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Powell says it's too late for Iraq to negotiate

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday that U.N. weapons inspectors must be allowed to go “anywhere, anytime” if they returned to Iraq — rejecting that country’s conditional offer to allow inspections to resume. At a news conference Saturday, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said his nation would allow inspectors to return only if the United States doesn’t bring military action and if U.N. sanctions are lifted. “If there is a solution which maintains Iraq’s sovereignty, dignity and legitimate rights and prevents aggression, we are ready,” Aziz said.

Chechen rebels kill 12 Russians

MOSCOW — Twelve Russian servicemen have been killed and others wounded in a day of intensive attacks by rebels in separatist Chechnya Sunday. An official in the

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Children raise money for orphanage

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Two Afghans are tilling a rice field. One man helps his neighbor cut the crops at harvest. The neighbor refuses to pay the other for his services. The two get into a fight. One kills the other.

“It’s a play on how war starts,” said Dr. Abdullah Sherzai, a representative of the United States/Afghanistan Reconstruction Council. “War breaks out over something as simple as rice. Then it becomes blood for blood.”

The son of the dead Afghan mourns for his father before he shoots the

killer. Soon after the neighbor’s son arrives and a fire fight breaks out between the descendants.

A teacher arrives at the scene.

“A teacher changes society,” Sherzai said. “He tells them to fight with pen and paper, not guns. He asks them to join the educated culture of the world.”

The two men reconcile their differences and move on with their lives.

The play was a product of the Mobile Mini Circus for Children, which stars orphans north of Kabul, Afghanistan. The play was part of a fundraiser — ‘Children Growing Up’ Part 2 Bazaar — at Camp Azzurro, the Italian Air Force compound,

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Afghan orphans perform a play on the nature of war Sunday at Bagram Air Base. Their teacher tells them to fight with pen and paper instead of guns.

Myers: ‘We cannot rest on our success’

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — While America and its allies have achieved many goals thus far in the war against global terrorism, it’s not time to rest on our laurels, the U.S. military’s senior officer said here today.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the National Press Club that U.S. and coalition forces have helped remove a hostile regime from power in Afghanistan while eliminating a major terrorist safe haven.

“We did this with the least collateral damage and loss of innocent life than any comparable operation in history,” Myers pointed out.

Consequently, Afghanistan today is “a radically different country from a year ago,” the general noted. Two million Afghan refugees have returned to their country, he said. Three million Afghan girls and boys have returned to school, he added, noting the students have access to more than 10 million textbooks.

The Afghans have installed a new, democratic, national government, the general noted. And, an ex-

pected widespread famine among Afghans was avoided thanks to U.S. and coalition-backed humanitarian efforts, Myers said, with more than 500,000 metric tons of food aid delivered.

“That’s about 40 pounds of food for every man, woman and child inside Afghanistan,” the general said, giving credit for the effort to U.S. and coalition armed forces, while citing the key contributions made by other U.S., and, international, agencies.

“The bottom line,” the general

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emphasized, “is that al Qaeda’s major base of operations has been smashed.”

As a result, he noted, other instruments of national power can increasingly be brought to bear on global terrorists. He also said that more than 2,700 terrorist suspects have been rounded up worldwide.

Funding for terrorism has also suffered, Myers said, with more than 160 nations having helped to deny more than \$112 million to terrorists. And, he added, more than

230 individuals and business enterprises that had helped raise money for terrorists have been identified.

In Afghanistan, Myers noted, American soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coastguardsmen and Reservists accomplished what formerly was thought impossible.

Although successes have been achieved over the terrorists, Myers noted this war is a very different kind of war. America and its coalition partners respect life and make great effort to protect innocents, he pointed out, while the enemy has no compunction in using suicide soldiers

and slaughtering innocent people to achieve goals.

“Al Qaeda is a shrewd, patient and adaptable group,” the general emphasized. Today’s terrorists present a truly terrible and magnified danger to society, Myers added, since video evidence acquired over the past year shows they are actively seeking to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

“With a single event terrorists might seek to devastate our society and those of our allies with chemical, biological or even nuclear weapons,” Myers noted.

“As good as our armed forces are, we can’t rest on the success we’ve had to date,” Myers explained. “While we must fight this war on terrorism with a great ferocity and tenacity, we’ve also got to improve as fast as we can.”

That means the U.S. military must transform itself—fast, the general said.

“The war on terrorism is going to take a long time, but we can’t wait to transform,” Myers emphasized, “We have to be very aggressive here, or we’ll be going backwards.”

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Sunday.

The Italians held the first ‘Children Growing Up’ event was last month because the orphans in Charikar needed beds, said Capt. Romano Dell’Aere, Italian Air Force Public Affairs officer.

“This is the second time,” he said. “It was to show that with a little effort, anyone can conduct this task.”

Dell’Aere said that under the Taliban regime, children couldn’t draw or make crafts.

“Now that the Taliban are gone, we see that they (children) are very talented,” he said. “This was the first time in 10 years Afghan children have performed.”

“Today is the first time we are allowed to sing in public,” said Raihana, 12, who sang a song about peace. “I am very happy.”

The 20 orphans in attendance sold items such as their paintings, sewn handkerchiefs, toys and marble chess sets, raising \$1,200.

“There are 2,000 chil-



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser
An Afghan girl leads a song at the ‘Children Growing Up’ Part 2 Bazaar Sunday at Camp Azzurro, Bagram Air Base. The event raised \$1,200 for their orphanage north of Kabul.

dren in that orphanage,” Dell’Aere said. “They don’t have drinkable water.”

The money raised will first be used to build a suitable drinking well.

“Because of this day, I can have water,” said Najeed, 10, who drew some pictures for the bazaar.

Anything left over will be used to build a community center at the orphanage.

“The children don’t have an education,” Dell’Aere said. “The Afghanistan Reconstruction Council takes them off the street and gives them something to do.”

The USARC is a non-

government organization.

“Our one mission is community centers,” Sherzai said. “We must first rebuild the families. The orphans have grandparents, aunts and uncles who take care of them at night. But during the daytime, there is nothing for them to do.”

He said community centers teach the children civil social skills, trade, education and basic health care.

“We teach them about immunizations and Vitamin A,” Sherzai said. “They don’t even know that Vitamin A can lower their mortality by 26 percent.”

“We work at the soul of

the people,” he continued. “A community and society don’t live off the water and bread, but the soul. Their mind set is from times of war. They don’t have any of life’s pleasures.”

That’s where the MMCC comes in, he said.

“The children make crafts for one hour of the day,” Sherzai said. “They learn a trade in a social setting. A child who doesn’t know how to play will grow up to be anti-social.”

David Mason, founder of the MMCC, said that he teaches the children education through fun activities.

“Although you see a group of children going around entertaining, the main purpose is education through workshops, singing and handicrafts,” he said.

With plays about how war starts, Mason said the children educate other children with their actions.

“For the Afghans, health is medicine and food, not prevention,” he said. “Education is reading and writing, not thinking. I teach

them much more like land mine awareness and peace education and it’s fun for them because the focus is on them.”

Mason hopes that with enough money, the MMCC can buy a bus designed like a lion and travel throughout Afghanistan teaching other children through the “circus.”

“There’s no musical composition or text that meet the children’s need like the Spice Girls,” he said. “We are working on another Back Street Boys – Afghan version – that will further educate and entertain the children.”

Until that happens, Mason said the children will work with what they’ve got.

“The situation will eventually become better for the children,” said Chief Warrant Officer Delogu Giuseppe, Italian Air Force. “This teaches them that there is hope for the future of the Afghans. Their ‘can do’ mentality is what will make their lives better in the future.”

HIND SIGHT

1620

The Pilgrims sail from England on the *Mayflower*.

1668

King John Casimer V of Poland abdicates the throne.

1920

Thirty people are killed in a terrorist bombing in New York's Wall Street financial district.

1940

Congress passes the Selective Service Act, which calls for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history.

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Chechen administration said rebels attacked Russian positions 14 times in 24 hours, killing five servicemen and wounding six. Near the village of Dyshne-Vedeno, a column of army vehicles came under fire from grenade launchers and other weapons. Four servicemen were killed and four wounded in the incident.

No-fly patrol targets Iraq complex

WASHINGTON — Coalition aircraft used precision-guided weapons to strike an air defense communications facility in the Iraqi southern no-fly zone on Sunday. U.S. Central Command said the strike occurred at 3:30 a.m. ET, near Tallil, approximately 160 miles southeast of Baghdad. Damage to the facility is still being assessed. U.S. and British air forces have patrolled no-fly zones over southern and northern Iraq since the end of the Gulf War in 1991 but they are not covered by any U.N. resolution. The U.S. and UK say the patrols are to protect Iraq's Kurdish population in the north and the Shiite population in the south.

Saudis signal support for U.N.-endorsed action against Iraq

NEW YORK — Saudi Arabia's foreign minister signaled Saturday that his country would be willing to allow its territory and facilities to be used for military action against Iraq — but only if such action is backed by a U.N. Security Council resolution. Prince Saudi al-Faisal said that if action is taken under a U.N. mandate, then all U.N. member states would be obligated to support it. However, Saudi Arabia still explicitly opposes toppling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and any unilateral military action by the United States against Iraq. Thursday, President Bush called on the United Nations to push Hussein to comply with 16 U.N. resolutions passed since the Gulf War, requiring the Iraqi regime to dismantle any capability to make chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 91F L: 57F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 57F
Kandahar:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 97F L: 57F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 95F L: 55F
Kabul:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 84F L: 54F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 84F L: 52F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 91F L: 55F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 89F L: 54F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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NFL: Oh and two

The Rams and Steelers were expected to be Super Bowl contenders this season. Now, after starting the season 0-2, they will have to work hard just to get back to .500. The Rams' offense continued its inconsistent play in a 26-21 loss to the Giants on Sunday. The Steelers — with their defense again exploited by the passing game — fell to the Raiders 30-17.

MLB: Survivors turned champions

The Twins, once the subject of contraction talk, are the toast of baseball's small markets. A season of survival culminated with a playoff berth Sunday as Minnesota beat the Indians 5-0 and, with help from the Yankees' win, clinched the AL Central. The Twins' last postseason berth was 1991, the year they won the World Series.

College football: Un-Bear-Able Upset

It looked like this could be Michigan State's year. Plenty of experience. A superstar. Lots of home games. But Cal stormed into East Lansing Saturday and shocked the Spartans 46-22. Cal is now 3-0 after going 1-10 last year.

Golf: Peak of perfection

Annika Sorenstam certainly is peaking at the right time. She'll go into the Solheim Cup matches this week riding a three-tournament win streak after capturing the Safeway Classic on Sunday. She closed with a 68, hitting an 11-foot birdie on the final hole for a one-stroke margin over Kate Golden. Whether Sorenstam can help an inexperienced European team defend its Solheim Cup against the U.S. remains to be seen.

Soccer: Winning ways

Sure, Inter Milan and AC Milan are the frontrunners to dethrone Juventus from the Serie A. But they still actually have to *beat Juve*, which got off to a strong start Sunday. Alessandro Del Piero scored twice to lead Juventus to a 3-0 victory over Atalanta in its season opener. Also, underdog Chievo ruined Roberto Mancini's coaching debut with a 3-2 win over Lazio.

RPM: Sam I Am

Sam Hornish Jr. won the Chevy 500, edging Helio Castroneves at the finish line to clinch the Indy Racing League championship. Hornish nipped Castroneves by .0096 seconds, the second closest race in IRL history, trailing only last week's race at Chicagoland. Hornish earned the \$1 million bonus in becoming the IRL's first two-time champion in its seven-year history.

Tennis: Still waiting

She came closer than she had in two years, but Anna Kournikova is still without a WTA singles championship after falling 6-2, 6-3 to top-seeded Anna Smashnova at the Shanghai Open on Sunday. Fourth-seeded Kournikova might not have won in her fourth career singles final and first since 2000, but she did come back Sunday to win her 16th WTA doubles title.

2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
N.Y. Yankees	94-55	.631	-	
Boston	84-64	.568	9.5	
Toronto	68-81	.456	26	
American League Central				GB
Minnesota	87-63	.580	-	
Chicago (AL)	74-76	.493	13	
Cleveland	66-83	.443	20.5	
American League West				GB
Anaheim	94-55	.631	-	
Oakland	93-56	.624	1	
Seattle	85-64	.570	9	
National League East				GB
Atlanta	94-53	.634	-	
Montreal	74-76	.493	21.5	
Philadelphia	74-76	.493	21.5	
National League Central				GB
St. Louis	86-63	.577	-	
Houston	80-70	.533	6.5	
Cincinnati	73-76	.490	13	
National League West				GB
Arizona	92-57	.617	-	
San Francisco	85-64	.570	7	
Los Angeles	84-65	.564	8	



Sunday's scores

Baltimore 8-3 Boston
 Atlanta 6-4 Florida
 Minnesota 5-0 Cleveland
 Chicago Cubs 6-0 Cincinnati
 N.Y. Yankees 8-4 Chicago Sox
 Montreal 10-1 N.Y. Mets
 Tampa Bay 7-4 Toronto
 Philadelphia 1-0 Pittsburgh
 Kansas City 9-3 Detroit
 Houston 8-0 St. Louis
 Seattle 6-3 Oakland
 Colorado 5-4 Los Angeles
 Anaheim 13-4 Texas
 Arizona 6-5 Milwaukee
 San Diego 4-1 San Francisco

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1. San Francisco .570
2. Los Angeles .564
3. Houston .533
4. Montreal .493
5. Philadelphia .493
6. Cincinnati .490

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AL

1. Oakland .624
2. Seattle .570
3. Boston .568
4. Chicago Sox .568
5. Texas .493
6. Toronto .456

2002 National Football League standings

American Football Conference

East

N. England	2-0	1.000
Miami	2-0	1.000
N.Y. Jets	1-1	.500
Buffalo	1-1	.500

North

Cleveland	1-1	.500
Pittsburgh	0-2	.000
Cincinnati	0-2	.000
Baltimore	0-2	.000

South

Jacksonville	1-1	.500
Indianapolis	1-1	.500
Tennessee	1-1	.500
Houston	1-1	.500

West

Oakland	2-0	1.000
San Diego	2-0	1.000
Denver	2-0	1.000
Kansas City	1-1	.500

National Football Conference

East

Washington	1-0	1.000
N.Y. Giants	1-1	.500
Dallas	1-1	.500
Philadelphia	0-1	.000

North

Chicago	2-0	.617
Green Bay	1-1	.500
Minnesota	0-2	.000
Detroit	0-2	.000

South

New Orleans	2-0	1.000
Carolina	2-0	1.000
Tampa Bay	1-1	.500
Atlanta	0-2	.000

West

Arizona	1-1	.500
San Francisco	1-1	.500
St. Louis	0-2	.000
Seattle	0-2	.000

Next week's NFL schedule

Sun, Sep 22

Cleveland vs Tennessee
NY Jets vs Miami
Carolina vs Minnesota
Kansas City vs New England
New Orleans vs Chicago
Dallas vs Philadelphia
Indianapolis vs Houston

San Diego vs Arizona
Buffalo vs Denver
Green Bay vs Detroit
Washington vs San Francisco
Seattle vs NY Giants
Cincinnati vs Atlanta
Mon, Sep 23
St. Louis vs Tampa Bay

NFL scoreboard: Week 2

Chicago 14-13 Atlanta
Cleveland 20-7 Cincinnati
Dallas 21-13 Tennessee
Miami 21-13 Indianapolis
Jacksonville 23-16 Kansas City
New Orleans 35-20 Green Bay
New England 44-7 N.Y. Jets
Carolina 31-7 Detroit
Tampa Bay 25-0 Baltimore
Arizona 24-13 Seattle
N.Y. Giants 26-21 St. Louis
Buffalo 45-39 Minnesota
San Diego 24-3 Houston
Denver 24-14 San Francisco
Oakland 30-17 Pittsburgh

Top Performers

Passing

Bledsoe, BUF, 463 yards, 3 TDs, 0 INT
Gannon, OAK, 403 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs
Dilfer, SEA, 352 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT

Rushing

Jones, ARI, 24 carries for 173 yards, 1 TD
James, IND, 30 carries for 138 yards, 0 TD
Williams, MIA, 24 carries for 132 yards, 0 TD

Receiving

Price, BUF, 13 catches for 185 yards, 2 TDs
Jackson, SEA, 10 catches for 174 yards, 0 TD
Harrison, IND, 11 catches for 144 yards, 1 TD



By Kevin Kilgore

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