



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

(Compiled from CNN.com)

### Saudis arrest Kuwaiti accused of shooting U.S. soldiers

**RIYADH**, Saudi Arabia — Saudi authorities have arrested a Kuwaiti policeman accused of shooting two U.S. soldiers, the *Saudi Press Agency* reported Friday. According to the report, arrangements are being made to extradite the man, identified as Khaled Al-Shemiry, to Kuwait. He is accused of stopping a civilian vehicle outside Kuwait City and shooting two U.S. soldiers, who were not in uniform. Kuwaiti authorities said the man then fled to Saudi Arabia. One soldier was shot in the face, and another was hit in the shoulder. They were in serious but stable condition Friday. Sources told *CNN* it's unclear whether the

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## Deployed security squadron ready for anything



Master Sgt. Lisa Richards, independent medical technician, checks on a member of the 455th ESFS during her daily post checks. Richards makes post checks to ensure the members of her unit remain healthy during their shift.

Story & photo by Staff Sgt. Bobby Yettman  
455th EOG PAO

**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — Members of the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron are made for deployments, literally. When they're not deployed, they train to deploy.

Most of the 455th are from the 822nd Security Forces Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Their primary mission is to provide fully integrated close-in and in-depth defense for all Air Force resources and people, according to Capt. Kevin Walker, 455th commander.

"We have people who are sniper, Ranger,

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## Junior enlisted in charge

Spc. Travis Edwards  
Joint Logistics Command PAO

**KARSHI-KHANABAD**, Afghanistan — The Joint Logistics Command is built with the bare minimum staff needed to accomplish its mission. This makes every member of the team even more crucial to the mission.

It is made up of mostly senior enlisted and commissioned officers. But in several sections there are lower ranking specialists who have stepped up to the plate to

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Photo by Pfc. Matthew Acosta, 49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne)

### The search continues

Army soldiers from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., advance along a ridgeline to set up an M 240-B medium machinegun to provide fire support to the soldiers conducting a search of the compound below. The search was part of Operation Alamo Sweep in Southeastern Afghanistan.

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air assault and pathfinder qualified," he said. "We train and attend a lot of schools with the Army."

Before coming out here Walker's unit only had about two months of downtime after returning from Kyrgyzstan, where they were stationed for four months. The captain said despite the rigorous schedule, he gets help from others.

"I'd stay as long as I can (with them)," he said. "About 98 to 99 percent of the people in our unit are volunteers. They all came in knowing what they were going to be asked to do.

One of those "volunteers" is Master Sgt. Lisa Richards, an independent duty medical technician with the 455th ESFS. For her, the best part of being in a security forces unit is all of the unique training opportunities she's had since she started working with "the guys."

"I've been learning all kinds of tactics such as clearing buildings, setting claymores (mines), doing searches, things that are



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bobby Yettman, 455th EOG PAO

**Airman 1st Class Charles Dillon, a member of the 455th ESFS, checks a vehicle through the flightline gate.**

completely outside of my career field," she said.

While she does carry a weapon as a medic, Richards said her primary function is taking care of patients.

"I don't go looking for the bad guys," she said. "If I go in with a team, I'm there strictly to care for any team member that gets hurt and to defend them, like the tactical medics on police S.W.A.T. teams."

Another one of 455th ESFS' volunteers is Airman 1st Class Charles Dillon. He's been with the unit when they went to Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan and here. Dillon seems as gung-ho now as any security forces member could be.

"I love the idea of performing security in a bare base environment," he said. "Some days there is a lot to do, some days there's not. You can see

hot sandstorms like a few months ago to snowstorms. It's great."

Dillon said he never second-guessed coming into a unit with such a high operations tempo. He just hopes there are more units like his in the future.

Until that day comes, when Air Force people need security at a forward location, they can count on the members of the 822nd SFS to keep them safe.

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take on the responsibilities and duties of their section.

With only one person in the entire section, both the Communications and Personnel noncommissioned officers in charge positions are held by specialists.

"I am the NCOIC of my section and I am the only soldier in my section," said Spc. Charidy Welsh, com-

munications technician. "I am in charge of the 101 computers that are used in the JLC.

"At first there were two soldiers, to include myself and two NCOs. Together we laid the local area network cables in the JLC command post and eventually in the new JLC headquarters," said Welsh.

Once the cables were installed in the new headquarters building, the NCOs

and a soldier were redeployed back to Fort Bragg, N.C., leaving Welsh to maintain any computer issues that would arise.

"Spc. Welsh has shown great initiative and technical expertise as the JLC Information Systems NCOIC," said Sgt. Maj. Gerald Champion, JLC sergeant major. "She continues to show progress in her ability to get the mission accomplished."

"As the NCOIC of the JLC G-1 (Personnel). I process NCOER's (noncommissioned officer evaluation reports), OER's (officer evaluation reports), awards, leave and all finance actions," said Spc. Yolanda Worthy.

Worthy deployed to Camp Stronghold Freedom knowing that others would follow to assist her in her duties. But when those soldiers never arrived, Worthy stepped up to the plate.

"Spc. Worthy is a very hard working, dependable and knowledgeable soldier who will not stop until the mission is complete and the standards are met," said Champion.

With competent soldiers like these and the hundreds of thousands of others across the globe it is no wonder it is said that the power of the U.S. Army does not lie in numbers, it lies in the soldier — an Army of One.

# HIND SIGHT

**1248**

The city of Seville, France, surrendered to Ferdinand III of Castile after a two-year siege.

**1909**

The Wright brothers formed a million-dollar corporation for the commercial manufacture of their airplanes.

**1921**

The Willis Campell Act, better known as the anti-beer bill, was signed. It forbade doctors to prescribe beer or liquor for medicinal purposes.

**1936**

The United States abandoned the American embassy in Madrid, Spain, which is engulfed by civil war.

**1980**

In Europe's biggest earthquake since 1915, 3,000 people were killed in Italy.

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incident was an individual act or was linked to a terrorist group. The shooting took place about 10:30 a.m. as the U.S. soldiers were traveling between Camp Doha — a U.S. military base — and Orafifjan.

### Al Qaeda operative talking

WASHINGTON — Al Qaeda operative Abd Al-Rahim al-Nashiri, captured last month, is talking, sources say. His interrogation has already led the FBI to warn about possible attacks on U.S. warships, ports, naval bases and cruise ship docks. Government officials say it's likely that al-Nashiri knows about terror plots now under way; the location of active cells; and perhaps the location of active cells, weapons factories and weapons caches. Without elaborating, one U.S. official said, "He has been of some help in terms of information." Although terror experts rank al-Nashiri among the top 25 al Qaeda leaders, there is a limit to his value. Counterterrorism officials say any information he provides about al Qaeda is valuable for about six months.

## Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Sweet Home Alabama" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Thomas Crown Affair," showing at the same time.

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 63F L: 34F	<i>Haze</i> H: 64F L: 36F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 68F L: 34F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 70F L: 36F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 59F L: 34F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 61F L: 34F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 61F L: 32F	<i>Haze</i> H: 63F L: 33F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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## 2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami, Fla.	3.69
2. Ohio State	3.70
3. Washington St.	9.11
4. Oklahoma	10.75
5. Georgia	12.16
6. Notre Dame	13.13
7. Iowa	13.66
8. USC	15.54
9. Michigan	22.82
10. Texas	25.46
11. Kansas St.	29.07
12. Florida St.	29.25
13. Colorado	32.65
14. Florida	33.27
15. Penn St.	36.48

## Rix staying put ... for now

At least for now, Chris Rix isn't going anywhere.

The Florida State sophomore quarterback has no immediate plans to transfer despite losing his starting job after the Seminoles' loss to Notre Dame on Oct. 28, according to a report in Friday's Orlando Sentinel.

"I have no plans to do that," Rix told the newspaper. "Maybe there'll be a time for a reevaluation after the season. We'll see what happens. But right now I have no ambition to transfer. I have too much invested in this program, and I graduate in a year.

"I want to finish where I started. I believe that God has brought me here for a reason and it's more than football, and I don't want football to be the determining factor in whether I stay here or I'm around the people who I've built a relationship with the past couple of years."

Rix has only played in one of Florida State's three games since the loss to the Irish, but has two years of eligibility left since he redshirted as a freshman in the 2000 season.

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### Collison, Langford power Jayhawks to rout

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Nick Collison scored 25 points and Keith Langford added a career-high 24 as Kansas romped past North Carolina-Greensboro 105-66 Friday night in the second round of the Preseason NIT.

The Jayhawks (2-0) advanced to the semifinals in New York, where they will play North Carolina, the alma mater of Kansas coach Roy Williams and the school that tried to hire him two years ago.

After Williams agonized for a week and then turned the Tar Heels down, the job went to Matt Doherty, a former assistant coach for Williams at Kansas.

Kirk Hinrich, after a slow start, had 23 points and seven rebounds for Kansas. Wayne Simien had 18 points and 10 rebounds, giving him two double-doubles in two starts for the Jayhawks.

Collison, who had eight rebounds, went to the bench with about six minutes against the thoroughly outmanned Spartans.

Langford shot 10-of-11 and improved to 17-for-19 in two games.

Williams improved to 14-0 in the Preseason NIT.

Jay Joseph was practically a one-man show for the Spartans (1-1), hitting his first nine shots and winding up with a career-high 27 points.

Joseph hit one of his five 3-pointers and James Maye made a bucket to slice Kansas' lead to 74-50 early in the second half.



## 2002 NBA standings

### Western Conference

#### Midwest

(1) Dallas	12-0
(3) San Antonio	8-4
(5) Houston	6-4
(7) Minnesota	7-6
Utah	6-7

#### Pacific

(2) Sacramento	9-4
(4) Seattle	8-4
(6) Phoenix	5-4
(8) Portland	6-6
L.A. Clippers	4-8

### Eastern Conference

#### Atlantic

(2) New Jersey	9-4
(5) Philadelphia	9-4
(6) Boston	7-4
(7) Washington	6-5
(8) Orlando	7-7

#### Central

(1) Indiana	10-1
(3) Detroit	9-3
(4) New Orleans	8-3
Milwaukee	5-5
Atlanta	6-6



## Colorado's Wright to stand trial for alleged dorm incident

**BOULDER, Colo.** — A Boulder County judge has ordered University of Colorado basketball player James Wright to stand trial on charges he illegally entered a female student's dormitory room and made unwanted sexual advances.

James "Mookie" Wright, 21, is accused of letting himself into the 18-year-old's room earlier this month as she slept, crawling into her bed and asking for sexual favors. After she declined and told him to leave, he remained for a time lying next to her, according to an arrest report.

CU men's basketball coach Ricardo Patton suspended the starting guard from competition until further notice. Wright will be able to continue practicing with the team, Patton said.

At a preliminary hearing on Thursday, Boulder County Judge John F. Stavely ordered Wright to stand trial on a charge of felony second-degree burglary.

Prosecutor Rob Shapiro said a separate charge of indecent exposure wasn't considered as serious and didn't require a preliminary hearing, but would be included in the trial.

The freshman student testified at the hearing that she told Wright to leave her room, but that he instead stayed and fondled himself.

## Solution from Friday's Clean Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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## Duke thinks about Tenn. after rout

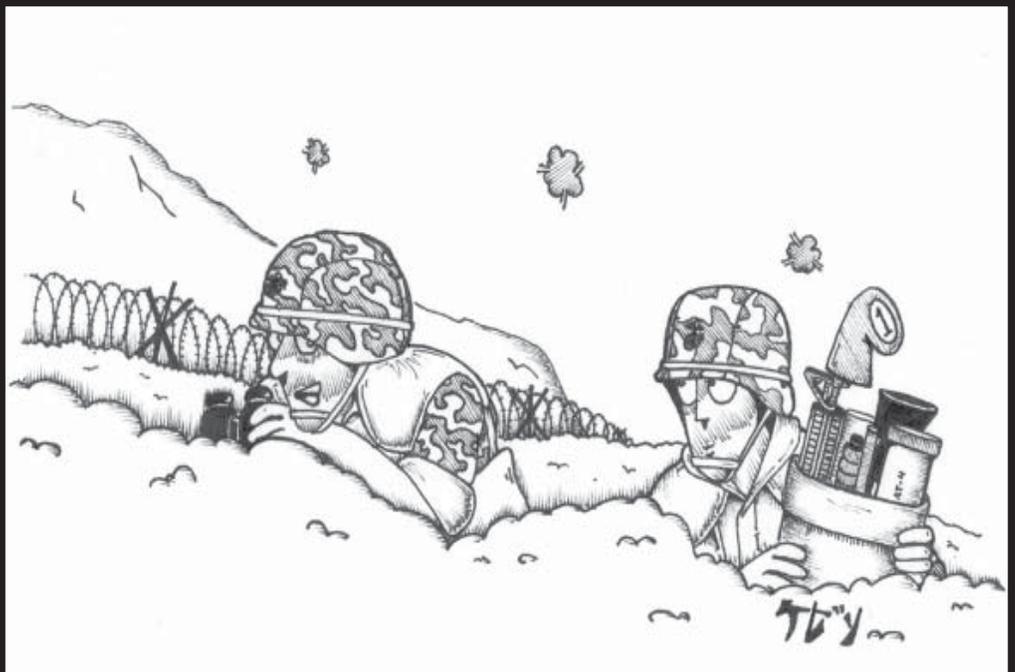
**DURHAM, N.C.** — The last fans hadn't worked their way out of the stands in Cameron Indoor Stadium before the players of top-ranked Duke had turned their thoughts from East Carolina to Tennessee.

"We haven't talked about this game for a long time, and now it's finally here. It's time for us to put everything together," Duke's Iciss Tillis said.

"It's going to be huge," Sheana Mosch said. "Tennessee is awesome. This is going to be the game of the season."

Duke plays No. 2 Tennessee on Sunday in the inaugural Jimmy V Women's Basketball Classic in Raleigh.

*"Caddy, I'll use my AT-4 on this shot."*



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