

## Regime holdouts targeting success in Iraq

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**WASHINGTON** — President Bush urged nations around the world to contribute “militarily and financially” toward building a free and secure Iraq.

Nineteen nations are providing a total of 13,000 troops to stability efforts, and more than two dozen nations have provided funds, the president noted while flanked by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, and Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civil administrator in Iraq, during a White House press briefing.

Still, much work remains in securing the country and moving it along toward prosperity. In Baghdad today, Army Lt. Gen Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of ground troops in Iraq, detailed the current security situation.

Sanchez noted a Red Cross vehicle was attacked north of Al Hillah July 22, killing one aid worker and wounding another. Three American soldiers have also been killed in the past two days.

Bush blamed the attacks on holdouts from Hussein’s regime. “But America’s military forces are on the offensive,” he added.

“A few remaining holdouts are trying to prevent the advance of order and freedom,” Bush said. “They’re killing new police graduates. They’re shooting at people ... guarding the universities, power plants and oil facilities. These killers are the enemies of Iraq’s people.”

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Photo by Sgt. Stephanie Hall

### Welcome to Bagram...

*U.S. Central Command Gen. John Abizaid arrives Wednesday for a brief visit to Bagram Air Field. This is Abizaid’s first trip to Bagram and Afghanistan as the CENTCOM commander.*

## ANA promote awareness trips to assess Afghan’s future

**SHEBERGHAN**, Afghanistan — The challenge of building the Afghan National Army (ANA) and securing unified support among the Afghan population continues with the most recent of nine “ANA Awareness” trips to the Jowzjan Province town of Sheberghan.

The trips will serve as tools to promote an understanding of the ANA as a professional, volunteer force representative of the people of Afghanistan. In addition, they provide local citizens the opportunity to hear from government and provincial leadership what the ANA is about and why it is critical to Afghanistan’s future stability and security.

Dignitaries in attendance at the “ANA Awareness” trip included the Governor of the Jowzjan Province, the Afghanistan Chief of Staff of the General Staff, Deputy Minister of Defense Dostum, the Ministers of Communications and of Planning, the Japanese Ambassador, a representative of the Judicial Commission, the acting chiefs of missions of Germany, Italy & the United Kingdom , and numerous Afghan MoD and Coalition members.

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*U.S. troops on Wednesday patrol the perimeter of the Mosul villa where Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay were killed in a massive raid.*

## Rumsfeld: Uday, Qusay photos will be released

WASHINGTON — Photographs of the bodies of Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay will be released, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Wednesday.

The pictures, taken after the brothers died in a firefight with U.S. troops on Tuesday, are described as "graphic."

In answer to reporters' questions of when the photos are to be released, Rumsfeld said: "We haven't decided," but added it would be soon.

According to a Pentagon official who has seen the photographs, they are "head shots" that show that both Uday and Qusay apparently tried to alter their appearances by growing facial hair.

Another Pentagon official said one photograph shows what could be an exit wound on the back of Uday's head, but the official dismissed as "pure speculation" reports that the wound could have been self-inflicted.

The picture of Uday apparently shows he has a shaved head and a bushy beard. Aside from the wound, he appears relatively unscarred, Pentagon officials said.

Qusay's picture shows he has less of a beard and appears badly bruised and scarred, a Pentagon official said.

Autopsies will be performed and the bodies could be re-photographed after they have been cleaned up, a Pentagon official said.

Dental records, X-rays, and visual identifications from four senior members of Saddam's former regime who are in U.S. custody confirmed the identities of Uday and Qusay, said Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq.



*A woman, left, who identified herself as a god-daughter of James Davis, reacts outside Davis' offices after news of his violent death.*

## NYC councilman gunned down by political rival

NEW YORK — City Councilman James Davis, a former police officer known as a crusader against urban violence, was killed Wednesday in a shooting at New York's City Hall, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields told *CNN*.

The shooter was identified as Othniel Askew, a political rival of Davis in this year's council elections, according to Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Askew was killed by a police bodyguard for the council speaker, he said.

City Hall video cameras show Askew and Davis walking together into City Hall, Bloomberg said. A few minutes later, gunfire broke out.

Askew walked into the building with Davis and the two men did not go through magnetometers, he said, noting that city council members have not regularly been going through the magnetometers.

The mayor said that effective immediately, everyone will have to pass through the magnetometer, a machine that can detect

metal weapons.

Davis, 41, was elected to represent the council's 35th District in Brooklyn in 2001. He became active in politics after the Crown Heights riots in 1991, and his district includes that Brooklyn neighborhood.

"He was one of the more active, vocal and involved council members," said Fields.

"This is a tremendous loss and certainly my prayers and thoughts go out to his family as we wait for more information," she said.

## Pentagon releases Iraq troop rotation plan

WASHINGTON — War-weary U.S. troops will begin rotating out of Iraq as soon as August, the Army's vice chief of staff said Wednesday, and the U.S. troop presence in that country will begin to decline by the second half of 2004.

"First in is first out, so the 3rd [Infantry Division] is coming out in August and September," said Gen. John Keane, following a briefing with the House Armed Services Committee on Iraq.

The Army's 3rd Infantry Division was the first unit to reach Baghdad.

It has sustained the most deaths of any U.S. military division in Iraq, with 37 3rd Infantry Division soldiers killed in action, said a spokesman for the unit's home base at Fort Stewart, Ga.

About 9,000 soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division arrived in the Central Command region in two groups — in September, 2002, and this January. Some have complained bitterly that there has been no exit strategy planned for them.

Replacing the 3rd Infantry Division will be soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, N.C., in a six-month long rotation.

Keane said the overall number of U.S. troops in Iraq — now at about 156,000 — will begin dropping by late next year.

The last troops to be rotated out of Iraq — in April, 2004 — would be the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

That unit would not be replaced, a move that would effectively lower the number of personnel inside the country.

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The Governor of Jowzjan Province, The Honorable Mohammad Noor, welcomed the group of several hundred to the meeting and opened with supportive and appreciative comments of the work of the Coalition. He spoke of the importance of the ANA to the future of Afghanistan, and stressed that it must be impartial and professional and must serve to protect and preserve the Constitution of Afghanistan. After Noor's speech, Afghanistan's Chief of the General Staff, General Asif Delawar, spoke about the need for a strong, professional national army and asked those in attendance to send their sons to join the steadily growing force. He explained that without a strong national army, the future of Afghanistan is at risk.

*(Information from CJTF-180 Press Release)*

**Air Force announces 2004 force structure changes**

WASHINGTON — The FY04 force structure realignment results in a total decrease of 5099 authorizations (2260 military, 2839 civilian and 1055 drill authorizations).

This realignment of active-duty and civilian manpower authorizations will better support the service's highest-priority mission requirements, the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

To address this need for force shaping, the Air Force is taking a two-prong approach to rebaselining its manpower.

First, the service will eliminate unfunded and unfilled manpower authorizations. Second, as new capabilities are added, the Air Force will shape the force by realigning resources from lower priority areas to satisfy the requirement for these higher operational priorities.

To implement these reductions, commands will decide within their command which processes can be eliminated or reengineered.

This announcement specifies the force structure changes experienced by the Total Force - active duty, Guard, and Reserve.

*(Information from Air Force Media Center Press Release)*

**Bagram Air Base  
MWR presents**

1530Z at the MWR building:  
"Blue Crush." As a hard-core surfer girl prepares for a big competition, she finds herself falling for a football player.



Tomorrow MWR will feature Board Games and Music at Dragon Palace.

**Local weather**

**TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:**

|                           | <i>Today</i>                      | <i>Friday</i>                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b><u>Bagram:</u></b>     | <i>Dusty</i><br>H: 97F<br>L: 72F  | <i>Mostly clear</i><br>H: 97F<br>L: 75F |
| <b><u>Kandahar:</u></b>   | <i>Dusty</i><br>H: 102F<br>L: 86F | <i>Haze</i><br>H: 104F<br>L: 86F        |
| <b><u>Kabul:</u></b>      | <i>Dusty</i><br>H: 99F<br>L: 64F  | <i>Haze</i><br>H: 97F<br>L: 64F         |
| <b><u>Uzbekistan:</u></b> | <i>Sunny</i><br>H: 96F<br>L: 69F  | <i>Sunny</i><br>H: 97F<br>L: 67F        |

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# Ribbon cutting opens Bagram Bypass

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Bagram Bypass received an official welcome on Wednesday during a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by local nationals and coalition forces.

The clearing of the road was a combined effort by coalition forces and the local population, said Col. Kurt McNeely, Base Operations Commander.

The people from the local area helped support the project and McNeely said a special thanks to them during the ceremony adding that their contribution to the stabilization of the area allows the military to continue to do these types of missions.

“One of our primary objectives is to help rebuild Afghanistan, to help rebuild Afghanistan’s economy, and to contribute to the commerce of Afghanistan,” said McNeely. “Rebuilding the road infrastructure is critical to rebuilding the economy.”

The road is important to the area because it offers an alternative route to base that will avoid sending military and civilian traffic through the city, said Staff Sgt. Robert Morris, Charlie Company, 27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Ft. Bragg, Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge for the mission.

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The president noted that coalition military forces are working with “the newly free Iraqi people” to destroy remnants of the former Baathist government “and their terrorist allies.”

In the past 48 hours, American forces have conducted more than 4,300 patrols and 48 raids, including the one that killed Hussein’s sons Qusay and Uday, Sanchez said in Baghdad.

He also summarized some high points of operations in Iraq to date. “Upon our arrival in Baghdad in late April, we found that most institutions and governing structures had disappeared along with the regime and the Iraqi army,” the general said. “It is truly amazing how far we have traveled together with the Iraqi people in just over 100 days since the start of the conflict.”

“So am I optimistic about the future of Iraq? You’re absolutely right,” Sanchez said. “I’ve said before that even without all the progress, even if we were living in darkness, just the mere fact that the Iraqi



Photo by Staff Sgt. Todd Hartjen

*Staff Sgt. Robert Morris, Charlie Company, 27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, along side local dignitaries cuts the ribbon Wednesday during the opening ceremony of the Bagram Bypass.*

The project was a humanitarian assistance operation that was new to Army personnel, said McNeely.

The military’s job is not to clear minefields, but to breach mine fields for battle, so this type of project was a new experience for troops, he said.

Clearing the road took troops about three weeks to accomplish, making the previously mined area a safe place for travelers, said Sgt. Anthony Powers, Charlie Company, 27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn, Ft. Bragg.

This was the 27<sup>th</sup> Engineers’ last mission before they head back to the states, said Staff Sgt. John Simpson, Charlie Company, 27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn., Ft. Bragg.

The completed project not only offers a useable means of travel and improves the area, but it also affects the engineers who made this road possible; knowing that the last mission they had in Afghanistan will affect the area for some time to come.

“It feels good to help the people of Afghanistan,” said Morris.

people are free of the terror imposed by the Saddam Hussein regime is enough for all of us to be hopeful for the future.”

Bush echoed Sanchez’s optimism. “In the 83 days since I announced the end of major combat operations in Iraq, we have made progress, steady progress, in restoring hope in a nation beaten down by decades of tyranny,” he said.

The president also praised “coalition forces serving under difficult circumstances.”

“Our nation will give those who wear its uniform all the tools and support they need to complete their mission,” he said. “We are eternally grateful for the bravery of our troops, for their sacrifice and for the sacrifices of their families.

“The families of our servicemen and women can take comfort in knowing that their sons and daughters and moms and dads are serving a cause that is noble and just and vital to the security of the United States.”



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)

## Hamilton wins, Lance still leads

**BAYONNE, France** — Riding with the pain of a double-fractured collarbone, it could be argued that Tyler Hamilton shouldn't even be in the Tour de France. Try telling him that.



*Tyler Hamilton*

Grimacing in discomfort, the boyish-looking 32-year-old, who long played second-fiddle to superstar Lance Armstrong, won his first ever stage in cycling's premier race Wednesday — sweet compensation for being too injured to challenge his former leader as he pursues a record-tying fifth title.

Fittingly for a racer who's made a career of overcoming pain, Hamilton won the hard way: breaking ahead in a brave solo effort to ride most of the last half of the stage alone.

Four-time champion Armstrong, who finished 1 minute, 55 seconds behind to retain his overall lead, was among the first to congratulate his former teammate with a hug.

"I think this is the biggest day of the Tour," Armstrong said. "Incredible."

Hamilton agreed. "To win a stage of the Tour de France is fantastic," he said. "It's beyond my wildest dreams. After today, I'll forget about the disappointment."

Just 17 days earlier, on the second day of the three-week slog around France, Hamilton thought his Tour was over. Caught in a crash involving about 35 riders, he cracked his right collarbone in two places — an injury he and others thought would make it impossible for him to cope with the 2,016 miles of bumpy roads and grueling mountain climbs to come.

But this man ain't for quitting. Walking gingerly in pain, his shoulder heavily bandaged and his bike specially adjusted to spare him from jolts on the road, he emerged from his team bus the next morning saying he was soldiering on.

## Detroit signs first pick to six-year contract

**ALLEN PARK, Mich.** — Charles Rogers signed a six-year contract, including a signing bonus of \$14.4 million, with the Detroit Lions on Wednesday.

Rogers will make \$40 million over the six years, and with incentives he could make as much as \$54.6 million, a source within the league involved in the contract negotiations told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The second overall pick in the draft, Rogers' signing means the NFL's first four picks are all signed.

Rogers just missed the team's reporting deadline, but attended a meeting for rookies, quarterbacks and selected veterans and will

join them for workouts on Thursday. The entire team reports to training camp on Saturday, and will begin two-a-day sessions Sunday.

Detroit also signed its second-round pick, linebacker Boss Bailey, to a five-year contract.

Quarterback Carson Palmer, the No. 1 pick, signed with Cincinnati just before the draft in April. The third selection, receiver Andre Johnson, signed with the Houston Texans on Tuesday. The New York Jets signed the fourth pick in the draft, defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson, on Sunday.

The last time Detroit did not have a first-round pick report on time was 1997, when Bryant Westbrook missed most of training camp before agreeing to terms.

Detroit drafted Rogers, a former Michigan State star, to fill the big-play void it has lacked on offense since Barry Sanders retired just before the 1999 season. The Lions also have a young, promising quarterback in Joey Harrington to throw to Rogers.

Rogers, who can run the 40-yard dash in less than 4.3 seconds, caught a school-record 68 passes for 1,351 yards and 13 touchdowns for the Spartans last season. He skipped his senior season to enter the draft.



*Juan Carlos Ferrero will take the No. 2 seed in the U.S. Open*

## Sampras withdraws from U.S. Open

**NEW YORK** — Defending U.S. Open champion Pete Sampras officially withdrew from this year's tournament Wednesday. Andre Agassi, who he beat in last year's final, will be the top seed.

Sampras was automatically included on the initial entry list last week based on his No. 26 ranking. He has not played a professional tournament since winning his fifth U.S. Open, and record 14th Grand Slam singles title, last year.

He is the first U.S. Open men's singles champion not to defend his title since 1970 winner Ken Rosewall. Sampras told NBC-TV last weekend that "there's a good chance" he will officially retire soon.

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Agassi, a two-time U.S. Open champion, is currently the world's top-ranked player. The 33-year-old Agassi, this year's Australian Open champion, is the oldest player to be ranked No. 1 by the ATP.

Agassi has won eight Grand Slam titles, tying him for sixth on the career list.

French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain was seeded second with Wimbledon champion Roger Federer of Switzerland third. Carlos Moya of Spain, the 1998 French Open champion, is the No. 4 seed with Lleyton Hewitt of Australia, the 2001 U.S. Open and 2002 Wimbledon champion, seeded fifth.

Andy Roddick is the next highest-ranked American at No. 6. Roddick, 20, reached his first Grand Slam semifinal this year at the Australian Open and then also made it to the Wimbledon semis.

He has in the U.S. Open quarterfinals the last two years, falling each time to the eventual champion.

The Open, to be held Aug. 25-Sept. 7, will feature 99 of the top 100 ranked men's players. The champion will receive \$1 million.

## Weather delays search for Dennehy

WACO, Texas — Despite a day of fruitless searching for a missing Baylor basketball player, Waco police say they expect to find his body based on information from his former teammate, who is now charged with murder.

Investigators, some on horseback, searched river banks and a gravel pit Tuesday for Patrick Dennehy's body. Rain delayed the search Wednesday morning, and police Sgt. Ryan Holt said he did not know if or where the search would resume later in the day.

"There is always the hope, very sincere hope, that we find Mr. Dennehy, mostly for his family and then for the criminal case," Holt said.

Rain delayed a resumption of the search Wednesday, Holt said. He said he did not know if the search would resume later in the day, and he did not give any possible locations.

Brian Brabazon, Dennehy's stepfather, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that police have told family members former roommate Carlton Dotson provided investigators with three locations to search for the body.

Brabazon and Dennehy's mother, Valorie, along with their daughter Wyn and Dennehy's girlfriend Jessica De La Rosa, arrived in Waco on Tuesday night. "We're going to talk to the police and we want to go tour the campus," Brabazon said. The family went to Dennehy's apartment Wednesday to remove his belongings.

Brabazon appealed for privacy as they proceeded with the grim task, and declined further comment.

"We appreciate your concern, but today we'd like to do what we have to do as a family," he told news reporters gathered outside a Waco hotel.

## Free-agent Horry signs with Spurs

SAN ANTONIO — Free-agent forward Robert Horry has agreed to a contract with the San Antonio Spurs, according to a broadcast report.

Horry, who spent the last 6½ seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers and helped them to win three straight NBA championships, agreed to a one-year contract with a club option for a second year, Houston television station KRIV reported Tuesday night.



Robert Horry

Neither Spurs spokesman Tom James nor Horry's agent, Carl Poston, returned messages left by The Associated Press on Tuesday night.

Horry struggled last season, when he averaged 6.5 points and missed 36 of 38 3-pointers during the playoffs.

His last 3-point miss, at the end of Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals against San Antonio, would have given the Lakers a victory and a lead in the series.

Instead, the Lakers lost and the Spurs went on to win the NBA title.

During Horry's 11-year NBA career, he has been on five NBA championship teams, including two with the Houston Rockets.



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