



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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China angered by U.S. sanctions

WASHINGTON — China has insisted the U.S. reverse its decision to impose “unjustified” sanctions against Chinese companies accused of arms or technology sales to Iran. State Department Spokesman Richard Boucher confirmed on Friday that two-year sanctions will be imposed against 10 individuals or countries for transferring to Iran equipment and technology prohibited under U.S. export rules.

Maimed Kenyans win war payout

LONDON, England — Kenyan tribes-people bereaved or maimed by British Army explosives left on their land have been awarded £4.5 million (\$7.1) in an out-of-court settlement. Lawyers for the 228 Masai and Samburu tribes-people alleged their clients were injured by munitions left over from British Army war games. A Ministry of Defense spokeswoman said the payment had been agreed after two days of mediation by the Central Executive of Dispute Resolution.

Bush visits Fort Drum, speaks with troops

By Gerry J. Gilmore
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WASHINGTON — The commander-in-chief Friday, praised 10th Mountain Division soldiers — some of whom battled al Qaeda and Taliban troops in Afghanistan — while visiting the unit’s Fort Drum headquarters in Watertown, N.Y.

President George W. Bush saluted the 10th Mountain troops, noting they have “a vital mission” which they do well. He also lauded other service men and women, military families and veterans.

“I’m honored to serve with you,” the president said.



Photo by Tina Hager

President George W. Bush addresses troops of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., on Friday.

Bush said the 10th Mountain’s soldiers and other members of the nation’s armed forces are making America’s resolution clear to both terrorists and tyrants.

“We will prepare delib-

erately and act decisively,” the president said. “America will not leave the safety of our people and the future of peace in the hands of a few evil and destructive men.

“We will defeat the en-

emies of freedom,” Bush emphasized.

Bush said the 10th Mountain fought well in the snow and cold against al Qaeda and Taliban forces

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USMC commandant tapped for SACEUR

By Gerry J. Gilmore
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WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush has nominated the Marine Corp’s senior officer to take over the reins of the U.S. military’s top two European commands.

The president selected Marine



Gen. James L. Jones

Corps Commandant Gen. James L. Jones Jr. to succeed Air Force Gen. Joseph W. Ralston as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

As SACEUR, Jones would become NATO’s senior military commander in Europe. Jones is also nominated for assignment as commander, U.S. European Command. Both nominations have to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

On April 21, 1999, Jones was nominated for appointment to four-star general rank and assignment as the 32nd commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to

general on June 30, 1999, and assumed his current post on July 1, 1999.

U.S. EUCOM is a unified combatant command whose mission is to maintain ready forces to conduct the full spectrum of military operations unilaterally or in concert with the coalition partners; to enhance transatlantic security through support NATO; to promote regional stability; and advance U.S. interests in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

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Photos by Spc. LaTorry Sidney, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Sgt. 1st Class Hosea Bolden leads praise and worship at the beginning of the Gospel Explosion held at the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operation Task Force compound in Kabul.

Kabul comes alive with sounds of gospel

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — On Friday, after several days of practice, the Bagram Air Base Gospel Choir took their show on the road for the first time.

“We had done a Gospel Explosion on June 21 at Bagram. Those who attended suggested we spread the explosion,” said Sgt. 1st Class Hosea Bolden, gospel pastor. “So, we went to Kabul because we wanted to go out and share our gospel.”

With an audience of approximately 50 listeners, to include Afghans, the choir began their show.

“I guess they came for entertainment, but our show is more than entertainment — it’s also praise and worship,” Bolden said. “They got more than they came for.”

“We started the program like a regular service, but we cater to a praise and worship service with skits and dancing,” he said. “We try to encompass everyone who attends the service. We have sing-

alongs, solos, dancing and rap. We try to reach all generations of people. It’s not just a particular segment of music. It reaches everyone. We reach all nationalities.”

Already a family, the team of 18 caters to each other’s needs.

“The crew is very special,”

Bolden said. “We’ve grown as a family since we’ve been doing this. We try to groom each other. Everyone brings their special talents, and we work together to build it up.”

The choir sings each Sunday evening at 7 p.m. (L) at Bagram’s Enduring Faith Chapel. Their next concert is scheduled for Sunday at Bagram Air Base. Read the *Freedom Watch* for more information on the upcoming show.



Staff Sgt. Wyman Loveless speaks with an audience member as the choir welcomes the crowd to the show.



Airman Cameron Swanson sings one of the first solos of the evening.

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in March during the battle of Shahi Khot valley in eastern Afghanistan.

That battle left the Taliban “in ruins,” and the Afghanistan people, liberated, Bush told a sea of cheering 10th Mountain soldiers.

Bush remarked that division troops cleared out more than 100 enemy-held caves and seized 500 stockpiles of ammunition during duty in Afghanistan. And, “no cave,” he noted, was deep enough to shelter the Taliban and Al Qaeda from American forces.

The United States is not only fighting a war “against the advance of terror and its agents,” Bush said. The struggle is for democracy, freedom and human dignity.

The United States will use diplomacy, “when possible,” as a tool in the war against global terrorism, Bush remarked. However, the president emphasized that America will also use “force, when necessary” in combating terrorists, noting that 60,000 U.S. troops are deployed worldwide

in the war.

Bush has accused some nations of harboring terrorists and developing and storing weapons of mass destruction. Those countries, he added, are also dangers to freedom.

“Against such enemies we cannot sit quietly and hope for the best,” Bush continued, “To ignore this mounting danger is to invite it.

“America must act against these terrible threats before they are fully formed,” he said.

Bush told the troops they’d be compensated for their labors, noting that he’d initiated the largest military pay increase in 20 years. American troops, he added, should also not worry about coming under the jurisdiction of the recently established International Criminal Court.

Bush told the 10th Mountain soldiers that they and other Americans have arrived at “a decisive moment” in the history of freedom. “As Commander-in-Chief I leave you this message: ‘Be proud, be strong, and be ready,’” Bush said.

“May God bless you all,” he concluded.

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The U.S. EUCOM area of responsibility covers more than 13 million square miles and includes 91 countries and territories. Several other countries and territories are considered to be part of our area of interest.

Ralston became the commander-in-chief, U.S. European Command on May 2, 2000, and supreme allied commander Europe on May 3, 2000. Ralston commands one of the nine unified combatant commands in the Defense Department. Before this assignment, Ralston was the vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity, he was the second highest-ranking military officer in the Armed Forces.

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Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 91F L: 72F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 93F L: 72F
Khandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 108F L: 77F	<i>Haze</i> H: 104F L: 73F
Kabul:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 86F L: 68F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 88F L: 66F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Clear</i> H: 102F L: 71F	<i>Clear</i> H: 102F L: 71F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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In the end, it's Els

It was a long and emotional weekend for Ernie Els, who would show brilliance and befuddlement virtually back-to-back. He had the British Open in the bag several times Sunday, but then would let everyone take a peek at it. In the end, after a final-round 70 for a 6-under 278, he outlasted Thomas Levet in sudden death after Stuart Appleby and Steve Elkington dropped out after a record-breaking four-way, four-hole playoff.

Complete collapse

The Red Sox self-destructed in the ninth inning to watch the Yankees pull further ahead in the AL East on Sunday. Trot Nixon's error allowed the tying run to score, and then closer as Ugueth Urbina walked in the winning run. New York rallied to defeat Boston 9-8 to extend their lead to four games.

Point of contention

Alvin Gentry knew it. Elgin Baylor knew it. Evidently, Donald Sterling didn't know the Clippers needed a point guard and not more big men, writes ESPN.com's Frank Hughes. Rookies Chris Wilcox and Melvin Ely find themselves facing some serious pine time in L.A., but Sterling can make up for his mistake by trading for Baron Davis or Andre Miller, says Insider's Chad Ford.

Setting the score

After having lost to Norway the previous four times, the U.S. women wanted to defeat their top rival badly. The U.S. did just that Sunday afternoon, pounding Norway 4-0 in an exhibition in Blaine, Minn. Cindy Parlow scored two goals and Tiffeny Milbrett and Mia Hamm scored one each in the rout.

Is Eddie enough?

After losing Curtis Joseph to the Red Wings, the Maple Leafs enlisted Ed Belfour as their No. 1 goalie. But without any major adjustments on offense or defense, ESPN.com's Graham Hays wonders: Can Eddie the Eagle carry the Leafs?

Campbell beating cancer

Edna Campbell's career has taken her through three continents and six professional leagues. But nothing has challenged her more than the breast cancer she was diagnosed with last February. Still, less than six months later, Campbell's doctors believe she has it beaten, and that she'll eventually return to Sacramento's lineup.

Armstrong finishes third in 14th leg

Thanks to a stunning sprint up the formidable Mont Ventoux on Sunday, Lance Armstrong stretched his lead over Joseba Beloki in the standings to 4 minutes, 21 seconds.

The run wasn't enough for the Texan to take the stage, though. Armstrong finished third, 2:20 behind winner Richard Virenque of France, who led for the last 125 miles of the 137-mile 14th leg.

2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
N.Y. Yankees	62-36	.633	-	
Boston	57-39	.594	4	
Baltimore	47-49	.490	14	

American League Central				GB
Minnesota	59-41	.590	-	
Chicago (AL)	46-54	.460	13	
Kansas City	43-55	.439	15	

American League West				GB
Seattle	60-38	.612	-	
Anaheim	57-39	.594	2	
Oakland	58-41	.586	2.5	

National League East				GB
Atlanta	64-35	.646	-	
N.Y. Mets	50-48	.510	13.5	
Montreal	49-49	.500	14.5	

National League Central				GB
St. Louis	53-42	.558	-	
Cincinnati	51-47	.520	3.5	
Houston	47-42	.485	7	

National League West				GB
Arizona	57-41	.582	-	
Los Angeles	56-42	.571	1	
San Francisco	55-42	.567	1.5	

Sunday's results

NY Yankees 9-8 Boston
 Tampa Bay 7-5 Toronto
 Cincinnati 9-1 N.Y. Mets
 Chicago Sox 8-7 Baltimore
 Atlanta 2-1 Philadelphia
 St. Louis 8-4 Pittsburgh
 Minnesota 4-2 Detroit
 Kansas City 13-12 Cleveland
 Colorado 6-4 Milwaukee
 Texas 7-3 Oakland
 Florida 4-0 Montreal
 San Diego 11-9 Arizona
 Seattle 5-7 Anaheim
 San Francisco 6-4 Los Angeles

Today schedule

Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs
 Toronto at Baltimore
 Atlanta at Florida
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
 Montreal at N.Y. Mets
 Minnesota at Chicago Sox
 Milwaukee at Houston
 Los Angeles at San Diego
 Colorado at Arizona
 St. Louis at San Francisco