



# House Armed Services Committee

## *Global War on Terrorism Update*



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### South East Asia Update

- Riduan Isamuddin, a.k.a. Hambali, head of the al-Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror network – suspected of playing a role in the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> attacks as well as last year's Bali bombing and other regional attacks was recently captured by U.S. forces.

### Iraq Update

- More than 130,000 U.S. forces and 20,000 Coalition forces continue security patrols and military operations, including joint patrols with Iraqi police against former Ba'athist forces and terrorists.
- Twenty-nine countries with military forces in Iraq (contributing over 24,000 troops): Albania, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Czech Rep, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Georgia, Honduras, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, Macedonia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, and UK.
- Operation Desert Scorpion (ongoing): U.S. forces have conducted 6 raids and captured 29 detainees. Captured: \$8 million of Iraqi dinar, and a large sum of British pounds and euro. The 1st Armored Division in Baghdad conducted 7 raids and captured 9 detainees. The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment set up traffic control points and recovered 2 rocket propelled grenade launchers, 1 rocket and 2 grenades.
- Operation Ivy Serpent (ongoing): Coalition forces have conducted 27 raids, captured 226 detainees, 800 82-mm mortar rounds, 50 AK-47s, 26 rocket-propelled grenades and 3 hand grenades. Six of the detainees are former regime loyalist leaders.

### To Quote

*"Our military is confronting terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan and in other places so our people will not have to confront terrorist violence in New York or St. Louis or Los Angeles."* – President Bush

### Afghanistan Update

- Coalition soldiers and the Afghanistan National Army continue to search for suspected Taliban members and weapon caches.
- Operation Mountain Viper (ongoing): U.S. forces and the Afghanistan National Army are flushing out large amounts of Taliban sympathizers in the mountain town of Daichopan in the southeastern province of Zabol.
- Operation Warrior Sweep: Fighter jets bombed an area of southern Afghanistan on Monday, successfully eliminating opposition fighters.
- Road repair projects are benefiting Afghan citizens. Work done over the last two months has significantly reduced travel time to cities.

### Of Note

Forty-two of the most wanted members of Saddam Hussein's regime have been captured. See them here: <http://www.defendamerica.mil/iraq/iraqi55/index.html#>

### To Quote

*"Clearly, our safety here at home has been enhanced by aggressive military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters. Fighting the war on terrorism will continue to be costly, but in the end will produce greater security for the American people."* – HASC Chairman Hunter