



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Disaster toll high in Iran —

At least 500 people are dead after an earthquake struck Northwestern Iran. Officials fear the death toll will rise further amid reports that around half of the mud-brick homes in 20 villages have been destroyed.

Tensions remain high in S. Asia

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has said Pakistan and India came “very close” to full-scale war over disputed Kashmir, and that while the immediate threat had eased, tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals remain “explosive.”

Pentagon to renew ties with China

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon official is expected to meet next week with Chinese defense officials in Beijing about renewing some military contacts between the United States and China.

Rumsfeld praises coalition, discusses Iran, WMD

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld praised the broad coalition supporting the war on terrorism and said the new relationships forged in this war will help protect peace in the future.

Rumsfeld spoke to reporters at the Foreign Press Center here. In addition to the war of terror, Rumsfeld also addressed Iran, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and U.S. ob-

jections to the International Criminal Court.

Rumsfeld told the reporters that more than 180 nations have offered and provided assistance in the war on terrorism. Of that number, 69 countries are contributing direct support to Operation Enduring Freedom, and 33 countries have representatives at U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla.

Also, more than 90 countries have arrested or detained more than 2,400 terrorists and their supporters,

he said.

If there was a common thread in the 10 nations he visited recently in Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, Rumsfeld told reporters, it was that all actively support the global war on terrorism.

Rumsfeld said Iran supports terrorists and has served as a haven for some terrorists leaving Afghanistan. He said it has worked with Syria to move materials and people into Damascus and then

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Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Color guard

Sgt. 1st Class James Tyler adjusts Spc. Scott Bass's arm during a Color Guard rehearsal on the flightline at Karshi-Khanbad, Uzbekistan. The Color Guard is practicing for the July 4 celebration at Uzbekistan's American Embassy.

Air Force Reservist fights battles on two fronts

By Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs
320th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM—Many Reservists have been activated and called to serve their country. But one Reservist at a forward-deployed location was pulled from one front line to serve on another.

Tech. Sgt. Charles Boyette, from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., packed away his New York City police officer's uniform in October and donned the uniform of America's Air Force when his unit, the 514th Civil Engineer Squadron, was called upon.

Sept. 11 was Boyette's day off. He was home taking care of his sick daughter when he saw hijacked airliners slam into the World Trade Center on television. Without hesitating, he began to get ready for work because he knew he, and thousands of other police, fire and emergency workers, would be needed.

“It was chaos,” he said. “Everybody ran. I worked patrol, searching for people and remains, and clearing different buildings.”

From September until he was activated on Oct. 22, Boyette worked

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into the hands of groups involved with terrorist activities in Lebanon and Israel.

Iran concerns the United States because of its work in developing weapons of mass destruction and missiles to deliver them.

“Iran is an important country,” Rumsfeld said. “It has a population that’s educated and industrious and, in many respects, repressed by the leadership of that country.” The inclusion of Iran as a member of the “Axis of Evil” in President Bush’s State of the Union speech in January, he said, was an attempt to highlight the danger Iran presents.

Rumsfeld told the reporters that the potency of weapons of mass destruction makes conflict more dangerous than in the past. Conventional weapons could cause thousands of casualties, but chemical, biological or nuclear weapons could push casualty counts into the hundreds of thousands.

“What that means is that our margin for error as people, as human beings living on this Earth, has declined,” he said. “It is a much smaller margin for error than was the case . . . for earlier generations.” He said that smaller margin imposes a responsibility to recognize “we have to be wiser, we have to . . . have better foresight as to what might take place, we have to be willing to think with a sense of urgency that we did not have to have in an earlier period.”

Rumsfeld also detailed U.S. objections to the International Criminal Court due to go into effect July 1. He said the court is flawed and could be used for political purposes. He said one aspect of the court is that unlike other treaties establishing courts, this one has no time limitation and is not limited by subject or focus.

“We have looked at this and made a judgment that it would cause the United States pause to be willing to participate and put U.S. forces in countries where they could become subject to the international court and you could end up with a politicized prosecutor or people making allegations or charges, and then . . . U.S. military forces would be subject to those kinds of allegations,” he said.



Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs

Tech. Sgt. Charles Boyette, an Air Force Reserve civil engineer deployed here from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., uses a "Ditch Witch" to dig a trench to bury communications cables in the desert. Boyette is also a New York City Police officer who was activated in October. He is assigned to the 514th Civil Engineer Squadron.

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security patrols around the scene, and worked in the morgue helping identify and sort human remains.

“Working in the morgues, it was very hard,” he said. “There were so many bodies it was unbelievable.”

A native of New York, Boyette has been a police officer for 16 years, 12 of which were as a corrections officer. He is now assigned to the Brooklyn North Task Force, an elite unit created to handle a variety of circumstances from civil disturbances to major accident responses.

Boyette became a police officer after he spent four years in the active-duty Air Force. He was stationed at Hancock Field, N.Y.; Osan Air Base, Korea; and Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Once his enlistment was up, he joined the Air Force Reserve and returned to New York. He has a total of 22 years in the military.

Like many New Yorkers, Boyette takes the attacks personally. He spent time working near the World Trade Center as a printing supervisor in a major

financial firm, and spent many of his teen-age years as a messenger working in the area. He took his family and friends to visit the World Trade Center,

and has many fond memories of lunchtime concerts he attended there in his youth.

His wife, Daveena, is also a NYC police officer. Both responded to the tragedies, and now she is home

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—Tech. Sgt. Charles Boyette

caring for their four children while her husband is away at war.

“She’s gotten used to it,” he said. “She didn’t want me to go, but she knows we’ve got to do our part. They miss me, but we’ve all got to do what’s necessary.”

Though he said he does not mind talking about his experiences, he is still haunted by the memories of his time in the trenches after the collapse. He does not like watching any of the television shows that air footage from inside ground zero. He said he has seen enough of that firsthand.

Now, nine months later, Boyette is deployed to Southwest Asia as a heavy equipment operator in the 320th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, driving dozers, loaders and forklifts.

“I didn’t expect to come over here,” he said. “It’s been a big turn of events from all that’s happened. I’m here to do my part.”

Boyette said he is glad to be able to participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and America’s war on terrorism. He has seen the battle in the beginning, and now is 8,000 miles from home helping defend the freedoms every American enjoys.

“I had the chance some people will never have, to see both sides, good and bad,” he said. “It’s good to do your part, but then it’s also a lot to deal with both. Sept. 11 was enough, and now being here also is a lot.”

HIND SIGHT

1497

John Cabot claims eastern Canada for England

1509

Henry VIII crowned King of England

1894

Decision to begin modern Olympics every four years

1930

First radar detection of planes, Anacostia DC

1940

France signs an armistice with Italy during WW II

1963

First demonstration of home video recorder, at BBC Studios, London

DOD approves picture book

By Jonathan Williamson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Civilian photographers will be taking pictures on Army posts throughout the world Oct. 7 for a coffee-table book titled “A Day in the Life of the United States Military.”

A request by Epicenter Communications of Sausalito, Calif., to have more than 100 commercial photographers take pictures on military installations was recently approved by the Department of Defense.

Oct. 7 was chosen to shoot the photographs because it marks the one-year anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, said a DOD news release.

The publishers plan for the picture book to go on sale beginning Armed Forces Day, May 2003.

The book will attempt to capture a day on military installations all over the world through pictures. Photo subjects will include civilians and DOD officials, as well as service members. Coverage will range from a civil affairs unit in the Balkans to basic trainees getting a haircut, DOD officials said.

To facilitate the project, Army major commands are being asked to recommend 12 shooting locations and photography suggestions to Department of the Army by July 1.

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Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

| | <u>Today</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Bagram:</u> | Partly cloudy H: 97F L: 59F | Partly cloudy H: 99F L: 61F |
| <u>Kandahar:</u> | Haze H: 109F L: 70F | Haze H: 108F L: 70F |
| <u>Kabul:</u> | Partly cloudy H: 93F L: 55F | Partly cloudy H: 95F L: 57F |
| <u>Uzbekistan:</u> | Sunny H: 92F L: 53F | Sunny H: 96F L: 53F |

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

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Matthew Naythons, a physician and award-winning *Time* magazine photojournalist, founded Epicenter Communications in 1991. The company has produced several coffee-table books on numerous subjects including Christmas around the world, the auto races at Daytona, and war in Sarajevo.

Photographers who will work on "A Day in the Life of the U.S. Military," include Naythons, David Kennerly and Lew Korman.

Kennerly, a contributing editor to *Newsweek* magazine since 1996 and Pulitzer Prize winner, photographed the Pentagon burning after it was attacked by terrorists on Sept. 11.

Many of the photographers involved in the project are Pulitzer Prize winners.

Naythons and others are best known for their book "A Day in the Life of America," a book that contained pictures of Americans, both ordinary and famous, throughout the country, said a news release.

There will also be up to 15 military photographers working on the project. These photographers may be used to shoot locations not normally open to the American public, officials said.

Most of the military photographers will come from Combat Camera, a unit that provides global photography support for the military. If the Army is engaged in combat on Oct. 7, arrangements will be made to incorporate photographs of battle, according to a DOD release.

"If we are in armed conflict, arrangements will be made, when possible, for this to be photographed as well for the book," stated the release.

July 4th 10K run

Iron Rakkasan will host an Independence Day 10k Run at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The entry fee is \$15.

To sign up, visit the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment S-4 shop; any 3rd Bn., 187th Inf. company headquarters in Viper City; at the mayor's office in Motel 6; or at the SSA.

For more information, call Capt. Christian Teutsch at 640-1116.

2002 World Cup First Round Standings

Group A

| | | |
|-----------|-------|---|
| x-Denmark | 2-0-1 | 7 |
| y-Senegal | 1-0-2 | 5 |
| Uruguay | 0-1-2 | 2 |
| France | 0-2-1 | 1 |

Group B

| | | |
|--------------|-------|---|
| x-Spain | 3-0-0 | 9 |
| y-Paraguay | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| South Africa | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| Slovenia | 0-3-0 | 0 |

Group C

| | | |
|------------|-------|---|
| x-Brazil | 3-0-0 | 9 |
| y-Turkey | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| Costa Rica | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| China | 0-3-0 | 0 |

Group D

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| x-South Korea | 2-0-1 | 7 |
| y-United States | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| Portugal | 1-2-0 | 3 |
| Poland | 1-2-0 | 3 |

Group E

| | | |
|--------------|-------|---|
| x-Germany | 2-0-1 | 7 |
| y-Ireland | 1-0-2 | 5 |
| Cameroon | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0-3-0 | 0 |

Group F

| | | |
|-----------|-------|---|
| x-Sweden | 1-0-2 | 5 |
| y-England | 1-0-2 | 5 |
| Argentina | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| Nigeria | 0-2-1 | 1 |

Group G

| | | |
|----------|-------|---|
| x-Mexico | 2-0-1 | 7 |
| y-Italy | 1-1-1 | 4 |
| Croatia | 1-2-0 | 3 |
| Ecuador | 1-2-0 | 3 |

Group H

| | | |
|-----------|-------|---|
| x-Japan | 2-0-1 | 7 |
| y-Belgium | 1-0-2 | 5 |
| Russia | 1-2-0 | 3 |
| Tunisia | 0-2-1 | 1 |

World Cup second round schedule

Germany 1-0 Paraguay

England 3-0 Denmark

Senegal 2-1, OT, Sweden

Spain 1-1 Ireland (Spain advances 3-2 PKs)

United States 2-0 Mexico

Brazil 2-0 Belgium

Turkey 1-0 Japan

South Korea 2-1, OT, Italy

World Cup quarterfinals

Germany 1-0 United States

Brazil 1-0 England

Turkey 1-0, OT, Senegal

South Korea 0-0 Spain (S. Korea wins 5-3 in PKs)

World Cup semifinals

Tuesday — Germany v. South Korea

Wednesday — Brazil v. Turkey

World Cup Final @ Yokohama, Japan

June 30 — Semifinal winners