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Citizens in Thumaniyah wait in line to receive water supplied by Btry. A, 1-10th FA, Jan.12.

1-10 FA delivers water to Thumaniyah

SPC. BEN HUTTO
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Soldiers from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, delivered water and held a medical clinic for the citizens of Thumaniyah, a small village south of Baghdad, Jan.12.

During their first visit to the village, the Soldiers delivered 400 cases of drinking water and treated 160 women and children at the local school.

"We picked out a spot we've never been that the council told us was pretty neglected," said Capt. Chas Cannon, from Moultrie, Ga., commander of Battery A.

During the operation, Cannon talked with residents and heard

some of their issues firsthand.

"The main thrust of the operation was to deliver water, but since school wasn't in session we used two empty classrooms to set up a small clinic," Cannon said. "Our medics were able to help treat a lot of ear, throat and nose infections."

Battery A has been working with the Sabbah Nissan council to help villages in the area in need of water and supplies. According to Cannon, many of the villagers around Sabbah Nissan feel they are overlooked by the local government because of the villages' small size.

"As long as the council keeps requesting us, we'll keep going," Cannon said. "We're looking out for people not getting attention."



A woman in Thumaniyah, a small village south of Baghdad, leaves with medication supplied to her by Btry. A, 1-10th FA, Jan.12.



3HBCT Soldiers take a swing at driving range

Spc. BEN HUTTO,
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Two dozen Soldiers from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team endured cold weather to take a few swings at the Hammer Links driving range which opened at FOB Hammer Jan.12.

Maj. Mark Andres, from Chicago, aide for the deputy commanding general of Multi-National Corps - Iraq, was on hand to see the 3rd HBCT Soldiers take turns hitting golf balls down range.

Andres used his contacts back in Chicago to secure clubs and golf balls for the range. He explained to Soldiers that his friends in Chicago enlisted help from golf professionals of the Professional Golfers Association to get the necessary equipment to make the range a reality.

"The Villages (a large retirement community in Cen-

tral Florida) was responsible for sending a majority of the balls here," Andres said. "They are very excited that this equipment is going out to Soldiers on the battlefield."

While many Soldiers crushed their drives deep down the range, several Soldiers were taking their first swings with a golf club.

Regardless of skill level, everyone at the range's opening had a good time.

"I hope this range and equipment gives you guys at least a few moments of relaxation," Andres said.

Capt. Andrew Henning, from Huntington, N.Y., commander of the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion's Headquarters Troop, thought that the range was a great idea for Soldiers at FOB Hammer.

"Any improvement made for the Soldiers' morale, especially sporting activities, is great for them," Henning said.



Photos by Spc. Ben Hutto

Top: First Sgt. Rene Gonzalez, Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, lines up his shot at the Hammer Links driving range Jan. 12. At left, Capt. Jeremy Brown, Headquarters Company, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion commander, hits a ball down range.

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MARNE 6 SENDS

Celebrate freedom in honor of King



MAJ. GEN. RICK LYNCH
MND-C COMMANDER

This year, the nation celebrates Martin Luther King Day January 21. I encourage units across the battlefield to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life — it is important to honor the spirit of a man who spent his life working tirelessly for equal rights.

We are "Army Strong" because of our diversity, and Dr. King is the epitome of a leader who never stopped fighting for equality. In 1964, at age 35, Dr. King became the youngest person to receive

the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end segregation and racial discrimination through non-violent means.

Dr. King was one of the twentieth century's foremost leaders. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal, his contributions to freedom carried us into the twenty-first century, and we all strive to carry out his legacy. His selfless service made him a role model for all Americans.

This year's celebration emphasizes "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day on, Not a Day Off."

For those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who cannot take part in a large observance, we remember Dr. King's impassioned plea, "We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

ROCK OF THE MARNE!

Rakkasans uncover possible VBIED factory

SGT. 1ST CLASS KERENSA HARDY
3RD BCT, 101ST ABN. DIV. (AASLT)

CAMP STRIKER — A routine gathering with local leaders resulted in the discovery of a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device factory near Hamid Shaban Jan. 13.

Acting on a tip from an attendee at the meeting, Rakkasan Soldiers from Troop A, 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), acted quickly and found what appeared to be a makeshift VBIED workshop about a mile away from the gathering.

"We came up with a quick plan and headed that way," said Staff Sgt. Adam McMurray, a platoon sergeant from Ayldett, N.C., who provided command and control for the mission.

The Soldiers had to find their way to the house, about a mile away, without

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— Sgt. Walter Nickel
Troop A, 1-33 Cav. Regt.

detailed directions or grid coordinates.

Once at the location, the house was cleared by a team of Soldiers led by Sgt. Walter Nickel, from Pago Pago, American Samoa.

"After the house was cleared, we noticed that the kerosene heater was still on, the chai (tea) was still hot," McMurray said. "I mean, we had just missed these guys."

The most valuable find was in front

of the house — four vehicles suspected to be used as VBIEDs. One vehicle had wires running from the inside to the trunk. McMurray said it was obvious it was intended to be used as a VBIED.

The Soldiers found more explosives and a homemade rocket launcher. "We found a bunch of paperwork ... a lot of explosives, mortar rounds and bomb-making materials and weapons," Nickel said. "There was stuff just ready to get hooked up to explosives. It seemed to me they were just getting ready to do something, they were just getting things together."

"We feel great that we found something that could've caused a lot of damage to Coalition Forces," said Sgt. Jose Rivas, from Nashville, Tenn. "It was a long day but it was worthwhile."

An explosive ordnance disposal team showed up just before midnight to detonate the cache.

Safety Thought of the Day

Reducing Electrical Hazards

- Grounding of electrical equipment, CHUs and trailers is the primary method of reducing electrical hazards.
 - Equipment such as communication receivers and transmitters, portable electric tools, electrical equipment in damp locations, television antenna towers, electrical equipment in flammable storage areas. Equipment operated with more than 150 volts must be grounded.
- Bonding, connecting two pieces of equipment by a wire or cable conductor, equalizes any potential for static or sparking.
 - Bonding allows for a low resistance path to the ground.
- Earth grounding conductors (ground wire or cable):

- Conductor must be as large as possible — at least #6 AWG (American Wire Gauge).
- The conductor should be copper or copper clad aluminum.
- The conductor should be continuous between the equipment and earth grounding electrode; do not splice.
- Ensure conductor is not damaged or heavily corroded.
- Run the conductor as straight and short as possible.
- Minimize any twists, loops, or sharp bends. This will increase the conductors impedance.
- Bonding and grounding together are used for electrical systems.

Headline Highlights

Accidental hanging; girl-watching amputee

Man accidentally hangs self

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (Reuters) — A man was recovering in a Vancouver-area hospital after an attempt to film a mock hanging as a stunt accidentally became the real thing, police said on Thursday.

The 23-year-old man thought he had protected himself by wearing a harness when he went to a suburban park on Wednesday to have a friend record him dangling lifelessly from a tree, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said.

"Unfortunately things did not go as planned and the male was unintentionally hung from the rope he had placed around his neck," according to a police spokesman who said the friend initially did not realize anything was wrong.

Neither man was trained as a stunt actor, according to the police statement that added: "The 'Don't Try This at Home!' disclaimers on commercials and movies are there for a reason."

Shouting Macaw scares pet store burglar away

BOSTON (Reuters) — Watch dogs are a common first line of security for U.S. homes and businesses. Watch birds not so much.

But that didn't stop Merlin, a seven-year-old blue-and-gold macaw who scared off a burglar at a Massachusetts pet store this week.

Intruders smashed the front window of Pet Palace in Leominster, about 45 miles west of Boston, and as they en-

tered the store the bird began to shout, said store manager Lori Oltman on Thursday.

"When he hears someone come into the building, or the puppies get riled up or whatever, he'll start calling for Rhonda, who is the woman who used to own him," Oltman said. "He was screaming for Rhonda and they weren't aware that it was a bird and not a person. And so they took flight rather quickly."

Macaws are a variety of parrot, a highly intelligent group of birds known for their ability to reproduce human speech.

Oltman said police figured out what happened when they arrived and heard the bird screaming in the back room. She said the burglar escaped with just \$15 in change.

It was not the first time the bird's voice confused a person, she said.

"He has some really colorful language, so he spends a lot of time in the back of the store," Oltman said. "And you really can't tell that it's a bird. He sounds just like a person when he talks; a lot of times people are fooled by that."

Man lost in mountains survives a week on snow

TOKYO (Reuters) — A Japanese climber lost in the mountains for more than a week in frigid conditions survived by eating snow before making his way down to a ski resort on Friday, Japanese media said.

Masayuki Nakamura headed into

the Azuma mountain range about 240 km (150 miles) north of Tokyo on December 30, saying he planned to be back on January 2.

But he became disoriented in the snow and wandered the area for more than a week, reports said. He had no mobile phone and his food supply ran out after a few days.

A ski resort employee found Nakamura walking along a road close to the ski hills Friday, Kyodo news agency said. He was taken to hospital suffering from mild frostbite.

"I really thought I was done for, so I was truly happy that I made it," Kyodo news agency quoted him as telling a reporter. "I never want to climb a mountain again."

Waving at girls costs Australian man his arm

CANBERRA (Reuters) — An Australian man who waved out a car window at two young women was expected to lose his arm on Monday after it was almost severed by another passing vehicle.

The 20-year-old was a passenger in a pick-up truck at Bunbury, in Western Australia state, when he waved at two women in a car wash.

But as he put his arm out the driver made a right hand turn and the man's limb was struck and almost torn off by an oncoming four-wheel-drive.

"His left arm was partially severed and doctors believe the limb may need to be amputated," police said.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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