



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

Afghan child hit by car

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – An Afghan child was killed Tuesday afternoon after being hit by a minivan driven by a U.S. soldier on Jalalabad Road in Kabul. The child was taken to the Children’s Health Hospital in Kabul, where he was pronounced dead. The father stated that the child was 14 years old, but a doctor at the hospital estimated the child to be 7 or 8 years old. An investigation is being conducted concerning the incident.

Rockets fired at Coalition forces

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Rockets were fired at the Coalition firebase in Lwara Tuesday night. Five rounds impacted east of the firebase and one round impacted one of the defensive bunkers of the compound. Coalition forces responded to the

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Jordanian physicians help local community

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Tucked away in the northern part of Afghanistan is a Jordanian hospital helping the local community.

This is the third rotation of Jordanian medical

personnel since the hospital was established in January.

The hospital is almost totally self-sufficient. Besides having specialists in fields like biomedical engineering, physiotherapy, orthopedic surgery, neurosur-

gery, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, internal medicine and pediatrics, it has its own plumber, barber, tailor, water purification specialist and security.

Support from the United States comes in the form of medical sup-

plies and food for the doctors and patients.

“Wherever we have a medical team, they are accompanied by a fighting force, especially in areas where there is conflict.

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A soldier from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., pulls guard from a tower on Little Takhtebeg while an Apache flies over providing security at sunrise.

Soldiers from 505th PIR move largest weapons cache to date

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KHOWST, Afghanistan – It took soldiers from Company B and a platoon from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment two days and 35 truckloads to move the ammunition found in a cache in the Khowst region of Afghanistan.

The cache, found Oct. 11 in

Little Takhtebeg, was the largest found to date. It took the soldiers most of each day to remove the ammunition to an undisclosed location, only stopping because it was dark and too risky to move.

“This was requested by local authorities who didn’t have the power to do it,” said Lt. Col. Martin Schweitzer, battalion commander.



Tons of ammunition were part of the weapons cache found at Little Takhtebeg. It took more than 30 truckloads to haul it away.

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This is the (Jordanian) Army's police," said Dr. Mohammed Tarawneh, family physician specialist and commander of Jordanian military field hospital.

Incoming patients are screened at the gate and directed to the appropriate treatment. To date, hospital personnel have seen 124,545 patients and completed about 1,470 operations. The establishment has a post-operative ward, pediatric, men's, women's ward, two operating rooms, two intensive care units, an emergency room, lab and an x-ray department.

The hospital has seen a variety of illnesses, including anemia, kidney stones, bullet wounds and various infections. The facility has also performed



Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Families stay with the patients during their stay at the hospital. There are usually four or more family members present.

hysterectomies and orthopedic surgery.

"We are here to provide medical services to the Afghan people, regardless of their political issues," Tarawneh said. "You have to be sensitive to show you are not showing fa-

voritism and that you are giving everyone the same level of treatment."

Those who require in-patient care are usually accompanied by their families, who stay with them. This does make space an issue, but the Jordanians

work with the families to make everyone as comfortable as possible.

Aside from providing medical care, Jordanian physicians give lectures at local universities. They also train local orthopedic doctors at the hospital.

The Jordanians have a long-term goal for the hospital.

"Our concern is that the Afghan doctors will be trained and they will be able to substitute when we leave. We are trying to make a program that they can be trained in Jordan," said Tarawneh. "The success of our mission will show when we leave. We are hoping to see the hospital up and running by Afghans 20 years from now."

"It's great to feel like we are making a difference in people's lives," Tarawneh added.

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The problem, according to an Afghan National Army soldier, stems back to last year when a local warlord, Pacha Khan of the Zadran tribe, helped remove Taliban and al Qaeda forces in the Khowst region.

Once Hamid Karzai was elected president of Afghanistan, Khan, known as PK, thought he would be selected as regional governor. However, Karzai chose Taliwan, and Khan declared himself as governor.

Khan was expelled from the region, but before he left, he shelled Khowst for four days to make a statement. As a

result, his tribe no longer wanted him. Khan's nephew, Jon Baz of the Zadran tribe, and commander of an Afghan Militia Force, also wants him out of the region.

A few days ago, military intelligence reported that PK was in the region and heading toward Little Takhtebeg.

On Oct. 12, Gen. Khayalbaz, commander of the 25th ANA Division, told American forces in Southeastern Afghanistan that artillery in Little Takhtebeg was aimed at his fort on a nearby hill – Big Takhtebeg.

"We came to evict PK personnel and remove the tons and tons of ammunition," said

Schweitzer.

The 505th isolated, breached and flooded the compound with soldiers before setting up perimeter, while Apache helicopters circled the area.

"The Apaches were timed perfectly and were an incredible deterrent," Schweitzer said.

The ammunition was meant to be sold to Taliban and al Qaeda supporters, he said.

"Gen. Khayalbaz and Gov. Taliwan know this place is unsafe," said Capt. Patrick Willis, battalion S-2. "We're just taking it out so it won't go to the Taliban."

An AMF commander said he had never seen anyone take Little Takhtebeg with-

out firing a single gunshot.

"We're taking away the source," said Willis. "The Taliban and al Qaeda know (the ammunition) is here. It gives them a prime opportunity to attack us, so we're taking it out of this place."

Among the ammunition transported was 4,162 82mm mortar rounds, 2,000 Rocket Propelled Grenade boosters, 1,800 RPG rounds, 75 120mm rockets, more than a 100,000 .50 caliber rounds, 240,000 anti-tank mines and explosives.

"I knew there was a lot, but I didn't know there was that much," said Capt. Clay Novak, Company B commander.

"There were two

rooms with dynamite leaking nitroglycerin on the ground," said Schweitzer. "Another room had the mines which were eating themselves from the inside out."

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit sealed those rooms. The building will later be collapsed, according to Willis.

"No one's going to use these ammunitions again," Schweitzer said. "They were for sale to the highest bidder, but no longer."

"The boys were excellent," said Novak. "We did our wartime mission and transitioned to heavy-lifting mode. We did everything we could to get it out."

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attack and launched their quick reaction force. The quick reaction force searched a nearby compound and detained three suspects. The launching site was destroyed by a Coalition A-10 Thunderbolt. There were no Coalition injuries or casualties.

U.S. warned Indonesia before blasts

KUTA, Indonesia (CNN)—U.S. diplomatic and intelligence officials say in the two weeks before the Bali bombings, they repeatedly passed threat information to the Indonesian government suggesting terrorists were planning attacks in that country, including attacks against “Western tourist sites.”

The most recent warning came just a day before the Saturday Bali blasts, U.S. government sources said.

A U.S. State Department notice issued last Thursday also warned that terrorists in Indonesia might attack non-official targets such as “clubs, schools, places of worship.”

Bali — where nearly 200 people were killed in back-to-back nightclub explosions — was among the many locations the United States told Indonesia were threatened, U.S. officials said.

HIND SIGHT

1244

The Sixth Crusade ends when an Egyptian-Khwarismian force almost annihilates the Frankish army at Gaza.

1529

Henry VIII of England strips Thomas Wolsey of his office for failing to secure an annulment of his marriage.

1691

Maine and Plymouth are incorporated in Massachusetts.

1777

British Maj. Gen. John Burgoyne surrenders 5,000 men at Saratoga, N. Y.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation theater will present “the Majestic” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Behind Enemy Lines,” showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 77F L: 45F	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 77F L: 45F
Kandahar:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 88F L: 55F	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 57F
Kabul:	<i>Foggy</i> H: 73F L: 46F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 73F L: 46F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 72F L: 45F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 48F

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The Day in Sports

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No more indefinitely: Knicks' McDyess done for season

NEW YORK — There's nothing indefinite about Antonio McDyess' status anymore.

The New York Knicks' starting power forward will miss the season after having surgery Wednesday on his broken kneecap.

Dr. Norman Scott, who performed the two-hour procedure at Beth Israel Hospital, said the injury would not end McDyess' career.

"He will be able to walk on crutches and put full weight on it later this week," Scott said. "We expect him to have a full recovery and be 100 percent by the start of next season."

The Knicks have applied to the league for a disabled player exception. If granted, they will have 45 days from the date of McDyess' injury — a deadline of Nov. 25 — to use that salary cap slot to sign a free agent or acquire a player in a trade who makes no more than \$4.56 million.

McDyess, whom the Knicks acquired in a draft day trade with Denver, was injured in an exhibition game last Saturday.

Owen not punished; NFL will not tolerate any more autograph antics

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Terrell Owens can't understand why others aren't seeing the humor in his latest innovation in touchdown celebrations — pulling a pen from his sock to autograph the ball.

Owens, the San Francisco 49ers' All-Pro receiver, seized the spotlight again Monday night in a 28-21 victory over Seattle.

After beating cornerback Shawn Springs in the fourth quarter, Owens produced a pen, signed the football and presented it to his financial adviser in the front row.

His move infuriated many of the Seahawks and prompted a national debate. Some saw it as creative and funny; to others, it was a boastful taunt.

"At this point, I'm still baffled by where the disrespect comes in," Owens said Wednesday night. "It wasn't like I made a gesture towards anybody or the team or anything. I just signed the ball and gave it to a friend."

"I felt it was harmless, (and) at the same time, I thought it was funny, being creative. So it has gotten more attention than I really expected."

Owens won't be fined or suspended by the NFL, league spokesman Greg Aiello said. Owens and coach Steve Mariucci said they hadn't received letters from the league about the incident.

"However, such acts will not be tolerated going forward," Aiello said.

Many members of the Seahawks — not Springs, however — were angered by Owens' celebration, with Holmgren calling it "shameful."

World Series schedule

San Francisco vs. Anaheim

Game 1:

Saturday at Anaheim

Game 2:

Sunday at Anaheim

Game 3:

Tuesday at San Francisco

Game 4:

Oct. 23 at San Francisco

Game 5:

Oct. 24 at San Francisco

Game 6:

Oct. 26 at Anaheim

Game 7:

Oct. 27 at Anaheim



Did you know ...

Rough October for the Diamondbacks. They became just the sixth defending World Series champ to get swept in the postseason the next year. And the East Valley Tribune's Ed Price reports they were also the first team to win at least 98 games in the regular season and then get swept in either the LDS or LCS since the 1980 Yankees, a 103-win team that lost in three to the Royals.

The Yankees scored 25 runs in four games in their series against the Angels — an average of 6.25 per game. That's more than they averaged in every one of the 13 postseason series they've won under Joe Torre, except for the 1998 World Series (when they scored 26 in four games).

The problem, obviously, was how many they gave up. And as the New York Post's Joel Sherman observes, the Yankees gave up as many runs just in the Angels series (31) as they allowed in the entire postseason in 1999 (in 12 games).

Curse lifted, California in love with 'its' angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (ESPN)—They were the team that couldn't win, the team that's cursed, the team that choked just one strike away.

The Anaheim Angels were unloved and without star players. They were known as the Mickey Mouse team founded by "Singing Cowboy" Gene Autry.

Now, finally, they have made it to the World Series, a stunning turnaround for a franchise with a star-crossed past.

Goodbye Dodger blue, hello Halo red.

"My mouth is hurting because I've been smiling so much," outfielder Tim Salmon said. "You know what? It's just joy. I'm so excited.

"To be with this organization as long as I have and to feel the emptiness of the fans all these years, and the pain and frustration, the history is

long."

He's been with the Angels for the last 11 of their 42 seasons. He remembers the days when Edison International Field — it used to be called Anaheim Stadium or the Big A — was so empty that actor Charlie Sheen once bought all the seats behind the left-field fence just to try to catch a home-run ball. Nobody hit one to him.

Now, the ballpark is as congested as Interstate 5. There was a 90-minute wait to get into the gift shop Monday.

La-La Land has embraced these Angels, caught the wave, is trying to ride it all the way to a World Series title over the San Francisco Giants.

"I've been rooting for the Angels since I was a baby," said Kari Thomason, a 24-year-old fan from

Buena Park. "If they won the World Series, maybe we'd buy season tickets."

Talk about identity crisis — the team keeps getting renamed.

Born as the Los Angeles Angels when Autry founded the team in December 1960, it was renamed the California Angels in 1965 and the Anaheim Angels in 1996 after The Walt Disney Co. took control. Because of the name and logo switches, new World Series pins had to be made this year, replacing ones that were never used.

Before getting their own ballpark in Orange County in 1966, the Angels shuttled from Wrigley Field in Los Angeles to Dodger Stadium.

The only constant was losing, and tragedy.

For years, the team has talked of a curse. The ballpark was rumored

to have been built on an Indian burial ground.

In 1965, rookie pitcher Dick Wantz, just 25, died of a brain tumor. Three years later, reliever Minnie Rojas was paralyzed in an auto accident that killed his wife and two of their three children.

Infielder Chico Ruiz was killed in a car crash in 1972; rookie reliever Bruce Heinbechner died in another accident in 1974; shortstop Mike Miley was killed in still another in 1974.

Outfielder Lyman Bostock was killed in Gary, Ind., in 1978, struck by a bullet intended for someone else in the car they were in.

In 1989, reliever Donnie Moore killed himself, three years after giving up a home run to Boston's Dave Henderson when the Angels were one strike from the World Series.



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