



The Old Ironsides Report



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Military Police prepare Iraqis for embassy security duties



Dr. Zaid Mohammed Al-Saadi, a physician at Al Hakim Hospital and translator for Military Police in Baghdad, demonstrates to diplomatic protection service trainees how to treat a casualty during the first aid portion of their instruction Jan 14.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Task Force 1st Armored Division soldiers are working with the Iraqi people to create a safe and secure environment.

Soldiers from the 382nd Military Police Detachment, an Army Reserve unit from San Diego, Calif., have been training Iraqi security officers for the several foreign embassies across Baghdad to ensure the safety of the diplomats visiting and working there.

The 382nd is attached to the 18th Military Police and is part of Task Force 1st Armored Division.

The security officers, known as diplomatic

protective services (DPS), are marksmanship and first aid.

“We are teaching how to search baggage, personnel and vehicles, and how to spot (improvised explosive devices) on vehicles and around buildings,” said Sgt. Reggie A. Ceehorne, a military police investigator with the 382nd and head instructor for the DPS.

The five-day DPS training includes weapons safety and marksmanship with the AK-47. They also receive in-depth first aid training from Iraqi medical experts, said Ceehorne.

With the high-profile nature of DPS duties, every trainee had to undergo in-depth background personal information screening and security check, Ceehorne said.

“The DPS are more specialized than most other civil servicemembers, so they had to be carefully screened for ties to any kind of terrorist or criminal activity,” Ceehorne said. “The men and women that make it into these classes are educated and willing to learn.”

Sgt. 1st Class Armando Solario, 1st platoon sergeant for the 382nd, is the main supervisor for the 100-student DPS training classes. After all the screening, selection and instruction, Solario said the DPS trainees have been a pleasure to teach and train.

“These men and women have been receptive to the ideas we are teaching because they understand they have an important role to play,” said Solario. “They know they are representing their country”

Muna Waly, one of eight female DPS trainees, said she is proud of what her fellow countrymen are accomplishing. She said she is proud of her job and excited to be able to protect her country against “enemies of liberation”

“We have trained in several areas to ensure the safety of the people we protect,” she said. “While the Iraqi police watch over the population and deal with criminals in the streets, the DPS watch over the guests of Iraq – their safety is the highest importance.”

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News...

Shiites Clamor for Saddam to Be Executed
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Thousands of Shiite Muslims marched through Baghdad on Tuesday clamoring for Saddam Hussein's execution in the latest show of strength by people oppressed for decades by the former dictator. The 5,000-strong crowd was believed to be the first public demonstration in Iraq demanding death for Saddam since he was captured by U.S. forces Dec. 13.

Israel Planes Attack Hezbollah in Lebanon
JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli planes attacked Hezbollah targets in south Lebanon on Tuesday, Israeli military officials said, a day after the guerrilla group killed an Israeli soldier. The Israeli strike hit Hezbollah bases in the Bekaa Valley, the area of south Lebanon closest to the Syrian border, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

Kerry Heads to N.H. After Iowa Victory
Democratic presidential candidates opened their sprint to the New Hampshire primary Tuesday with John Kerry pitching his experience and John Edwards laying claim to electricity in a contest thrown wide open by Kerry's victory in the leadoff Iowa caucuses.

Poor Iowa Showing Ends Gephardt's Bid
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Dick Gephardt is conceding the Democratic presidential nomination to one of his rivals, acknowledging after a disappointing fourth-place finish in Iowa that "this didn't come out the way we wanted." "My campaign to fight for working people may be ending tonight, but our fight will never end," the Missouri congressman said Monday night in a post-caucus speech.

Martha Stewart Pleads Not Guilty at Trial
NEW YORK (AP) - With a wave to a pair of supporters outside and a nod to jury prospects inside, Martha Stewart went on trial in earnest Tuesday at a Manhattan federal courthouse. In private, lawyers were to begin narrowing down a jury pool to the 12 who will could determine whether the style guru does time in prison. Hundreds of prospective jurors had already filled out questionnaires.

Sports...

IOC Team to Check on Olympic Preparations
By LISA ORKIN, Associated Press Writer
ATHENS, Greece (AP) -- IOC inspectors will make another assessment of Olympic preparations, including the roof on the main stadium that workers are trying to finish on time.

The two-day visit begins Wednesday and will be headed by Denis Oswald, the IOC member in charge of coordination for the Aug. 13-29 Games. Gilbert Felli, the IOC executive director of the Olympics, will be part of the delegation.

The visit precedes a major International Olympic Committee gathering in Athens next month.

Venue construction has been a source of worry for years, although organizers have compensated with nearly round-the-clock work. A top concern remains the construction of a steel-and-glass roof for the main Olympic stadium.

"It is probably the most difficult issue," Oswald told The Associated Press recently. "We don't need the roof for the Olympics, but it would be nice to have it."

A group protesting security measures plans a march Thursday. It contends that security initiatives, such as street cameras and banning marches during the games, violate rights.

With just more than 200 days left until the games, IOC officials will begin making monthly visits to Athens.

The government denied that national elections March 7 might slow Olympic progress. Government offices are usually shut during the campaign period.

"The elections will not effect the preparations of the Olympic Games," Tilemahos Hitiris, the government's Olympic spokesman, said after a meeting between Olympic organizers and the government.

Chief organizer Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki said she always worries about losing momentum.

"The preparations of the Olympic Games cannot for any reason stop or minimize its pace," she said.

Oswald has said he has received assurances from the governing Socialists and the opposition New Democracy party that the Olympics will not be used as an election issue.

In other Olympic matters:

- Organizers said at least 22 national Olympic committees and six Paralympic committees have inquired about training sites in Greece.

- Afghanistan's Olympic team will spend two months on the Greek island of Lesbos. The team has been training in Iran. Last month, Greece donated uniforms and training equipment to the Afghans.

- The head of the project to beautify Athens appealed to people to paint the facades of their apartment buildings and start parking in proper spaces.

- Organizers said 138,000 people have applied to work as volunteers. About 150,000 applications are sought for the 60,000 volunteer jobs.

SAFETY TIP

MODIFYING TACTICAL VEHICLES

- **Modifying a HMMWV to increase the level of protection sounds like a good idea, the use of improper techniques or materials may have the opposite effect.**
- **Check with a TACOM representative before making changes.**
- **He or she may save your life.**

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Perseverance

Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.

Marie Curie Polish-French chemist

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As of: Tuesday, January 20, 2004 7:51:41 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	PETER JENNINGS REPORTING - I HAVE A DREAM	TODAY		00:00
00:30	ESPNEWS	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		UP, UP AND AWAY		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: INDIANA @ OHIO STATE	ADAM'S RIB	ROCKET POWER : - POWERGIRL SURFERS	BOB THE BUILDER	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - FATHER TIME/ APARTNERSHIP	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - I AM FURIOUS YELLOW	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - BONJOUR SONDRA			04:30
05:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG 12: TEXAS @ MISSOURI	STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS	HELP ME I CAN'T HELP MYSELF WITH JOHN STOSSEL	STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS	STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS	05:00
06:00			THE SHIP : - EPISODE 5			06:00
07:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	ON THE AIR...OVER THERE - PART 2: THE CASTLE YEARS: 1946-1966	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	HANNITY & COLMES	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS	LEGENDS OF AIRPOWER - DUKE CUNNINGHAM			07:30
08:00	NFL LIVE	HEADLINE NEWS	SUICIDE MISSIONS : - WILD WEASELS		FNC	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	SESAME STREET	PURE COUNTRY	BABY LOONEY TUNES : - TAKERS KEEPERS	LARRY KING LIVE	09:00
09:30				THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS : - GRANNY BABY/TIME IS MONEY		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BOB THE BUILDER		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (YR. 1, EPS 1-13) (TV-7): - WORMHOLE		10:30
11:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: NC STATE @ BOSTON COLLEGE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - POWERGIRL SURFERS	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - FATHER TIME/ APARTNERSHIP	HEADLINE NEWS	YOUR CORPS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - I AM FURIOUS YELLOW	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - BONJOUR SONDRA	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: KENTUCKY @ TENNESSEE		AMERICAN IDOL	THE PARKERS : - A STERLING RELATIONSHIP	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30				THE SIMPLE LIFE		13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 5	EXTREME MAKEOVER	STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	SPORTSCENTER	TODAY	ON THE AIR...OVER THERE - PART 2: THE CASTLE YEARS: 1946-1966	THE OC : - THE OUTSIDER	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
15:30			LEGENDS OF AIRPOWER - DUKE CUNNINGHAM			15:30
16:00	COLLEGE HOCKEY - AIR FORCE @ ARMY		SUICIDE MISSIONS : - WILD WEASELS	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		BABY LOONEY TUNES : - TAKERS KEEPERS	PURE COUNTRY		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS : - GRANNY BABY/TIME IS MONEY		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (YR. 1, EPS 1-13) (TV-7): - WORMHOLE		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - POWERGIRL SURFERS	AMERICAN GRAFFITI		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - FATHER TIME/ APARTNERSHIP			19:30
20:00	NFL LIVE	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - I AM FURIOUS YELLOW		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - BONJOUR SONDRA			20:30
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PARKERS : - A STERLING RELATIONSHIP	AMERICAN IDOL	THE DOGS OF WAR	STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS	21:00
21:30		THE SIMPLE LIFE				21:30
22:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 3	EXTREME MAKEOVER	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 5		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00		THE OC : - THE OUTSIDER	ON THE AIR...OVER THERE - PART 2: THE CASTLE YEARS: 1946-1966	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30			LEGENDS OF AIRPOWER - DUKE CUNNINGHAM	HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 21, 1976

CONCORDE TAKES OFF

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM): From London's Heathrow Airport and Orly Airport outside Paris, the first Concorde with commercial passengers simultaneously take flight on January 21, 1976. The London flight was headed to Bahrain in the Persian Gulf, and the Paris to Rio de Janeiro via Senegal in West Africa. At their cruising speeds, the innovative Concorde flew well over the sound barrier at 1,350 miles an hour, cutting air travel time by more than half.

The flights were the culmination of a 12-year effort that pitted English and French engineers against their counterparts in the USSR. In 1962, 15 years after U.S. pilot Chuck Yeager first broke the sound barrier, Britain and France signed a treaty to develop the world's first supersonic passenger airline. The next year, President John F. Kennedy proposed a similar U.S. project. Meanwhile, in the USSR, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev ordered his top aviation engineers to beat the West to the achievement.

There were immense technical challenges in building a supersonic airliner. Engines would need to be twice as powerful as those built for normal jets, and the aircraft's frame would have to withstand immense pressure from shock waves and endure high temperatures caused by air friction. In the United States, Boeing tackled the supersonic project but soon ran into trouble with its swing-wing design. In England and France, however, early results were much more promising, and Khrushchev ordered Soviet intelligence to find out as much as possible about the Anglo-French prototypes.

In 1965, the French arrested Sergei Pavlov, head of the Paris office of the Soviet airliner Aeroflot, for illegally obtaining classified information about France's supersonic project. Another high-level Soviet spy remained unknown, however, and continued to feed the Soviets information about the Concorde until his arrest in 1977.

On December 31, 1968, just three months before the first scheduled flight of the Concorde prototype, the fruits of Soviet industrial espionage were revealed when the Soviet's TU-144 became the world's first supersonic airliner to fly. The aircraft looked so much like the Concorde that the Western press dubbed it "Konkordski."

In 1969, the Concorde began its test flights. Two years later, the United States abandoned its supersonic program, citing budget and environmental concerns. It was now up to Western Europe to make supersonic airline service viable before the Soviets. Tests continued, and in 1973 the TU-144 came to the West to appear alongside the Concorde at the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget airport. On June 3, in front of 200,000 spectators, the Concorde flew a flawless demonstration. Then it was the TU-144's turn. The aircraft made a successful 360-degree turn and then began a steep ascent. Abruptly, it leveled off and began a sharp descent. Some 1,500 feet above the ground, it broke up from overstress and came crashing into the ground, killing all six Soviet crew members and eight French civilians.

Soviet and French investigators ruled that pilot error was the cause of the accident. However, in recent years, several of the Russian investigators have disclosed that a French Mirage intelligence aircraft was photographing the TU-144 from above during the flight. A French investigator confirmed that the Soviet pilot was not told that the Mirage was there, a breach of air regulations. After beginning his ascent, the pilot may have abruptly leveled off the TU-144 for fear of crashing into this aircraft. In the sudden evasive maneuver, the thrust probably failed, and the pilot then tried to restart the engines by entering a dive. He was too close to the ground, however, and tried to pull up too soon, thus overstressing the aircraft.

In exchange for Soviet cooperation in the cover-up, the French investigators agreed not to criticize the TU-144's design or engineering. Nevertheless, further problems with the TU-144, which was designed hastily in its bid to beat the Concorde into the air, delayed the beginning of Soviet commercial service. Concorde passenger service began with much fanfare in January 1976. Western Europe had won its supersonic race with the Soviets, who eventually allowed just 100 domestic flights with the TU-144 before discontinuing the airliner.

The Concorde was not a great commercial success, however, and people complained bitterly about the noise pollution caused by its sonic booms and loud engines. Most airlines declined to purchase the aircraft, and just 16 Concorde were built for British Airways and Air France. Service was eventually limited between London and New York and Paris and New York, and luxury travelers appreciated the less than four-hour journey across the Atlantic. On July 25, 2000, an Air France Concorde crashed 60 seconds after taking off from Paris en route to New York. All 109 people aboard and four on the ground were killed. The accident was caused by a burst tire that ruptured a fuel tank, creating a fire that led to engine failure. The fatal accident--the first in Concorde's history--signaled the decline of the aircraft. However, the United States, which is working on a larger and more efficient supersonic airliner, will soon carry the supersonic torch. NASA and the U.S. companies involved are being aided in their efforts by the Russians, who have provided a TU-144 for experimental flights.