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News briefs

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Large weapons cache found in Afghanistan

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — British marines broke into a suspicious village compound and chanced upon one of the largest weapons caches yet uncovered in southeastern Afghanistan — rooms stacked high with hundreds of mortars, rockets and heavy weapons.

Israeli forces re-enter Ramallah

RAMALLAH, West Bank — At least 80 Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers entered Ramallah early Monday from multiple directions, according to Palestinian security sources and witnesses. The Palestinian sources said the tanks and APCs surrounded the compound of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and that Israeli snipers had taken up positions around the offices.

U.S., NATO look at Alliance enlargement

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The theme for NATO's November summit in Prague, Czech Republic, will be "new capabilities, new members and new relationships," said Ian Brzezinski, deputy assistant defense secretary for NATO and European Affairs.

Brzezinski and U.S. European Command chief Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston testified June 19 before the House International Relations Committee.

Brzezinski said NATO will consider admitting new nations into the

North Atlantic Alliance at the Prague summit. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Albania have applied for membership.

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Lt. Col. James J. Gardon presents medical supplies, publications and toys to the Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital in Kabul and Bara Katullah.

Donations help strengthen Afghan hospitals

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A recent donation delivery brings the total to some 13,000 medical publications now in use throughout Afghanistan, thanks to the Public Health

Team of the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force in Kabul.

Public Health delivered medical publications and supplies to the Herat Hospital, Maiwand Hospital, Attaturk Children's Hospital, Kabul University's Pharmacology Department and to the Indira

Ghandi Children's Hospital.

Afghanistan's medical facilities are in dire condition after 23 years of war and neglect. The Taliban burned all Western medical reference books, textbooks and journals during their control of Afghanistan. The unit hopes

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that these types of donations will help bring medical libraries in Afghanistan up to standard.

“It all started with my former school, The University of New York at Buffalo,” said Lt. Col. James J. Gardon, acting chief of the CJCMOTF Public Health Team.

He explained that the school placed a request on their website, which created a snowballing effect. An editor for Web MD’s Medscape Nursing section placed a one-page appeal, requesting books, journals, medical supplies and people willing to translate materials into local languages.

Three hundred sets of blood pressure devices and stethoscopes were pledged by the President/CEO of **AllHeart.com**, which bills itself as the largest online store for medical professionals. **AllHeart.com** also used its vendor relationships for additional donations.

“As an example, Jamhariot Hospital, a 200-bed facility, only had two stethoscopes and two blood pressure cuffs when we first started this project. The International Security Assistance Force regards Jamhariot as *the* emergency room for Kabul,” Gardon said.

Now, according to Gardon, the Jamhariot Hospital has 20 blood pressure

cuffs, 30 stethoscopes, plus 50 medical books and around 100 medical journals.

The continuing donation effort has extended to nursing, veterinary, dental and biomedical publications. The University of Kabul has also received a donation of pharmacology books and publications.

Public Health’s donation drive is just one of many ways that CJCMOTF provides humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan.

Its mission is facilitating continued good relations with local authorities and the Afghan people, as well as identifying and coordinating civil-military projects throughout Afghanistan.

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NATO enlargement is in America’s interests, he said. No nation would be invited to join, he continued, that doesn’t provide new capabilities to the group.

“Enlargement reinforces NATO’s capabilities by introducing into its ranks allies committed to contributing to the full spectrum of alliance missions and responsibilities,” Brzezinski said to the representatives.

On a broader level, he said, NATO enlargement would help Europe become more effective in dealing with new global challenges.

“Enlargement works to eliminate the still-existing and destabilizing residues of the Cold War,” he said. Brzezinski emphasized that a European continent not worried about the remains of the Cold War would be able “to direct its attention and military assets to the new and urgent challenges of the post-9/11 era.”

NATO recognizes the need for change. Alliance Secretary-General Lord George Robertson told the American

Enterprise Institute June 20 that “terrorism has mutated from being a nation-specific problem of law enforcement into a lethal threat to national security and to international stability.

Terrorists are willing to kill indiscriminately, and that fact has transformed terrorism into the greatest security challenge, Robertson said.

“Al Qaeda planned to kill thousands of people on September the 11th by turning airliners into deadly missiles,” he said. “There can be no doubt that if they gain access to other, even more potent weapons of mass destruction, then they will use them without a second thought.”

The alliance needs capabilities to combat these threats and to ensure stability in Europe, Ralston told the House committee.

“NATO remains a vibrant, strategically relevant alliance, playing an exceptionally important role in maintaining greater European regional stability and security while also making vital contributions to the global war on terrorism,” he said.

Since Sept. 11, the alliance has proven its worth and flex-

ibility, Ralston remarked. It invoked Article V of the North Atlantic Charter on Sept. 12 and offered equipment, personnel, intelligence and other resources to the United States, he added.

“Several NATO allies, as well as other nations within our area of responsibility, have provided intelligence, frozen terrorists’ financial assets, detained suspected terrorists in their respective countries, provided basing and overflight rights and other forms of key support in our global efforts to combat terrorism,” Ralston said.

“Some NATO nations provided cargo aircraft, manpower and expertise to prepare and load cargo pallets for shipment in support of the humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan,” he continued. “Some contributed directly to the strike missions in Afghanistan, and several NATO allies are contributing to the International Security Assistance Force there today. Without an aggressive and continuous security cooperation program, many of these contributions would not have been possible.”

Any NATO enlargement would have to take into account capabilities — military, political

or geographic — that nations might bring to the table.

Brzezinski said NATO enlargement has reinforced U.S. and alliance efforts toward better relations with Russia. “Despite predictions of some, relations between Russia and Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary have actually improved dramatically since their accession to NATO,” he said.

In joining the pact, aspirant countries will be part of the most technologically advanced military alliance in the world. Aspirants must be ready for the responsibility. All 10 hopefuls are members of the alliance’s Partnership for Peace and have contributed to NATO’s missions in the Balkans. Further, all have membership action plans and periodic consultations with the alliance to track progress.

“Each aspirant brings a different set of challenges in the military reform area, and each requires different approaches to defense reform,” Brzezinski said.

The countries have made significant progress in fitting into the NATO structure, but “no aspirant should rest on its laurels expecting a positive answer at Prague,” he said.

HIND SIGHT

1638

A lunar eclipse becomes the first astronomical event recorded in U.S.

1942

British RAF staged a 1,000 bomb raid on Bremen Germany (WW II)

1950

Korean conflict begins; North Korea invades South Korea

1961

Iraq announces that Kuwait is a part of Iraq (Kuwait disagrees)

1969

Longest tennis match in Wimbeldon history, Pancho Gonzalez beats Charles Pasarell in 112 game (5 hours, 12 minutes) marathon



Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Ribbon cutting

Col. Albert Love, Logistical Task Force-507 commander, cuts the ribbon officially opening the Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan post office. He is assisted by LTF-507 Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Silva and Sgt. 1st Class Don Kunzer, of the 279th Engineer Company. The ceremony took place Saturday.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>Bagram:</u>	Showers	Partly cloudy
	H: 97F L: 70F	H: 99F L: 66F
<u>Kandahar:</u>	Haze	Haze
	H: 111F L: 72F	H: 108F L: 70F
<u>Kabul:</u>	Showers	Partly cloudy
	H: 91F L: 59F	H: 91F L: 57F
<u>Uzbekistan:</u>	Clear	Clear
	H: 96F L: 53F	H: 96F L: 53F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

Stat-O-Matic Past College World Series Champions

2002- Texas 12-6 South Carolina
 2001- Miami (FLA) 12-1 Stanford
 2000- LSU 12-5 Stanford
 1999- Miami (FLA) 6-5 Florida State
 1998- USC 21-14 Arizona State
 1997- LSU 13-6 Alabama
 1996- LSU 9-8 Miami (FLA)
 1995- CS Fullerton 11-5 USC
 1994- Oklahoma 13-5 Georgia Tech
 1993- LSU 8-0 Wichita State

2002 World Cup First Round Standings

Group A			Group E		
x-Denmark	2-0-1	7	x-Germany	2-0-1	7
y-Senegal	1-0-2	5	y-Ireland	1-0-2	5
Uruguay	0-1-2	2	Cameroon	1-1-1	4
France	0-2-1	1	Saudi Arabia	0-3-0	0
Group B			Group F		
x-Spain	3-0-0	9	x-Sweden	1-0-2	5
y-Paraguay	1-1-1	4	y-England	1-0-2	5
South Africa	1-1-1	4	Argentina	1-1-1	4
Slovenia	0-3-0	0	Nigeria	0-2-1	1
Group C			Group G		
x-Brazil	3-0-0	9	x-Mexico	2-0-1	7
y-Turkey	1-1-1	4	y-Italy	1-1-1	4
Costa Rica	1-1-1	4	Croatia	1-2-0	3
China	0-3-0	0	Ecuador	1-2-0	3
Group D			Group H		
x-South Korea	2-0-1	7	x-Japan	2-0-1	7
y-United States	1-1-1	4	y-Belgium	1-0-2	5
Portugal	1-2-0	3	Russia	1-2-0	3
Poland	1-2-0	3	Tunisia	0-2-1	1



Photo by Ron Smith

Hockey anyone?

Canadian soldiers at Kandahar Air Field try to beat the heat by playing hockey in a rink they constructed near the air field.

World Cup second round schedule

Germany 1-0 Paraguay
 England 3-0 Denmark
 Senegal 2-1, OT, Sweden
 Spain 1-1 Ireland (Spain advances 3-2 PKs)
 United States 2-0 Mexico
 Brazil 2-0 Belgium
 Turkey 1-0 Japan
 South Korea 2-1, OT, Italy

World Cup quarterfinals

Germany 1-0 United States
 Brazil 1-0 England
 Turkey 1-0, OT, Senegal
 South Korea 0-0 Spain (S. Korea wins 5-3 in PKs)

World Cup semifinals

Today— Germany v. South Korea
 Wednesday — Brazil v. Turkey

World Cup Final @ Yokohama, Japan

June 30 — Semifinal winners

July 4th 10K run

Iron Rakkasan will host an Independence Day 10k Run at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The entry fee is \$15.

To sign up, visit the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment S-4 shop; any 3rd Bn., 187th Inf. company headquarters in Viper City; at the mayor's office in Motel 6; or at the SSA.

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