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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, striking at terrorists blamed for the attacks that murdered thousands in New York City and Washington D.C.

"We will not waver, we will not tire," said President George W. Bush, speaking from the White House as Tomahawk cruise missiles and bombs found targets halfway around the globe. "We will not falter and we will not fail."

Under a campaign dubbed 'Enduring Freedom," the assault was accompanied by airdrops of thousands of vitamin-enriched food rations for needy civilians - and by a ground-based attack by Afghan opposition forces against the ruling Taliban.

In a chilling threat, bin Laden vowed defiantly that Americans "will never dream of security or see it before we live it and see it in Palestine, and not before the infidels' armies leave the land of Muhammad." He spoke in a videotaped statement prepared before the attacks, but both he and the leader of the Taliban ruling council of Afghanistan were reported to have survived the initial action.

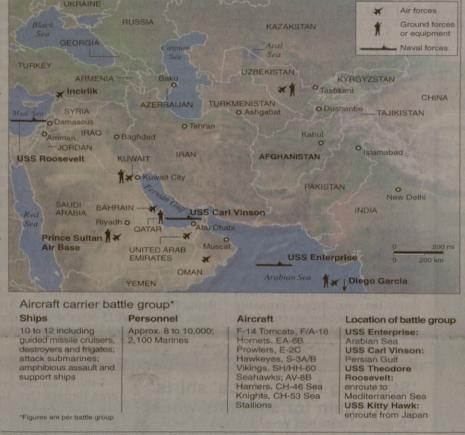
In a fresh reminder of the potential for renewed terrorist attacks, the FBI said it was urging law enforcement agencies nationwide to "be at the highest level of vigilance and be prepared to respond to any act of terrorism or violence."

Bush ordered the strike on Saturday, less than four weeks after terrorists flew two hijacked airplanes into the World Trade Center twin towers and a third into the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed in the Pennsylvania countryside after an apparent struggle between passengers and terrorists on board.

toll — estimated at more than 5,000 — the attacks dealt a shuddering blow to Americans' feeling of security, and propelled an already weakened economy toward recession.

"I know many Americans feel fear today," Bush said in his nationally televised announce-

U.S. forces in the Middle East



Threat of further terrorism remains

Besides the Sept. 11 death 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, security was stepped up around the Capitol

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Forces by location Bahrain: Home of the Navy's Shr 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; cargo planes fly from another airstrin from another airstrip. Kuwait: U.S. warplane based at al Jaber air base patrol the southern no-fly zone over Iraq. Patriot batteries can shoot down missiles or aircraft. Supplie to equip an Army brigade. Saudi Arabia: U.S warplanes, out of Prince Sultan Air Base in the deser south of Riyadh, patrol the southern no-fly zone over Turkey: U.S. warplanes based at Incirlik air base patrol the northern no-fly zone over Iraq. Oman: U.S. cargo planes at Seeb North Air Base near the capital of Muscat and on Masirah island. Also, 75 percent of Air Force reserve equipment in the Middle East in the Owen Qatar: Supplies to equip an Army brigade. United Arab Emirates Airborne refueling tankers for planes that patrol Iraq. **Diego Garcia:** Supplies to equip an Army brigade. Probable base for B-52 Uzbekistan: About 1,000 Army infantry soldiers

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

> - George W. Bush U.S. president

66 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.

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FBI asks law enforcement to be on UPD maintains heightened security 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 securimeasures 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

military sites and camps belonging to Osama bin Laden.

Local law enforcement departments were asked to "be at the highest level of vigilance and be prepared to respond to any act of terrorism or violence should it become necessary."

FBI officials said they had no specific threats, but U.S. intelligence and Attorney General John Ashcroft had been warning for days there was a high likelihood of additional terrorism activity, particularly after the U.S. took its first military action.

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terrorist attacks in New York City 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, University but 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

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.

Sen, Phil Gramm **R**-Texas

66 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

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 campaign 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

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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.

