

THE GAMECOCK

THE PRICE OF TERRORISM

First steps in Operation Enduring Freedom

Starting around 9 p.m. local time (12:30 p.m. EST) on Sunday, U.S. and British forces hit a series of Afghan targets, including al-Qaida terrorist training camps and military bases of the Taliban government.

What was hit
According to early reports, these targets were struck.



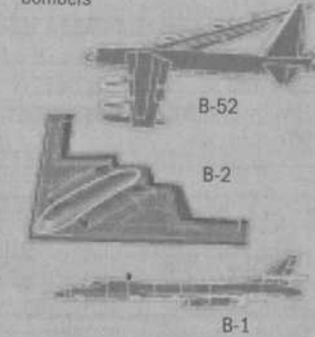
What was used

◆ 50 Tomahawk cruise missiles, launched from U.S., British vessels, including submarines.

◆ 500-lb. gravity bombs, 1,000 lb. and 2,000 lb. satellite-guided bombs dropped from:

◆ 25 U.S. and British strike jets from carriers

◆ 15 B-2 Stealth bombers and B-52 and B-1 bombers



◆ 2 C-17 cargo planes dropped 37,500 food packages

Source: US Defense Dept., AP, Reuters Graphic; Flee Hutang, Pat Carr.

Where they came from



U.S. AND BRITISH FORCES LAUNCH RETALIATION EFFORT ON AFGHANISTAN

BY DAVID ESPO
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WASHINGTON — American and British forces unleashed a punishing air attack Sunday against military targets and Osama bin Laden's training camps inside Afghanistan, striking at terrorists blamed for the attacks that murdered thousands in New York and Washington.

"We will not waver, we will not tire," said President Bush, speaking from the White House as Tomahawk cruise missiles and bombs found targets halfway around the globe. "We will not falter and we will not fail."

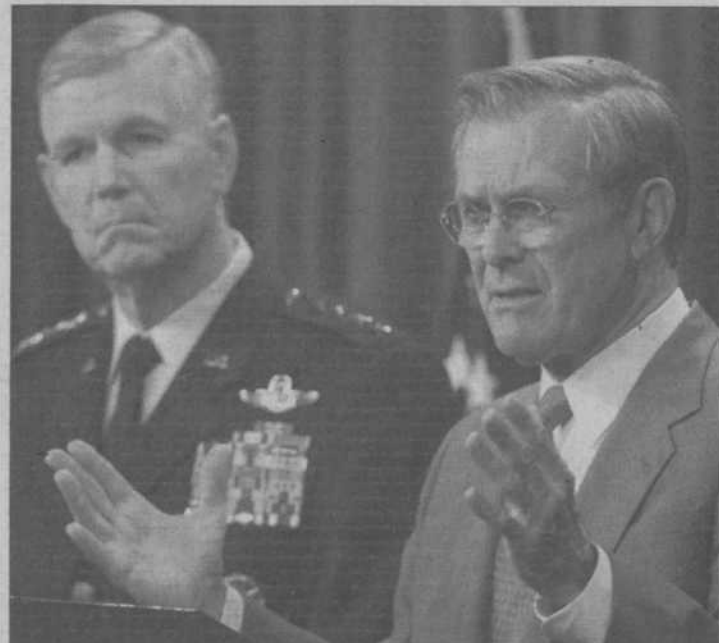
Under a campaign dubbed "Enduring Freedom," the assault was accompanied by airdrops of thousands of vitamin-enriched food rations for needy civilians — and by a ground-based attack by Afghan opposition forces against the ruling Taliban.

In a chilling threat, bin Laden vowed defiantly that Americans "will never dream of security or see it before we live it and see it in Palestine, and not before the infidels' armies leave the land of Muhammad." He spoke in a videotaped statement prepared before the attacks, but both he and the leader of the Taliban ruling council of Afghanistan were reported to have survived the initial action.

In a fresh reminder of the potential for renewed terrorist attacks, the FBI said it was urging law enforcement agencies nationwide to "be at the highest level of vigilance and be prepared to respond to any act of terrorism or violence."

Bush ordered the strike on Saturday, less than four weeks after terrorists flew two hijacked airplanes into the World Trade Center twin towers and a third into the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed in the Pennsylvania countryside after an apparent struggle between passengers and terrorists on board.

Besides the Sept. 11 death toll — estimated at more than 5,000 — the attacks dealt a shuddering blow to Americans' feeling of security, and propelled an already



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld briefs reporters following a round of U.S. attacks on targets within Afghanistan. Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers is at left.
PHOTO BY CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT CAMPUS

weakened economy toward recession.

"I know many Americans feel fear today," Bush said in his nationally televised announcement from the White House Treaty Room. Signs of heightened security concerns were evident, as officials took Vice President Dick Cheney from his residence to an undisclosed secure location, security was stepped up around the Capitol and government nuclear weapons labs were put on higher alert. The FBI said it was acting on the basis of "the possibility of additional terrorist activity occurring somewhere in the world."

Within hours of the attacks, Bush drew public support from foreign leaders around the world, as well as from congressional leaders and the American public.

The initial strike involved 50 Tomahawk cruise missiles, launched from American and British ships. Gen. Richard Myers said 15 bombers and 25 strike aircraft, both sea- and land-based, also were involved. The assault came at 12:30 p.m. EDT — nighttime in Afghanistan.

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Afghan sources in Pakistan said the attack damaged the Taliban military headquarters and destroyed a radar installation and control tower at the airport in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar. Smoke could be seen billowing from the high-walled compound of Mullah Mohammed Omar, the Taliban leader, these sources added.

One Pentagon official said that, while highly visible attacks were being carried out, other opera-

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"We will not waver, we will not tire. We will not falter and we will not fail."

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

"I swear to God that America will never dream of security or see it before we live it and see it in Palestine."

OSAMA BIN LADEN

International students think attacks hasty

BY JESSICA FOY
THE GAMECOCK

Many international students at USC share similar sentiments about Sunday's attack by America and England on Afghanistan. They seem to agree that the two countries should have thought more before taking such actions. While they think terrorist retaliation is more likely now, they think they're safe in South Carolina.

Shoko Maruta, a Japanese exchange student, is a linguistics major at her school in Japan and a psychology major at USC. She came to USC at the beginning of the semester. Maruta thinks yesterday's actions resulted only in the death of innocent people. "The Taliban is tied to Afghanistan, but it is not the country of Afghanistan," she said.

"If the United States wants to solve the problem, the only way is to go to Afghanistan and catch members of the Taliban."

Maiko Takahata, an exchange student from Japan who is an English major at home and a business major at USC, shares many of Maruta's thoughts. "The United States should calm down and think about their actions," Takahata said. She thinks Japan is only supporting America to get respect from other countries and it should tell the United States to reconsider its actions.

Robynne Davis, an English exchange student and business major, is worried about England's involvement in yesterday's events. "I support England backing

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GAMECOCK BLOWOUT



Andrew Pinnock drives up the field in the Gamecocks' 42-6 blowout of the Kentucky Wildcats. Pinnock picked up two touchdowns en route to South Carolina's win. For more coverage of the football game, see page 10. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

USC'S PAST

Oct. 15, 1927

The USC Alumni Association held the first Homecoming festivities in conjunction with a football game, a 14-6 win over North Carolina.

WEATHER



Today
Sunny,
71/41



Tomorrow
Sunny,
72/48

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Military strikes

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