

## 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn. completes Operation Devil Fury

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*(Editor's note: This is the second part of a two part series on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division's participation in Operation Devil Fury.)*

**PAKTIKA PROVINCE**, Afghanistan – Fifty-caliber machine gun rounds ripped through the dead calm of night on Aug. 11, waking soldiers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division who were sleeping on a large hill overlooking Megal Village.

The machine gun fire by soldiers on a neighboring hill was over almost as soon as it started, and the dazed Blue Devil soldiers of Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment tried to quickly fall back asleep because they knew in a few short hours they would resume their mission as part of Operation Devil Fury.

Their objective hadn't changed since the operation kicked off three days before; they were still attempting to find Anti Coalition Militants (ACM) and deny them safe haven in the area.

"The real key behind this mission isn't the weapons, if we find them we'll take them," said



*Blue Devil soldiers search through homes for weapons and anti-coalition militants during Operation Devil Fury.*

Capt. Jason Enyart, Co. C commander. "The key to this mission is following the intelligence on Anti Coalition Military elements and trying to find those guys."

Recent intelligence reports showed that ACM forces were still hiding in the valley.

On the second day of the operation the Blue Devils continued searching compounds

in the area. After spending a day searching the compound, the infantry soldiers decided to change their strategy of trying to catch the ACMs during the daytime.

On the final night of the operation, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon of Co. C was designated as the "flex"

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## PRT meeting opens lines of communication

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Provincial Reconstruction Team's from the surrounding areas in Afghanistan came together Aug. 18-19 in the Viper dining facility for a two-day conference designed to provide PRT personnel with an opportunity to speak with others in hopes of bettering the program.

"The importance of this meeting is to bring

together all of our field commanders, PRTs and CMOCs (Civil Military Operations Center), and have a chance to talk to them; make sure we are all oriented on the same mission," said Lt. Col. Mark Kehrer, Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, Coalition Joint Operations Officer, 312<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade.

This was the first time that a meeting was held between the PRT commanders (and) "we needed one," he said.

"It's very important that we are on the same sheet of music," said Maj. Carman Oldre, 407<sup>th</sup>

Civil Affairs Battalion. "It's a good thing to compare our notes, see what's working, what is not working and what we can improve."

Participants gathered in the conference room and listened to the various presentations provided by their counterparts that addressed issues they were going through in their provinces. Each presenter ended their session with a statement about

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Riduan Isamuddin, also known as Hambali.

## Asia's 'most wanted' captured

WASHINGTON – The man accused of being the mastermind behind last year's Bali nightclub bombings may have been plotting to stage an attack on the upcoming Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, scheduled to be held in Thailand in October.

Riduan Isamuddin, known as Hambali, was arrested by Thai authorities two days ago in the central temple town of Ayutthaya, and was handed over to the CIA, according to senior U.S. officials.

Apart from the October 12 Bali blasts which killed more than 200 people, Hambali is also thought to be responsible for planning last week's explosion at the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta and possibly the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Investigators said Hambali was plotting to stage an operation during the APEC summit and that his arrest could possibly prevent some future attacks.

Hambali is the acting chief of Jemaah Islamiyah, a group that is basically a franchise of al Qaeda in Southeast Asia. He has served as a link between the groups, and was the only non-Arab to sit on al Qaeda's leadership council.

According to CNN's Maria Ressa, Hambali was sought by at least a half-dozen countries in the region for his suspected involvement in several bombings in various countries.

Sources told CNN al Qaeda had asked Hambali to recruit more suicide hijackers, and that an al Qaeda leader in Pakistan gave him a

large sum of money earlier this year to carry out a major attack.



People try to board a crowded Manhattan bus during Thursday's power outage.

## Major power outage hits New York, other large cities

NEW YORK – A major power outage struck simultaneously across dozens of cities in the eastern United States and Canada late Thursday afternoon.

Cities affected included New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; Toronto and Ottawa, Canada.

In just three minutes, starting at 4:10 p.m., 21 power plants shut down, according to Genscape, a company that monitors the output of power plants.

It was unclear what caused the outage, although officials said it was not terrorism.

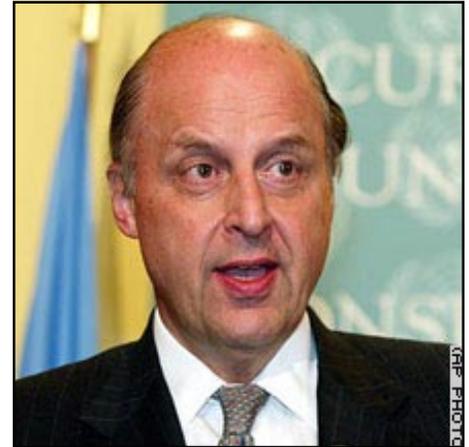
One possibility was a lightning strike in the Niagara region on the U.S. side of the border, according to the Canadian Department of National Defense.

A spokesman for the Canadian prime minister's office said the cause was a fire at a Con Edison power plant in New York.

The outage stopped trains, elevators and the normal flow of traffic and life. In Michigan, water supplies were affected because water is distributed through electric pumps, a governor's spokeswoman said.

By 6 p.m. the power was being restored in parts of the affected area, starting with the northern and western edges, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said at a news conference.

New York subways resumed limited service around 8 p.m., according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. It took 2.5 hours to evacuate passengers from stalled subway trains, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said.



U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte says Thursday's resolution "hastens the day when the people of Iraq are in full command of their own affairs."

## U.N. accepts, U.S. apologizes

UNITED NATIONS – The United Nations Security Council on Thursday passed a resolution welcoming the Iraqi Governing Council and approving the U.N. assistance mission in the country.

"This expression of support ... hastens the day when the people of Iraq are in full command of their own affairs — a condition they have not known for three decades," said U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte.

"It also sends a message to those opposed (to efforts in Iraq) that they are out of step with world opinion," he said.

The resolution passed 14-0, with Syria — the only Arab nation currently on the Security Council — abstaining.

The head of U.S. ground forces in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, told reporters Thursday that the Army had apologized to local officials and was investigating an incident that prompted a violent demonstration.

A Shiite Muslim leader urged U.S. forces to steer clear of Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood after the event, apparently triggered by an American helicopter.

Videotape of the incident shows the helicopter hovering near a communications tower that was flying a black flag, a symbol of the Shiite Muslim faith.

Witnesses said a soldier in the helicopter tried to take down the flag, CNN's Rym Brahimi reported.

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*Soldiers temporarily detain an Afghan while searching a home..*

squad, which could raid any compound suspected of harboring ACMs at a moments notice.

Early morning on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Plt. made a final attempt to catch ACM forces by surprise. They conducted a night raid of a large compound where suspected ACMs were staying.

Soldiers swarmed on the compound and rounded up approximately 30 male occupants.

Interpreters questioned the Afghan males as soldiers searched the compound for weapons and explosives or any sign of ACM activity, but the soldiers came up empty handed.

“We followed the lead, but the intelligence just didn’t pan out,” said 3<sup>rd</sup> Plt. Leader, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jim Ollinger.

After questioning, all of the Afghan males were released.

The mission ended later that day when soldiers were airlifted back to Bagram Air Base. After four days on the operation, the Blue Devils’ hard work in the mountains of Afghanistan paid off.

Overall, the mission resulted in three enemy soldiers being captured and one other killed during a brief battle with coalition soldiers. The three enemy soldiers were captured and detained by coalition personnel for questioning.

“Any time you get one of the ACMs it’s a successful mission,” Enyart said. “We definitely got them ... and that’s clearly a success right there. It’s easy to find the caches because they run and leave it, but the hardest thing to do is to hunt down these guys.”

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR Building: “Ride with the Devil.” Jake Roedel and Jack Bull Chiles are friends in Missouri when the Civil War starts. Women and Blacks know their place. Jack Bull’s dad is killed by Union soldiers, so the young men join the Bushwhackers, irregulars loyal to the South.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “Unforgiven.”

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

|                    | Today                            | Saturday                   |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Bagram:</b>     | Mostly clear<br>H: 93F<br>L: 68F | Dusty<br>H: 93F<br>L: 72F  |
| <b>Kandahar:</b>   | Dusty<br>H: 102F<br>L: 68F       | Dusty<br>H: 104F<br>L: 68F |
| <b>Kabul:</b>      | Haze<br>H: 91F<br>L: 64F         | Dusty<br>H: 91F<br>L: 64F  |
| <b>Uzbekistan:</b> | Clear<br>H: 105F<br>L: 62F       | Clear<br>H: 106F<br>L: 63F |

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# Bamian PRT to switch hands, maintain mission

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**BAMIAN**, Afghanistan—At the end of September, the U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Bamian province of Afghanistan will hand over the reins to a New Zealand team.

The PRT camp in Bamian has been controlled by a 50-person U.S. element since its establishment March 1, and is scheduled to pass the responsibilities to a 100-person New Zealand military element Sept. 22.

“They’ve had a lot of experience in these types of operations,” said Lt. Col. Mark T. Schnur, Bamian PRT commander of the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force.

“The [New Zealand military] is ideally suited to this role,” said the Honorable Mark Burton, New Zealand’s Minister of Defense. “Our people have already proved themselves adept at working in such diverse situations as the former Republic of Yugoslavia, Bougainville, and Timor Leste.”

The New Zealand team is slated to have a presence in Bamian for one year, said Schnur, but overall coalition presence really depends on the situation as it progresses, he said.

“We think Bamian province is pretty secure and stable now, but if we left, I’m not sure it will remain that way,” said Schnur. “The coalition’s viewpoint is we want to make sure that when they pull out it is secure, and it’s a sustainable security, so those factors determines how long it

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how they feel PRTs can help their area.

Topics presented included political issues, upcoming election(s), the Afghan National Army, security issues, the Afghan police, health, education, economics, funding and conflict resolution.

“The security brief and the integration of the ANA I think we all agree is extremely important,” said Lt. Col. Elizabeth Damonte, PRT director, CJCMOTF. It was interesting to hear from the Civil Military Coordination Center, Kabul, who spoke about their pieces and parts and how they interface on the government level, she said.

“I think a huge piece of communication (that) was made at this conference was the fact that everything we do has to push towards legitimizing the Karzai government,” said Damonte. “(What we do) has to have an impact on the entire country and be a national visibility thing that says ‘the Afghanistan government can handle this without the U.S. military and without the coalition forces.’”

Issues such as this were addressed after each briefing, where there was time allotted

for discussion and feedback. Even during the breaks, people were talking to each other about possible changes within their areas and what they need to improve the PRTs.

“Everyone took advantage of the opportunity to talk,” said Damonte. “The fact that the people in charge, the people responsible, the people held accountable, talked to one another for two whole days, every minute, (was amazing).”

The conference offered personnel the chance to learn from one another and hear about other areas in Afghanistan.

“Talking was the best thing,” said Damonte. Listening was the other advantage for the meeting. “We heard them; they were up in our face and that was by design.”

Meeting personnel that, up until now, they knew only by name, proved to be a good opportunity for not only the attendees of the conference, but all involved.

“The major players were in that conference room, (but) the other people that they brought with them, the people they needed for the convoy, support and force protection, they were also out talking to their counterparts,” said Damonte.

takes.”

The Bamian province was initially chosen as a PRT site because Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and the leadership of the coalition wanted “specifically to support the Hazara people who are a populace of the central highlands region of Afghanistan,” said Schnur.

“The Hazara people, traditionally, have been among the most oppressed ethnic groups,” said Schnur. “They’re Chinese Mongolian descent, so they look a little different than a lot of the different ethnic groups in Afghanistan,” and this created ethnic clashes, he said.

Right now, “the Bamian province and Hazara region has the advantage of being among the most secure and stable areas of Afghanistan,” said Schnur. “So, we have the most opportunity to do real military civil affairs work there.”

This allows both the U.S. and New Zealand PRT teams to help establish things “like building the Bamian University to help educate the Hazara people, who then can help themselves rebuild their own infrastructure, and their own economy,” said Schnur.

“In addition, personnel will visit communities, make contact with community leaders, and gather information about what they might need in terms of reconstruction,” said Burton.

Until the PRT transition, the U.S. team will continue its missions in the Bamian province.

“[To] provide security and stability, facilitate reconstruction efforts, and the ultimate goal is to extend the legitimacy and authority of the national government out into the provinces,” said Schnur.

Personnel were out meeting Bagram troops, talking to the motor pool personnel about maintenance requirements, talking to supply and to other people in their field, learning from one another and offering suggestions on how they could improve their situations, she said.

“It wasn’t just (the conference), it was the bringing together (of everyone); bringing everyone here,” Damonte added.

Getting together induced positive growth (and) “we evolved in the right direction,” said Damonte. “It’s a checks and balances system that allows us to make adjustments along the way instead of meeting failure and needing to fix it.”

Because of the limited amount of time they have to set up remaining PRTs, personnel have to “learn quickly from the lessons the existing PRTs have learned.”

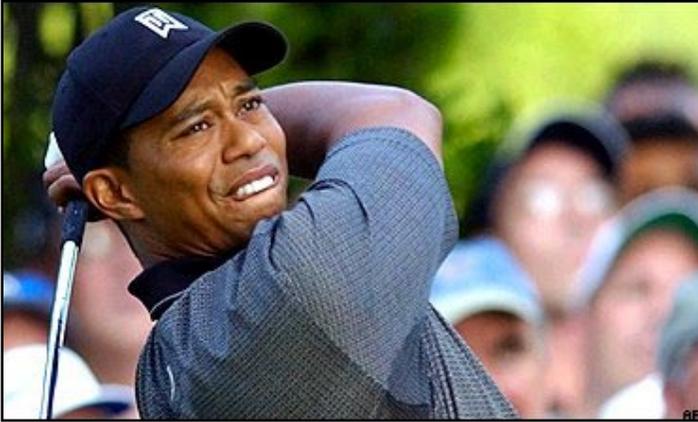
“It’s imperative that the PRT commanders are on the same sheet of music, especially now that some (personnel) are taking over some other locations,” said Oldre.

The meeting was a success, said Damonte and personnel are hoping to conduct these conferences once a month to ensure the program goes smoothly.



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)



*Tiger Woods finished Thursday tied for 58th place.*

## No Tiger in sight, Woods struggles in first round Thursday

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Tiger Woods is fond of saying you don't win majors on Thursday, but you can lose them.

So what exactly does his 4-over-par 74 in the first round of the PGA Championship mean?

Or, for that matter, what do the 75s of Kenny Perry, David Toms and Ben Curtis mean? The 77s of Retief Goosen and Scott Verplank? The 78 of Thomas Bjorn? The 82s of defending champ Rich Beem and Colin Montgomerie, for the love of John Jacob (who shot 87 and mercifully withdrew)?

Some of the biggest names in the field took it on the chin on an otherwise delightful Thursday. All of them are at least eight shots behind co-leaders Phil Mickelson and Rodney Pampling, both of whom shot 66s.

Did they play themselves right out of the tournament?

### Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

#### Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- MLB Boston Red Sox @ Seattle Mariners 0700L
- ESPNNews 1000L
- Action Sports 1030L
- SportsCenter 1100L
- Tennis: Financial Group Masters 1200L
- SportsCenter 1600L
- MLB Toronto Blue Jays @ Oakland Athletics 1700L
- Tennis: Financial Group Masters 2100L
- The 85th PGA Championship 2300L
- NFL Live 0400L

#### Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- NFL Preseason: Buffalo Bills @ Tennessee Titans 0500L
- SportsCenter 0800L
- WNBA Los Angeles Sparks @ Houston Comets 0900L
- NASCAR Bush Series 1200L
- Action Sports 1430L
- SportsCenter 1630L
- Tennis: Financial Group Masters 1730L
- Baseball Tonight 2130L
- Best Damn Sports Show Period 2200L
- The 85th PGA Championship 2300L
- Baseball Tonight 0400L

"Tomorrow is a new day," Woods said in brief comments before repairing to the range and then his rented house, where he no doubt had words of a more choice nature.

How choice? Woods played in a threesome with Toms and Beem, who have nine major titles between them. The three of them were 21 over par Thursday morning.

"We weren't a whole lot of fun to watch," Toms said.

Oak Hill wasn't easy in the opening rounds — only 13 players broke par. Every hole on the course played over par — the most notable villain being the 495-yard par-4 17th, which played nearly two-thirds of a stroke higher than par.

Bogeys and worse outnumbered birdies 4-to-1.

Toms had three double-bogeys in his first eight holes. Curtis had two. Darren Clarke opened double-bogey, triple-bogey. Stewart Cink was even through 11 holes, then made five bogeys and two doubles to shoot 79. David Duval made three doubles and shot 80.

All household names. All in major trouble.

"It's tough to play catch-up at major championships because the courses seem to progressively get more difficult as the week goes on," said Mickelson from the safety of the top of the leaderboard. "You want to take advantage of it on Thursday and Friday."

## Bonds out five days to bond with father

NEW YORK — San Francisco Giants star Barry Bonds left the team Thursday and headed back to the Bay area to spend time with his ailing father.

Bonds was officially placed on baseball's bereavement list.



*Barry Bonds*

"This is an opportunity for him to go back and spend some time with his dad," Giants spokesman Blake Rhodes said. "He didn't really have a chance to do that at the All-Star break."

The NL West leaders hope their left fielder, who leads the majors with 37 home runs, can rejoin them Tuesday when they play Atlanta at home. The Giants' game against the New York Mets at Shea Stadium was postponed Thursday when the power went out through a large swath of New York.

Players are placed on the bereavement list for a minimum of three days and a maximum of seven, according to *MLB.com*. The Giants have recalled outfielder Tony Torcato from Triple-A Fresno to take Bonds' roster spot.

Former major-leaguer Bobby Bonds has been ill with lung cancer and numerous other ailments. Last month, Barry Bonds missed a game to be with his father when he had open-heart surgery.

In early June, Bobby Bonds was receiving oxygen to fight pneumonia and spent some time in the hospital. He underwent surgery on a brain tumor in April.

# Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

## Afghanistan: Government changes governors in restive provinces

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (*Radio Free Europe*) —The Afghan government reshuffled two provincial governors today, whose provinces have been difficult for Kabul to control.

State-run Kabul television said the governor of Kandahar Province, Gul Agha Shayrzai, was made minister of urban development replacing Yusof Pashtun, who is now governor of Kandahar. Hamidullah Tokhi, the governor of Zabul Province, was appointed governor of Wardak Province.

Kabul television reported that Mohammad Ismail Khan, the governor of Herat Province, remains governor but has been relieved of his duties as military commander for Herat. Kabul television said a new military commander would be appointed soon.

The Afghan government has had problems extending control over some of the country's provinces. Herat has proven particularly difficult as Ismail Khan has been in power there for more than a decade and at one point during the Rabbani government declared Herat to be an independent state.

In additional news, UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi today urged the UN Security Council to authorize the expansion of international forces beyond Kabul, saying it is crucial to the success of the political reform process.

Brahimi said the expansion of forces was needed to ensure that the Bonn process, which envisions national elections next June, will permit what he called "fair political competition."

The UN envoy also said that poor security conditions in much of the country has stalled development activity, disrupting services to the public and threatening confidence in the peace process.

Brahimi welcomed the deployment of Provincial Reconstruction Teams outside of Kabul primarily by NATO states and said they will support the constitutional Loya Jirga, or grand assembly, in October. But he said a greater international security presence was needed to help the central government expand its authority.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Negroponte said there was an expectation that NATO might consider expanding its role outside of the capital in the months ahead. NATO took over command of the international force in Kabul this month.

## Afghan unrest a big test for U.S.

**WASHINGTON** (*Salt Lake Tribune*) — The top fugitive remains at large. Melt-away marauders harass American GIs. Postwar reconstruction lags. Democracy takes longer than expected in a weary land freed from a dictator.

Is this Iraq 21 weeks after the U.S. invasion?

No, it's Afghanistan 96 weeks after the U.S. invasion.

On Wednesday, an explosion ripped through a bus and heavy fighting erupted between government soldiers and Taliban remnants, making it one of the bloodiest days in Afghanistan since U.S.-led forces ousted the hard-line Islamic regime.

The bus bombing killed 15 civilians — six of them children; the death

toll for Wednesday — including two explosions and gunbattles in two provinces — was 58.

The deaths were part of a trend of stepped-up attacks and killings that are increasing the pressure on the fragile Afghan government and creating an atmosphere of constant fear in the country.

Afghan experts fret that the Bush administration's focus on Iraq may lead it to neglect Afghanistan, where problems imperil the \$700-million-a-month effort to achieve security, reconstruction and democracy across a chaotic, impoverished nation of 24 million.

Afghanistan is "once again threatened with disorder and insecurity," cautioned the Council on Foreign Relations and the Asia Society in a report titled "Afghanistan: Are We Losing the Peace?"

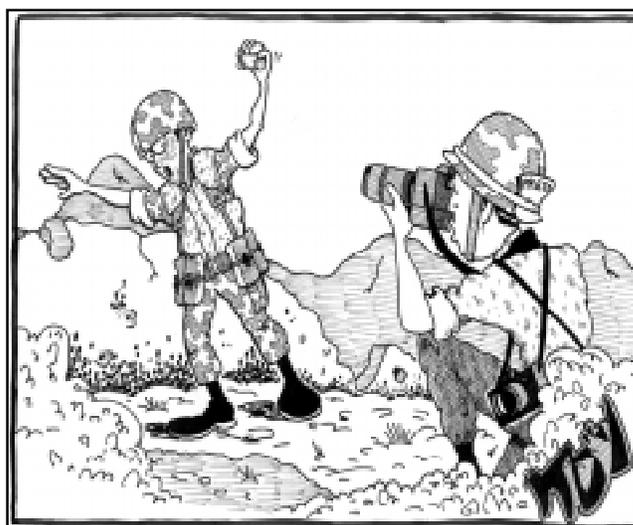
"The attention of U.S. policy makers has shifted elsewhere," the report said.

President Bush could pay a political price in next year's re-election campaign "if Americans see more U.S. troops and civilians fall victim to the Taliban and al-Qaida," adds Peter Tomsen, a retired ambassador who from 1989 to 1992 served as a special envoy to Afghanistan for former President Bush.

The make-or-break issue remains security across Afghanistan where U.S. forces and their Afghan allies face hit-and-run attacks by armed remnants of the ousted Taliban regime and fugitive al-Qaida terrorists.

Fugitive terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden has evaded a U.S. manhunt and a \$25-million bounty four times longer than former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. U.S.-backed Afghan President Hamid Karzai rarely ventures beyond his heavily guarded presidential compound.

**"Hold that pose!"**



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By Kevin Kilgore

**Laugh Support**

# Combo crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

Across

- 1. Door-closing sound
- 5. \_\_\_Alto, California
- 9. Friars Club official
- 14. Led Zeppelin's Jimmy
- 15. "Amores" poet
- 16. Massey of film
- 17. Grace ender
- 18. Prom wheels
- 19. 12-inch stick
- 20. Beachgoing oater horse?
- 22. "\_\_\_ not amused"
- 23. Fancy home
- 24. Wild guess
- 26. A Ponderosa son
- 29. Slap the cuffs on
- 33. Prophetess of myth
- 37. Glacier breakaway
- 39. Stackable cookie
- 40. "Nonsense!"
- 41. Chinese philosopher \_\_\_-tzu
- 42. Drinks from a flask
- 43. List-ending abbr.
- 44. Lady's partner
- 45. Cuzco builders
- 46. Reggae legend Bob
- 48. "Kon-Tiki" author Heyerdahl
- 50. Treater's phrase
- 52. Snoopy, for one
- 57. Diner sides
- 60. Inexperienced Civil War soldier?
- 63. Pacific nation since 1968
- 64. Sound from Simba
- 65. Pew area
- 66. Fall bloomer
- 67. Old U.S. gas brand
- 68. Partner of anon
- 69. Crystal-lined rock
- 70. MTV viewer, most likely

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71. Takes the plunge

Down

- 1. Sudden rush
- 2. Tibetan monks
- 3. Mulder or Scully
- 4. Brainy group
- 5. Solicited opinions from
- 6. Tel \_\_\_
- 7. Fruit for a twist
- 8. What your nose knows
- 9. Operation Desert Storm's beginning
- 10. Bummed-out footballer?
- 11. Gaucho's cattle catcher
- 12. Humdinger
- 13. Wrapper weight
- 21. Bologna is here
- 25. Put out on the basepaths
- 27. Up to the job
- 28. Had in mind
- 30. Actor Bogosian

31. Dreamcast maker

- 32. Prepare the salad
- 33. Son of Noah
- 34. I, as in Ithaca
- 35. Sow's mate
- 36. Cowardly baseballer?
- 38. Portnoy's creator
- 42. Paddy wagon sounder
- 44. Stairmaster site
- 47. Make certain
- 49. Merle of "Wuthering Heights"
- 51. White-plumed bird
- 53. Nixon's first veep
- 54. Like some accents
- 55. Washed up
- 56. Lookers
- 57. Negotiations glitch
- 58. Emit coherent light
- 59. La Salle or DeSoto
- 61. Valentine bouquet item
- 62. Let up

*Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch*