



The Old Ironsides Report

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ICDC, paratroopers conduct patrols in city

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Members of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps conducted their first cordon and search operation with paratroopers from the 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division operating in Al Rashid District as part of Operation Iron Hammer Nov. 17.

The ICDC troops began the operation walking south along Highway 8, the primary highway into Baghdad, searching the roadside and adjacent neighborhoods for illegal weapons, unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive devices.

During the operation, a team of 1st Armored Division combat engineers from Company A, 16th Engineer Battalion, used mine-detecting equipment to sweep a four-and-half-kilometer stretch of the highway.

“Normally (the ICDC) just do sweeps along the road,” said Cpt. Ben Luper, commander, Battery B, 2nd Bn., 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment. “This was a little different.”

As the ICDC troops made their way through the neighborhoods, their U.S. counterparts assisted the company of Iraqi Corpsmen, new to this type of work, said Luper.

The ICDC troops and paratroopers from the 82nd’s 2nd Brigade Combat Team confiscated several rifles, pistols and ammunition as violations of the Iraqi Weapons Policy.

The current policy states that each household is entitled to one weapon and no more than one magazine.

Iraqi and Coalition forces also uncovered caches where they found over a hundred mortar rounds and a rocket-propelled grenade.

“This is a great beginning for them,” said Sgt. Jose Salinas, artilleryman, Battery B, 2nd Bn. 319th AFAR. “And it’s a great experience for us. We get to teach them how to do things, the proper way to search, how to use force, when to escalate or deescalate a situation.”

The Iraqi Civil Defense Corps similar to the U.S. Army National Guard and augments Coalition Forces in maintaining a safe and secure environment for the people of Iraq.

The corpsman must complete a two-week initial entry training course where he learns basic combat skills.



Capt. Ben Luper, commander, Battery B, 2nd Bn. 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, talks to his translator as he observes ICDC troops search a house during a cordon and search operation in southern Baghdad Nov. 19.

Once training is complete, he is sent to a company that augments one of the brigade combat team’s battalions.

The battalions incorporate the ICDC into regular operations and continue to refine their skills and teach them new disciplines.

Luper explained that during this particular mission, he allowed the corpsmen to conduct the operation on their own, relying on him only as a guide and a mentor.

Another important role the operation played in the development of the ICDC troops is how they were received by the local Iraqis, said Luper. Participating in a large-scale operation like a cordon and search mission helps the local citizens understand the purpose of the ICDC.

“Some (of the residents) had not seen (the ICDC) yet,” Salinas said. “I think they received them pretty well and will appreciate them more later.”

Luper said he believes the community accepted that the ICDC had the authority to conduct house searches, reinforcing the legitimacy of the fledgling organization.

News

Georgian Leader Resigns Amid Protests

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) - Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze resigned Sunday, after the opposition threatened to seize his residence and his support began to crack, with soldiers joining tens of thousands of protesters in the streets of the capital. The crowd of protesters massed in front of parliament erupted into cheers and waved flags after opposition leader Mikhail Saakashvili went on national television and announced the president's resignation.

Sniper Juries See Sides of Defendants

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) - One jury heard hours of sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's taped confessions, punctuated by his giggles and sound effects and proud descriptions of a paramilitary mission to extort money in the nation's capital region. Another jury, looking for insight into the mind of convicted sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad as they decide whether to recommend the death penalty, has seen little beyond old home movies of him playing with his children, and his bizarre but short-lived attempt to represent himself at trial.

Turkey's Mosques to Preach Anti-Terror

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - The Turkish government on Sunday ordered the nation's mosques to deliver an anti-terrorism message as authorities pieced together evidence to determine who was behind a string of suicide bombings that killed 57 people and wounded hundreds more. The Directorate for Religious Affairs, which controls all mosques in Turkey, said the anti-terrorism sermon should be preached Tuesday, the first day of a three-day Muslim holiday marking the end of Ramadan.

Safety Tip

Living and Working Area Safety

When improving your working and living spaces you must think about your safety.

Remember:

- Privacy barriers should not be constructed in such a manner as to obstruct means of escape in an emergency.
- Doors must swing out in the direction of your exit.
- Air-conditioners and heaters should be on their own electrical circuit and be protected by a circuit breaker appropriate to the electrical load.

Oddly Enough...

Lennon's Paintings, Doodles on Display

By The Associated Press

AVON, Conn. (AP) -- More than 100 paintings, doodles, caricatures and drawings by slain Beatle John Lennon were on display for a three-day show, wrapping up on Sunday. Lennon's artwork explores the joys of fatherhood, sex, aging and life.

"It's an intimate look at John's love for life," organizer Larry Schwartz said. "It's music for the eyes."

The display, titled "Come Together," included children's illustrations such as cartoonish animals that Lennon drew for his son, Sean. Also on display were handwritten lyrics and framed words to songs such as "Imagine," which is listed at \$2,350, and "Grow Old With Me," with an asking price of \$2,900.

And there was erotica involving Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono in an exhibit first displayed in London in 1970 that was shut by police for its racy content.

Jeff Gaudiosi, 31, was among more than 3,000 estimated visitors to the show. He said he has a Lennon drawing in his den that is "definitely a conversation piece."

"It's more unique than the typical T-shirts and posters," he said.

Sports...

Woods, Els Duel to Presidents Cup Tie

GEORGE, South Africa (AP) - After 34 matches between the best two teams in the world, and three exhilarating playoff holes between the best two players in the world, the Presidents Cup was declared a tie Sunday. Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, playing against each other with 11 guys counting on them, parred all three playoff holes before darkness fell on the Links Course at Fancourt.

Chaplain's thought for the day

Twenty-six Miles

There are times in our lives when we will want to give up. Our pain seems to have no end to it. In a sense, we are like the runner of a marathon on her twenty-fourth mile. She may think she cannot finish the race; she may lose her ability to see things as they are.

If she can remember previous successes, she will no doubt make the decision to go on, to at least give the race her best shot. It does not matter how many people come in before or after her. It matters only that she has not given up. When she crosses the finish line, the pain turns quickly into joy.

When we refuse to give up, we give ourselves an accomplishment we can rejoice in, the reward of knowing we have done our best.

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	NFL - CINCINNATI BENGALS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	NFL - OAKLAND RAIDERS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	MAGNUM P.I. : - FLASHBACK WHITE	NFL - CHICAGO BEARS @ DENVER BRONCOS	CNN SUNDAY	00:00
01:00			FAMILY TIES : - MR. RIGHT		MEET THE PRESS	01:00
01:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES			01:30
02:00			CHIPS : - UNDERTOW	SESAME STREET	TIM RUSSERT	02:00
03:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	RUGRATS : - ALL'S WELL THAT PRETENDS WELL	DORA: THE EXPLORER	FOX REPORT	03:00
03:30	NFL PRIMETIME	SEINFELD : - THE WATCH (PT. 2)	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - SLEEPY TIME / SUDS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE		03:30
04:00		THAT 70'S SHOW : - TOO YOUNG TO TRICK OR TREAT, TOO YOUNG	THE SIMPSONS : - KILL THE ALLIGATOR AND RUN	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THIS WEEK	04:00
04:30	NFL - WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	HOME IMPROVEMENT : - BORLAND AMBITION			04:30
05:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - HELP	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW : - BARGAIN SHOPPING WITH OPRAH	DATELINE INTERNATIONAL	05:00
05:30		WWE SMACKDOWN!				05:30
06:00			LAW & ORDER : - BURN, BABY, BURN	HEADLINE NEWS	60 MINUTES	06:00
06:30		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		MEET THE PRESS	CRITICAL RESCUE : - RACE AGAINST TIME	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	CNN PRESENTS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30	SPORTSCENTER					07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN CHOPPER		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		ESPNEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL PRIMETIME	SESAME STREET	A FISH CALLED WANDA	ZOOBOOMAFOO : - THE FOUR F'S	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	09:00
09:30				DISNEY'S BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND : - SPEED TRAP		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DORA: THE EXPLORER		CYBERCHASE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		EVEN STEVENS : - ALL ABOUT YVETTE		10:30
11:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW : - BARGAIN SHOPPING WITH OPRAH	RUGRATS : - ALL'S WELL THAT PRETENDS WELL	JEOPARDY!	BELTWAY BOYS	11:00
11:30	WOMENS COLLEGE BASKETBALL - 2003 JIMMY V WOMENS BASKETBALL CLASSIC: FURDUE VS DUKE		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - SLEEPY TIME / SUDS	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX NEWS WATCH	11:30
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	THE SIMPSONS : - KILL THE ALLIGATOR AND RUN	ESPNEWS	BULLS & BEARS	12:00
12:25		GUIDING LIGHT				12:25
12:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - BORLAND AMBITION	HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	12:30
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - HELP	60 MINUTES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	13:00
13:13		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:13
13:30	GOLF - THE PRESIDENT'S CUP 2003					13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	LAW & ORDER : - BURN, BABY, BURN	NYPD BLUE : - DAS BOOTS	DATELINE NBC	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	CRITICAL RESCUE : - RACE AGAINST TIME	C.S.I.: MIAMI : - SPRING BREAK	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			AMERICAN CHOPPER	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		ZOOBOOMAFOO : - THE FOUR F'S	A FISH CALLED WANDA		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		DISNEY'S BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND : - SPEED TRAP		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		CYBERCHASE			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		EVEN STEVENS : - ALL ABOUT YVETTE		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS : - ALL'S WELL THAT PRETENDS WELL	SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - SLEEPY TIME / SUDS			19:30
20:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - KILL THE ALLIGATOR AND RUN		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	NFL PRIMETIME	HEADLINE NEWS	HOME IMPROVEMENT : - BORLAND AMBITION			20:30
20:45				COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER		20:45
21:00		60 MINUTES	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - HELP		DATELINE NBC	21:00
21:30	ESPNEWS					21:30
22:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - EA SPORTS MAUI INVITATIONAL: VILLANOVA VS CHAMINADE	NYPD BLUE : - DAS BOOTS	LAW & ORDER : - BURN, BABY, BURN		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00		C.S.I.: MIAMI : - SPRING BREAK	CRITICAL RESCUE : - RACE AGAINST TIME	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				ESPNEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

