

WAR AGAINST TERROR

Bombing near Pakistan border

New airstrikes hit near Afghan-Pakistan border

Former Taliban ambassador held aboard U.S. warship

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officials said Mullah Abdul the former Taliban dor to Pakistan, was being aboard the USS Bataan in Arabian Sea, along with other detainees, including n Taliban fighter John Zaeef -- detained y by Pakistani authorities

-- has been questioned over the past several days about the whereabouts of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden. At the airport near Kandahar, U.S. Marines were guarding Ibn Al-Shaykh al-Libi, a high-ranking al Qaeda leader believed to have run bin Laden's terrorist training camps in Afghanistan. Twenty-five more detainees were brought to the airport late Saturday, bringing to 300 the number of al Qaeda and Taliban held in U.S. military custody there. Sunday's airstrikes were carried out by U.S. F-16s, combat helicopters and at least one B-52. They targeted a sparsely populated area near an intricate network of tunnels used by the mujahedeen who fought the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s.

Latest developments

- The first **German** and Dutch troops will join the international peacekeeping force in Afghanistan this week, German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping said Sunday. Seventy German and 30 Dutch soldiers will leave for Afghanistan on Tuesday to join British and French troops already in the country. (Full story)
- Personnel from several U.S. military installations began deploying Sunday to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where they will help establish a maximum-security detention facility for al Qaeda and Taliban detainees. The facility eventually will accommodate 2,000 prisoners. (Full story)
- About 35 hard-core Taliban and al Qaeda leaders remain at large, interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. Karzai said that Afghanistan is committed to bringing them to justice and that most of the 20,000 to 30,000 Taliban fighters had been allowed to return to their homes and pose no danger. (Full story)
- German police said Sunday a man arrested on suspicion of being an al Qaeda member has no connection to the terrorist network. The Lebanese man, 27, was arrested Saturday in western Germany's Moenchengladbach with a false Italian passport and large quantities of European currencies. He originally was charged with belonging to an illegal organization but now is being held on charges related to his passport. (Full story)
- Taliban supreme ruler Mullah Mohammed Omar remains at large, the deputy head of intelligence in Afghanistan's interim government said Saturday. Responding to documents that the reclusive Taliban leader had escaped approaching Afghan forces near Baghran, Abdullah Tawheedi said he would not comment on Omar's location until searches of that region are complete. (Full story)
- The body of a U.S. Special Forces soldier who was killed in an ambush in eastern



Afghanistan arrived Saturday at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. A Defense Department memo identified the soldier as Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, 31, of San Antonio, Texas. (Full story)

- In a town hall meeting Saturday in Ontario, California, President Bush paid tribute to the slain Green Beret. "We mourn for Sgt. Nathan Chapman," Bush said. "We pray with his family for God's blessings on them. ... I can assure the parents and loved ones of Nathan Chapman that he lost his life for a cause that was just and important. And that cause is the security of the American people and that cause is the cause of freedom in a civilized world." (Full story)

- Afghan authorities are questioning Rayes Abdul Wahid, a Taliban commander who gave himself up, about the location of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, an Afghan intelligence official said. Wahid is thought to have been protecting the Taliban leader, said Abdullah Tawheedi, deputy head of intelligence for Afghanistan's interim administration. The whereabouts of Omar remain a mystery, Tawheedi said Saturday. The official said that Afghan forces are focusing their search near Baghran in the southern province of Helmand.