



The Old Ironsides Report



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1AD Gives Traffic a Hand in Baghdad

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division and Iraqi leaders came together Oct. 25 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the re-opening of the 14th of July Bridge.

“Today we commemorate the repair and re-opening of this beautiful bridge as further evidence of a city returning to normal,” said Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 1AD’s commanding general. “This bridge will improve traffic flow. But more important than that, it will stand as a symbol of an Iraq crossing from its past to its future.”

The 14th of July Bridge, Baghdad’s first suspension bridge, links the Karkh and Karadah districts on the north and south side of Baghdad. It was damaged during the first Gulf War, but was never repaired by the former regime. Realizing it was unsafe for use, Coalition forces closed the bridge when they entered Baghdad in April.

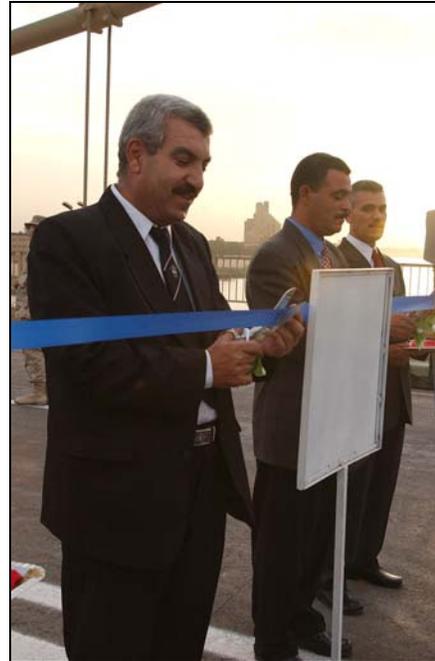
Several months ago, soldiers from 1AD’s 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion started designing a way to restore the bridge. They then spent approximately three weeks replacing severed cables, fixing lights and doing other general maintenance.

“When I was working on the bridge, it was just another mission,” said Sgt. Caleb Johnson, a combat engineer with 1457th ECB. “I didn’t fully appreciate the effect it would have, but now it’s great to see how it will benefit the Iraqi people.”

The newly repaired bridge will alleviate traffic build-up and allow drivers a direct route across the Tigris River.

“When the bridge was closed, people had to spend an extra twenty minutes to drive around the river,” said Maj. John Frisbie, fire support officer, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1AD. “Now, the bridge will be open for everyone to use.”

Iraqi leaders, including the Karkh and Karadah District Advisory Council (DAC) leaders, as well the City Advisory Council (CAC) chairman, expressed their appreciation at the ceremony.



Dr. Abdul Ameer Wadi Al Saidy (left), the Karadah District Advisory Council (DAC) leader, and Yehia Mohammed Ali, the Karkh DAC leader, cut the ribbon officially re-opening Baghdad’s 14th of July Bridge in a ceremony Oct. 25. An interpreter looks on.

“The re-opening of the 14th of July Bridge is a symbol of the union of the land and people of Baghdad,” said Dr. Abdul Ameer Wadi Al Saidy, the Karadah DAC leader. “A salute to all the people whose efforts contributed to the reconstruction.”

“Well done to all those whose hands participated,” said Adnan Abdul Sahib Hassan, CAC chairman. “Let this wonderful re-opening be the first of many good things between Iraqis and Coalition forces.”

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NEWS

California's fire policies feel heat

The spate of fires that began leapfrogging across Southern California Saturday, fueled by unseasonably hot weather and scorching winds, once again spotlights the vulnerability of California's arid climate to quick-moving blazes. As happened 10 years ago, when flames destroyed 265 homes in Laguna Beach and in 1991 when 400 homes were devoured in the residential hills of Oakland and Berkeley, debates on past lessons and new regulations are already swirling like the white ash now rising above San Bernardino's blackened foothills.

Four hospital staff die from HIV after becoming infected through needles

Four health workers in Britain have died after being infected with HIV through hospital accidents involving needles. Nine others have also contracted the Aids virus after suffering similar injuries while working in hospitals, but are still alive. The figures are in a report by the Health Protection Agency and passed to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee, which has been investigating the issue of needle injuries among NHS staff. It is the first time details of HIV infections from workplace accidents have been published.

Cracks in support for Sharon

Ordinary Israelis, media commentators, and military officers unleashed unusually strident criticism Sunday of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's strategy in the Palestinian territories, a wave of anger that some analysts say may signal the first cracks in previously broad public support for his policies. The condemnation followed a Palestinian attack on a remote Gaza Strip settlement that killed three soldiers on Friday, including two 19-year-old female soldiers shot while sleeping.

Oddly Enough

'Shock and Awe' Barrage hits Patent Office

From crib toys to coffees, a wave of trademark applications using "Shock and Awe" in their names is hitting the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Seven months after the most overused cliché of the Iraq War entered American jargon, a Patent Office official said on Thursday it had received 29 "Shock and Awe" applications. There are filings to trademark golf clubs, pesticides, dietary supplements, video games, salsa, energy drinks, yo-yos, lingerie, Bloody Mary mix and "infant action crib toys." "The last thing I can remember like this was for using the terms Millennium or Y2K," said Brigid Quinn, spokeswoman for the Patent Office, which oversees trademark law. None of the "Shock and Awe" applications is registered yet -- not even the five to trademark fireworks brands. "Each will be reviewed one by one on their own merit," Quinn said.

SPORTS

Singh coasts to Disney title

Lake Buena Vista, FL (Sports Network) - Vijay Singh posted a five-under 67 on Sunday to coast to a four-shot win at the FUNAI Classic at the Walt Disney World Resort. Singh finished at 23-under-par 265 to assume the top spot on the PGA Tour Money List with his fourth victory of the season. "I'm really happy to take over the Money List," said Singh, who has won two of his last three events on tour. "I'm playing the best that I can play right now. And that's a good feeling to go out there knowing that you've got a chance of winning the golf tournament every time you tee it up."

A Smart Tip From 1AD Safety

In Dealing With IED'S

ENSURE YOU

- Maintain high SITUATIONAL AWARENESS (mounted/dismounted)
- When driving, use middle lane, to maintain freedom of movement
- Don't drive over, step on or kick trash
- When found, secure site, report to command for EOD assistance
- Avoid radio communications within 300 meters of IED

This Day in History **27 October**

- 1775** US Navy established
- 1787** Federalist letters start appearing in NY newspapers
- 1810** US annexes West Florida from Spain
- 1858** RH Macy & Co opens 1st store, (6th Ave-NYC) Gross receipts \$1106
- 1871** Boss Tweed (William Macy Tweed), Democratic leader of Tammany Hall, arrested after NY Times exposed his corruption
- 1880** Theodore Roosevelt marries Alice Lee, on his 22nd birthday
- 1904** World's 1st subway, the IRT (Interborough Rapid Transit), opens in NYC, subway/bus fare is set at one nickel
- 1938** DuPont announces its new synthetic fiber will be called "nylon"
- 1954** Walt Disney's 1st TV show, "Disneyland," premieres on ABC
- 1961** American Basketball League starts play
- 1979** Voluntary Euthanasia Society publishes how-to-do-it suicide guide

Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	KOREA	Start Time
0000			FAMILY TIES		MEET THE PRESS		0000
0030			THE COSBY SHOW				0030
0100			CHIPS		TIM RUSSERT		0100
0200	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	RUGRATS	SESAME STREET	FOX REPORT	SESAME STREET	0200
0230	NFL PRIMETIME	SEINFELD	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS				0230
0300		THAT 70'S SHOW	THE SIMPSON	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THIS WEEK	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	0300
0330	NFL	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	HOME IMPROVEMENT				0330
0400			DAWSON'S CREEK	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	DATELINE INTERNATIONAL	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	0400
0430		WWE SMACKDOWN!					0430
0500			LAW & ORDER	HEADLINE NEWS	60 MINUTES	HEADLINE NEWS	0500
0530		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		JUDGE JUDY		JUDGE JUDY	0530
0600		MEET THE PRESS	CRITICAL RESCUE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	CNN PRESENTS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	0600
0630	SPORTSCENTER			GUIDING LIGHT		GUIDING LIGHT	0630
0700		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN CHOPPER	GENERAL HOSPITAL	LARRY KING LIVE	GENERAL HOSPITAL	0700
0730		ESPNEWS					0730
0800	MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	SESAME STREET	THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS	ZOOBOOMAFOO	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	DATELINE NBC	0800
0830				DISNEY'S BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND			0830
0900		DORA		CYBERCHASE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	CYBERCHASE	0900
0930		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		EVEN STEVENS		ROCKET POWER	0930
1000	CART AUTO RACING	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	RUGRATS	JEOPARDY!	BELTWAY BOYS	JEOPARDY!	1000
1030			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX NEWS WATCH	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	1030
1100		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	THE SIMPSON	ESPNEWS	BULLS & BEARS	ESPNEWS	1100
1130		GUIDING LIGHT	HOME IMPROVEMENT	HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	ADVISORY BLOCK	

1200		GENERAL HOSPITAL	DAWSON'S CREEK	60 MINUTES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	60 MINUTES	1200
1230	NFL PRIMETIME						1230
1300		HEADLINE NEWS	LAW & ORDER	NYPD BLUE	DATELINE NBC	NYPD BLUE	1300
1330	SPORTSCENTER	JUDGE JUDY					1330
1400		TODAY	CRITICAL RESCUE	C.S.I.	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	C.S.I.	1400
1500	MLB		AMERICAN CHOPPER	HEADLINE NEWS		HEADLINE NEWS	1500
1530				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO	1530
1600		ZOOBOOMAFOO	THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS		HEADLINE NEWS		1600
1630		DISNEY'S BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING		1630
1700		CYBERCHASE			THE EARLY SHOW		1700
1730		EVEN STEVENS		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	1730
1800	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS	THE DEAD ZONE		THE DEAD ZONE	1800
1830		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS				1830
1900		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSON		MSNBC LIVE		1900
1930	PGA TOUR	HEADLINE NEWS	HOME IMPROVEMENT	FOUR FOR TEXAS		FOUR FOR TEXAS	1930
2000		60 MINUTES	DAWSON'S CREEK		MSNBC LIVE		2000
2100		NYPD BLUE	LAW & ORDER		DATELINE NBC		2100
2200		C.S.I.	CRITICAL RESCUE	HEADLINE NEWS	STUDIO B WITH SHEPARD SMITH	HEADLINE NEWS	2200
2230	ESPNEWS			ESPNEWS		ESPNEWS	2230
2300	NFL PRIMETIME	HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN CHOPPER	TODAY	INSIDE POLITICS	TODAY	2300
2330		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS		2330

FINAL

 LIONS (1-6)	16
 BEARS (2-5)	24

FINAL

 BRONCOS (5-3)	6
 RAVENS (4-3)	26

FINAL

 SEAHAWKS (5-2)	24
 BENGALS (3-4)	27

FINAL

 TITANS (6-2)	30
 JAGUARS (1-6)	17

FINAL OT

 PANTHERS (6-1)	23
 SAINTS (3-5)	20

FINAL

 BROWNS (3-5)	3
 PATRIOTS (6-2)	9

FINAL

 GIANTS (3-4)	29
 VIKINGS (6-1)	17

FINAL

 RAMS (5-2)	33
 STEELERS (2-5)	21

FINAL

 COWBOYS (5-2)	0
 BUCCANEERS (4-3)	16

FINAL

 JETS (2-5)	17
 EAGLES (4-3)	24

FINAL

 TEXANS (2-5)	21
 COLTS (6-1)	30