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Courtesy photo

Sgt. Roger Schilling draws a sketch of the home where suspected al-Qaeda in Iraq members were detained.

## Marne Torch II continues to bring in AQI

2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

HAWR RAJAB — Paratroopers conducting Operation Bethel detained insurgent suspects and destroyed weapons caches Sept. 19.

The Paratroopers of Company B, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, currently attached to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division,

detained seven suspects, two of whom were connected to the production of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices.

The Hawr Rajab operation also yielded a homemade explosives cache.

While searching a building, Paratroopers discovered several hundred 20kg bags of detergent that an explosive ordnance disposal team assessed as key ingredients in the creation of

homemade explosives.

An AH-64 Apache helicopter destroyed the building with a Hellfire missile.

A second air weapons team destroyed a suspected VBIED factory that was discovered by another group of Paratroopers in the area.

While conducting a patrol on the

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# STB Soldier earns career counselor honors

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MND-C PAO

**CAMP VICTORY** — Of all Dog Face Soldier career counselors, Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Koval is top dog.

Taking pride in his job and continually making the effort to help Soldiers has earned this Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Soldier the title of Task Force Marne Career Counselor of the Year.

The annual competition was based on a board that entails job-specific questions about how to counsel Soldiers, Koval said.

Four senior brigade career counselors and Task Force Marne Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L. Andrews Jr. sat on the board asking the five competitors questions.

Andrews' questions were about current world affairs. Participants had to know what was recently going on with the Iraqi constitution, what benchmarks were being made and how people in Honduras were being affected by the recent hurricane there to satisfy Andrews' portion.

The rest of the board members asked questions specific to the career counselor field.

Though he came out on top, Koval said, "All the other career counselors who attended the board are just as proficient as me. They had to pick one winner, and, I don't think it's fair, but ... I think all that attended the board are winners. And I think all those career counselors should be recognized for the efforts that got them to that level."

An advantage Koval had was that he was no stranger to competition. He had competed years prior, and even worked



Staff Sgt. Tony Lindback

Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Koval speaks with Soldiers in STB, 3rd Inf. Div., about their career options.

as a board recorder last year. That experience may benefit him as he moves on to the next level of the competition.

"The next step is the FORSCOM career counselor of the year board which is in St. Louis Oct. 29," said Koval, "so, I'm studying now to go and compete at the next level, hopefully win that one and go and compete at the Department of the Army career counselor of the year board."

Master Sgt. James Nicolai, the division retention operations NCO, works in the same office as Koval and said it was not a big surprise he won the Task Force Marne competition because of his commitment to excellence.

"His level of responsibility and the fact that he tries to make himself better all the time are what I think are the best things about him," Nicolai said. "He's never content to just be as good as he

is. He always wants to be better.

"He loves to help people and take care of Soldiers. That's his main goal every day."

Achieving his goals and helping Soldiers decide what to do with their careers is something Koval said he loves doing and has no plans to change it.

"I think being a career counselor is the best job in the Army," Koval said. "You have an opportunity each and every day to help a Soldier, i.e. benefiting them, counseling them, telling them how to get promoted, changing their job or just keeping them in boots."

"I would do this job a thousand times over. I would have done it for free. I will continue to do this job as long as I'm allowed to stay in the Army because I love to help Soldiers. I'm committed to helping them and making my mission. I love what I do."

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# Building bonds



Staff Sgt. Quinton Russ

1st Lt. James Cleveland, 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) talks with a Sheik about al-Qaeda activity in his village near Mahmudiyah Sep. 18.

## BETHEL: *Paratroopers detain suspected insurgents, destroy weapons*

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ground, the Paratroopers found a car missing its battery and one wheel. A military working dog reacted to the trunk, which was not opened for fear of booby traps. An air strike was called in to safely dispatch the vehicle and the building in which the car was parked.

Two Apaches from 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, destroyed the vehicle and building with

two Hellfire missiles. The attack helicopters destroyed four other vehicles at the site with their 30mm cannons.

Soldiers at the scene counted seven secondary explosions at the site, which indicates explosives were hidden in the vehicles and building.

Operation Bethel also yielded several munitions, weapons and other items used in terrorist acts.

Capt. Donald Braman, commander, Troop B, 1-40th Cav. Regt., said the op-

eration will have a significant impact on al-Qaeda command and control. The detainment of the two members involved in the VBIED production will also reduce al-Qaeda's ability to conduct offensive operations in Hawr.

Operation Bethel is part of 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div.'s Operation Marne Torch II, designed to reduce insurgent activity south of Baghdad and stem the flow of explosives, weapons and insurgents into Baghdad.

## Safety Thought of the Day

### Power Strip/Extension Cord Safety

- Avoid plugging appliances with heating elements into extension cords or power strips.
  - Avoid heat build-up. Completely unfold cords before use in order to allow heat to escape.
  - Periodically do a visual inspection of electrical cords and power strips for melting, overheating, arcing, and frayed or cut wires.
  - Ensure a working fire extinguisher is near by.
- WARNING: The type of power strip pictured at right is known to overheat, short out and cause electrical fires!**



## Headline Highlights

# Cops with assault weapons; mafia mistake

## City arms traffic cops with assault weapons

BEIJING (Reuters) — A Chinese city has taken the unusual step of arming traffic police on night shifts with assault weapons, local media reported Monday.

Police wearing bullet-proof vests and carrying sub-machine guns would enforce violations including speeding, drink-driving and driving without a license in the booming Yangtze river city of Chongqing, the Beijing News said, citing a local newspaper.

"This is the first time in many years traffic police have carried special weapons. At the same time, to ensure safety, police will have to hand back all guns and bullets after their shift and not keep them themselves," the paper quoted an unnamed police spokesman as saying.

It did not say why just the south-western city was taking such measures when violent crime, once virtually unheard of, has soared along with China's economic boom in cities across the country in the past few decades.

Police in the city were also carrying pistols, wearing head protection and had been authorized to open fire on suspects "in accordance with the law," the paper said.

The move was to "establish police authority, strike fear into criminals and to make residents feel safer," the paper said.

The report showed a picture of a Chinese policeman on a street holding an Uzi-like weapon as a colleague made enquiries next to a taxi.

Not all traffic police were carrying guns, nor -- "for the time being" -- would those on duty during daylight hours, the paper quoted Chen Honggang, a senior police official, as saying.

The new force had proved a shock to some residents, the paper said, who had questioned whether police would actually use the guns, or themselves be mugged by criminals.

"All armed police have undergone strict training. Residents, please rest easy," Chen said.

Last year, authorities in Guangzhou, capital of the southern province of Guangdong, put more than 500 armed police on the streets to tackle a wave of vicious crime, authorizing them to shoot motorcycle-borne bag-snatchers prone to hacking the limbs of victims who resist.

## Officials blush on mafia security snafu

BOGOTA (Reuters) — Colombian authorities were left red-faced on Friday trying to explain why they picked up the wrong prisoner in a high-security transfer of a top druglord to a ship at sea in an attempt to better protect him.

Helicopters and troops mobilized

to transfer suspected druglord Diego "Don Diego" Montoya along with a former paramilitary commander, Carlos Jimenez, from their prison cells to Navy ships after learning about death threats.

But instead of picking up Diego Montoya, prison authorities moved Diego "Don Berna" Murillo to Bogota from Combita jail. Murillo is another former paramilitary commander jailed under a peace deal with President Alvaro Uribe.

"I don't think we can qualify it as chaos. That would not be appropriate. But it was an error because there was an order to transfer Diego Montoya and they understood Diego Murillo," Interior Minister Carlos Holguin told local radio. "It was a mistake in interpretation."

Authorities returned Murillo to Combita and on Friday began moving Montoya to a ship patrolling in Pacific waters. Ex-paramilitary commander Jimenez, alias "Macaco," was sent to another Colombian vessel.

Montoya, suspected leader of the violent Norte del Valle cartel, was captured this week cowering under leaves in his underwear.

Aided by billions in U.S. funds, Uribe has led a security crackdown to reduce violence from Colombia's drug-fueled conflict.

But the country remains the world's top cocaine producer and the rebels are still fighting in rural areas.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

**Solution to yesterday's puzzle:**

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## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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