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## Joint security efforts

*Military police join forces with Iraqi police to stop common criminals in Mosul*

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Soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, 101<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) are conducting patrols with the local law-enforcement, supporting the needs of Mosul, Iraq, until the local police can handle the responsibilities. "These patrols are geared to gain trust.

"More or less we are a stability patrol; we make sure everyone understands why we're here and to keep the peace in the interim period of the government," said Scarborough, Maine native, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Garth MacDonald, NCOIC, 2nd Plt..

"There are people out there that want to destabilize the area and are in a struggle for power," MacDonald said.

"We are looking for the ones who would destabilize the peace that we have in place now, and get the community to the



Photo by Spc. Blake Kent

The 101st Military Police Company, 101st Airborne Division, has begun operations with the Mosul Police Department. 1st Lt. Diana Nalley, of Leonardtown, Maryland, is shown the sectors of the city of Mosul by two Iraqi police officers.

point where they can govern themselves."

"The community has been very receptive in working with the police," said 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon's commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Diana Nalley, 101st Military Police. The local police officers are very eager to work with the MPs as well."

The MPs and police have already had success together in stopping looters and finding a black-market weapon

cache.

"We did a raid on a weapons market in the area. When we put the guy we apprehended into the back of the vehicle, the people were coming up to see what was happening and applauding," Nalley said, characterizing the sort of response the MPs have had to their joint efforts.

150 Iraqi police currently work from the police station in Mosul, while another 100 police are in other stations in the city.

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## Trains roll from Mosul to Baghdad again

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By Pfc. Mary Rose Xenikakis  
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Rail workers and U.S. Army soldiers are riding the rails south to Baghdad repairing the damaged tracks along the way.

They started working together Sunday (April 27) to assess and rebuild the damaged rails throughout Iraq. Many of the railways both in northern and in southern Iraq were damaged due to the war.

Engineer and manager of the Mosul rail station, Akram Ahmed Mohammed said the employees of the railway are trying to repair what was damaged and maintain their rails so they can move trains from Mosul to Baghdad, and further south.

Akram said the soldiers have been helping them with security and the repair of the railway.

Commander of the 1/502 Infantry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Lt. Col. William Hickman said, "It's been a close

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working relationship, we’ve been providing them security while they get their rail station running again.”

The railway has been a vital piece in the economical situation in Iraq. It’s used to transport food, petrol and passengers throughout Iraq. Railway transportation is popular among Iraqis who travel from Baghdad to Mosul and back. Traveling on the railway is cheaper and safer than other means of transportation in Iraq.

Not only is the railway necessary for food and passengers, but it’s the great source of transportation for petrol. Since the railway was destroyed Mosul has had a shortage of petrol.



*Photo by Spc. Blake Kent*

*Pfc. Kyle Nagashima of the 3rd Platoon B company, 2/502, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), stands a long night's watch as gunfire throughout the city of Mosul marks the birthday of Saddam Hussein, April 28.*

**Arabic Expressions**

Here are some phrases in English to Arabic to make your, all expense-paid vacation in Iraq a little more comfortable. (say firmly)

<b>English</b>	<b>Arabic</b>
Hello.	Marhaban
Please?	men FADlek
Yes.	na’am
No.	la
Be Careful.	dear balek
Back Up.	irjah warah

**Doc’s Dissertations**

There are several kinds of parasites in water and in soil that can penetrate human skin.

**Prevention of diseases:**

Avoid swimming, wading or bathing in bodies of water.

Avoid going barefoot or lying directly on the ground.

Only use potable water.

**Tidbits**

A big thanks to Staff Sgt. Christopher Dorsey for the use of the many latrines throughout the building that are now functional. Please follow the signs posted in the building.

Everyone is a security, be aware of your surroundings in and out side of the building. Force Protection Officer Point of Contact : Capt. “Bill” Dougherty

Much appreciation to Sgt 1st Class Bobby Perdue and all those who helped in the coordination of the life support in the building.

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