

# Turkish bases available

By the Associated Press  
INTERNATIONAL

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's foreign minister said the United States could use its bases for an attack on Iraq, but officials later backed away from a firm commitment, reflecting the sensitivity of the issue in this key U.S. ally.

Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis said today during a visit by U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz that Turkey would allow the bases' use — but only if the United Nations approved military action.

"There should not be left any stone unturned before resorting to a military solution," Yakis told reporters. "But if it comes to that, then of course, we will cooperate with the United States because it's a big ally and we have excellent relations with the United States."

When asked by a reporter to define cooperation, Yakis said, "the opening of air space, first of all, and the utilization of facilities in Turkey."

Yakis' comments were the firmest yet by Turkey on whether it would allow the use of its bases. But several hours after he spoke, the Foreign Ministry issued a clarification that he was speaking of "possibilities," not promises.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Opposition leaders called for a nationwide strike against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's government on Wednesday, a day after police and pro-government mobs broke up protests by thousands of demonstrators.

Aristide's supporters wielded whips, hurled rocks and fired guns as they attacked government opponents during today's clashes, witnesses said. At least 16 people were injured.

Police fired tear gas to break up marches by thousands of demonstrators in northern Cap-Haitien and southern Petit-Goave and wielded nightsticks to break up a 500-person protest in northwestern Gonaives. Protesters are demanding better living conditions and an end to Aristide's government.

"This government accepts no form of dissent. That's what is called a dictatorship," said opposition politician Rene Theodore, who urged Haitians to join today's strike.

Businesses in the capital of Port-au-Prince would close for the day, chamber of commerce president Maurice Lafortune said.

**NATIONAL**

NEW YORK — In his first major speech since the midterm elections, former President Clinton said the Democratic Party needs to communicate clear, fresh ideas on the economy and national security if it wants to recover from election losses.

Clinton's remarks came during a speech Tuesday to the Democratic Leadership Council, a national network that Clinton helped found in the 1980s to steer the party toward a more centrist image.

He suggested the party draft unified

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plans on national security and reviving the economy — issues on which he said Democrats floundered in their campaigns this year.

"Democrats have to have ideas to win," Clinton said. "Republicans will always have more money, more powerful interest groups, the fervor of right-wing emotion."

SPACE CENTER, Houston — A chance of clouds and rain around space shuttle Endeavour's landing site in Florida could delay its return to Earth, pushing back the homecoming of the former crew on the international space station.

Endeavour is the ride back to Earth for the space station Alpha crew of U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson and Russian cosmonauts Valery Korzun and Sergei Treschev. They spent the past six months aboard the orbiting outpost and are the fifth resident crew.

Flight controllers hoped to bring Endeavour home this afternoon. But a storm system approaching Florida from the west could postpone the return.

TRENTON, N.J. — Lawmakers are willing to let the state's embattled poet laureate come before them to defend the poem in which he is accused of making anti-Semitic remarks. But Amiri Baraka said he won't come without an invitation.

Baraka doesn't think lawmakers will give him a fair hearing when they consider two bills Thursday that would remove him from his post. Current law does not allow him to be fired and the Newark poet has declined Gov. James McGreevey's call for his resignation, saying his poem, "Somebody Blew Up America" was misinterpreted.

"I have said from the beginning, let's have a debate about this thing. Let's look at the poem and see what it actually says," Baraka said. "But those legislators are so hypocritical they have never asked me to come down there."

Testimony from Baraka would be welcomed by the committee, but there are no plans to issue a personal invitation, said Sen. Garry Furnari, co-chairman of the Senate State Government Committee.

Baraka has said repeatedly that he is not anti-Semitic and was not referring to American Jews in the poem.

The lines singled out by critics read: "Who knew the World Trade Center was gonna get bombed/Who told 4,000 Israeli workers at the Twin Towers to stay home that day?/Why did Sharon stay away?"

**WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to sign into law two bills meant to make the world safer for children on the Internet and inside automobiles.

In a small Roosevelt Room ceremony, Bush on Wednesday planned

to sign legislation calling for the creation of a new kids-safe "dot-kids" domain on the Internet that would contain only material appropriate for children under 13.

The international body that governs domain names refused to create a suffix — like ".com" and ".org" — for child-appropriate content. So the new ".kids.us" domain will be overseen by the federal government, though with participation voluntary in an attempt to avoid charges of censorship.

The president also plans to sign a bill requiring shoulder belts in addition to lap straps in the middle rear seats of vehicles.

Bush also was signing a measure allowing \$2.3 billion over the next four years for rebuilding Afghanistan. The bill provides another \$1 billion to expand peacekeeping forces outside the capital city of Kabul, where they have been limited so far, though Congress still would have to approve the spending.

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say they hold little hope Saddam Hussein will provide any useful information in Iraq's promised declaration regarding its weapons of mass destruction programs, but they will compare the report to U.S. intelligence's own findings just in case.

The declaration, expected before a Sunday deadline, may be useful only to catch the Iraqi president in a lie, officials said. More useful information may come out of the inspections, they said.

While surprised that Iraq has provided easy access to U.N. inspectors thus far, officials expect the likelihood that the Iraqis will throw up roadblocks will increase as the inspectors conduct more visits, particularly on suspected weapon sites they have not sought access to in the past. Any efforts to block inspectors will be regarded as suggestive that the Iraqis have something to hide at a particular site, U.S. officials said.

Under a U.N. Security Council resolution unanimously approved last month, Iraq has until Sunday to declare all of its biological, chemical and nuclear weapon programs and any long-range missiles. Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammed Al-Douri, said the declaration could be earlier.

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**Wednesday Evening December 4, 2002**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBY/ABC	TBA		MD's		Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	World Ne	World Ne
KBSL/CBS	Amazing Race		Amazing Race 3		Local	Late Show		Late Late Show		Local
KSNW/NBC	The West Wing		Law & Order		Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Christmas in Rockefeller		The West Wing		Law & Order		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	Bernie	Cedric	Fast Lane		Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local


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A & E	American Justice	American Justice	Third Watch		Biography		American Justice
AMC	The Longest Day						Fighting S   The Long
CMT	Inside Fame	Best of Showcase	Most Wanted Live		Crossroads		CMT 3rd Shift
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight	Connie   Lou Dobb		Larry King		Newsnight
DISC	Supernature	Deep Inside the Titani	Weapons of New War		Pearl Harbor		World of Geishas
E!	Roseanne		Revealed Mike Myers		Howard Stern		AnnaNicol   AnnaNicol
ESPN	ACC/Big Ten Challenge		SportsCenter		Hoops		SportsCenter
ESPN2	Hoops	PreSeason NIT Basketball			Great Alaska Shootout		NBA2Nigh   NBA2Nigh
FAM	Three Days		700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog   Paid Prog
FX	Ducee Bigalow Male Gigolo		Reality		The Practice		Ducee Bigalow
HGTV	Bed & Bat	Country	Collectors   Curb Appl		Reatore   Surprise		Bed & Bat   Country
HIST	Limos		Convertibles		The Files of Interpol		Abominable Snowma   Limos
LIFE	83 Hours 'Til Dawn				Golden Gr   Golden Gr		Nanny   Mad Abou   Any Day Now

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HBO	The Wedding Planner		Cast Away		The Sopranos		Autopsy
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SHOW	Stonebrook		Drew Car		Heartbreakers		Soul Food

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBY/ABC	Dear Santa		Primetime Thursday		Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	Local	Local
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene		Without a Trace		Local	Late Show		Late Late Show		Local
KSNW/NBC	Will & G	Miami	ER		Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Friends	Scrubs	Will & G	Miami	ER		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	Dead Man on Campus				Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local

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A & E	Married in America						Biography		Married in America
AMC	Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid		River of No Return		Butch Cassidy & The Sundance K		River of N		
CMT	Inside Fame	Austin City Limits	Most Wanted Live		Crossroads		CMT 3rd Shift		
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight	Connie   Lou Dobb		Larry King		Newsnight		
DISC	Siberian Survivors	7 Wonders of Las Veg	Would You Believe It?		Monumental Mysterie		Grand Canyon Myster		
E!	From Pin-Up to Sex Queen		AnnaNicol   AnnaNicol		Howard Stern		Wild on The Spanish		
ESPN	Thursday Night Hockey						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	National Hockey League				NFL2Nigh   NHL2Nigh		SportsCenter		
FAM	The Christmas List		700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog   Paid Prog		
FX	Cobra		Reality		The Practice		Cobra		
HGTV	Dsgn4Sex   Challenge	Hunters	Hunters		Warriors   Landscap		Dsgn4Sex   Cahllenge		
HIST	More Gadgets	Digi-Tech			The Files of Interpol		Ancient Aliens		
LIFE	One Special Night				All You Need		Any Day Now		

**Premium Channels**

HBO	Behind Enemy Lines		Inside the NFL		Shrek		First Look
MAX	Dangerous Minds		Monkeybone		Hearts in Atlantis		Dr. Doolittle 2
SHOW	What Girls Learn				What Women Want		Legally Blonde

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# Letters to Santa Invitation

Area children, age pre-school through 10 are invited to submit their Letters to Santa, the Goodland & Brewster school districts are assisting kindergarten through fourth grade with their letters.

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