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Experts: Iraq has tons of chemical weapons

WASHINGTON — Weapons experts say there is mounting evidence that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has amassed large stocks of chemical and biological weapons he is hiding from a possible U.S. military attack. Washington's concern is that Iraq could supply those weapons to terrorist groups, although U.S. officials say that there is no evidence that has happened so far. U.N. weapons experts have said Iraq may have stockpiled more than 600 metric tons of chemical agents, including mustard gas, VX and sarin. Some 25,000 rockets and 15,000 artillery shells with chemical agents are also unaccounted for, the experts said.

Dutch hold 7 suspected of al Qaeda ties

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Dutch authorities said on Monday they had arrested seven men

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Building dedicated to fallen EOD soldiers

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Soldiers from the 63rd Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash., bowed their heads for the invocation. The building located across from 10th Mountain Division at Bagram Air Base, also the Explosive Ordnance Disposal headquarters, was being dedicated to four soldiers who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

Staff Sgt. Justin J. Galewski, 710th Ordnance Company; Staff Sgt. Brian T. Craig, 710th EOD; Sgt. Jamie O. Maugans, 710th EOD; and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Romero, 19th Special Forces Group, died April 15, while disposing of an ammunition cache north of Kandahar.

Base cmdr. extends his area of responsibility

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Sixty-seven local leaders gathered Saturday under an awning in the Kohi Sofi region, southwest of Bagram, Afghanistan, to listen to what Col. Christopher Pritchett, Bagram Air Base commander, had to say.

Although not a part of his



Maj. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck (left), commander of 10th Mountain Division, and Lt. Col. Kevin Lutz, commander of 63rd Ordnance Battalion, unveil the commemorative inscription at the building's dedication ceremony Friday.

A booby trap exploded, killing all four soldiers instantly.

"These soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the freedom for every American," said Maj. Gen. Frank Hagenbeck, 10th Mtn. Div.

commander.

"Their heroism serves as an inspiration for every United States service member to proudly serve their country in the global war on terrorism. The loss of these explosive ord-

nance and Special Forces soldiers will be memorialized here at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan and forever at the Joint EOD Service Memorial, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.," he

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area of responsibility, Pritchett was asked to visit with Afghan Gen. Razik, who convinced Pritchett to take the region under his wing.

"The economy was gone and Afghanistan was so lonely for so many years," Razik said. "So it became a base for the Taliban.

"In the beginning, Taliban came in the name of Islam," he continued. "After a while, we re-

alized they were using Islam as a cover."

"Peace in Afghanistan will build stability, and the U.S. and Coalition will hopefully spread that message around the world," Pritchett said. "The difficult part for Afghanistan is working on its peace. While Afghanistan has fought the

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war with bombs and bullets, now Afghanistan must fight for peace with ideas and cooperation.”

A representative of the leaders spoke up and concurred with Pritchett.

“Everyone here supports the Afghan government,” he said. “Our wish is to bring in international aid. Unity is what we need.”

Pritchett said that setting the example would bring them aid.

“When the international community is confident that Afghans want to attain peace, international aid will follow,” he said.

The delegate also addressed areas of concern in the region. Matters discussed included minefields, blocked underground

springs, a health clinic, veterinary clinic, better roads, reconstruction of buildings and aid for disabled veterans from the war against the Taliban.

“Everyone would chip in to build this area,” he said.

But the biggest concern in the region is the lack of water.

“The drought for six years has made all the wells and springs dry,” the representative said. “We have to walk a long way to get water.”

Pritchett also pointed out the lack of agriculture in the region due to the shortage of water. He also told them that Civil Affairs has identified six wells to be dug in the area.

The first well will be completed by the end of September.

“Some requests are easier than others,” he



Photos by Sgt. Reeba Critser

Col. Christopher Pritchett, Bagram Air Base commander, talks to the 67 village leaders of the Kohi Sofi region on what the Coalition can do for them while Gen. Razik, listens.

said. “The world asks a lot of Afghanistan. I will ask more of you. Please be patient. I will be impatient with my leaders.

“I am one man pushing an elephant (U.S. government),” Pritchett said. “Afghanistan is in front of the elephant. Together we can move the elephant. I am on your team.”



Pritchett talks with Razik about the future of the Kohi Sofi region, located southwest of Bagram.

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said.

Galewski, a native of Olathe, Kan., left behind his wife of seven years, Christine, and two children, Chase, 3, and Paige, 2. He joined the Army in 1993 and worked as a communications specialist before volunteering for explosive ordnance disposal. Operation Enduring Freedom was not his first deployment. In September 2000, he deployed to Kosovo for a peace-keeping mission that kept him overseas until May 2001.

Galewski’s awards and deco-

rations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, National Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was also awarded the Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

Craig was born in South Carolina, however he made Houston, Texas, his home where he graduated from Klein Forest High School and his parents Arthur and Barbara still live. He

joined the Army after high school in 1993. While assigned in Alaska, Craig graduated from the 25th Infantry Division’s Air Assault Course before volunteering for EOD.

Craig’s military awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Medal, and the NCOES Ribbon. His badges include Airborne, Air Assault, Senior EOD Badge and the Wheeled Drivers Badge.

Maugans, a native of

Constantinople, Kan., joined the military in November 1997. Korea was his first duty station and while there, he completed the Combat Lifesaver Course and several military correspondence courses. His parents, Kathy Wurdeman and Brice Maugans, and his brother, Chad Maugans, survive him.

Maugans medals include the Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

Romero’s information was not available for release.

HIND SIGHT

1777

The American flag (Stars and Stripes), approved by Congress on June 14, was carried into battle for the first time by a force under Gen. William Maxwell.

1895

The first professional American football game is played in Latrobe, Penn., between the Latrobe Young Men's Christian Association and the Jeannette Athletic Club. Latrobe wins 12-0.

1914

The French capital is moved from Paris to Bordeaux as the Battle of the Marne begins.

1918

The United States recognizes the nation of Czechoslovakia.

1943

British troops invade Italy, landing at Calabria.

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suspected of recruiting for the al Qaeda guerrilla network of Osama bin Laden. "We think they are providing financial and logistical support to al Qaeda and also recruiting young male persons for the jihad (holy war)," said Wim de Bruin of the national prosecutors' office. Twelve suspects were originally arrested on Friday and eight were brought before a judge on Monday, one of whom was freed. The seven men who remain in custody, aged between 25 and 35, allegedly used false passports and aliases.

Sources: Iraqi official, U.N. chief to meet

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan plan to meet Tuesday, U.N. sources said. They are expected to discuss weapons inspections and the relationship between the governments of Iraq and the United States. Aziz and Annan both are in Johannesburg, attending the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The two sides failed to arrange for the return of weapons inspectors. The U.S. and the U.N. argue the inspectors must have unfettered access to be effective.

DEA: U.S. drug traffic funded Mideast terrorists

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators said Monday they have evidence that Middle East terrorist organizations have benefited financially from an illegal drug operation in the United States. Drug Enforcement Administration officials said an ongoing investigation into a widespread methamphetamine operation found perhaps "millions of dollars" were being laundered illegally to overseas bank accounts connected to known terror groups in countries such as Yemen and Lebanon. Authorities have made dozens of arrests in the United States since the drug ring was broken up in January, but none of those people have been charged with any terrorism-related offenses.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 93F L: 63F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 93F L: 66F
Kandahar:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 100F L: 73F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 100F L: 72F
Kabul:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 55F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 93F L: 65F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Clear</i> H: 87F L: 55F	<i>Clear</i> H: 93F L: 55F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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MLB: A's refuse to lose

The A's are making a convincing run at the longest win streak in history, and Miguel Tejada is making an equally persuasive case for MVP. Tejada delivered the A's their 19th straight win Monday, driving in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth for the second straight day. Oakland trailed K.C. 5-0 before rallying to match the longest win streak in AL history.

NFL: The final piece

Ricky Williams was a bust in New Orleans and he admits it. Now he's with the Dolphins and happy, and he says that he's ready to run Miami to the Super Bowl. Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, the Eagles have done a great job putting together the blueprint for a trip to the big game in San Diego.

Golf: U.S. Solheim Cup Team Finalized

Emilee Klein played her way onto the U.S. Solheim squad Sunday, jumping into the 10th and final automatic spot with a top-10 finish. Captain Patty Sheehan filled out the team by adding Kelly Robbins and Pat Hurst.

Soccer: New beginnings

After unveiling its latest star acquisition, Real Madrid took care of business in its season-opening match Monday. Brazilian star Ronaldo watched his new squad defeat Espanyol 2-0 in its Spanish first division match behind goals by Ivan Helguera and Steve McManaman. Ronaldo won't play for the next two or three weeks because he is still recovering from his knee operations.

WNBA: Rookie lights Sparks' title

With 2.1 seconds left and the veteran Sparks trying to win back-to-back WNBA titles, who did they turn to? Would you believe a struggling rookie? Nikki Teasley wasn't their first option, but she did just fine, hitting a 21-footer to give L.A. a 69-66 win over the Liberty. The Sparks sweep was another exercise in their superiority.

Tennis: Winning again

For the first time since April, Pete Sampras is in the fourth round of a tournament. And it just happens to be the U.S. Open, where he was last year's runner-up. Sampras outlasted rain delays and five sets with Greg Rusedski on Monday. He'll play Tommy Haas next. Sampras is not the only former Grand Slam winner still alive in the round of 16; Andre Agassi and Gustavo Kuerten both advanced.

RPM: Stars shine bright

In a weekend that saw some of racing's biggest superstars win, it was only fitting that legend John Force won the Funny Car crown at the U.S. Nationals on Labor Day. On Sunday, F1's champ Michael Schumacher added another record to his impressive resumé by scoring his 10th win of the season and Jeff Gordon scored his 60th career win, taking the Southern 500.

2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
N.Y. Yankees	84-52	.618	-	
Boston	77-58	.570	6.5	
Baltimore	63-72	.467	20.5	
American League Central				GB
Minnesota	80-59	.576	-	
Chicago (AL)	67-70	.489	12	
Cleveland	60-76	.441	18.5	
American League West				GB
Oakland	87-51	.630	-	
Anaheim	82-54	.603	4	
Seattle	81-57	.587	6	
National League East				GB
Atlanta	87-49	.640	-	
Philadelphia	69-67	.507	18	
Florida	67-68	.496	19.5	
National League Central				GB
St. Louis	76-61	.555	-	
Houston	72-65	.526	4	
Cincinnati	67-70	.489	9	
National League West				GB
Arizona	85-52	.620	-	
Los Angeles	80-57	.584	5	
San Francisco	77-59	.566	7.5	

Sunday's scores

Boston 8-4 N.Y. Yankees
 Atlanta 5-1 Pittsburgh
 Chicago Sox 5-3 Toronto
 Milwaukee 4-2 Chicago Cubs
 Cleveland 11-1 Detroit
 Florida at N.Y. Mets — postponed
 Texas 7-2 Houston
 Montreal 5-1 Philadelphia
 Cincinnati 5-3 St. Louis
 Oakland 7-6 Kansas City
 Seattle 5-2 Minnesota
 Chicago Cubs 17-4 Milwaukee
 Los Angeles 19-1 Arizona

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 2. San Francisco .566
 3. Houston .526
 4. Philadelphia .507
 5. Florida .496
 6. Montreal .489

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1. Anaheim .603
 2. Seattle .587
 3. Boston .570
 4. Chicago Sox .489
 5. Baltimore .467
 6. Texas .449

College football scoreboard: Week 2

USC 24-17 Auburn