



**March 27, 2011**  
*Weekly report*



## **II MEF takes the helm of Regional Command Southwest**

Maj. Gen. John Toolan assumes command from Maj. Gen. Richard Mills ... ([Watch Video](#)) ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Master Sgt. Brian Jones, RC (SW)*  
*Video by Sgt. Jeremy Ross, RC (SW)*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> LAR strikes key insurgent border hub**

A task force headed by 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion struck a key insurgent trafficking hub on the Pakistan border ... ([Watch Video](#)) ([Read Story](#))

*Story and Video by Sgt. Jeremy Ross, RC (SW)*





## Operation Golden Shillelagh cracks down on insurgent, drug activity

Early twilight hours at Forward Operating Base Inkerman are abruptly disturbed by the loud rumble of Mine Resistant, Ambush Protected vehicles ...

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*Story by Staff Sgt. Ryan Smith, RCT 8*

## HMH-463 supports operations in southern Afghanistan

Since arriving in early March, the CH-53D's of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 has been a familiar sight on the Afghan skyline ... [\(Read Story\)](#)



*Story by Cpl. Rashaun X. James, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW takes flight for Operation Rawhide II

Recently an operation bringing together five of the six functions of the aviation combat element began here ... [\(Read Story\)](#)

*Story by Cpl. Rashaun X. James, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW*

## New antennas aim to improve communication in Helmand

U.S. and coalition forces are situating cellular towers throughout Helmand province ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLG*



## Engineers thwart culvert attacks

Afghans residing in Regional Command Southwest's area of operation now can be less wary of improvised explosive devices hidden in culverts ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Staff Sgt. Theresa Seng, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLG*

## British-trained Afghan police rescue kidnapped boy

Afghan police officers trained by British soldiers have rescued a young boy held hostage by two insurgent kidnapers in Nad Ali ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story courtesy of TFH*



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