



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Second Bali bombing suspect arrested

BALI, Indonesia — Indonesian police said Tuesday they have arrested two possible suspects in the Bali bombings. Police in western Indonesia arrested a man Monday and charged him with falsifying travel documents. A second man was detained in Jakarta Tuesday. After receiving information from the public, the first arrest was made Monday at the suspect's home in Medan in Northern Sumatra. Police said the man told them he was planning to travel to Penang, Malaysia. Local media reported on Monday that Indonesian police had identified three of the Bali bombing suspects and were searching possible hideouts. The bomb blasts killed at least 180 people — many of them Australian tourists — and injured hundreds more when they ripped through Bali's popular nightclub district Oct. 12.

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Locals prove pen mightier than sword

Story & photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Disguised as a ball point pen, a .22 caliber weapon has raised cautions on Bagram Air Base.

“We started receiving reports from soldiers that they have been approached by local nationals who were trying to sell these for \$30 to \$60,” said Maj. Brian O’Hare, Provost Marshal Office.

If approached, O’Hare said soldiers are to notify the Provost



The PMO alerts Coalition servicemembers to pens like this one because it serves a deadly purpose.

Marshal Office and give as much information as possible. Soldiers shouldn’t be buying these items he explains.

Purchasing one would be breaking general order number one

and the offenders would be subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

“There are more dangers than the obvious,” said O’Hare. If you were to purchase one and

tried to use it could explode. The malfunctions are high on these items.”

The firing pin is cocked back by pulling the silver end piece that would, on a regular pen, extract the writing tip, and the “trigger” looks like a regular clip in a pen.

“Soldiers should pay particular attention if you see a local worker with a pen. Treat it like an (unexploded ordinance) and be on the alert,” said O’Hare.

The PMO and the local community are taking precautionary actions.

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ANA training continues through Ramadan



A trainee with the 5th Battalion of the Afghan National Army holds up concertina wire as their battle buddy low crawls through. Even though the trainees will be fasting for Ramadan, they will continue their training.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Trainers at the Kabul Military Training Center are adjusting their schedules to give the 4th and 5th Battalions of the Afghan National Army a chance to practice their religion during Ramadan.

While training will not stop, it will be slowed down.

Ramadan, the Muslims’ holy month, begins today. During this time, they fast each day from dawn

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“We are searching local nationals for any writing utensils,” said O’Hare. “There is also increased awareness by command notification, and the Bagram police chief has been asked for his assistance.”

The local police are setting up sting operations in the Bagram area.

For more information, call the PMO at DSN 303-587-6095.

Labor Day Run t-shirts

The Army Space Command Labor Day Run t-shirts — sizes small, medium and extra large — have arrived. For more information, call Maj. Robert Zaza, 1st Lt. Shawn Price or Sgt. Samuel Huseby at DSN 303-587-5663, or stop by the Combined Joint Task Force - 180 Information Warfare Cell.



Photo by Cpl. Cesar Fernandez, 930th Army Liaison Team

Open ranks, march

2nd Lt. Mark Whitehead, Intelligence, 930th Army Liaison Team, Homestead, Fla., conducts a weekly in-ranks inspection of the trainees at the Afghan National Army compound in Kabul.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies



The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “He’s Got Game” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Young Guns,” showing at the same time.

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to dusk, for 30 days. They must also abstain from pleasures like sexual contact, gum chewing and even smelling flowers. At dusk, according to Tem, an interpreter at KMTC, they wash their hands and face, then go to their mosque and pray.

“If you don’t (wash yourself first), it is illegal to pray,” Tem said.

Following prayer, they may eat. They eat again at midnight.

Following Ramadan, Muslims partake in a three-day feast called Bairam.

“We eat better during this time than in other months,” Tem said.

Trainers say they will take the religious practice into consideration.

“We’ll still continue training, and the soldiers will still get the amount of hours needed to meet those requirements, but the difference is we have to take time for their needs for prayer time,” said Master Sgt. Mo, a 5th BANA instructor and Special Forces soldier.

For security reasons, U.S. Special Operations Forces soldiers are identified only by their rank and first names.

One large consideration will be fasting. Not even water can be consumed during this time. The only exception is if the Muslim is sick or pregnant.

“We have to look at their needs physically because they are fasting,” Mo said.

“The biggest effect of Ramadan is that we’ll have to slow down our training in the afternoon because they may be tired and out of energy,” added Sgt. 1st Class Lars, an SF trainer with the 5th BANA.

Adjusting training isn’t a new concept at KMTC. Sgt. 1st Class Mark, also a 5th BANA instructor and SF soldier, explained that training begins after the trainees’ morning prayer, and they are given time at lunch and dinner to pray as well.

“They have time to still fulfill their religious requirements,” he said, “because it’s a natural way of life here, just like back in the United States.”

HIND SIGHT

1812

The first winter snow falls on the French Army as Napoleon Bonaparte retreats from Moscow.

1891

Comanche, the only 7th Cavalry horse to survive George Armstrong Custer's "Last Stand" at the Little Bighorn, dies at Fort Riley, Kansas.

1923

As European inflation soars, one loaf of bread in Berlin is reported to be worth about 140 billion German marks.

1986

The Iran arms-for-hostages deal is revealed, damaging the Reagan administration.

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Newest cancer fighters? Garlic, onions

WASHINGTON — A diet rich in garlic, shallots and onions may cut the risk of prostate cancer in half, according to a study. The study, appearing this week in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, is based on interviews with 238 men with prostate cancer and 471 men who were free of the disease. Men in the study, all residents of Shanghai, China, were asked how frequently they ate 122 food items. The results showed that those who ate more than nine grams a day from the allium food group were about 50 percent less likely to have prostate cancer than those who ate less of the foods. The allium food group includes garlic, scallions, chives, leeks and onions. Scallions seemed to be the most protective. According to the study, men who ate about a tenth of an ounce or more a day of scallions reduced their prostate cancer risk by about 70 percent. For garlic consumption of the same amount, the prostate cancer risk was reduced by about 53 percent.

Lightning in Brazil sets shocking record

RIODE JANEIRO, Brazil — Tropical Brazil is the country most struck by lightning in the world and it suffers the highest death toll and serious economic damage from electric thunderstorms, new research showed Tuesday. The country is struck by 70 million lightning bolts a year, or between two and three electric discharges per second. Annually, about 100 people die in Latin America's largest country after being hit by lightning bolts. The total makes up some 10 percent of all lightning-related deaths in the world. Thunderbolts also inflict up to \$200 million in annual damage to power and telecommunications lines, other companies and private property. Seventy percent of frequent power blackouts across Brazil resulted from lightning.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Fog</i> H: 52F L: 47F	<i>Fog</i> H: 54F L: 46F
Kandahar:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 46F	<i>Haze</i> H: 81F L: 55F
Kabul:	<i>Rain</i> H: 61F L: 45F	<i>Rain</i> H: 64F L: 43F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Haze</i> H: 72F L: 42F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 73F L: 42F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Oklahoma	2.04
2. Ohio State	5.57
3. Miami, Fla	6.01
4. Texas	10.03
5. Washington State	13.05
6. Georgia	15.03
7. Notre Dame	15.33
8. Iowa	16.29
9. USC	19.37
10. Virginia Tech	20.88
11. Michigan	31.62
12. N.C. State	32.40
13. Florida State	33.75
14. Florida	36.95
15. Kansas State	38.20

Buckeyes not 'distracted'

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State is determined not to let the Bowl Championship Series rankings be a distraction.

"It's pretty simple," free Safety Donnie Nickey said. "We keep winning, we end up where we want to be."

Ranked No. 6 just two weeks ago in the complicated formula that determines the teams that will play for the national championship, the Buckeyes climbed to No. 2 Monday. Oklahoma is No. 1 in the BCS, Miami is third.

The Buckeyes have games left at Purdue (4-5) on Saturday, at Illinois (3-6), and at home against Michigan (7-2).

"If we take care of our business, the BCS will take care of itself," center Alex Stepanovich said. "At this point, they could put us anywhere and it doesn't matter. Because if you don't take care of your business in November, the rankings right now really won't mean a thing at the end of the year."

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

It's unanimous: Johnson wins fifth Cy Young

No, not on baseball. The Big Unit was getting ready to play Pebble Beach Golf Links when his latest honor was announced Tuesday, and rather than delay his round, Johnson grabbed a cell phone and talked about his fastballs and sliders while deciding among woods and wedges.

"I'm trying to make a putt on No. 2 right now," he said, the California coast off to his side.

No doubt, his score Tuesday was far lower than his perennially high strikeout total.

Johnson was a unanimous pick over Arizona teammate Curt Schilling, winning a record-tying fourth straight National League Cy Young and fifth overall — one short of Roger Clemens' record.

The Big Unit, who will earn an additional \$4 million because of the award, received all 32 first-place votes and 160 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"The big picture, obviously, is to get to the World Series. If you remain consistent and have a good year, it's kind of a bonus," Johnson said, referring to the award. "This has come from maintaining consistency, hard work and dedication, and my teammates being very supportive offensively, defensively and in the bullpen."

Schilling was runner-up for the second straight season, getting 29 second-place votes and three thirds for 90 points. Atlanta closer John Smoltz was third with 21 points.

Johnson matched Greg Maddux (1992-95) as the only pitchers to win four straight Cy Youngs and became the NL's 11th unanimous winner, the first since Maddux in 1995. Johnson and Schilling became the first pitchers to finish 1-2 in Cy Young voting in consecutive years.

With Lucas hurting, Rosenfels may start

DAVIE, Fla. — With five snaps under his belt, third-stringer Sage Rosenfels is the Miami Dolphins' most experienced healthy quarterback, and he may make his first NFL start by default Sunday against the archrival New York Jets.

Ray Lucas is questionable for the game against his former team because he bruised his right shoulder during the second quarter of Monday night's 24-10 loss at Green Bay. He left the game and Rosenfels went 0-for-3 in his first NFL appearance before Lucas returned and played the entire second half.

An MRI exam of Lucas' shoulder Tuesday showed no tears or broken bones, and it's uncertain whether he'll be able to practice this week, coach Dave Wannstedt said.

"He was hurting pretty good this morning," Wannstedt said.

Lucas again struggled in his second start replacing Jay Fiedler, who is expected to miss at least two more games with a broken right thumb. But the performance was an improvement on Lucas' six-turnover showing two weeks earlier in a loss to Buffalo.

2002 National Hockey League standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	
Philadelphia	18 pts
Pittsburgh	16 pts
N.Jersey	14 pts
N.Y. Rangers	10 pts
N.Y. Islanders	7 pts

Northeast	
Boston	16 pts
Montreal	12 pts
Ottawa	9 pts
Buffalo	9 pts
Toronto	8 pts

Southeast	
Tampa Bay	16 pts
Carolina	13 pts
Washington	11 pts
Florida	10 pts
Atlanta	4 pts



Western Conference

Central	
St. Louis	17 pts
Detroit	14 pts
Chicago	11 pts
Columbus	11 pts
Nashville	7 pts

Northwest	
Minnesota	20 pts
Vancouver	14 pts
Colorado	14 pts
Calgary	13 pts
Edmonton	10 pts

Pacific	
Dallas	16 pts
Los Angeles	15 pts
Phoenix	11 pts
San Jose	9 pts
Anaheim	9 pts

Wild win sixth of last eight games

LOS ANGELES — After struggling through its first two campaigns, Minnesota has emerged as one of this season's biggest surprises — thanks in part to the first player the franchise ever drafted.

Marian Gaborik scored three goals and Cliff Ronning had a goal and two assists as the Wild beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-2 Monday night for their sixth victory in eight games. Minnesota leads the Western Conference with 20 points (9-2-2).

"It's a good feeling," said Gaborik, the third overall choice in the 2000 draft. "It's a little surprising, but we've worked hard and we have to continue to work hard. This is good for our confidence. We've been strong with the puck and making the plays. We've just got to compete game after game."

Gaborik, who recorded his third career hat trick, had a power-play goal, a short-handed score and an empty-netter to increase his season total to 10.

"He's dangerous and he can score from anywhere," Ronning said. "I've played with a lot of great players — Pavel Bure, Alex Mogilny, Brett Hull — and Gabby's kind of a mixture of Bure and Mogilny. He has explosive speed, he can shoot the puck and he makes plays. He's still young, so who knows how good he can be?"

Pascal Dupuis had three assists for the Wild and Dwayne Roloson made 24 saves. Jaroslav Modry and rookie Alexander Frolov scored for the Kings. Modry's goal was his fourth, matching the defenseman's entire total over 80 games last season. Frolov's was his fourth, and third in two games.



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