get it cleaned up. It is also out of the hot weather and air is moving in the building,” said McKnight.

“Most importantly the market is off the main road away from traffic, which increases the security situation; so it’s better for Abu Ghraib as an entire community.”

’Spartans’ set cordon for market opening in Abu Ghraib

BAGHDAD – Sgt. Justin Haugen, a team leader and military policeman from Brookings, S.D., assigned to the 591st MP Company “Spartans,” 93rd MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, guards an outer cordon of a market opening in Abu Ghraib here, April 29. Haugen has been in the military for almost 10 years, deployed four times and visited ten countries.

Sgt. Michael Eichmann, a military policeman from El Paso, Texas, assigned to the 591st Military Police Company “Spartans,” 93rd MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, guards an outer cordon of a market opening in Abu Ghraib here, April 29. The Spartans work closely with their Iraqi Police counterparts on missions similar to this one every day.
In the News: Suspected criminal apprehended in Adhamiya, MND-B Soldiers discover and seize RPGs, Two suspects detained after attack on MND-B patrol

Suspected criminal apprehended in Adhamiya
By 1BCT, 1CD PAO

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces arrested a suspected criminal April 25, wanted on a warrant issued by the Baghdad Operations Center.

At approximately 4 p.m. Iraqi National Police serving with the 3rd Battalion, 4th National Police Brigade, 1st National Police Division, with support from Troopers of the 1st Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, MND-B, arrested Husayn al-Asadi; wanted in connection with the production of improvised explosive devices and other violent crimes in the Sha’a’ab neighborhood of the Adhamiya district and throughout Baghdad.

The suspect was taken to an ISF facility for additional questioning.

MND-B Soldiers discover, seize RPGs
By 2nd HBCT PAO, 1st Inf. Div.

BAGHDAD – During patrol operations April 27, Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers discovered three rocket-propelled grenades in the Mansour district of northwest Baghdad.

At approximately 9:50 a.m., Troopers from the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, safely seized the three RPGs in a box lying in an open field.

An explosive ordinance disposal team was called to the site to thoroughly search the surrounding area and dispose of the weapons.

Two suspects detained after attack on MND-B patrol
By MND–B PAO

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces detained two individuals after an RKG-3 anti-tank grenade attack April 29 in the Khadra neighborhood of northwest Baghdad.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. Soldiers serving with 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad were attacked by individuals who threw two RKG-3 grenades; one detonating on the ground and the other failing to detonate.

Iraqi Soldiers immediately responded to the attack and detained the two individuals; one of whom had fled to a nearby mosque.

U.S. troop confirmed one of the attackers by finding explosive residue on the person.

The individuals were moved to a secure location for further questioning.

The incident is under investigation.

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 No. 57 was produced by Sgt. Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

The April 30th newscast includes the following stories:

1. Safety and Security are not always easy to obtain.

2. (Story 1)

   Soldiers with the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team work with Iraqi Security Forces to set up a temporary check point outside of Baghdad. In NW Baghdad, the city of Peace tries to uphold its name. Vehicle checks are standard procedure. ISF will continue to set up check points.

   SGT Stephanie Logue, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, PAO.

3. (Story 2)

   Over 537 Iraqi Police graduate from al-Furat Police Academy. More than 700 registered for the rigorous training. As backbone of civilized training, 8th MP Bde., was there to guide the trainees. Professional, competent police force is critical in Iraq. With training, the IP gets more experience. Once they are trained, they give the population a feeling of normalcy.

   To hear the Cav Round-Up, click on the following links:

   NIPR LINK: Cav Round-Up
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   www.cavcountry.net
**Iraq**

**3-Day Weather Report**

- **Today**: 93° F | 69° F
- **Tomorrow**: 89° F | 64° F
- **Sunday**: 89° F | 69° F

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**On This Day In Military History**

1960 - An American U-2 spy plane is shot down while conducting espionage over the Soviet Union. The incident derailed an important summit meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev that was scheduled for later that month. The U-2 spy plane was the brainchild of the Central Intelligence Agency, and it was a sophisticated technological marvel. Traveling at altitudes of up to 70,000 feet, the aircraft was equipped with state-of-the-art photography equipment that could, the CIA boasted, take high-resolution pictures of headlines in Russian newspapers as it flew overhead. Flights over the Soviet Union began in mid-1956. The CIA assured President Eisenhower that the Soviets did not possess anti-aircraft weapons sophisticated enough to shoot down the high-altitude planes. On May 1, 1960, a U-2 flight piloted by Francis Gary Powers disappeared while on a flight over Russia. The CIA reassured the president that, even if the plane had been shot down, it was equipped with self-destruct mechanisms that would render any wreckage unrecognizable and the pilot was instructed to kill himself in such a situation. Based on this information, the U.S. government issued a cover statement indicating that a weather plane had veered off course and supposedly crashed somewhere in the Soviet Union. A chagrined Eisenhower had to publicly admit that it was indeed a U.S. spy plane.

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**ATTENTION!**

**Dust and particulates in the air can be a health hazard if not managed appropriately**

During exercise, you breathe many times the volume of air (and dust) compared to breathing at rest. Soldiers can only tolerate heavy exercise in dust for variable periods of time. Decreasing exercise in dust storms keeps you mission-ready.

**Recommendations:**

1. **Hydrate.**
2. Wash hands and face before eating and going to sleep, also use hand sanitizer.
3. Avoid direct flow of air from ACs or heaters as these may increase respiratory irritation.
4. **Stop smoking.**
5. Seek medical attention for wheezing.
6. **Breathe through a wet cloth.**
7. Keep windows, doors and tent flaps closed.
8. Close vents on AC units.
9. **Don't wear contact lenses.**
10. Heavy aerobic activity should only be done in clear weather or in the gym.

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**Sudoku coming soon, in the meantime, Here’s an invitation to play Wordplay!**

Find words inside of words.

**Today’s word is: AMERICAN**

Proper nouns do not count, nor does the word shown.

Words should be at least 6 letters long.

Try to find 12 words. Good Luck!

The next issue of the Daily Charge will reveal the answers.

Last issue’s wordplay: Uniform forum/inform/minor/mourn
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Quote For Today
“Of all the aminosities which have existed among mankind, those which are caused by a difference of sentiments in religion appear to be the most inveterate and distressing, and ought most to be deprecated.”
— George Washington, 1732-1799
1st President of the United States

David Letterman’s Top 10 — Signs your kid is in Al Quaeda

10) His name: Mike Jenkins— now goes by Mike Bin Jenkins
9) Runs inside for cover whenever a satellite flies overhead
8) His chemistry tutor? Chemical Ali
7) If he doesn’t like what’s for dinner, he throws a shoe at you
6) On invitation to his birthday party, he wrote ‘No Kurds’
5) Hides in his room to communicate randomly-released audiotaped messages
4) Yearbook declares him ‘Most likely to defeat the American jackals’
3) Asks to go to sleepaway camp in Pakistan
2) Happiest day of his life: when Ayman Al-Zawahiri showed up at his Bar-Mitzvah
1) Instead of Hannah Montana, he has a crush on Pooja Fallujah

Pvt. Murphy by Mark Baker

Man! I am smoking this qual!
17 hits center mass! ...Of course I’m not sure how I did that with a 15 round clip... How’d you do?