

## Medical soldiers help improve Afghan quality of life

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**CHARIKAR**, Afghanistan – Soldiers from Medical Task Force 44 donated tens of thousands of dollars of medical equipment and supplies to a hospital in Charikar yesterday.

The donations were gathered by soldiers from the 452<sup>nd</sup> Combat Support Hospital and delivered to the hospital in an attempt to aid the local Afghan doctors in becoming better equipped to help their patients.

“There’s overwhelming need here,” said Col. Richard Stone, Combat Support Hospital commander.

According to Stone, due to the lack of supplies and equipment a great amount of local Afghans come to the Combat Support Hospital at Bagram to seek medical care rather than going to local hospitals.

“About 75 percent of the cases we have at the combat hospital are Afghans,” Stone said.

Charikar is home to an estimated



*Charikar Hospital patient Aque Mamad finds a comfortable seat in a dentist chair donated to the hospital by Army Medical Task Force 44. The Med. TF donated the chair and a mound of other medical equipment and supplies for the Afghan hospital.*

200,000 Afghans, and their main hospital not only suffers from a lack of medical equipment, but also only receives electricity three days a week, according to Charikar Hospital director, Dr. Mohammed Qasim Sayed.

The power outages cause a multitude of problems in the hospital.

One piece of equipment that the hospital

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## CA soldiers operate in affairs of a difference kind

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**PAKTIA PROVINCE**, Afghanistan— Fresh from assisting in a nearby humanitarian mission, Civil Affairs Team Alpha-35 joined the Afghan National Army and special forces combat advisors on a dawn raid, nabbing a large cache of weapons, communications equipment and cash here recently.

This type of versatility was typical of CATA-35, part of the 412<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion. Working exclusively with Special

Forces, they relied on training from their civilian occupations as much as they did their military training to get the job done.

The Columbus, Ohio-based Army Reserve unit consists of two police officers, a weapons specialist with an extensive infantry background, and an information technology and communications technician.

“We are lucky that we have a nice, [well] rounded team in that everyone has a certain strength that makes the team much better,” said Sgt. Andrew P. Canini, who works for a weapons manufacturer back home. “It wasn’t defined to be that way, but the kinds of CA

we do is a reflection of our backgrounds.”

Working with the ANA and special forces, they provided a blocking force as well as running civilian interference while ANA prepared their forced entry into a compound in this remote region.

Team sergeant and Columbus police officer Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bryon A. Stumph said his CA team is unique, in that it draws more on law enforcement and combat arms experience more so than their conventional colleagues.

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



A soldier on Wednesday walks past the site of the bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

## Pentagon: Possible al Qaeda link in Baghdad blast

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – Pentagon officials said Wednesday that a terror group linked to al Qaeda is emerging as a top suspect in the deadly blast at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

An official told *CNN* that intelligence reports in the past two weeks indicated Ansar al-Islam might be planning a major attack in Iraq, and a top U.S. official in the country also said he suspects the group could have launched Tuesday's strike that killed at least 17 people.

"It's part of a global war against terrorism that was officially declared on us on September 11," U.S. civilian administrator L. Paul Bremer said. "It's quite clear we do have terrorists inside Iraq now."

Sergio Vieira de Mello, the top U.N. envoy in Iraq, was among those killed Tuesday, and others are believed to be dead under the rubble.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

But Bremer said that foreign terrorists or Ansar al-Islam could have been involved in the U.N. attack and the deadly Jordanian Embassy blast on August 7.

"After the war, it appears that a number of terrorists from the Ansar al-Islam group have reinfiltred into Iraq," Bremer said. "We are concerned about that. We also have other foreign terrorists who've been arriving from

other borders."

He said people are entering the country with travel documents from countries such as Sudan, Syria and Yemen. "This we know because we have killed or captured a number of them," he said.

Pentagon officials said the bomb attack at the U.N. complex appears more sophisticated than would be expected from Saddam Hussein loyalists.



270 people were killed when Pan Am Flight 103 was blown up over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988.

## Libya begins \$2.7 billion transfer

**WASHINGTON** – Libya has begun transferring \$2.7 billion to an international bank as part of a settlement for the 1988 Pan Am 103 bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland that killed 270 people, a U.S. official said.

"The Libyans are beginning the transfer of funds. Because it is such a large sum, \$2.7 billion, it will not be deposited all at once. Some will go in tomorrow. Some could go in Friday," the official, who asked not to be identified, told *Reuters*.

Last week Libya delivered a long-awaited letter to the United Nations accepting responsibility for the bombing.

Following the letter, a Libyan bank was to transfer \$10 million for each victim's family into an escrow account at the Bank for International Settlements, headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, as compensation for the bombing.

The letter and transfer are expected to prompt the United Nations to lift its sanctions against Libya, which have been suspended since 1999 when Libya handed over two suspects in the bombing.

On Monday, Britain asked the U.N. Security Council to end the sanctions.

Russia said Tuesday it backed Britain and the United States in thinking the time had come to scrap the measures, but France is insisting on a better deal for the families of 170 people killed the following year on a plane over Niger.

## Drugs possibly linked to sniper-type shootings

**CHARLESTON, W. Va.** – Detectives investigating three shooting deaths in West Virginia believe they are closing in on the killer and a composite picture of their prime suspect is being compiled.

Police are also looking to see if illegal drugs may provide a connection between the three apparently random killings, authorities said Wednesday.

The victims — two men and a woman — were each killed with a single bullet to the head shot from a distance prompting fears of a sniper, similar to the one that terrorized the Washington area last year, operating in the Charleston area.

Kanawha County Sheriff Dave Tucker told *CNN*'s Wolf Blitzer the focus of the investigation has narrowed. "We feel that it more or less points down to one person," he said.

However, another law enforcement source told *CNN* that investigators had 10 possible suspects under surveillance.

The composite sketch of the suspect that is being drawn for investigators is based on a detailed description of the man given by a witness to police

It shows a tall white man linked to a dark pickup truck seen at the sites of two of three fatal shootings, officials said. The man was described as six feet tall, with a beard and a trim build.

The witness saw the suspect outside a dark pickup truck, several days before the shootings. Other witnesses noticed the pickup truck at the two convenience stores in the days before the shootings.

"We are looking at drug connections," said Kanawha County Chief Deputy Sheriff Phil Morris.

"It appears like it is drug-related, and I would be remiss if I did not get this out to the public," he added.

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desperately needed was a refrigerator that could keep the blood supply cold despite the power outages.

Doctors at the hospital deliver more than 60 babies a week, according to Sayed, and many of the new mothers require blood transfusions due to excessive bleeding during the birthing process.

The medical TF 44 soldiers were able to provide them with the same blood-storing refrigerators they use out in the field, which can store blood for up to six days, even without electricity.

Stone recalled a story Sayed had told him about the lengths they would have to go due to power outages.

“Literally they’d be getting ready to do a delivery, need to do a blood transfusion and they’d have to send a runner out into the community to try to find a blood donor,” he said.

Stone noted, “Everything was done fresh.”

Included among the donated items were a centrifuge used for separating plasma from blood, an autoclave to sterilize surgical tools, a dental chair, crutches, wheel chairs, medical books and various other medical supplies.

“Everybody is happy in this province because of the help from the United States,” Sayed said.

Although the supplies and equipment definitely enhance the hospital’s ability to care for its patients, the Army medical staff also plans to offer the Afghan doctors educational assistance.

Eventually the Army doctors want to bring some of the Afghan physicians to Bagram for lectures and training, according to Stone.

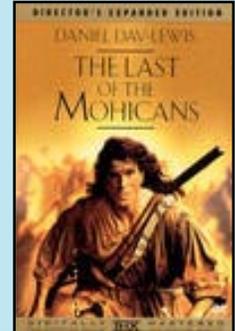
For the soldiers of Med. TF 44, this was a chance for them to do their part to spread goodwill and promote stability in the rebuilding country.

“We plan on doing more of this in the future,” said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michelle Orley, 452<sup>nd</sup> CSH.

“Things like this give us a chance to show the Afghan people the positive side of us being here.”

# Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “The Last of the Mohicans.” Three trappers protect a British Colonel’s daughters in the midst of the French and Indian War.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “For A Few Dollars More.”

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 64F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 64F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 104F L: 75F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 104F L: 75F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 64F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 64F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 100F L: 62F	<i>Clear</i> H: 98F L: 60F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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He cited similarities in his job here and his job back home.

“My civilian education and training in law enforcement gives me the ability to approach people and get around the language barrier,” Stumph said. “I’m able to present myself in a non-threatening way but at the same time switch to a defensive posture to protect myself and those around me.”

When he pulled into his position that morning, Stumph noticed a man running away from him towards the compound that was being encircled, with an SF advisor and ANA soldiers chasing him. Immediately Stumph jumped into the action, taking a route that, within seconds, cut off the individual’s escape.

“Being on a foot pursuit, you only have seconds to react to where the men’s will go,” Stumph said. “When he saw me, he could do nothing but put his hands up.”

Moments later on the other side of the compound, Team Leader Capt. Shafi J. Saiduddin, Canini and ANA soldiers manned a blocking position at a road leading into the compound. There, they conducted civilian interference and monitored suspicious activity.

“We had to conduct searches and send people coming our way back to where they came from,” Canini said.

Canini added that one person in the search drew his attention.

Saiduddin, a Columbus-area police officer



*Afghan National Army soldiers, accompanied by special forces combat advisors, prepare an entry into a remote compound in the Paktia Province. The raid netted automatic weapons, ammunition, communications equipment and a large amount of cash.*

and SWAT team member, said one attribute of police work is to try to read what a person is thinking, and “there was something to this one guy and my instincts kicked in ... there was more to this guy than met the eye,” said Saiduddin.

After a thorough search, Saiduddin said they found items not usually taken on a motorcycle ride.

“He had radio equipment and a large amount of money – four different kinds of currency,” said Canini. “We quickly realized we had to hold onto him.”

Back inside the compound, ANA forces seized more communications gear, automatic

weapons, ammunition, pistols and took more than a dozen people under control.

At the ANA compound later that morning, Saiduddin reflected on the raid and the good-natured locals he met while assisting the medical mission previously. Whether he is speaking with Afghans or Americans back home, people are people, he explained.

“People’s motives are the same anywhere you go, whether you are in Afghanistan or somewhere back in the States. There will always be people just trying to live their lives and a few bad people living among them,” he explained, “[People who have] their own agenda.”

# Spanish Donation to the Afghan National Army

**KABUL**, Afghanistan – On Aug. 16, a large donation of sleeping bags and sweaters from Spain was delivered to Afghan National Army warehouses (ANA) for use by ANA soldiers this coming winter.

A presentation ceremony was held two weeks ago when Lt. Col. Godoy, Commander of the Spanish Army Contingent and Engineer Battalion, a representative of Spain, presented one sleeping bag and one sweater to Brig. Gen. Asifi, Commander of Kabul Military Training Center (KMTC) to symbolize the presentation of 8750 sleeping bags and 19,300 sweaters to the ANA.

Asifi expressed thanks from his country and the ANA saying, “the new Afghan Army was created from nothing and it is being improved through generous donations from coalition members such as this needed donation given by Spain.”

The ceremony began with a speech given by Godoy in which he expressed Spain’s desire to contribute to the success of the

ANA.

This donation is a part of Spain’s overall support, in which, is contributing to the peace and security of Kabul as part of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). Spain has more than 100 service members providing engineer support in reconstruction, explosives disposal and humanitarian assistance

After the speech, a formal signing of the Certificates of Donation took place with each representative signing the documents.

The donated items will be stored until distributed to ANA soldiers this fall.

To date, nearly 20 countries have donated equipment and supplies to the ANA.

These donations, more than \$40 million, are indicative of the level of commitment by the coalition to help the ANA establish long-term peace and stability in Afghanistan.

*(Information from CJTF-180 Press Release)*



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)



Roger Clemens moved into a tie for 18th on the all-time wins list.

## Royal flush, Yankees down Kansas City to extend winning streak

**NEW YORK** – The Yankees are rolling, and the Royals are reeling.

Roger Clemens got his 305th win, and Nick Johnson and Juan Rivera homered as New York stretched its winning streak to seven by holding off Kansas City 8-7 Wednesday.

New York, which began the day a season-high 6 1/2 games ahead of second-place Boston in the AL East, completed a three-game sweep and improved to 10-0 at home against the AL Central this season.

Kansas City has lost six of eight. Its division lead was down to one game over Chicago and 1 1/2 games over Minnesota at the start of the day.

Clemens (12-7), who has struggled in day games this year, fell behind 2-0 in the second inning, but New York quickly overcame that against Jimmy Gobble (2-2), making his fourth major league start. Derek Jeter had a go-ahead, two-run single during a nine-pitch at-bat in the four-run second after falling behind 0-2 in the count.

Kansas City scored four runs in the ninth, getting seven straight hits, but fell short partly because of a baserunning blunder.

After Angel Berroa's RBI single in the ninth off Sterling Hitchcock, Mariano Rivera relieved and eventually got two outs for his 27th save in 33 chances.

Mike Sweeney and Carlos Beltran hit RBI singles, and Raul Ibanez singled sharply to right off Mariano Rivera. Sweeney held up at third, but Beltran took a wide turn at second and was thrown out by Juan Rivera. Joe Randa singled for Kansas City's seventh straight hit that pulled Kansas City within a run before Desi Relaford struck out on three pitches.

Clemens allowed three runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings, tying Eddie Plank for 18th place on the career victory list. The 41-year-old

right-hander, 8-2 in night games but just 4-5 in the afternoon, left with two on in the seventh.

## Judge to decide if documents unsealed in Bryant sexual assault case

**EAGLE, Colo.** – A judge said Wednesday he hopes to decide this week whether to unseal documents in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case that could include statements from his accuser and witnesses about what happened in his hotel suite six weeks ago.



Kobe Bryant

The documents have been sealed since Bryant was arrested last month, but media organizations have sought their release. Legal experts say the records could include details from witnesses who saw the Los Angeles Lakers star or his accuser, or heard sounds from Bryant's hotel room.

The material could also outline what evidence has been collected.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett said he hopes to make his decision by Friday. He said if he does rule in favor of releasing the documents, an appeal will almost certainly keep them sealed pending a hearing.

Bryant, 24, is charged with raping a 19-year-old employee of the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera on June 30. He has said the sex was consensual.

Bryant, who remains free on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to return to Eagle for an Oct. 9 preliminary hearing, where Gannett will decide whether there is enough evidence for a trial.

Little is known about evidence in the case, though District Attorney Mark Hurlbert has said he believes he can prove the charge beyond a reasonable doubt. Records are sealed and Gannett has issued a gag order on attorneys and investigators.

However, documents in other sexual assault cases suggest the Bryant records include an arrest affidavit in which investigators describe their involvement in the case and what they were told by his accuser. They also could include statements from Bryant himself.

Search warrant affidavit and return documents would describe what evidence investigators sought and what they found.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation has conducted tests on evidence in the Bryant case. Deputy Director Pete Mang declined to discuss details, but he said evidence in rape cases generally includes fingerprints, hairs, fibers, DNA test results and documents.

If the case goes to trial, Bryant's admission of adultery will put more emphasis on his credibility and that of the woman, legal experts said.

"Credibility contests are especially hard to win in a criminal context where the burden of proof is so high," said Katharine Baker, a Chicago-Kent College of Law professor. "You really, really have to believe Sally more than Bill."

# Afghanistan Hot Topics



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## German Troops to Afghan Province in Fall

**KABUL, Afghanistan (Kabul Daily)** – The German government aims to send troops to the Afghan province before winter, the *Berliner Zeitung* newspaper reported on Wednesday. Referring to government sources, the paper wrote that a first Bundeswehr contingent including civilian reconstruction helpers could be sent to the northern Afghan city of Kundus in the autumn. The intended strength of the deployment, 200 to 300 soldiers, could be reached by early 2004 at the soonest. The paper said the mission would almost certainly be approved as soon as a U.N. mandate was issued. The German government would reportedly lobby the U.N. for an extension of the current mandate in September.

## Afghanistan prepares to register 10.5 million voters for national elections

**KABUL, Afghanistan (Afghan Online Press)** – The Transitional Administration of Afghanistan, with support from United Nations Development Programme, is moving to register an estimated 10.5 million citizens over 18 for elections next June. Elections for a “fully representative government” are mandated by the 2001 Bonn Agreement covering provisional arrangements for the country pending re-establishment of permanent government institutions.

There has never been a voter registry in Afghanistan, say project advisers, and the last elections were held more than 30 years ago. A reliable registry is therefore a key element in ensuring the credibility of the elections.

Signing the voter registration project agreement last week in Kabul were Jean Arnault Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, Zakim Shah, Chairperson of the Interim Afghan Electoral Commission, and Ercan Murat, UNDP Country Director.

The US\$75.6 million cost of the project will be covered by a voluntary fund administered by UNDP. Both the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and UNDP are appealing to donors to contribute to the fund. The initiative comes in response to Afghan President Hamid Karzai’s February request to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan for UN help in preparing and organizing the electoral process and coordinating international electoral assistance.

Mr. Arnault said that the project agreement provides a detailed blueprint for the Afghan Government and the United Nations to work together towards the 2004 elections. “Cooperation by the international community at large is also needed,” he said. “Its financial support will be critical and so will its efforts to expand security assistance and help foster a democratic pro-

cess without fear or intimidation.”

The project’s main objective is to provide an opportunity for all eligible Afghans to register. Out of respect for Afghan culture, tradition, and religious beliefs, separate teams of men and women will register male and female voters. Civic education will target women in early phases of the project to raise awareness of their role in voter registration.

“This process is critical in moving Afghanistan towards national reconciliation and unity,” said Mr. Murat. “When people register, we want them to feel part of the process of helping to mould the future of their country.”

As with other elements of the Bonn peace process, the Afghan Transitional Administration and its institutions will take the lead in implementing the project with the support of the United Nations.

The voter registration project will be managed by the Joint Electoral Management Body, comprising 11 members - six Afghan nationals who make up the Interim Afghan Electoral Commission and five international experts. The Electoral Unit of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan will execute the project with assistance from the UN Office for Project Services and UN Volunteers.

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