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Source: limits in war against drugs will stay secret for security reasons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some sections of an emerging national drug strategy detail U.S. limits in attacking drug traffickers, growers and users, but will remain secret lest narcotics peddlers benefit from the information, an administration source said Thursday.

It had been learned previously that the revamped strategy President Bush will reveal next Tuesday will be tough on users, heavy on law enforcement and call for a new emphasis on treatment. Up to \$260 mil-

lion in economic and military aid will be sent to Colombia, Bolivia and Peru to stop cocaine at its South American origin, sources have said.

The administration source, discussing the strategy on grounds he not be named publicly, said Thursday that portions of the document will be classified.

"This would include any information that would give an advantage to the narco-traffickers," he said.

"It's a war, and you don't give all your plans to the enemy. You don't

want the narco-traffickers to know what the limits are," the source said. "We can't let them know how far we would go before retaliation or how far before we pump more money in."

As an example, the source said, the United States would not make public the government's possible actions if assassinations continued against judicial officials in Colombia, where drug traffickers have killed scores of officials and vowed total war on the authorities currently conducting a major crackdown there.

The source said the plan's sections on intelligence operations also will be classified.

The document that Bush will unveil in his first nationally broadcast address from the White House draws from suggestions submitted to drug control chief William Bennett from agencies ranging from the Na-

tional Security Council to the State Department.

Sections of the plan will remain classified that deal with precise areas of drug operations and strength of U.S. anti-drug forces overseas, the source said. Some portions dealing with strategies at home also will remain under wraps.

The plan attempts to lay to rest the political infighting among the various agencies involved in combating drugs. Sources say it calls for an increased role for the military, committing troops to more training of overseas forces and advising but stopping short of direct intervention.

The strategy, according to sources, delineates the overseas operations of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the State Department, which runs drug eradication programs, and the CIA, which gathers intelligence data.

Moldavian people protest language compromise

MOSCOW (AP) — Thousands of people in the republic of Moldavia surged into the streets of its capital Thursday night to protest a legislative compromise that will keep the Russian language a part of their everyday life, activists said.

Members of the southern republic's legislature voted to substitute Moldavian — similar to Romanian — for Russian as the language of government and economic affairs. But they ruled that both Russian and Moldavian could be used in everyday life.

"The people are scandalized. We need only one language," said Vasily Nestase of the pro-Moldavian People's Front, speaking by telephone from Kishinev, the capital.

Nestase estimated tens of thousands of people took to the streets outside the theater where the deputies had met, and he played a tape recording of the shouting masses.

He said hundreds of police armed with clubs had formed a cordon around the building.

"If this decision is not reversed, we will start a general strike," he said.

The next step, he said, is secession from the Soviet Union.

"We are not a legal part of the Soviet Union," he said, pointing to the Soviet annexation of Moldavia from neighboring Romania in 1940 under the terms of the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact, which also put the Baltic states under Soviet control.

The legislators had been seeking a compromise that would placate both Moldavian nationalists and Russian immigrants. The Moldavians are trying to shed what they see as decades of infringement on their rights. The Russians feared they would be forced to learn Moldavian and went on strike at 200 enterprises in protest.

OSHA establishes rule for worker protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department on Thursday gave 631,000 businesses two months to guarantee that all power to machinery is cut off during major maintenance and repairs. It said the move would save 120 lives and prevent 60,000 injuries a year.

The rule issued by the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration would add protections for 39 million workers, 3 million of whom are at the greatest risk because they service machinery, the government said.

OSHA said employers must guarantee that the machinery cannot be

accidentally activated during repairs and maintenance and that workers cannot be exposed to electrical current during that work.

The rule requires most employers to guarantee the protection by installing locks that cut machines off from their power supply. It will cost the affected establishments \$214 million in the next year for the necessary equipment and training and \$135 million in subsequent years, OSHA said. Those costs will range from \$120 for small establishments, such as a small print shop, to \$28,000 for large plants with scores of machines, OSHA said.



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