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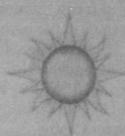


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Taliban Confirms Bin Laden's Location

Seeking Out Terrorism Around the Globe

U.S. law enforcement agencies, with assistance from other nations, have begun a worldwide manhunt for individuals behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and other terrorist plots. Investigators have traced the path of the 19 hijackers through Germany, Afghanistan, Spain and England in an effort to locate potential accomplices. In recent days, investigators have focused on Germany, where authorities have arrested three men suspected of plotting another terrorist attack.



The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Taliban government confirmed Sunday that Osama bin Laden is still in Afghanistan, but the White House flatly rejected an overture to negotiate his fate.

Meantime, Attorney General John Ashcroft warned of a "very serious threat" of new terrorism against Americans that might increase if the United States retaliates for the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We believe that there is the likelihood of additional terrorist activity. And it is our job to do whatever we can to interrupt it, to disrupt it," Ashcroft said on CBS's "Face The Nation."

"We believe there are others who may be in the country who would have plans," Ashcroft said when asked about the ongoing hunt for those behind the strikes against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Also Sunday, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar told his people in a radio address not to worry about a U.S. attack because "Americans don't have the courage to come here."

Earlier, a Taliban envoy acknowledged for the first time that bin Laden is in Afghanistan and

under the control of the Taliban. He said negotiations might be possible if the United States offered evidence linking bin Laden to the attacks.

"He's in a place which cannot be located by anyone," Taliban ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef told journalists in Islamabad.

Zaeef said the Taliban, which has rejected a series of appeals to hand over bin Laden and avert a military confrontation, was willing to talk. "We are thinking of negotiation," he said, adding that if direct evidence against bin Laden were produced, "it might change things."

White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card said, "The president has said we're not negotiating."

Card said the Taliban government has been told what to do. "They've got to turn not only Osama bin Laden over but all the operatives of the al-Qaida organization. They've got to stop being a haven where terrorists can train," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

Bin Laden must "be purged from Afghanistan, and the Taliban knows that," Card said. "The United States is very patient, but we want to see justice done and we want to see it done quickly."

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was skeptical of the Taliban claim.

"It was just a few days ago that they said they didn't know where he was, so I have no reason to believe anything a Taliban representative has said," Rumsfeld said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The continuing threat against Americans was cited by Ashcroft as he argued for legislation he said would help confront those plotting terrorism.

He called on Congress to meet President Bush's deadline of Friday for approval of the administration's plan.

"We think that there is a very serious threat of additional problems now. And frankly, as the United States responds, that threat may escalate," Ashcroft said.

"Very frankly, we need to do everything we can here at home," the attorney general said, repeating his claim that his department needs increased powers for surveillance, the ability to use information gathered by foreign governments and the ability to detain terrorist suspects for longer periods of time.

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Residents: UNC Officials Hesitant to Compromise

By GRETCHEN DECKER
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Mason Farm Road residents expressed frustration Friday about what they perceive as reluctance on the part of the Board of Trustees to alter the University's Development Plan.

In discussions last week, neighborhood representatives and University officials reached what both regarded as a compromise for a proposed access road between South Campus and Fordham Boulevard.

But the compromise received a lukewarm response from trustees at their Thursday meeting. Last week's discussions between residents and University officials, which generated the compromise, centered on the precise location of the access road connecting South Campus to Fordham Boulevard.

The road is one component of the University's Development Plan, which details campus growth for the next eight years. The Chapel Hill Town Council will vote on the plan Wednesday.

The compromise requires moving the proposed four-lane access road north of a planned graduate student family housing complex on Mason Farm Road.

This is an alternative to the UNC-proposed access road, which would run south of the planned family housing.

The compromise would have the access road run through land already set aside by the Development Plan for potential light rail and bus use.

Residents said they were frustrated by the BOT's perceived unwillingness

to consider their alternate proposal.

"The decision, even though it was one without hostility, reflects the fact that we have no input at all. There is no consideration for the neighborhood," said former Chapel Hill Mayor and UNC faculty member Ken Brown.

Brown added he thinks the BOT's stance puts in doubt the effectiveness of future Development Plan conversations between the University and residents.

If the council adopts the stipulations of the compromise, it could put the council into conflict with the BOT's wishes.

Jonathan Howes, special assistant to the chancellor for University relations, characterized the BOT's Thursday discussion on the Mason Farm Road issue as "not hostile or belligerent, a principled discussion that reflected their stewardship feelings toward the University."

Howes explained to residents in the Friday meeting that BOT members said Thursday they wished to leave the access road where originally planned. In this situation, the housing would be better if it was oriented toward campus and not split apart by the access road.