



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Money may be motive for Arizona blaze

**SHOW LOW, Ariz.** — A man who has worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a firefighter was charged Sunday with starting two fires in eastern Arizona, one of which evolved into the largest in the state's history. Leonard Gregg, 29, was arrested Saturday and charged with two federal counts for setting the fires.

### U.S. building forces at obscure Qatari base

**AL-UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar**— If President Bush ordered air strikes on Iraq, this vast, remote and little-publicized base in the central Persian Gulf would be a critical hub for U.S. warplanes and their aerial pipeline of bombs and supplies. The government of Qatar is spending millions of dollars to expand al-Udeid.

## SOF teams discover more weapons caches

By Spc. Erica Leigh Foley  
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**BAGRAM AIRBASE, Afghanistan** — There has been quite a bit of action for the coalition forces in Afghanistan over the weekend. Col. Roger King, Combined Joint Task Force – 180 Public Affairs Officer said that at approximately midnight

(local) Sunday, two rocket-propelled grenades were fired in the direction of coalition forces near Khowst. They impacted on the airfield with no injuries or equipment damage, according to King. Firing in the Khowst vicinity has been sporadic but ongoing for several weeks.

Along with the incoming fire, there have been a few significant caches found as Operation Mountain Lion continues.

Special operations forces in the Orgue-e vicinity recovered 36 RPG2, 40 107 mm rockets, 15 by 82

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## CJCMOTF continues humanitarian assistance

Story & photo by Staff Sgt. Zelda Thomas-Gates  
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**KABUL, Afghanistan** — The sun shone brightly early Saturday morning as vehicles were loaded outside of the Public Affairs Office in Kabul with humanitarian supplies for Cheheltan School.

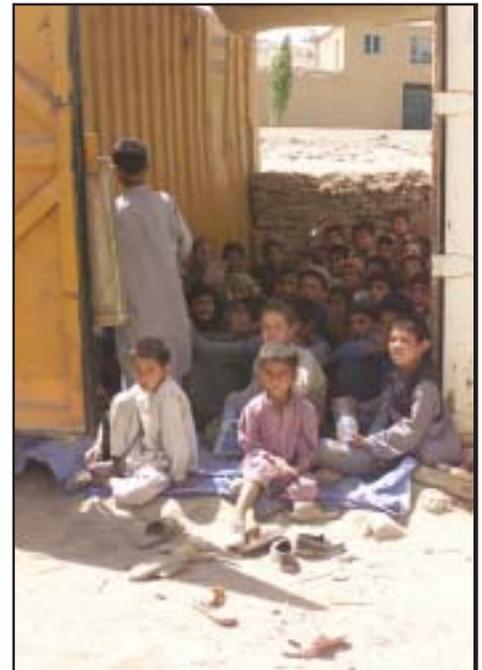
The soldiers of the humanitarian assistance task force donated funds that helped purchase desks and benches for the students,

which the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operation Task Force delivered to the once completely destroyed school.

“We are deeply appreciative to the U.S. Military for rebuilding Afghanistan, and especially for rebuilding our schools,” said Amir Mohammed the headmaster of Cheheltan School. “We are happy our brothers came to help us.”

“This is one of the most important projects the military is doing for this country,”

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The CJCMOTF recently donated funds for school supplies to assist these children in Kabul.

## Ammo specialists help support warfighters

By Spc. Erica Leigh Foley  
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**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan** — Before rounds are fired, they go through the ammunition supply spe-

cialists who are here to provide ammunition for Bagram Air Base.

“We receive, store and issue ammunition to support units,” said 63<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance Company 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. David Null.

Ordnance soldiers in

Bagram do not take ensuring soldiers have safe, serviceable ammunition lightly.

“We are here to support the warfighter. Nothing can be more important than supporting them,” said

Spc. Emanuel Miller, ammunitions specialist.

“Our mission ... is to receive, inspect, repackage and account for unexpanded ammu-

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# USACAPOC commander visits soldiers in Kabul

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**KABUL**, Afghanistan—Troops in their desert camouflage uniforms recently swarmed the dining facility, not for breakfast, but to see their commander.

Maj. Gen. Herbert L. Altshuler, commander of the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) (USACAPOC(A)), visited with troops and later toured two humanitarian projects here.

During Altshuler's visit, he gave his troops important information about their deployment and answered their questions.

After the question and answer session, the general awarded Staff



**Maj. Gen. Herbert L. Altshuler gives answers to questions from CJCMTF soldiers deployed in Kabul, Afghanistan.**

Sgts. Deborah Smith, and Chester Groce, and Spc. Doyle Saylor with coins for their hard work. He also promoted Maj. Marvin Benton, from the staff judge advocate's office, with the 489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion to lieutenant colonel.

"It felt great, and it was an honor to have the general pin my rank on,"

Benton said.

Altshuler left the CJCMTF immediately after the promotion for Sultan Razia High School, located in southwest Kabul. He visited several classes and spoke with the Najeeba Rahmati, the school's headmaster, who thanked the general for the assis-

tance the U.S. Army has given the school.

Rebuilding schools and reintroducing girls to the educational system is just one of the CJCMTF's humanitarian projects in Afghanistan.

Altshuler also visited the Kabul Medical Institute where six auditorium-style classrooms are getting new desks and cosmetic reconstruction.

His tour concluded with his troops presenting him an Afghan war rug.

"I will take the other rug down that I got from Bosnia and replace it with this one," the general said with a smile.

Altshuler left via aircraft for the remainder of his tour of Coalition Humanitarian Liaison Cells in other areas of Afghanistan.

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mm recoilless rifle rounds, 15 by 75 mm recoilless rifle rounds, 4,000 14.5 mm rounds, 40 by 82 mm mortar rounds, 2,000 PKM (7.62 mm light machine gun rounds, 20 x AT mines and a twin barreled ZPU AA gun.

Another weapons stash was found in the vicinity of Zarmanke Ghar. The stash included two stinger missiles (incomplete), a Milan AT missile, numerous Sagger anti-tank missiles, small arms, heavy weapons, and what is estimated to be tons of ammunition.

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said Sgt. 1st Class James Gay.

The CJCMTF currently has 78 humanitarian assistance projects being developed throughout the country — 41 of them are school projects. With many schools having been heavily damaged during 23 years of war, these projects will provide a more suitable environment in which to teach and learn.

"Education is a foundation of a nation," Mohammed said. "If a nation doesn't have education... doesn't have a school... the nation is nothing... it has nothing. The schools are most important in Afghanistan."

"Schools are a priority to our administration and government, particularly our president," said Lt. Col. James G. Traves, CJCMTF Chief Engineer.

Currently, 600 students are using six metal shipping containers, two old vehicles and tents as classrooms. Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 18 attend the school from 12 different villages within a three-kilometer radius.

The \$92,000 project is 52-percent completed. The school will have 12 classrooms, one staff room and one storeroom, once completed.

The CJCMTF, the civil-military arm of the Coalition Forces, is conducting humanitarian projects throughout Afghanistan, to include school repairs, renovating medical facilities, and well drilling projects. Projects are currently ongoing in Kabul, Kandahar, Bagram, Bamian, Mazar-e-Sharif, Konduz, Herat and Khowst.



**Spc. Erica Leigh Foley CJCMTF soldiers unload school supplies at a local school. The CJCMTF provides humanitarian assistance throughout Afghanistan.**

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nition turned in by other units,” added Spc. Patrick Wright, ammunition specialist.

Issuing rounds is less complicated. Ordnance soldiers make an appointment with the unit needing ammo, take the live rounds out of the original package and issue it to the soldier.

Once the rounds are no longer needed, they are turned back in to the ammunition supply point. The ASP deals with hundreds of vari-

eties of ammunition, and has an effective way of separating and categorizing their supply.

“The first separation is done by the Department of Defense Identification Code, which is an alphanumeric code,” Miller said. “For example, the DODIC for the M-16 rounds is A059.”

Next to safety, accountability is at the top of the list of importance. Like rounds are placed together, then separated by lot. The ammunition is then laid out and manually counted.

“We need to keep an accurate count of ammo so we can provide the war-fighters with the ammunition they need,” Miller said.

During the round layout, the ordnance soldiers look for dents, rust and other defects that may have been caused by daily wear-and-tear.

The ammunition must also be cleaned for safety purposes. The soldiers use a steel brush and clean the ammunition individually or on a belt. From there, the rounds are categorized

by their condition. The condition code separates safe ammo from ammo that is no longer serviceable or safe to re-issue to the war-fighters.

“If (the rounds are) damaged, we make sure it doesn’t go back out because it’s too dangerous,” Wright said. “We have to make sure of it ourselves.”

Unsafe ammunition is disposed of by burning or exploding it. This ensures only safe rounds and ammunition are refused to the soldiers.

Safe ammunition is then repacked and placed in a holding area.

“We repackage (the ammo to its) original configuration and mark all the boxes. We try to make everything look brand new again to make it safe for issue and reuse,” Miller said.

“It makes me feel good to know that I may have caught something that was previously overlooked, helping to make the rounds safe for our soldiers,” Wright added.

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<b><u>Bagram:</u></b>	Partly cloudy H: 95F L: 73F	Partly Cloudy H: 97F L: 77F
<b><u>Kandahar:</u></b>	Haze H: 109F L: 72F	Haze H: 106F L: 73F
<b><u>Kabul:</u></b>	Haze H: 100F L: 68F	Thunderstorms H: 102F L: 66F
<b><u>Uzbekistan:</u></b>	Clear H: 96F L: 46F	Clear H: 95F L: 45F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

### Yankees acquire Mondesi from Blue Jays

The New York Yankees acquired outfielder Raul Mondesi from the Toronto Blue Jays for a minor-league pitcher Monday night.

The AL East-leading Yankees have been looking for someone to replace the retired right-fielder Paul O'Neill.

### NL, AL team selected for 2002 All-Star game

Joe Torre and Bob Brenly each took six players from their respective teams as both squads were announced for the July 9 game in Milwaukee.

The AL and NL starting lineups:

C - Jorge Posada, N.Y. Yankees, C - Mike Piazza, N.Y. Mets  
 1B - Jason Giambi, N.Y. Yankees, 1B - Todd Helton, Col.  
 2B - Alfonso Soriano, N.Y. Yankees, 2B - Jose Vidro, Montreal  
 3B - Shea Hillenbrand, Boston, 3B - Scott Rolen, Phil.  
 SS - Alex Rodriguez, Texas, SS - Jimmy Rollins, Phil.  
 OF - Manny Ramirez, Boston, OF - Barry Bonds, S.Fran  
 OF - Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle, OF - Sammy Sosa, Chicago  
 OF - Torii Hunter, Minnesota, OF - Vladimir Guerrero, Mont.

Pitchers selected by Torre and Brenly include:

AL- Roy Halladay, Toronto; Derek Lowe, Boston; Pedro Martinez, Boston; Mark Buehrle, Chicago; Barry Zito, Oakland; Freddy Garcia, Seattle; Eddie Guardado, Minnesota; Kazuhiro Sasaki, Seattle; Mariano Rivera, NY Yankees  
 NL- John Smoltz, Atlanta; Trevor Hoffman, San Diego; Mike Williams, Pittsburgh; Eric Gagne, Los Angeles; Odalis Perez, Los Angeles; Tom Glavine, Atlanta; Matt Morris, St. Louis; Byung-Hyun Kim, Arizona; Curt Schilling, Arizona; Randy Johnson, Arizona

## July 4th festivities at Bagram Air Base

- ❖ 0430Z — 3-on-3 basketball tourney at the Combat Area Support Hospital or 129th Facility
- ❖ 0530Z — Soccer challenge at Dragon City
- ❖ 0730Z — Brunch BBQ at Viper City Dining Facility
- ❖ 0830Z — Horseshoe tourney at Viper City
- ❖ 0930Z — Volleyball tourney at the Polish compound
- ❖ 1400Z — Tournament winners awards presentation at the Joint Operations Center pavilion
- ❖ 1420Z — Mass re-enlistment at the Joint Operations Center flag pole
- ❖ 1430Z — Back yard patio BBQ for U.S. and coalition commanders and command sergeants major
- ❖ 1500Z — Evening festivities will include music, lights, appetizers and cold beverages at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent in front of Motel 8.

For more information, call 640-8137.

## July 4th 5K run

Iron Rakkasan will host an Independence Day 5k Run at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The entry fee is \$10, which includes a T-shirt.

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

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

### 2002 Major League Baseball Standings

<b>American League East</b>			<b>GB</b>
N.Y. Yankees	50-31	.617	-
Boston	47-31	.603	1.5
Baltimore	38-41	.481	11
<b>American League Central</b>			<b>GB</b>
Minnesota	46-36	.561	-
Chicago (AL)	40-42	.488	6
Cleveland	37-43	.462	8
<b>American League West</b>			<b>GB</b>
Seattle	51-30	.630	-
Anaheim	47-33	.588	3.5
Oakland	46-35	.568	5
<b>National League East</b>			<b>GB</b>
Atlanta	52-30	.634	-
Montreal	42-39	.519	9.5
Florida	42-40	.512	10.5
<b>National League Central</b>			<b>GB</b>
Cincinnati	44-37	.543	-
St. Louis	43-36	.543	-
Houston	36-44	.456	7.5
<b>National League West</b>			<b>GB</b>
Los Angeles	50-31	.617	-
Arizona	48-32	.600	1.5
San Francisco	45-35	.562	4.5