

## PRT add Afghan women recipe of modernization

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**BAMIAN**, Afghanistan – A U.S. Army Provincial Reconstruction Team sprinkled a dash of Western ideas over a culture flavored with iron-clad traditions when they hired two Afghan women to help at the Bamian PRT dining facility.

The Bamian PRT civil affairs team initially brought the idea up to hire Sakina Esmaelie and Aamana Haidari, a mother and daughter team, to show the locals “that women can work outside the home in professional capacities,” said Lt. Col. Mark T. Schnur, Bamian PRT commander with the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force. The CA team wanted to get across the message that “while it’s very unusual in this culture for (women) to hold paying jobs, it’s not necessarily a bad thing.”

When the two women were first hired “there was some initial, slight resistance from the local community,” said Schnur. There were rumors spread throughout the local village that “we were hiring them for services other than cooking,” he said.

To counteract those rumors, the PRT sent out a team to conduct an information campaign. “Since we have a constant presence in the community, we quickly heard (the rumors), and quickly again moved to counteract them,” said Schnur. “We had psychological



*Sakina Esmaelie, a native from Bamian, was hired by the Bamian PRT to help out with the daily dining facility preparations*

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## Air Assault operation nets arms, missile caches

**MOSUL**, IRAQ – The 101st Airborne Division demonstrated its operational reach Aug. 30 when it conducted raids in the western Iraqi desert, more than 450 kilometers southwest of the division’s bases in northern Iraq.

“It was an impressive endeavor,” said Maj. Gen David H. Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne. “Our soldiers did a wonderful job once again and demonstrated the Division’s unique ability to rapidly project combat power over substantial distances to attack a time-sensitive target.”

Intended to disrupt terrorist activities in west-central Iraq, the operation launched before dawn.

Four infantry companies and elements of an anti-tank company were air assaulted to five different locations to cordon and search several villages in an area centered about 50 kilometers north of Iraq’s border with Saudi Arabia.

More than 1,000 soldiers of the division’s 1st Brigade Combat Team participated in the operation, which also involved 98 of the division’s attack, scout, assault, medevac, and heavy lift helicopters.

Though the operation did not result in the capture of the operation’s primary targets, it did result in the detention of several individuals and the discovery and destruction of four substantial weapons caches.

The caches included 12 SA-7 surface-to-air missiles, 100 rocket propelled grenades, three mortar systems, more than 10,000 rounds of small arms and mortar ammunition, more than 100 anti-tank rockets and a variety of other arms and ammunition.

*(Information from a 101st Airborne Public Affairs Office Press Release)*

# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*The burned out remains of a car bomb outside an office used by U.S. soldiers near the Iraqi city of Erbil Tuesday.*

## Car bomb kills 2 in northern Iraq

(CNN) – A car bomb near a building used by U.S. troops in the northern Iraqi city of Erbil killed two Iraqis and wounded several others Tuesday night, *CNN* reported.

The explosion occurred about 9:45 p.m. (1:45 p.m. EDT) in Erbil, in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq. At least 11 people, including three children, were injured in the blast, the network reported.

There was no immediate comment on the explosion about 200 miles north of Baghdad from U.S. or Kurdish authorities.

Meanwhile in Washington Tuesday, one of the architects of the Bush administration's strategy in Iraq faced tough questions from a Senate committee as he urged Congress to support the Bush administration's \$87 billion funding request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The costs are large, but it is a battle that we can win and a battle that we must win," U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

About \$71 billion of the White House budget request would pay for the occupation and reconstruction of Iraq, which President Bush has declared the "central front" in the war on terrorism launched after the al Qaeda attacks on New York and Washington nearly two years ago.

"As large as these costs are, they are still small compared to just the economic price that the attacks of September 11th inflicted, to say nothing of the terrible loss of human life," Wolfowitz said. "And even those costs are small in comparison to what

future, more terrible terrorist attacks could inflict."

Wolfowitz and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified that U.S. commanders in Iraq did not need or want any additional American troops, and said that they are hoping to bring in more multinational troops to show the Iraqi people that this is an international effort. They also stressed that the 55,000 Iraqis serving in the country's newly-reformed army and police force are the second-largest force in the U.S.-led coalition.



*Emergency workers help the wounded after an explosion Tuesday night in West Jerusalem.*

## Suicide bombers kill 10 in Mideast

**JERUSALEM** – Suicide bombers in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem killed at least 11 people Tuesday and wounded dozens, Israeli police said.

The latest terrorist bombing killed five people and left bodies strewn about an outdoor terrace of a café in West Jerusalem, officials said. Hours earlier a suicide bomber killed six people east of Tel Aviv.

Hamas' military wing has claimed responsibility for both attacks.

In Jerusalem, emergency services officials said there were at least 41 people injured the cafe bombing.

Eli Beer, who works for an emergency rescue unit in Jerusalem, said the suicide bomber tried but failed to get inside the cafe because of the guard at the door.

"There were a lot of people sitting outside the restaurant, so that's why he decided to blow himself up outside the restaurant," Beer told *CNN*.

Chaos reigned on the street as ambulances tried to squeeze between crowds of

fleeing people. Some people wept in disbelief, while others tried to comfort them.

Cafe Hillel is in a suburb about five miles outside Jerusalem's center and has about a dozen tables on the sidewalk outside. It is situated in an area of several cafes and is frequented by young people.

Earlier, a suicide bomber set off a powerful explosion at a bus stop near an Israeli army post east of Tel Aviv. Fifteen people were seriously wounded in addition to the six killed, Israeli police said.

## Stowaway shipped in cargo crate

**DALLAS** – Federal agents say they are investigating how a man succeeded in stowing away in a cargo plane on a flight from New York to Dallas by shipping himself in a wooden crate.

After hours of traveling, Charles McKinley, 25, of New York City, pried open the crate with a crowbar Saturday morning, authorities said. He popped up outside his parents' doorstep in suburban DeSoto, shook the hand of a shocked deliveryman and walked away, *The Dallas Morning News* reported Tuesday.

The deliveryman called DeSoto police, who arrested him on outstanding Texas warrants.

McKinley has not been charged with a crime, officials said.

The FBI and the Transportation Security Administration are investigating.

"It's amazing that the gentleman survived. It's absolutely a bizarre case," said FBI Special Agent Lori Bailey, a spokeswoman for the Dallas field office. "Our concern at this point is to determine how this was done."

Officials said McKinley's crate was put aboard a pressurized Boeing 727 operated by Indiana-based Kitty Hawk Cargo from Kennedy International to Fort Wayne, Ind. The crate was transferred to a second plane bound for Dallas-Fort Worth International.

A ground shipping company picked up the crate and delivered it to the residence of McKinley's parents. McKinley spent at least half a day in the crate and broke out just in time for the deliveryman to see him, authorities said.

# MWR brings services together on the diamond

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** – More than 100 soldiers found solace from the daily drag of deployed life on a dusty, improvised softball diamond, where eight teams battled for the top spot in Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Softball Tournament Sept. 7.

The all day event featured teams from the Air Force, Army, Marines, and Kellogg, Brown and Root, playing in a double-elimination, round-robin tournament. The object of the game wasn't about destroying your opponent, but about having fun.

The MWR event kicked off at 10:30 L Sunday, and some service members, like Tech. Sgt. Jason Theriault, member of Air Force team "Naturally 'Nawlines," wasn't sure if the competitive nature of inter service rivalries would get the best of the teams.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Theriault. "When you get Air Force, Army and Marines together it can get pretty competitive, but there was a lot of camaraderie between the different services."

For many of the civilians of Kellogg, Brown and Root team, this was their first day off in recent memory.

Along with enjoying their time playing against the service members, they were also pleased with the display of camaraderie shown on and off the softball field.

"There was good sportsmanship all around," said Ivan Jecker, KBR electrical dept. "Originally we weren't going to play because we didn't have enough equipment for the team, but MWR and the service members were happy to share theirs."

During the tournament, people drifted in and out to root for their teams or grab a bite to eat from the big barbeque thrown in conjunction with the MWR event. And some service members, like Spc. Paul Schexnayder, 205<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, "Nasty Guard" team member, chose to lose themselves in the event, staying until the final out of the last game – seven hours after the event had started.

"It almost feels like being back at home," Schexnayder said about experiencing the all-day event.

When the dust finally settled and the sun began to disappear behind the mountain range, the Marine "Dog Pound" team emerged as the undisputed champions, finishing the tournament with a perfect 3-0 record.

The "Dog Pound" defeated the only



*Staff Sgt. Kim Thompson, Task Force 44 Med team, lofts a pitch toward homeplate.*

other undefeated team in the tournament, the Army team "Nasty Guard" 17-7 in six innings.

Due to lack of light, The "Nasty Guard" and Air Force's "Naturally 'Nawlines" finished for a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, each finishing with a 3-1 record.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners received Operation Enduring Freedom T-shirts and 2<sup>nd</sup> place got OEF hats courtesy of MWR. Although not everyone received a hat or T-shirt, John Senatore, MWR program coordinator, hopes everyone, from the players to the volunteer umpires and cooks, left with at least a little satisfaction from a day well spent.

"I hope everyone had fun," Senatore said. "That was the name of the game."

Cpl. Billy Gaines, Marine Attack Squadron 513, and member of the champion "Dog Pound," appreciated the day of friendly competition with the different service members.

"I think everyone out here, whether they won or lost, had a good time," Gaines said, adding, "But it feels good to win."



*Gunnery Sgt. Jimmy Sanchez, VMA 513, crushes a ball deep into right field during the "Dog Pounds" win over the "Nasty Guard" team of the 205th Eng. Bn, during the MWR Softball Tournament.*

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operation soldiers who are very skilled at getting messages out by going out and mingling in the community, talking with people, and brought this up in a tactful, sensitive way, saying that in our culture, we routinely hire men and women to do the same job with “the” same pay,” said Schnur.

The PSYOPS teams dispelled the rumors before they reached the women, so neither was ever touched by them. “I’m just happy to be working here,” said Esmaelie, the mother, through an interpreter.

She said that she is originally from a small town called Shaydan within Bamian Province, but when the Russians flooded Afghanistan, she fled to Iran in 1979. She didn’t return to Afghanistan with her daughter until after the U.S. and coalition forces ousted the Taliban, she said.

Before working at the dining facility, Esmaelie worked for a United Nations element as a cook as well, but then she was offered the opportunity to work at the Bamian PRT where she and her daughter could both have a job.

“I just came in, I gave them my application and asked for a job, and (the Bamian PRT) gave me a job,” said Esmaelie. “I’m so happy.”

Spc. Andrew L. Mattice, a cook with the Division Support Command, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, says that the two women are harder workers than most of the soldiers he’s worked with. “They have such a strong work ethic, and they’re in the zone” when it comes to their job, said Mattice.

Recently, the Bamian PRT also hired Haidari’s husband so “that it was more of a family thing, and also to continue to counteract the perception that we’re using them for other than cooking,” said Schnur.

So far the situation has been successful, said Schnur. “They’ve learned some English, and they’ve learned more cooking skills.”

Esmaelie said through an interpreter that she and her daughter are happy to work with U.S. and coalition forces because “I’m right there in the mix of the soldiers, and they treat (us) so well.”

# Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “Men of Honor.” The story of Carl Brashear, the first African American, then also the first amputee, US Navy Diver and the man who trained him. Brashear struggles through racism and defies the odds that are against him in his quest to become a master diver.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Remember the Titans..”



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Thursday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Mostly clear H: 88F L: 64F	Partly cloudy H: 90F L: 64F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Dusty H: 97F L: 66F	Dusty H: 97F L: 66F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Partly cloudy H: 82F L: 54F	Partly cloudy H: 82F L: 54F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Clear H: 100F L: 63F	Clear H: 98F L: 61F

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# Coalition Sports Zone

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Clarett is not expected to rejoin the No. 3 ranked Buckeyes. Ohio State is preparing to release Clarett's scholarship.

## Ohio State ready to cut ties with Clarett

**COLUMBUS** — Maurice Clarett was charged Tuesday with lying about items stolen from him out of a car, and Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said the school is ready to cut ties with the star running back.

Clarett was charged with misdemeanor falsification, city attorney spokesman Scott Varner said. If convicted, Clarett would face up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Tressel said he does not expect Clarett to return this season to the defending national champion Buckeyes. He would recommend that Clarett be released from his scholarship if the request was made, the coach said.

Cleveland TV station WJW reported on Monday that Ohio State's internal investigation revealed thousands of dollars in extra benefits that Clarett received, and as a result the school would not seek his reinstatement by the NCAA.

*The Columbus Dispatch* reported Tuesday that Ohio State is ready to recommend Clarett's status be moved to "indefinite suspension," which would make Clarett ineligible to play for the foreseeable future. However, Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger would not confirm the report.

Alan C. Milstein, the Clarett family attorney, said he wasn't surprised by Tressel's comments or the misdemeanor charge.

"Nothing Ohio State does surprises me," he said. "I don't think the family recognizes what Ohio State's actions and motivations are, either."

Milstein declined to comment on whether Clarett would consider transferring.

Asked if Clarett had played his final game for the Buckeyes, Milstein said, "I think that's up to Ohio State."

Clarett has already been suspended indefinitely from the team, and probably will not play for the Buckeyes this season. He is also being investigated by the NCAA.

## Bryant attorneys subpoena accuser

**EAGLE, Colo.** — Kobe Bryant's attorneys want his accuser to testify at a hearing next month that will determine whether the NBA superstar will stand trial on a sexual assault charge.



**Kobe Bryant**

Defense attorneys Pamela Mackey and Hal Haddon issued a subpoena to the 19-year-old Eagle woman to have her appear at the Oct. 9 preliminary hearing in Eagle County Court, prosecution spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said Tuesday.

She said prosecutors were discussing whether to ask the judge to throw out that subpoena. Such a request would not be unusual, she said. "If it were to happen, it would be pretty quickly," Flannigan said.

Neither Mackey and Haddon nor attorneys for the woman returned calls for comment. Dan Recht, past president of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, said judges tend to side with prosecutors who ask to prevent an alleged victim from testifying at a preliminary hearing.

"They don't want to subject her to cross-examination if they don't have to," he said. "In part because it's a traumatic experience and in part because it's strategic: they don't want to subject their star witness to cross-examination before the trial."

Defense attorneys could use any discrepancies between her testimony at the preliminary hearing and the trial to attack her credibility, former Denver District Attorney Norm Early said.

"They would make them look like huge discrepancies. The fewer versions that are given, the fewer difficulties you would encounter at a trial," he said. "The only real reason for the defense calling a victim is if the victim is recanting the story and they're the only ones who know it. That situation never arises."

Bryant, 25, is charged with assaulting an employee at the mountain resort lodge where he stayed June 30. The Los Angeles Lakers guard has said the two had consensual sex.

Bryant's attorneys are pursuing an aggressive strategy that most defendants cannot afford, said Lawrence Goldman, a past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"Yes, it's aggressive; yes, it's hard; yes, it's tough; yes, it's horrible. But it's exactly what they should be doing," he said.

Bryant's attorneys have sought the accuser's medical records from the University of Northern Colorado's student health clinic, the North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley and the Eagle Valley Medical Center. The woman was treated earlier this year for mental health problems.

# Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

## NATO Studies Wider Afghan Peace Mission

**BRUSSELS, Belgium** (*Reuters*) - NATO, responding to widespread calls to improve security in Afghanistan, will study extending its peace-keeping mission beyond the capital, Kabul, Secretary-General George Robertson said on Tuesday.

“This matter is being looked at inside NATO...and we’ll be looking for some military advice on how feasible that may be,” Robertson told reporters a month after the alliance took command of the 5,000-strong, U.N.-mandated force.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Afghan President Hamid Karzai have urged the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to extend its reach to bring security to large areas of the country dominated by tribal warlords.

ISAF has controlled Kabul and the key Bagram airbase near the capital since the United States and Afghan rebels ousted the Taliban government and its al Qaeda allies in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld this month added their voices to the calls for NATO to expand its mission, although Western countries have been reluctant to commit more troops.

“You can’t have a suggestion made by the German foreign minister and the American secretary of defense without taking that seriously,” Robertson said.

He said NATO would also be in contact with the United Nations for consultations on changing ISAF’s mandate.

Germany wants to deploy a Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT) of between 230 and 450 troops in Kunduz but because of its own constitution it could only do this with a U.N. mandate.

PRTs deployed so far by the United States and Britain have come under the command of a separate U.S.-led force of some 11,500 troops still hunting down Taliban and al Qaeda diehards.

Diplomats said it was not clear when NATO ambassadors would ask military authorities to provide advice on expanding ISAF.

The NATO nations, presented with options that are costly or a strain on their already over-stretched military forces, could still decide against extending the Afghan operation. But, as one diplomat put it: “You can see the wagon rolling.”

## Kabul marks second anniversary of Masood’s assassination Tuesday

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (*Agence France Presse*) – Thousands of Afghans led by President Hamid Karzai paid tribute on Tuesday to anti-Taliban commander Ahmad Shah Masood on the second anniversary of his assassination.

Around 10,000 people gathered in Kabul stadium, decorated in the black, red and green colours of the national flag, for a Government-organised ceremony organised beneath a huge portrait of

Masood, known as the “Lion of the Panjshir”.

Amid tight security, Government officials led by President Hamid Karzai took the place of honour alongside top mujahedin leaders from the 1979-1989 war against occupying Soviets, and Masood’s former comrades-in-arms.

The resistance leader’s three brothers and his 14-year-old son Ahmad Masood, wearing the traditional pakol cap worn by his father, also attended.

Dozens of soldiers from the new Afghan National Army and pro-Government militiamen, mostly former anti-Soviet mujahedin (holy warriors), stood to attention on the pitch of the stadium, which was used for public executions under the ousted Taliban regime.

Karzai, Defence Minister Mohammad Qasim Fahim, former president Burhanuddin Rabbani and mujahedin leader Abdul Sayyaf each made speeches to honour the commander who led the resistance against the Soviet invasion and became an icon of the fight against the Taliban.

“Masood represents the two million martyrs who lost their lives fighting the invasion and terrorism,” Karzai said.

Masood was assassinated on September 9, 2001 in the northeast town of Khawaja Bahudin, near the Tajik border, by suicide attackers, believed to be Al-Qaeda operatives, who posed as television journalists.

