

SEWING FACILITY CREATES 1,000 NEW JOBS IN AL RASHID
An Iraqi seamstress works on a piece of clothing at the newly re-opened Al Sadiya sewing facility. A ribbon-cutting ceremony July 25 marked the opening, which should provide 1000 new jobs in the local area. The project, sponsored by the 5th Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Cavalry Division, cost nearly half a million dollars, and included a makeover of plumbing, electrical circuits and wall replacements.



By Pfc. Al Barrus, 122nd MPAD

Joint Operation Demonstrates United Effort

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HAY MUTHANA DISTRICT, Baghdad, Iraq – A cordon and search operation of apartment buildings suspected of containing explosive materials took place July 28 in Baghdad's Hay Muthana district. In the last three weeks, more



Iraqi National Guardsmen hustle to secure an apartment complex, how home to hundreds of squatters, to conduct a search for explosive materials.

than four large improvised explosive devices were detonated near a traffic circle in the district, which led to the suspicions.

Operation Cobra Sweep was a joint effort involving Iraqi Policemen, (IPs), from the Muthana IP station, Iraqi National Guardsmen, (ING), and Soldiers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

"Our intent was to find IED makers, IED materials and possible storage places for IEDs in an area that is in very close proximity to an IED-laden area," said Capt. Steven Gventer, officer-in-charge of the operation and Company C commander.

After the Cobra troopers and ING Soldiers secured the cordon surrounding the eight-building complex, the IP trucks rolled in with lights flashing.

"Everything happened simultaneously," Gventer

said. "We secured the area while the IPs searched three to four buildings at a time."

Although there were traces of explosives in a few rooms, ultimately nothing was found except for a few firearms.

Despite the no-show of IED contraband, the operation was still an excellent demonstration of coordination, Gventer said, because of the massive logistics involved in coordinating it.

"In addition to coordinating with the immediate

IPs and ING Soldiers, we also had both an American and an Iraqi [explosive ordnance disposal] team standing by in case we found any explosives."

"On top of that, we had to get permission to work in that area, since it falls just outside my unit's patrol-zone, in the 39th Brigade Combat Team's sector," he said. "Truthfully, it went much smoother than I had anticipated."

There were no shots fired and no injuries.



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Capt. Steven Gventer, commander of Company C, 2-8 Cavalry, gives instructions to Iraqi Police officers during Operation Cobra Sweep July 28.

3rd BCT Installs Sewer Pipes, Paves Roads

By Spc. Jan Critchfield
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BAGHDAD, Iraq—When the 1st Cavalry Division arrived, Al-Wahda had almost exclusively dirt roads and an ancient, collapsing sewer system. The division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team has been working since March to improve what they consider essential services, like sewage and roadways. A ceremony marking the completion of a main sewer line and road pavement project in the Al-Wahda neighborhood of the

Karadah district took place July 26.

This latest project is part of a larger scheme to improve the Karadah district's sewer system by connecting it to the rest of the city and eventually laying pipe that will serve individual buildings.

"All of Karadah's sewage now flows to a wastewater treatment plant completed about a month ago," said Lt. Col. Brian Dosa, commander of 8th ENG, 3 BCT. "The most important part of a sewer project ... you can't see

[it], it's all under the ground. But under the ground there are some very large pipes that are taking the sewage from all of Karadah out to the Baghdad mainline, and ultimately to a wastewater treatment plant."

Part of the project was also to improve the routing of excess runoff, which caused areas in Al-Wahda to flood with raw sewage when it rained.

"The area is flat, so wherever there's low ground, you're going to see flooding in a major way,"

said Capt. Brad Morgan, an 8th ENG construction officer who helped coordinate the project.

The project was started June 10 and cost \$97,000 of Commander's Emergency Relief Program (CERP) funds, a pool of money consisting of funds recovered from the former Iraqi regime and funds allocated to the 8th Engineers by the United States Congress.

"The sewer situation here is better than in the past," said Ismail Khalil, current chairman of the Al-Wahda Neighborhood Council, through a translator.

"This is a very important project for the people here," he said. "As you can see now, no trash, no smell, and the area is clean."

"We appreciate [the Multi-National Forces] because [they] supported the council," Khalil said. "There is good cooperation between Multi-National Forces and the new government. We hope that the people [of Iraq] will feel very good, because the people suffer too much from the former regime, and with the Coalition we hope that the future will be brighter."



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Children living in the Al-Wahda area of Baghdad show off bikes they can now ride through their neighborhood with-

out having to dodge pools of raw sewage, thanks to a project completed July 26 replacing aged sewers.

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

How are you?

Kayfu HALukum

Thursday

High: 108

Low: 80



Friday

High: 108

Low: 80



Saturday

High: 110

Low: 82



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27 Neighborhoods Band Together

From *Killeen Daily Herald*
KILLEEN, Texas — Barbecue pits were smoking Tuesday from Harker Heights to Copperas Cove, as residents put on all sorts

of block parties.

No, it wasn't a holiday, but rather the annual National Night Out, a nationwide crime-prevention program that encour-

ages neighbors to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and go outside to meet their neighbors.

In Killeen, 27 parties were set up throughout the city.

"This is great, especially with all the deployment," said Tammy Moseley, the Killeen Police Department coordinator of the city's National Night Out activities.

Moseley was out and about Tuesday evening trying to visit each of the scheduled events.

"We have them set up in many of the same neighborhoods, and it's going off great," Moseley said. "We have several people who have been doing it every year, and every year they

get more excited and get more things going on at their respective party."

Jeanne Voss, who resides on Imperial Drive, teamed up with Rebecca Morris on Carrollton for a block party to which the residents on both streets were invited.

"We have always done it on Carrollton," Voss said. "Everybody comes over here."

"This is our neighborhood, and we are trying to get everybody out," said Morris, as they listened to music played by The DJ's, Roger and Nancy Crager of Harker Heights. "It's our opportunity to get out and meet people to get everybody thinking about security of their neighborhood."



By Steve Traynor, *Killeen Daily Herald*

BETCHA THEY'VE GOT BEER -- Community members gather on Southport Drive in Killeen celebrating National Night Out, encouraging residents to take a stand against crime, drugs and alcohol abuse.

4th ID Getting Bigger Back at Fort Hood

From *Fort Hood Sentinel*
FORT HOOD, Texas - The addition of 5,000 troops to Fort Hood will not only form the 4th Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, but it will also be an economic boost for the area, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) said Tuesday.

"This will be wonderful for the local economy," Hutchison said in an exclusive interview with the *Sentinel*.



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"And of course the people of Central Texas love Fort Hood and they (can expect) the quality of life to improve (from the addition of the brigade)," she said.

Hutchinson, chairman of the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee, also pledged to prioritize the securing of necessary funds needed for housing and military construction the new brigade will require.

"I will do everything in my power to ensure Fort Hood has the funding and support necessary to welcome these new troops," she said.

In recent legislation, Hutchinson already added \$49.8 million for construction of a troop barracks complex and another \$28.2 million for a digital training range for Fort Hood to

the \$10 billion Senate Military Construction Appropriations Act of 2005.

Last week's announcement by Hutchinson that 5,000 troops would be assigned to Fort Hood had

been anticipated and came just one week after Gov. Rick Perry promised \$20.5 million worth of state funding for road improvements to the area.



Fort Hood Sentinel

NOT HORSING AROUND -- Sgt. Melanie Waldman saddles up to take one of the 1st Cav. Div. horses for a morning ride. For the nine 1st Cav. Horse Detachment Soldiers left in the rear, keeping up daily operations at the stables and taking care of the more than 30 horses is a constant affair.

'Wake Up Call' Nets USA Basketball 3-Point Victory

From *FOXSports.com*

COLOGNE, Germany — The Americans needed a final-shot 3-pointer by Allen Iverson from just across midcourt Wednesday to pull out an 80-77 exhibition victory over Germany - a team that failed to even qualify for the Athens Games.

A day after losing 95-78 to unheralded Italy, the U.S. players celebrated their last-gasp triumph against Germany as though they had won an NBA championship.

When Iverson's second 3-pointer in the final minutes went through the net, two-time league MVP Tim Duncan raised a finger to the sky as if to say, "We're No. 1!"

Other team members piled atop Iverson on the court.

"That was great. It felt good because it was the first time in my life I hit a buzzer beater like that," Iverson said. "That's what basketball is all about."

Duncan led the Americans with 19 points, followed by Carmelo Anthony with 16 and Iverson with 15.

But the United States again struggled against a team thought to be no competition. The Germans' top player, Dallas Mavericks All-Star Dirk Nowitzki, appeared to have sent the game to overtime by making a 3-pointer over two defenders to tie the score at 77 with 3.2 seconds left.

Nowitzki scored a game-high 32 points. But Iverson, a U.S. co-captain, came through with his own clutch shot, one day after

calling the upset rout against Italy "a wakeup call."

That 17-point difference was the largest margin of defeat for an NBA-stocked U.S. team.

"We made a lot of improvements over the game last night, but we have a long ways to go," U.S. coach Larry Brown said.

One of Iverson's other four 3-pointers came with 1:18 left, staking the Americans to a 75-72 lead. Nowitzki cut that deficit to 75-74 with two free throws with 35 seconds to go.

Anthony, the Denver Nuggets' star rookie, made two foul shots to make it 77-74, setting up the final long-distance drama.

The Americans showed more intensity and better defense from the start than against Italy. Iverson set the tone in the opening minutes, hounding German point guard Steffen Hamann until jarring the ball loose and finishing a

fastbreak with a layup.

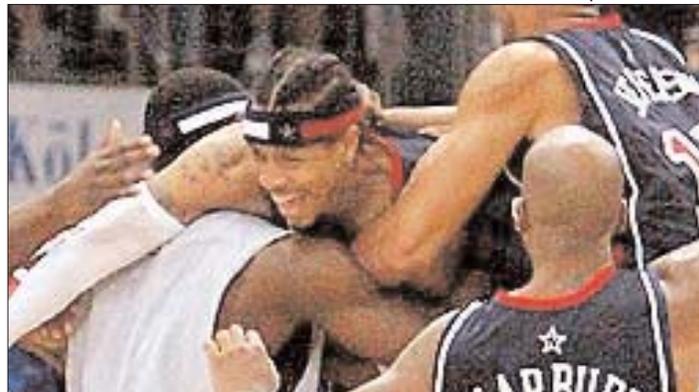
"It's my job to set an example on defense and then the others will follow," the 76ers guard said.

But the Germans, who beat Italy 85-77 three days ago, lacked the stellar outside shooters that proved so hard to handle for the U.S. team against the Italians.



AP Photo

German star hoopster Dirk Nowitzki shoots over Lamar Odom in an exhibition loss to Team USA. Nowitzki, a Dallas Maverick all-star, led all scorers with 32 points.



AP Photo

Team USA co-captain Allen Iverson is mobbed by teammates following his buzzer-beating 3-point shot which enabled the Americans to escape Cologne with a 80-77 win. Iverson finished the contest with 15 points. Tim Duncan led Team USA with 19.

Sports Shorts

Cowboys' QB Gets the Boot

DALLAS --National Football League sources told *FOX NFL Sunday* insider John Czarnecki that quarterback Quincy Carter would be released by Dallas after testing positive for a banned substance. Team owner Jerry Jones and coach Bill Parcells declined to elaborate on the move. However, Jones said: "It was not a difficult decision for me." Carter entered the league in the substance abuse program. A second positive test warrants a four-game fine, under NFL rules, and not a suspension. Two sources told Czarnecki the banned substance was cocaine.

Bryant's Accuser May Drop Case

DENVER (AP) -- John Clune, an attorney for the 20-year-old woman accusing Los Angeles Laker star Kobe Bryant of rape, said his client will talk with prosecutors soon about whether or not to proceed with a criminal trial. He did not rule out a civil suit, however. "Whether it proceeds criminally or civilly or both, justice is going to be had for this young woman," he said.

Raider Released

NAPA, Calif. (AP) -- Sixteen-year veteran receiver Tim Brown asked for his release, rather than accept a sharply reduced role in the upcoming season. At a news conference Wednesday, Brown parted ways with Raider owner Al Davis, with Jerry Rice looking on.