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United States answers terrorist attacks

Britain joins American military in first wave of strikes, many more to come

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Britain answered the terror attacks on U.S. soil with an assault that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said targeted two or three dozen sites. British officials said 30 targets had been hit and further operations were imminent.

Rumsfeld warned that the battle against terrorism will not be short-lived or solved by military action alone.

"We have to expect it could take some years, several years," he said on CNN. "This problem is not going to be rooted out by cruise missiles."

The strikes will last days or longer before a significant letup, a Pentagon

official said. The first wave Sunday was followed by airdrops of 37,500 packets of food and medicine to Afghanistan's beleaguered people — from higher altitudes than ever before to avoid enemy fire.

In one sign of the ongoing operation, NATO agreed today to send five AWACS planes and crews to the United States to free U.S. surveillance aircraft for use in the campaign against terrorism, said NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson.

President Bush, keeping part of his focus on protecting the home front, was today installing former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge as head of a new Office of Homeland Security. But Vice

President Dick Cheney, who had been scheduled to swear in Ridge, remained at an undisclosed secure location so Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was to fill in.

As for the initial round of military targets, "we know they were successfully hit in many respects," Rumsfeld said. He told The Associated Press that the assault targeted two to three dozen sites, including terrorist training camps, military airfields, military aircraft, air defense radars and surface-to-air missile sites.

Rumsfeld rejected Taliban claims that they had shot down an aircraft, as well as claims of significant civilian casualties.

"We have approved every single target — and each one is a military target," Rumsfeld told the AP.

"There is no question but that many people who were around those targets were around those targets because they were part of the al-Qaida and the Taliban military," he said on NBC. Rumsfeld said all planes had landed safely.

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said 30 targets had been hit and that damage was inflicted.

Firepower struck military command centers of the Taliban regime in Kandahar, Pentagon officials said, and Afghan sources said smoke billowed from the high-walled compound of

Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, who was believed to have fled.

Explosions also rocked Kabul, the capital, and were heard coming from or near some of the training camps of Osama bin Laden, the West's most hunted man.

"The battle is now joined on many fronts," Bush said. "We will not waver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

The Taliban's ambassador to neighboring Pakistan said 20 civilians in the Kabul area were killed by missiles. Taliban officials also said three people were killed and three or four were injured in Kandahar. A check of Kabul's four hospitals turned up no reports of

casualties.

Afghan targets were pounded by 15 land-based bombers, including B-2 Stealths from Missouri, and 50 U.S. and British cruise missiles fired from surface ships and submarines in the Arabian sea, said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

They were supported by 25 other strike aircraft flying from carrier battle groups. One B-52 in the raid had its nose section repaired with the legend, "NYPD, we remember," in honor of the New York Police Department, one pilot said.

Bin Laden and Omar both survived initial attacks, the Taliban said.

Taking a look



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Jacob Huffles of Colby was among hundreds of people who attended the open house at the Colby Municipal Airport on Saturday. Huffles took a look inside the EagleMed plane, which flew in from Hays. The event, now in its second year, had more than 20 airplanes on display,

along with ultralight aircraft and two T-6 trainers used during WWII. Proceeds from the event will help benefit the efforts of the Thomas County Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, said Mark Ostmeyer, airport manager.

Americans support, but fear retaliation

WASHINGTON (AP) — An overwhelming majority of polled Americans supported Sunday's military strikes in Afghanistan even though most believe they will provoke more terrorism attacks in the United States.

The ABC News-Washington Poll telephone survey conducted after the start of Sunday's air strikes found 94 percent saying they support the military action, with 83 percent saying they "strongly" support it.

A large majority, 82 percent, said they expect a long conflict. Also, 71 percent said they support President Bush's call for entering a broad war against terrorism and not limiting the attacks to those behind the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and

Pentagon. More than three-quarters said they would support sending "a significant number" of U.S. ground troops into Afghanistan to capture or kill suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden and his followers.

The poll found that 55 percent of Americans believe the air strikes will increase the likelihood of further terror attacks against the United States. However, by a margin of nearly 3 to 1, the public believes the risk created by the military action is smaller than the risk that would be created if the United States and its allies did not take the action.

The poll was conducted Sunday among a random sample of 506 adults and has a 4.5-point error margin.

Colby College gets gift

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Colby Community College recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan.

This is the second consecutive year that the foundation has given to the college, said Dr. Mikel Ary, president, for the purpose of helping to improve and enrich the lives of the students and community.

"The grant," he said, "can be used at the discretion of the college and will allow the college to extend its resources and services to benefit those in our 14-county area."

The foundation was established in 1965 following the death of Dane G.

Hansen, who left the bulk of his estate to furthering education, officials said.

In addition to interests in ranching, road and bridge construction, foundation officials said Hansen became one of the largest independent oil producers in Kansas. He served in the administration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and later became a trustee of the Eisenhower Foundation. He was also active in civic affairs in his own community of Logan.

"We are grateful for this generous contribution," said Ary. "Having dealt with the foundation in the past, I have witnessed its dedication to assisting young people attain academic degrees."

Briefly

Weather: Cooler, maybe showers

Cooler weather and a chance for precipitation looms for the rest of the week for the Colby region, says the National Weather service. Tonight, partly cloudy, 30 percent chance for thunderstorms, lows in the upper 40s and east winds 10-20 mph turning to the south late. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, cooler, highs in the 60s, 30 percent chance for thunderstorms, west winds 10-20 mph turning to the north. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance for showers, lows in the upper 30s. Wednesday, partly sunny, highs in the middle 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy, lows in the lower 30s and highs in the lower 60s. Friday, cloudy, showers, lows in the middle 30s and highs in the middle 50s. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy, lows in the 30s and highs in the 50s. Colby's weekend temperatures: highs, Friday 52, Saturday 69 and Sunday 79; lows, Saturday 30, Sunday 29 and this morning 38. The soil temperature at the four-inch depth is averaging 60 degrees. Precipitation remains at 0.03 inches for the month. The records for Oct. 8: 91 in 1979 and 19 in 1894. (The daily temperatures, precipitation and records are provided by the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center, Colby.)

Rollover hospitalizes two

Two people were transported to Logan County Hospital in Oakley after a one-vehicle rollover on I-70 near Oakley Sunday afternoon. The Kansas Highway Patrol said Karen Sue Utley, 58, Ft. Collins, Colo. and Susan Chaires, 48, Egbert, Wyo. were westbound on I-70 at mile marker 70 when Utley apparently lost control of the 1999 Ford sport utility vehicle and it rolled. Both were taken to the Oakley hospital. Hospital officials had no comment on their condition.

Students to rake leaves

The Colby High School Service Club is planning a community-wide fall leaves clean-up day beginning the first weekend of October and continuing through until the second

weekend of November, said Roni Dietz, adult advisor. "Residents interested in having students rake their yards are asked to call the school at 465-5300 and leave name, address and telephone number on my voice mail."

Tootsie Roll Drive scheduled

The Colby Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive on Oct. 12-13-14. Proceeds will go to Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. All inquiries may be directed to Dick Parnell at 2820 N. Range, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Rec department needs pumpkins

The City Recreation Department is once again sponsoring a pumpkin carving event for area children at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Colby Community Building. C.W. Cheney, director, said the recreation department is needing pumpkins for the event and anyone interested can drop off pumpkins at the office, 285 E. 5th St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

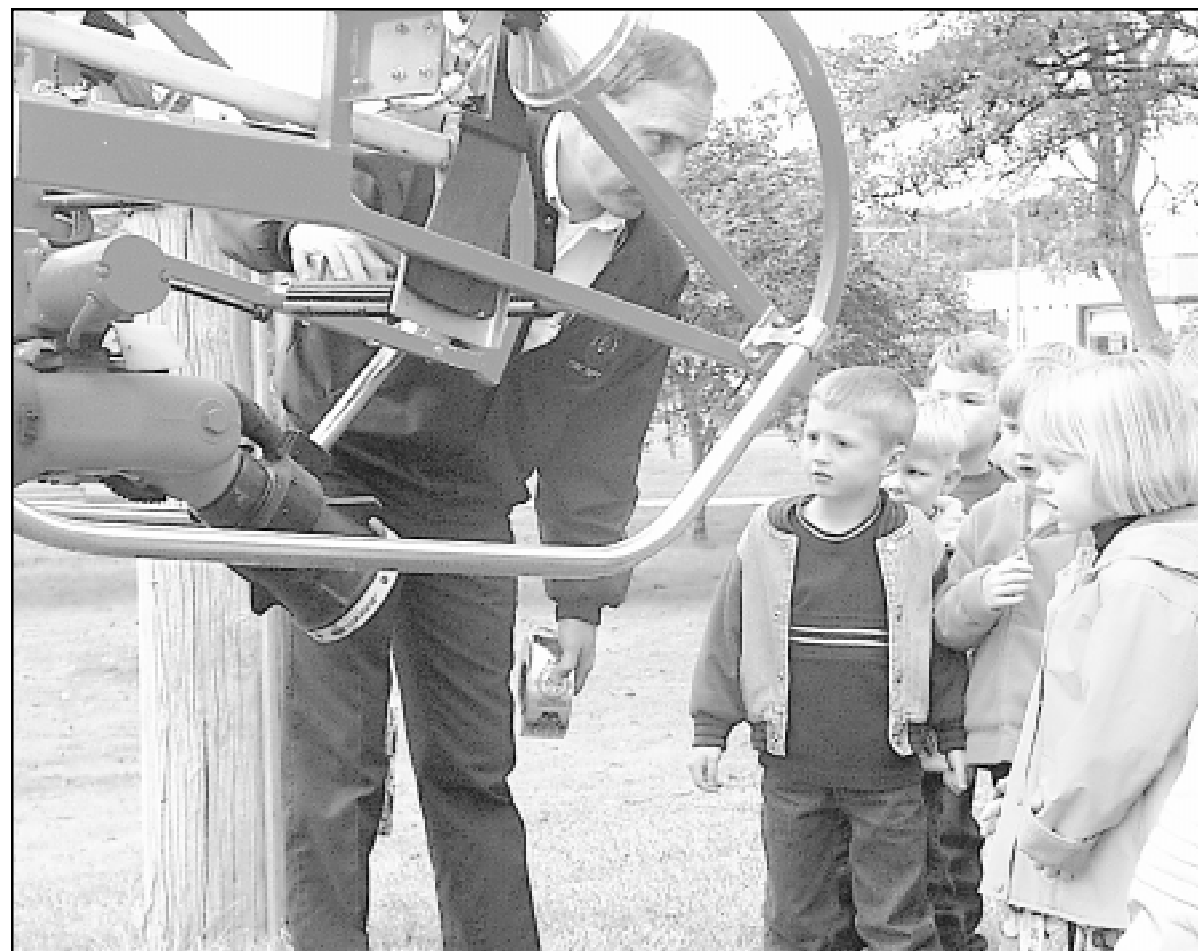
Cemetery donations sought

Donations are still being sought for the Beulah Cemetery archway, said Dale Deaver, cemetery board member. The idea for the archway was prompted, he said, to give the location a more distinguishable appearance. Those wanting to contribute to the \$1,800 project can send donations to: Dale Deaver, Box 43, Levant, Kan., 67743.

Holiday items needed for sale

Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary is planning its second annual recycled holiday sales and is looking for donations of new or good used holiday items, said Carolyn Miller, one of the organizers. Donations can be left at 545 Woofler Ave. between Saturday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Nov. 1. For those with questions, call 462-7777 or 462-6898. The actual sale will begin on Friday, Nov. 2 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 545 Woofler Ave.

All eyes



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Colby Assistant Fire Chief Rick Dickman showed the ladder-pipe on Engine 2 to Clayton Williams, Keegan Morgan, Dylan Dumler, Haleigh Westadt, Taylor Lemmon and Hailey Schindler from Puddle Duck Preschool. The preschoolers were at the fire station on Friday. Fire Prevention Week began Sunday and continues through Saturday.

