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Bush

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Bush stopped short of declaring victory or an end to the war. Such declarations could trigger international laws requiring the speedy release of prisoners of war, limiting efforts to go after deposed Iraqi leaders and designating the United States as an occupying power.

"Our mission continues," he said. "Al-Qaida is wounded, not destroyed. The scattered cells of the terrorist network still operate in many nations, and we know from daily intelligence that they continue to plot against free people. The proliferation of deadly weapons remains a serious danger. The enemies of freedom are not idle, and neither are we."

He reiterated his foreign policy principles, promising to target anyone who plans attacks against the United States and any country that supports terrorists.

While promising to be a "loyal friend" to any nation that helps in an anti-terrorist campaign, Bush said, "Any outlaw regime that has ties to terrorist groups, and seeks or possesses weapons of mass destruction is a grave danger to the civilized world, and will be confronted."

The president did not single out any country, though the White House has accused both Iran and Syria of supporting terrorism. He has dubbed Iraq, Iran and North Korea an "axis of evil."

The USS Abraham Lincoln, returning from the Persian Gulf, was about 30 miles from San Diego when Bush landed. A former pilot, he got a turn at the controls, flying about a third of the way. Bush emerged in a green flight suit, carrying his helmet, and shouted to reporters, "Yes, I flew it!" He said he had only steered the plane "straight ahead" and wasn't tempted to try to land it.

It was a made-for-television day sure to be replayed during Bush's re-election campaign. With a wide grin, the president lingered on the deck with crew members, shaking hands and posing for pictures. "Good job," he shouted to sailors. The ship was slowed so Bush could spend the night on board before it docked on Friday, officials said. He watched dozens of fighters roar off the ship one last time on the way to home bases.

U.N.

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work out the issue of U.N. weapons inspectors. The United States has not invited the U.N. teams to return, and instead has deployed its own teams to search for Iraq's suspected nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Other developments concerning Iraq:

— Attackers lob two grenades into a U.S. Army compound in the central Iraq city of Fallujah, wounding seven soldiers just hours after the Americans had fired on Iraqi protesters in the street outside.

— President Bush speaks to the nation Thursday night from an aircraft carrier's deck to announce that major combat in Iraq has ended.

— In a radio broadcast, the commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq urges citizens to help move the country forward by going back to work, stopping looting and cooperating to improve postwar security.

— A key oil refinery is restarted near Basra, Iraq's second-largest city. Southern Iraq had been running out of gasoline and propane; the plant will produce around 28,000 barrels a day of refined product, according to John Forslund of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

— Five powerful Iraqi politicians meet with an envoy of President Bush, trying to secure their roles in Iraq's postwar interim government. Many Iraqis have criticized any major political move for leaders they consider outsiders, including two politicians from the self-governing Kurdish enclave in northern Iraq.

— The United States shuts down its last major military mission in Turkey, saying the outcome of the Iraq war makes it unnecessary to continue flight zones in the north and south of Iraq.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered all U.N. international staff to leave Iraq on March 17, just before U.S. forces invaded the country.

Afghans

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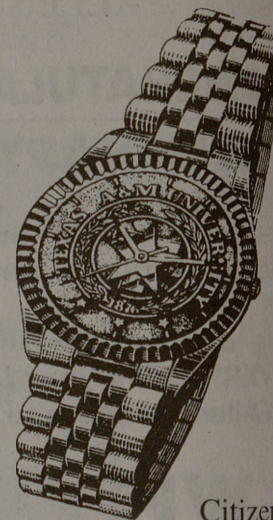
While the resistance in Iraq is loose and disjointed, in Afghanistan there is coordination. The Taliban have forged an alliance with rebel forces led by Hekmatyar, a former U.S. ally now declared a terrorist and hunted by U.S. special forces.

Hekmatyar loyalists control a mountainous swath of the country in the northeast where hit-and-run attacks against U.S. forces are common.

Western intelligence sources as well as former Taliban tell The Associated Press that resurgent Taliban have re-established a command structure, and have divided the country among fugitive leaders who are ordered to organize and carry out guerrilla attacks.

Military operations in the dangerous south and southeast of Afghanistan are commanded by former Taliban Interior Minister Abdul Razzak, according to Western intelligence sources and former Taliban.

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