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U.S. STRIKES BACK

Bush: Taliban, al-Qaeda 'paying a price'

WASHINGTON (AP) — American and British forces unleashed a punishing air attack Sunday against military targets and Osama bin Laden's training camps inside Afghanistan...

Bush ordered the strike on Saturday, less than four weeks after terrorists flew two hijacked airplanes into the World Trade Center twin towers...

Besides the Sept. 11 death toll — estimated at more than 5,000 — the attacks dealt a shuddering blow to Americans' feeling of security...

ment from the White House Treaty Room. Signs of heightened security concerns were evident, as officials took Vice President Dick Cheney from his residence to an undisclosed secure location...

"I gave them fair warning, and they chose not to heed it."

— George W. Bush, U.S. president

"The best strategy to prevent future terrorist attacks in the United States or elsewhere in the world is a strong offensive action to knock out and disrupt these hateful terrorists' abilities to attack, rather than sitting back in defensive fear."

— Sen. George Allen, R-Virginia

"I do not know exactly how long this war will last, but I do know that America is right and those who attacked us are terribly wrong, and I know that the storm unleashed today will continue until the evil is eradicated."

— Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas

"This war was begun on Sept. 11 on the terms of the terrorists; it will be prosecuted and won on our terms."

— Rep. Bob Etheridge, D-North Carolina

U.S. forces in the Middle East



Forces by location

Bahrain: Home of the Navy's 5th Fleet, which controls the carriers while they are on six-month deployments in the Gulf. U.S. warplanes also use an isolated air base south of the capital...

Table with 4 columns: Aircraft carrier battle group, Ships, Personnel, Aircraft, and Location of battle group. Lists details for USS Enterprise and USS Carl Vinson.

SOURCES: Pentagon; ESRI; WorldSat; Associated Press

Threat of further terrorism remains

FBI asks law enforcement to be on highest alert for new acts of terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned about more terrorist attacks, the FBI on Sunday urged law enforcement agencies nationwide to move to their highest level of alert after the U.S. military strikes in Afghanistan.

"All law enforcement agencies have been asked to evaluate whether additional local security measures are warranted in light of the military operations and the current threat level," the FBI said.

The bureau issued the advisory through its National Threat Warning System after U.S. jets and missiles targeted Afghan

UPD maintains heightened security

By ROLANDO GARCIA THE BATTALION

University police are maintaining a heightened state of alert in the wake of U.S.-led air strikes in Afghanistan Sunday, but University Police Department (UPD) Director Bob Wiatt said Texas A&M is an unlikely target for terrorists.

"Texas A&M is not a target, even though some people think we should be because we're so important," Wiatt said. "Come to A&M, relax, enjoy and don't worry."

UPD has taken extra security precautions since the Sept. 11

terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., Wiatt said, including additional officers and surveillance equipment at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. The museum would be the most likely target on campus, Wiatt said, and it was temporarily closed after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I've been in contact with all the people that know anything about anything, including the FBI who are in contact with the CIA, and if there was even a glimmer of evidence that indicated we might be a target, they would have advised me," Wiatt said.

Attacks led by sea-launched cruise missiles, long-range bombers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty U.S. and British warplanes and an armada of warships and submarines pummeled strongholds of the al-Qaeda network and the Taliban regime in Afghanistan on Sunday with Tomahawk cruise missiles, 500-pound gravity bombs and computer-guided bombs.

The targets included early warning radars, surface-to-air missiles, airfields, aircraft, military command and control installations and terrorist camps.

In one case, Taliban military equipment including tanks was struck near Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, officials said.

The demonstration of Western firepower was the first wave of an anti-terrorism cam-

aign promised after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. One senior administration official said the military strikes would be sustained and would last at least a few days.

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Defense officials said one goal of the initial strike was to disable the Taliban's air and military defenses so that rebel Afghans could advance in their effort to overthrow the Taliban regime that has harbored Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

"Our interest is to strengthen those forces that are opposed to al-Qaeda and opposed to the Taliban leadership ... so that they will have better opportunities to prevail," Rumsfeld said.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that early indications were positive.

"It looks to be at this early juncture successful," Shelby

U.S.-led alliance strikes back

Missiles and warplanes filled the Afghan sky Sunday evening in a U.S.-British attack on Taliban and al-Qaeda installations. Sources reported explosions in at least four cities. The Afghan northern alliance also launched an attack on Taliban forces near Kabul.



SOURCES: ESRI; Associated Press

NEWS IN BRIEF

Developments in terrorist attacks

fallout, investigation • Missiles and warplanes struck at least three cities as the United States and Britain launched military attack in Afghanistan.

In a videotaped statement aired after the strikes, Osama bin Laden praised God for the Sept. 11 attacks.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said strikes were designed to eliminate the Taliban's air defenses and destroy their military aircraft. Officials said strikes will last days or longer.

Several Muslim leaders in Pakistan denounced U.S.-Britain military attacks in Afghanistan, calling them brutal and unwarranted. Moderate Arab countries are slow to comment.

United States stepped up already heightened patrols and security precautions. Officials took Vice President Dick Cheney to an undisclosed secure location, step up security around the Capitol and place government nuclear weapons labs on higher alert.

U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo planes began dropping food and medical supplies inside Afghanistan to aid displaced Afghan civilians.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said that unless there are specific threats, none of the city's bridges, tunnels or public places will be closed.

PUBLIC EYE

Sixth largest crowd at Kyle Field Saturday for Baylor game 82,589

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All about coming out

Student organizations focus on understanding, educating for National Coming Out Week

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Bears give No. 24 A&M first scare of season

Ags continue Baylor dominance with 16-10 victory

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Someone is looking over your shoulder

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WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 80° F, LOW 52° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 85° F, LOW 62° F

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