

Taliban seize two Americans

BBC ONLINE
Two US nationals have been captured by Taliban insurgents in eastern Afghanistan, reports say.
They say the Americans were seized in Logar province after an exchange of fire with the militants on Friday.
A spokesman for the provincial governor told the BBC that the men were armed civilians. Some media reports suggested they were soldiers.
The local governor said US forces were offering a reward in return for the two Americans.
So far there have been no official comments by the US military.
The spokesman for the Logar governor said the two men had ignored warnings and set out on their own from their base on Friday evening into a known Taliban-held area.
After an exchange of gunfire the two were captured.
One unconfirmed report later said that one of the captured had been killed.
Local radio stations aired US statements offering a \$20,000 (£12,956) reward for the information leading to the safe release of the Americans, Reuters reports.
This comes, in what is already turning into the bloodiest summer for foreign forces in Afghanistan since their invasion in 2001, the BBC's David Loyn in Kabul says.
Four US soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in the south of the country on Saturday and another killed in a separate incident.
And in another incident in Helmand four insurgents were killed in a gun battle with Nato forces on Friday.
Local people say a number of civilians were also shot in the exchange of fire, but there is no independent confirmation of this.



Army Chief of Staff Gen George W Casey Jr awards Gen Stanley McChrystal a medal during a retirement ceremony in Washington, DC on Friday. McChrystal, who was the commander of US forces in Afghanistan, is retiring after being relieved of command for comments he made to a Rolling Stone reporter about President Obama and his administration.

US missiles kill 16 militants in Pakistan

AP, Islamabad
US missiles hit a suspected militant hideout, killing 16 insurgents in a troubled Pakistani tribal region along the Afghan border before dawn yesterday, intelligence officials said.
The strike came as the US Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Adm Mike Mullen, was in Pakistan. Mullen was expected to see Pakistan's army chief, Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, who was recently granted a three-year term extension in what some have welcomed as a sign of continuity in Pakistan's battle against Islamist extremists.
The six missiles struck a compound in the Nazai Narai area of South Waziristan. The hideout was known to be frequented by foreign fighters who were among the dead, two intelligence officials said.
The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to go on the record, said agents were trying to get more details about the identities and nationalities of the dead.

Indian premier for holistic dev to fight Maoism

IANs, New Delhi
erished parts of our country, particularly the areas inhabited by the adivasi (tribal) population," he said, in a shift from the government's policy of tackling the Left-wing insurgency as a law and order problem.
He also called for "a concerted effort to bridge the development deficit in these backward areas".
The prime minister said the suggestion by chief ministers in the meeting have been taken note of.
The Planning Commission is working on integrated plan of development of selected backward districts which would help strengthen the development element in the fight against extremism keeping in mind the suggestion made here," he said.
The Left-wing extremism and the ways to tackle it in 33-affected districts of the mineral rich east and central India figured prominently in agenda of the 55th meeting of the NDC chaired by the prime minister.
Yesterday, Manmohan Singh didn't refer to Maoist insurgency as the "biggest" internal security challenge of the country as he had been repeatedly saying so, but called for "a concerted effort to bridge the development deficit" to tackle the alienation of the impoverished people.
In a discussion paper prepared by the Planning Commission ahead of the daylong meeting, it was noted that the country's tribals, who account for 8.2 percent of the 1.2 billion population, had not benefited adequately from India's development.

Uganda on high alert ahead of AU summit

AFP, Kampala
Uganda forces imposed tight security in the capital yesterday as more than 30 heads of state began converging on Kampala for an African Union summit barely two weeks after deadly suicide attacks.
Police and military deployments in Kampala are regularly enhanced during international conferences, but after the July 11 bombings that left 76 dead, security is such that entering a shopping mall is similar to boarding a plane.
"Following the recent attack in Uganda, we have stepped up our security measures to a level that has never been seen," Deputy Foreign Minister Okello Oryem told AFP.
"Unfortunately, I think it has infringed on people's freedom to enjoy themselves," he added.
Kampala was chosen to host the 15th African Union heads of state summit, which opens today, long before the region's deadliest attacks in 12 years gave the venue extra significance.
It is an AU force that Uganda has led in Mogadishu since 2007 to support the fragile Somali transition government. That role was the reason the Al Qaeda-inspired Shabab group claimed responsibility for the Kampala attacks in a bid to force Uganda to withdraw from Somalia.
The Ugandan authorities immediately responded by assuring its fellow AU members that the summit was still on and should serve as a platform to muster more regional and international support for efforts to root out the Somali insurgents.
At a popular city centre shopping mall with several restaurants and Kampala's only cinema, motorists and pedestrians are now forced to join long queues while they wait for their handbags, bodies and vehicles to be checked.
A security official this week got into a verbal spat with a would-be shopper who was frustrated by the delays.
"Others are not complaining!" the officer shouted, silencing the woman who was irked about her bag being thoroughly taken apart and inspected.
"All this is to ensure that all the delegates that are here and all the Ugandans do have 100 percent security and there is no repetition of what happened on 7/11," Oryem said, justifying the inconveniences.
Shortly after the attacks, Uganda's president balked at the notion that the summit should be rescheduled or relocated.
"Africa Union not take place because of this incidence? No! That is all rubbish," Yoweri Museveni told reporters at his country home in western Uganda.
"The African Union is not going to take place in a pitch," he added, referring to the rugby club which was one of the two spots targeted by the blasts on July 11 as crowds gathered to watch the football World Cup final.
A visible reminder of this contrast is the massive deployment of security personnel along the road that connects Kampala and the resort hosting the AU meeting.
Calling in re-enforcements from the anti-riot squads, the regular and military police, Uganda has positioned a two-person unit every 50 metres (55 yards) on both sides of the six-kilometre (3.7-mile) road.
A spokesman for the Speke Resort that is hosting the AU meeting said that given the plethora of screenings and checks required to access the summit grounds, it is possible a high speed traffic accident poses the worst security risk.
"You have all these convoys, driving at break-neck speeds, and I think the speeds they are driving at are a bit too excessive, especially when they are carrying nobody," Timothy Mukumunhe told AFP.

AU nations to boost Somalia force

ALJAZEERA ONLINE
Guinea and Djibouti are planning to send troops to bolster an African Union (AU) peacekeeping force charged with protecting the transitional government in Somalia, the AU has said.
The pledge was announced yesterday before an AU summit in Uganda held, which was dominated by the issue of security in Somalia.
Kampala, Uganda's capital, was hit by twin suicide attacks that killed at least 74 people on July 11.
The bombings, at a rugby club and a restaurant, were claimed by Somalia's al-Shabab group, which is fighting to topple the Horn of Africa nation's UN-backed government.
It said that the attacks were in response to the deaths of Somali civilians at the hands of AU peacekeepers.
The group, which the US says is allied to al-Qaeda, has warned of further violence in Uganda and Burundi unless they pull their troops out of Somalia.
If Guinea and Djibouti fulfil their pledges, it will provide a major boost to the 6,000 soldiers from Uganda and Burundi.

Mullen holds talks with Pak military

AFP, Islamabad
The US military's top officer arrived in Islamabad yesterday amid US concerns over the presence in Pakistan of Islamist militants blamed for attacks on Nato-led troops in Afghanistan.
Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, yesterday met General Tariq Majid, the ceremonial head of the Pakistan armed forces, and discussed regional security, an international conference held in Kabul this week and its effects on the region, Pakistan's statement said.
The statement issued in Islamabad added that "India-Pakistan confidence-building, progress on efforts by Pakistan against terrorism and violent extremism and other matters of bilateral interest" were also discussed.
Mullen will later meet US officers overseeing military assistance to Pakistan, as well as Pakistan's powerful army chief, General Ashfaq Kayani, whose term was extended by three months on Thursday.
"This visit to Pakistan is part of the regular bilateral consultations between the US and Pakistan," the US embassy said in a statement.
Mullen and US officials have praised Pakistan for moving against militants in the northwest but have urged the military to expand its operations to include the Haqqani network, which is based in North Waziristan.
On the eve of his one-day visit, Mullen acknowledged US worries over sanctuaries in Pakistan for extremists, including the Haqqani network, who have attacked international forces in neighbouring Afghanistan.
Speaking at news conference in New Delhi, Mullen called the Haqqani militants "the most lethal network" faced by the US-led international force in Afghanistan and said he had repeatedly urged Pakistan to tackle the threat.
"I continue to address that with the (Pakistani) leadership as a very, very strong priority," Mullen told reporters at the end of a two-day visit to India.
Kayani "is aware of that priority and in terms of what we think needs to happen," Mullen said.
Created by Afghan warlord Jalaluddin Haqqani and run by his son Sirajuddin, the Haqqani group is one of the toughest foes for foreign forces in Afghanistan, particularly in the east of the country.

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