

COLLEGE STATION POLICE BLOTTER

6/26/04 5:38 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 1811 Potomac. Taken: CD player.
6/26/04 7:58 a.m. Warrant arrest, 301 E 26TH, Bryan. One arrest.
6/26/04 8:14 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 2508 Merrimac. Taken: CD player.
6/26/04 10:47 a.m. Burglary of a habitation, 308 Richards. Taken: X-box, X-box games and DVDs.
6/26/04 2:12 p.m. Warrant arrest, 2611 Texas. Injury to a child. One arrest.
6/26/04 2:26 p.m. Burglary of a habitation, 203 Francis. Taken: TV & two boxes of clothes.
6/26/04 4:05 p.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 811 Harvey. Taken: CDs and stereo.
6/26/04 4:56 p.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 1600 Rock Prairie. Taken: Papers.
6/26/04 5:51 p.m. Warrant arrest.
6/26/04 10:40 p.m. Traffic arrest, 2412 Texas. No driver's license or insurance. One arrest.
6/26/04 11:04 p.m. Making alcohol available to a minor, 307 University. One arrest.
6/26/04 11:33 p.m. Warrant arrest, Townplace/Welsh. Nevada charge, Class A assault. One arrest.
6/26/04 11:42 p.m. Warrant arrest, 309 College Main. One arrest.
6/26/04 11:47 p.m. Warrant arrest, Texas/Deacon. One arrest.
6/27/04 2:18 a.m. Major arrest, Rock Prairie/SH 6. One arrest.
Complaint of leg and ankle pain.

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NATO agrees to help train Iraqi troops

By Paul Ames
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL, Turkey — NATO leaders agreed Monday to help train Iraq's armed forces just hours after the new government in Baghdad took over sovereignty from the U.S.-led administration.

The decision falls short of U.S. hopes that NATO would take a larger role in Iraq.

In a statement adopted at the opening session of a two-day summit, NATO leaders said, "We are united in our support for the Iraqi people and offer full cooperation to the new sovereign interim government as it seeks to strengthen internal security."

The alliance decision came hours after the United States transferred power two days ahead of schedule to the Iraqi administration. President Bush marked the transfer with a whispered comment and a handshake with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, gathered with other leaders around a table at the summit.

"The Iraqi people have their country back," Bush said later. "Fifteen months after the liberation of Iraq and two days ahead of schedule, the world witnessed the arrival of a full sovereign and free Iraq."

A statement called on alliance officials to "urgently" discuss details of the training plan with the Iraqi authorities, who are struggling to contain a wave of deadly insurgent attacks. NATO said it would "urgently consider" further proposals to support the nascent Iraqi security institutions.

It was unclear how many NATO instructors would be sent to Iraq or when they would begin training.

The United States had long argued that NATO would assume a military role in Iraq, perhaps taking over the multinational division currently run by Poland.

"There was no appetite for sending additional peacekeeping forces," Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said after the summit.

Despite their speed in agreeing to the training, the alliance remain divided over how to proceed with the plan. France and Germany want a lower profile coordinating role for NATO training programs.

French President Jacques Chirac said a NATO presence on the ground would be "fortunate" and "misunderstood" by Iraqis.

"On a psychological level, the negative consequences undoubtedly outweigh the positive," Chirac said.

France and Germany said they would not send military instructors to Iraq, preferring to train officers outside the country. Sixteen NATO nations have sent troops to join coalition forces in Iraq, but opposition by France and Germany has prevented the alliance from taking a collective role there.