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SWIM: 500 meter open water swim in Lake Bryan.
BIKE: The 31K course includes numerous rolling hills & short climbs on lightly traveled roads.
RUN: The flat 5K is run through the park, partly on pavement, partly cross country.

Afghan minister killed in power struggle with rival commander, heavy gunbattle erupts

By Stephen Graham
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Soldiers loyal to a local commander shot and killed Afghanistan's aviation minister Sunday in the western city of Herat, setting off a big gunbattle in which as many as 100 people died vicious factional fighting, the commander told The Associated Press.

In Kabul, President Hamid Karzai's Cabinet convened in emergency session after the killing of minister Mirwais Sadiq — a son of Herat's powerful governor — and dispatched extra troops to try to calm the city.

Presidential spokesman Khaleeq Ahmed said only that the minister had been shot in his car and circumstances were unclear.

However, a top Herat military commander, Zaher Naib Zada, told AP by telephone Sunday night that his forces had killed Sadiq in a confrontation after the minister went to Zada's home to fire him.

Afterward, Zada's forces and soldiers loyal to Sadiq began fighting with machine guns, tanks and rockets for control of the city's main military barracks. Zada said between 50 and 100 soldiers were killed in the first hours of the ongoing battle.

Sadiq is the third leading figure of Karzai's government, and the second aviation minister, to be killed.

The father of the slain minister, Ismail Khan, is a former anti-Soviet commander who runs a large private army and has had firm control over Herat since the fall of the Taliban in late 2001. But there have

been persistent tensions — and occasional factional fighting — between his men and those loyal to rival warlords. Sadiq was widely viewed as his father's representative in Karzai's government.

State television had reported that Sadiq's father, Khan, had escaped a separate attack unhurt. The presidential spokesman and other officials, however, said there had been no attack on Khan.

Aid workers in the city speaking by phone reported gunfire and heavy explosions and said they had been ordered to stay indoors. U.N. workers scrambled into a bunker at their headquarters.

A police officer, Fahim, reached by telephone at the main police station, gave a different account, saying Sadiq had gone to Zada's residence to ask him about the killing of three civilians by Zada's forces two days earlier.

Karzai's defense and interior ministers were preparing to travel to Herat to try to determine the circumstances of the killing, and the battles that followed, his spokesman said.

The president, who escaped a 2002 attempt on his life, said in a brief statement from Kabul that he was "deeply shocked" by the killing and offered condolences to Ismail Khan.

Karzai's first civil aviation minister, Abdul Rahman, was assassinated Feb. 14, 2002, at Kabul's airport, in circumstances that remain unclear. Gunmen shot and killed Vice President Abdul Qadir in the capital on July 6, 2002.

Both of those killings remain unsolved. Karzai has been constantly shadowed

Fighting follows official's death

Attackers killed Afghanistan's aviation minister Mirwais Sadiq in the western city of Herat and factional fighting that followed killed as many as 100 people.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI

by Afghan and American bodies armed with automatic weapons since September 2002 assassination attempt in the southern city of Kandahar. Three people, including the gunman, died in the attack.

His government includes an alliance of former warlords who joined forces to help the United States overthrow the former Taliban government. His government still is trying to assert control nationwide, including over Herat and customs revenue as a major port of entry on the Iranian border.

NEWS IN BRIEF

War on terror proves hard to fight in court

BERLIN — The post-Sept. 11 war against terrorism is suffering as much in the courts as in the streets with several legal setbacks involving suspected 20 members and other groups around the world.

The biggest reversal came in Germany when a court threw out the only conviction of a Sept. 11 suspect. But other cases have been hindered, too, including against a militant Indonesian cleric and Zacarias Moussaoui, the only alleged Sept. 11 conspirator charged in the United States.

The U.S. reluctance to let witnesses in custody testify and the sheer

complexity of cross-border investigations are mostly to blame.

And the Madrid bombings that killed 202 people last week showed while investigators struggle to build judicial cases against suspected terrorists are still successfully plotting and carrying out attacks.

Spanish authorities had one of the chief suspects in the Madrid bombings, Jamal Zougam, on their radar since at least 2001 as a possible Qaeda operative, even once searching his apartment, but were unable to build a case against him.

Zougam, arrested two days after the bombings, operated in at least two countries, Morocco and Spain.

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SPORT CLUBS, BE A PART OF IT!

Club	March	Location
M. Lacrosse	22nd 5:30-9 p.m.	Penberthy #7
W. Lacrosse	27th 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Penberthy #8
M. Rugby	28th 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	E. Campus Fields

Don't miss out on the excitement that is A&M Sport Clubs!

SPRING 04 IMs, HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

- The following IM sports **OPEN** for registration March 22:
Swim Meet **FREE**
Sign up at Member Services by March 30th at 6:00 p.m.
- IM Basketball and Soccer Playoffs**—Posted in notebooks located in Rec Center. Games begin Wed. March 24th.
- Softball Playoffs**—Delayed due to rain. They will now be postponed Friday March 26th and play begins on Mon. March 29th.

Go All Out with TAMU OUTDOORS

Upcoming Events	Event Date	Registration
Climbing Technique Clinic	March 23	At Event—Free
Sea Kayak the Texas Coast	March 26-28	NOW-March 28
Rock Climbing Day Trip	March 27	NOW-March 27
Bike Maintenance Clinic	March 28	NOW-March 28
Rock Climbing 101 Clinic	March 28	NOW-March 28
Kayak Roll Instructional Clinic	March 30	NOW-March 30
Canoe Day Trip	April 3	NOW-March 30
Wilderness First Aid Class	April 3-4	NOW-until 4/4
Fly Fishing for White Bass	April 4	NOW-March 30
Kayak Roll Instructional Clinic	April 6	NOW-April 6
Bike Clinic—Flats & Maint.	April 7	NOW-April 7
Lead Climbing Clinic	April 13	NOW-April 13

Sea Kayak the Texas Coast—Join TAMU Outdoors on sea kayaking adventure! Paddle Texas' Gulf Coast enjoying the abundant coastal wildlife, exploring and relaxing on the beach and camping under the stars.

Rock Climbing Day Trip—Climb the limestone cliffs of the Austin area and spend the day learning or renewing climbing techniques and safety systems! This trip is perfect for someone who has never climbed before.

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