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Taliban threaten to kill Afghan doctor, nurses

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AFP) — The Taliban threatened today to behead an Afghan doctor and three nurses captured two months ago unless the government hands over the body of slain top commander Mullah Dadullah.

Dadullah was killed three weeks ago in the armed forces' biggest success against the extremist Taliban that launched an insurgency after being driven from government in 2001. His position at the head of fighters in southern Afghanistan was taken by one of his brothers, Mansoor Dadullah, who issued the latest ultimatum through a spokesman.

"If the government does not give us Dadullah's body in three days, we will behead them," spokesman Shohabudin Atal said.

The government of Kandahar province showed Dadullah's body to the media before burying it at an undisclosed location. Governor Assadullah Khalid has said the body would be handed to the militant's family if they asked for it.

Canada can't be afraid to champion democracy

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Last month I met a woman whose husband, an Indonesian human-rights activist, was poisoned to death on an international flight in 2004, six years after the downfall of Suharto. The march of freedom seems to be flagging.

There are three main ways Canada can promote democracy in the world. It can spend on development, which encourages freedom. It can offer expertise and support to fragile democracies. And it can try to change the behaviour of less-democratic governments.

The last method has gone out of vogue in the past few years, and it's not hard to see why. It's difficult. It requires picking sides and taking risks. Other than in Afghanistan, Canada's attempts have been half-hearted.

There are many ways of influencing bad governments short of overthrowing them. Indeed, the failing attempt to establish democracy by force in Iraq is one reason democratization is becoming a dirty word that makes some people cringe.

In February, Ben Rowsell, a policy adviser in the Foreign Affairs Department, spoke at a conference organized by a branch of Canadian Lawyers Abroad. He mentioned another reason for the "backlash" against democratization: Dismay at the results of democratic processes, including the empowerment of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela and Hamas in the Palestinian Authority.

We don't have to go through an Afghanistan or Iraq every time we champion freedom. And we can't let pseudo-democrats such as Chavez poison us against democracy. Elections alone do not make a democracy.

Governments such as Canada's have many levers other than force: Trade policy, sanctions, diplomacy, statements, international resolutions, partnerships with opposition groups.

Any effort is risky: You can alienate trading partners, back the wrong horse, close diplomatic doors, make dangerous enemies and, worst of all, you can fail and be seen to fail.

But to choose not to try is the coward's way out. It's cowardly to resign ourselves to living in an insecure, unjust world. It's cowardly to wait for governments to improve on their own or be conquered by domestic forces that might never be strong enough.

Which brings me back to the man who got on a plane and was killed by a large dose of arsenic. His name was Munir Said Thalib. His widow, Suciwati, said the investigation into his death is a test case for democracy in Indonesia: "It's very difficult to see how democracy will succeed until basic human rights are respected."

The pilot's murder conviction was overturned. Now other men are under suspicion; the whole thing looks like an exercise in scapegoating, perhaps to protect the military. Until the truth is uncovered, Indonesia cannot claim to be a free country. Canada, which has regular dialogues on human rights with Indonesia, has the power to keep nudging it in the direction of freedom.

Some governments you nudge, some you push. Burma's has extended the detention of Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nelson Mandela of her country. One of her countrymen, Soe Myint, now lives in India and is editor-in-chief of a news agency in exile called Mizzima News. It's a seedling waiting to be transplanted back into native soil when Burma is free. Soe Myint, on a recent visit to Ottawa, said that while he admires Canada's efforts for refugees and other victims, he wishes we would promote democracy more vigorously. "It's not only support we are seeking. It is also involvement. It is solidarity we are seeking."

Canada has made statements about Burma. It can do more. One way to influence Burma is to influence our business partners, China and India. The 2008 Olympics could be the opportunity of a generation to push for change in Chinese domestic and foreign policy.

UN Watch recently published a Human Rights Scorecard: Canada at the United Nations, 2006–2007. It lists many missed opportunities: "Canada took no action whatsoever at the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly against China's violations of civil, political and religious rights — which harm over a sixth of the world's population. Canada was equally silent regarding Fidel Castro's police state, where journalists languish in jail for daring to speak the truth. It said nothing about Saudi Arabia's refusal to allow women to vote or drive a car, or its state-sponsored schoolbooks that teach children to hate Christians and other non-Muslims. Nor did it protest Robert Mugabe's repression in Zimbabwe."

The report called on Canada to speak out strongly more often and to "forge a broader alliance in support of human rights, democracy, and peace."

In other words, make democratization fashionable again.

CFB Suffield hosts battle royal exercises; Prince Harry arrives for training; 'blends right in' with troops at base's bar

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ILLUSTRATION: Colour Photo: Reuters, File / Britain's Prince Harry is shown at a military training exercise in Cyprus in March 2006. Harry is training at CFB Suffield near Medicine Hat at the moment, base sources say. ; Colour Photo: Reuters, File / Britain's Prince Harry participates in a military exercise in Britain in November 2005. ;

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MEDICINE HAT – The rumours which have been flying around town for weeks were finally confirmed Saturday: Prince Harry is visiting CFB Suffield, training with the British army.

A source at the base, who did not want to be named, said the 22-year-old second lieutenant arrived with little fanfare this week and is getting along nicely with Canadian troops.

"He was just talking to the boys," he said. "He just blends right in.

"I think he's just a normal boy. He likes to enjoy himself. He's not any different."

The prince was laughing and joking with soldiers at the army base's Crowfoot Camp cafe and bar, said another source.

"He was just looking around," the source said, adding he is not supposed to discuss the prince's presence publicly, nor is he supposed to be talking about activities at CFB Suffield, 250 kilometres southeast of Calgary and about 50 km north of Medicine Hat.

While Harry was not allowed to join his regiment's recent deployment to Iraq, British media have reported he could be sent to Afghanistan.

British and Canadian military officials refused to comment on Harry's presence.

The prince is being treated as a regular soldier, said a spokesman for the British Ministry of Defence.

"He is obviously a soldier and we're not making any comment about any individual soldier or, in particular, Prince Harry, his deployment and training."

The base provides support services to foreign units, including the British Army Training Unit Suffield.

CFB Suffield hosts battle royal exercises; Prince Harry arrives for training; 'blends right in' with troops at base

"I still can't comment on Prince Harry's whereabouts, his employment or deployment," said CFB Suffield public affairs officer Jennifer Taylor.

A spokeswoman for the British royal family also said she couldn't discuss Harry's whereabouts.

"We don't disclose where he is or what he's doing," said the spokesperson for Clarence House, Prince Harry's official London residence.

RCMP are usually contacted for security purposes for royal visits.

"RCMP will not confirm or deny anything about that rumour... we would not be making any comment on the visit itself," said Sgt. Patrick Webb.

Funeral held for young corporal killed in accident

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MONTREAL – Soldiers gripping C7 rifles lined the staircase of St–Gabriel's Church in Montrea on Saturday, as they fought back tears watching Cpl. Christopher Deliva's funeral procession pass by.

Family and friends gathered for the funeral to remember Deliva, 27, killed in an accident at CFB Wainwright in Alberta last Monday while helping troops prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan.

The soldiers saluted Deliva's flag–draped casket as eight military pallbearers climbed the steps.

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Christopher Deliva, who had lived in Quebec City since 2001, was a member of 5 Battalion Services of Canada, based at CFB Valcartier, Que.

He was helping return vehicles and equipment after a month–long training exercise for Afghan–bound soldiers, but was not scheduled to go to Afghanistan.

Military police are investigating the cause of the accident, a National Defence statement said. They will determine if the curve where Deliva's truck flipped is dangerous.

Following the ceremony, dozens of family and friends wiped tears from their cheeks He leaves behind his parents, a sister and a brother.

Deliva's will be buried at the National Field of Honour military cemetery in the Montreal suburb of Pointe Claire.

Buffeted by history, Born to a grim fate; In his followup to *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini deftly humanizes the plight of Afghan women

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A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS

KHALED HOSSEINI

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War's first voice is pain. It's not the arm-raising camaraderie of conflict nor is it the jubilant chorus of victory or the jingoistic hubris of leaders bent on self-justification. It's not even the quiet wondering of citizens searching for reason in chaos.

It's the keening of mothers, wives, sisters and grandmothers. If it has been said that a nation is not defeated until the souls of its women are on the ground, then war's first voice is the pain of loss, of disappearances, murders, executions and families cleft in twain, all borne by the anonymous women of war.

Courage under fire is not just the domain of soldiery. It's the iron will of women displayed in their ability to endure the anguish of untold invasions of their minds, bodies and spirits. Afghanistan has been at war for generations. Gunfire has been unrelenting and the shape of the country has been altered and rearranged again by countless incursions, raids and invasions.

In his glimmering new novel, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Afghani writer Khaled Hosseini illuminates the grit and determination of Afghanistan's women to survive and persevere. Told in writing that is beautiful in its simplicity and directness, this is a story redolent with cordite, blood and the salt of a million tears.

Unlike Hosseini's debut novel, *The Kite Runner*, a publishing phenomenon that has sold over five million copies worldwide and been translated into 34 languages, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is built less on autobiography and more on the author's realization that it's most often women who become the psychic casualties of war.

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Hosseini sets the stories of Laila and Mariam against the flow of 30 years of war in Afghanistan. From the Soviet invasion, to civil war under the mujahedeen, to the reign of the Taliban, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is the powerful, emotional story of an unexpected and life-defining friendship.

Mariam is a harami — a bastard in the local dialect — who is forced into marriage with a cruel misogynist. Indeed, her husband Rasheed might well be the most despicable character in recent fiction. He is a leering, cunning, murderous presence whose character is revealed slowly, by degree, and grows more monstrous because of it.

Conversely, Laila is part of a regular family in Kabul. She is light-haired and beautiful. Her life is monied and predictable, and as she grows she finds herself growing into love with a neighbourhood boy named Tariq.

It takes the hand of war to bring them together. The tragedy that unites them is horrific, and Laila comes to live with Rasheed and Mariam and eventually becomes the second wife. Hosseini describes the impact of bombs and gunfire almost laconically, so that the image of a sandalled foot of a young girl discovered on a rooftop two weeks after the bomb blast that kills her sears into the memory. The tragedy that results in the intertwining of Laila and Mariam's lives has the same propulsive force.

The women bear the brunt of Rasheed's malevolence until, in the end, it is only violence that can eradicate violence. One of them dies a tragic death and the other escapes to a redemption framed by reunited love and a message that arrives too late to alleviate a lifetime of pain.

At its best, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is evocative and compelling fiction. The truth of war that binds it together leaves the reader stunned by the loose familiarity with destruction that the citizens of war achieve. The growth and depth of love that frames it is elevating and life-affirming. It allows women to shine with the grace and aplomb they carry despite the atrocities of men.

At its weakest, the novel attempts to act as a political primer on Afghanistan. Where it fails is in its inability to allow that history to become more of a character, more of a presence, rather than being simply stated and left undeveloped.

But that's a quibble. This is a novel that sings — from death dirge to the jubilant chorus of freedom, it is, in the end, remarkable.

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Confronting the chilling realities of a nervous world

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THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST

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More than five years on, the reverberations from the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. have driven a wedge of suspicion between westerners and people of Middle Eastern descent. On the one side, bombings in Madrid, Bali and London have intensified western fear of dark-skinned, bearded men and veiled women; on the other, extraordinary renditions, the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, and institutionalized intolerance have fostered distrust and legitimate anger in the Arab world.

These fault lines serve as the basis for Pakistan-born, Princeton-educated author Mohsin Hamid's novel, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*. Cast as a conversation between Changez, a Pakistani man, and an unnamed American he meets in the Old Anarkali district of Lahore, Hamid's novel refuses to shy away from the uncomfortable realities of our current cultural and racial cleavages, preferring instead to tackle them head-on.

Immediately after graduating from Princeton, Changez lands a plum job with Underwood Samson, a "valuation" firm that analyses the worth of companies with acquisition potential. In the initial stages of his story, cultural integration is not a problem for Changez; he begins to court Erica, a fellow Princetonian with "wheat-colored limbs," and quickly develops a camaraderie with his colleagues at work, who "all hailed from the same elite universities" and "all exuded a sense of confident self-satisfaction." Changez remarks pointedly (and somewhat ironically) that "shorn of hair and dressed in battle fatigues, we would have been virtually indistinguishable."

But the events of 9/11 change all that. With "a profound sense of perplexity," Changez confesses to the American that upon hearing the news that planes had destroyed the World Trade Centers, his "initial reaction was to be remarkably pleased" by "the fact that someone had so visibly brought America to her knees." Changez's incipient nationalist fervour is only stoked by the American invasion of Afghanistan, which causes him to "tremble with fury," and by America's tacit approval of India's sabre rattling toward Pakistan, where his family still lives.

All of this is invigorating and displays a refreshingly clear evaluation of the climate of hatred and fear that has been promulgated in the years since the attacks of 9/11. Hamid deftly negotiates Changez's conflicting feelings of righteous indignation toward his adopted country versus the comfortable life that he has found there.

Where the novel ultimately fails is in its conversational structure. Rather than presenting both characters in the conversation, Hamid has chosen to present the story as a monologue from Changez's perspective. This forces the author to tie himself in rhetorical knots in order to fill in essential information for the reader: "But why do you flinch? Ah yes, the bats; they are circling rather low. They will not touch us; allow me to assure you on that score. You know, you say?"

All of this is highly artificial and intrusive, and has the effect of pulling the reader bodily out of the story. A third-person limited narration would have been much more effective. As it is, Hamid's heavy-handed approach ultimately sinks an otherwise promising tale.

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Quebec soldier killed in Alberta loved his job: family

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60 dead after boat carrying Taliban militants sinks in southern Afghanistan

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) _ An estimated 60 people, including Taliban militants, died today when their boat sank while crossing a river in Afghanistan's most dangerous province.

The Afgan Defence Ministry said it is investigating to see how many Taliban insurgents and how many civilians were on board.

The boat sank while crossing the Helmand River, which snakes through Helmand province, the world's leading opium poppy region and site of fierce battles the last several months.

Hundreds of Taliban insurgents are believed to be in Helmand.

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States' carbon dioxide output varies widely; Washington among the lowest emitters

DSHS to cut dozens of jobs

Small Alaska communities feel sternwheeler's absence

Gas, coffee and new CD fuel trip across state

First novel from Seattle doctor explores Iranian roots

Martinez becomes fourth player in Mariners' Hall of Fame

TOP STORIES:

GLOBAL WARMING–STATES

WASHINGTON _ As America struggles with its embarrassing title as world's leader in greenhouse gases, some states spew far more than their share and show no signs of slowing down. Wyoming's power plants produce more carbon dioxide in just eight hours than the power generators of Vermont do in a year. Yet, just next door, Idaho emits the least carbon dioxide per person, less than 23,000 pounds a year.

Texas cranks out more of this greenhouse gas than California and Pennsylvania combined. In their daily lives, many Americans unwittingly contribute far more to global warming than their neighbors purely because of where they live. An Associated Press analysis of state–by–state emissions of carbon dioxide reveal startling differences in states' contribution to climate change. Washington state fared well in the rankings on overall state carbon dioxide emissions, as well as pollution per person.

By Science Writer Seth Borenstein. MOVED for use Sunday. AP Photos. AP Graphic CARBON EMISSIONS. Multimedia.

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OLYMPIA _ The state Department of Social and Health Services has said it will cut about three dozen jobs in its medical assistance units, citing a shortfall in state funding and extra work the agency took on without getting money to cover the added costs.

New, should stand.

CRUISE SHIP AGROUND

JUNEAU, Alaska _ When the Seattle-based Empress of the North, was put out of commission after it ground up on Rocky Island last month, the ripple effect was barely felt in nearby Juneau. Alaska's capital, after all, has thousands of passengers from large cruise ships shuffling through its trinket shops daily. Instead, a couple of smaller southeast Alaska communities have sorely missed the sternwheeler's arrival every week with its 200 or so visitors. By Anne Sutton. AP Photo AKKS901 by Klaus Stolpe.

Also moved in advance on West Wire.

INTERSTATE 90 TOUR

MOSES LAKE _ Each year, 10 million people drive over Snoqualmie Pass on Interstate 90, many making the trip between Seattle and Spokane and points beyond.

The 5-hour journey can be an ordeal. Fortunately, Northwest Heritage Resources is here to help.

The Mountlake Terrace company has just released "Interstate 90 East Heritage Tour Seattle to Spokane," an audio guide on three CDs intended to be played during the drive.

That is a welcome addition to a freeway that is, frankly, bereft of romance. Let's face it, this is no Route 66. By Nicholas K. Geranios. AP Photos.

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No AMMONS ON POLITICS this week. AP Political Writer David Ammons is on vacation.

BOOKS:

First novel from Seattle doctor explores Iranian roots

HEART IN IRAN

SEATTLE _ In the book "Aria," Aria is a 5-year-old Seattle girl who is accidentally run over and killed while her mother, an Iranian-American doctor, is at work and her mother's boyfriend is supposed to be watching her.

The author, Nassim Assefi is a Seattle doctor, second-generation Iranian-American and world traveler. She obviously draws on her own experiences, observations and power of empathy to craft a story that explores grief across cultures.

Assefi is a University of Washington Medical School graduate who, when she's not traveling, volunteers as a women's health physician at Harborview Medical Center. She's already writing a second novel set in Afghanistan, where she has also volunteered. By Doug Esser. AP Photo SE301, book cover scan.

SPORTS:

RANGERS-MARINERS

SEATTLE _ Ichiro Suzuki looks to extend his club-record hitting streak to 26 games when the Seattle

Mariners play the Texas Rangers on Saturday night in the third game of a four–game series. By Tim Booth.

Game at 7:05 p.m.

MARINERS–EDGAR: Martinez becomes fourth player in Mariners' Hall of Fame

SEATTLE _ Edgar Martinez, who spent his entire 18–year playing career in Seattle, becomes the fourth player inducted to the Mariners' Hall of Fame during a ceremony before Saturday night's game. By Tim Booth

Pregame ceremony starts at 6:30 p.m.

EVERGREEN EXCHANGES:

CLEARING HURDLES

These hurdles less risky

SPOKANE _ Curtis Parrish used to joke with people that he was going to live for the best stories possible. Not that it ever occurred to him that he might turn out to be one of them. But it's all there in his tale, really. A common man aimless, a little broken radically alters his very essence with a call to sacrifice and service. Duty takes him to the two most dangerous locales on earth, where every day is an ambush in the making and every night is spent in fitful sleep next to the reminder of man's damnable capacity for destruction. By John Blanchette, The Spokesman–Review.

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FLIGHT NURSES

Angels for World War II wounded

VANCOUVER _ In the movie, the flight nurse and the wounded G.I. trade smiles as the C–54 transport plane flies two dozen casualties across the Pacific to a stateside hospital. Ronald Reagan was supposed to play the G.I., by the way, but wasn't available. On the screen, the nurse chats with more wounded soldiers and Marines. She looks at photos of their sweethearts. She shares their excitement when the Golden Gate Bridge comes into view as their plane _ nicknamed the ``Purple Heart Express" _ approaches San Francisco. That's the Hollywood version of air evacuation during World War II. By Tom Vogt, The Columbian.

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ESPRESSO SUPPLIER

Espresso Parts keeps coffee on

OLYMPIA _ One of North America's few manufacturers and suppliers of espresso machine parts and accessories has grown up the past 15 years in downtown Olympia. Espresso Parts these days has sales growing at 30 percent a year as it ships 100 parcels a day to baristas in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The company makes about 20 percent of the approximately 5,000 parts it stocks at its offices. By Jim Szymanski, The Olympian.

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PARK INTERPRETERS

MOUNT VERNON _ You have seen them at state and national parks. They are usually dressed in olive green, with a gold tag giving their name, title and employer. They often wear wide-brimmed Smokey Bear hats. They are quick with a smile and even quicker with answers to questions any questions. And they certainly get peppered with some beauties. Theirs is a world that is constantly evolving, though much of it has been in place for eons. Welcome to the realm of the park interpreter. By Vince Richardson, Skagit Valley Herald.

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Afghan-Cda-Funerals

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OTTAWA --- Laurie and Lincoln Dinning are getting a cheque from the federal government for 47-hundred dollars.

The Wingham, Ontario couple got a phone call Thursday from Canada's chief of military personnel who apologized, saying that they should never have been short-changed on the cost of burying their son, Corporal Matthew Dinning.

He was killed in Afghanistan in a roadside bomb attack on April 22nd last year near Kandahar.

The family went public this week to plead their case.

His funeral cost roughly 12-thousand dollars, 64-hundred of which was covered by National Defence --- slightly above the department's nearly 47-hundred-dollar stipend.

But Lincoln Dinning says Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile has promised to send a cheque for the difference between what the funeral cost and what the military paid, as well as cover outstanding grief counselling bills.

The Dinning family's request for full reimbursement languished in the military bureaucracy for months.

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MEDICINE HAT, Alta. -- Southern Alberta is all abuzz after rumours surfaced that Prince Harry may be training at Canadian Forces Base Suffield near Medicine Hat.

No one will go on the record to confirm that, but some people are saying they know for a fact the 22-year-old prince is with the British Army Training Unit 250 kilometres southeast of Calgary.

The unit's communications officer, Captain Mark Beaman, would not confirm or deny the rumour.

Sun Media is quoting an unnamed worker at the Calgary airport that Harry arrived on Wednesday after taking a British Airways flight from London.

Harry was eager to be posted to Iraq as a British Army officer earlier this spring but military officials said he would be targeted, and would put himself and his fellow soldiers at risk.

This week, British media reported a new plan that would see Harry headed to Afghanistan instead.

(CP, Torsun)

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KABUL, Afghanistan – An estimated 60 people, including Taliban militants, died today when their boat sank while crossing a river in Afghanistan's most dangerous province.

The Afgan Defence Ministry said it is investigating to see how many Taliban insurgents and how many civilians were on board.

The boat sank while crossing the Helmand River, which snakes through Helmand province, the world's leading opium poppy region and site of fierce battles the last several months.

Hundreds of Taliban insurgents are believed to be in Helmand.

(AP)

Soldier–Funeral

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MONTREAL — Soldiers, some of them fighting back tears, lined the staircase of St–Gabriel's Church in Montreal today as Corporal Christopher Deliva's funeral procession passed by.

Family and friends gathered at the church to remember Deliva, who died at C–F–B Wainwright in Alberta last Monday while helping troops prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan.

Older cousin Joey Deliva says the corporal ``died doing what he loved."

He says Chris ``seemed to find his place in the army."

Christopher Deliva was based at C–F–B Valcartier.

He was helping return vehicles and equipment after a month–long training exercise for Afghan–bound soldiers.

Military police are still trying to determine what caused Deliva's truck to flip over.

It's a tough time for Canada's military, which has lost its 55th and 56th soldiers in Afghanistan since 2002.

Last Wednesday, 30–year–old Master Corporal Darrell Priede, a military photographer, died when the helicopter he was riding in was apparently shot down.

On May 25th, Master Corporal Matthew McCully, who was 25, died after stepping on a roadside bomb.

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The Bank of Commerce predicts the Canadian and American dollars could be at par by the end of the year.

C-I-B-C made its prediction on a day the loonie hit its highest close in almost 30 years — 94.22 cents U-S.

When the year began, it took \$1.17 to buy one American dollar.

Now, it takes \$1.06. (3)

(BIZ-Conrad Black Trial-Trump)

There are signs Donald Trump might testify for the defence in Chicago on Monday when Conrad Black's fraud trial resumes.

Reports say Trump will be in the Windy City that day.

Trump's name has surfaced a few times since the trial of the ex-media baron began in mid-March.

Last month, the trial heard that Trump spoke in support of Black in 262003 during a meeting of Hollinger shareholders. (3)

(Afghan-Cda-Funerals)

Ottawa has written a cheque for 47-hundred dollars to Lincoln and Laurie Dinning of Wingham, Ontario.

That will cover what the government hasn't already paid for their son's funeral.

Corporal Matthew Dinning was killed last year by a bomb in Afghanistan.

When the Dinnings went public three days ago, they accused Ottawa of not honouring its pledge to fully pay for the funerals of soldiers killed in Afghanistan. (3)

(T-B Infection)

Doctors say the man quarantined with a dangerous strain of tuberculosis could spend up to two months in a Denver hospital.

Andrew Speaker will receive a battery of antibiotics, and could undergo surgery to remove infected lung tissue.

Speaker, who is 31, is the first infected person quarantined by the U-S government in 44 years. (3)

(Germany G-8)

Tens of thousands of demonstrators are heading to the northern German port of Rostock to protest the G-8 summit, which starts Wednesday in a resort not far away.

About 13-thousand police officers are in Rostock to make sure today's planned demonstration doesn't get out of hand. (3)

(Tropical Storm Barry)

The west coast of Florida is being brushed by Tropical Storm Barry.

The storm is centred over the Gulf of Mexico, 300-kilometres southwest of Tampa.

It's moving north with winds of 85-kilometres an hour, and is dumping more than 100-millimetres of rain.

Forecasters say there's almost no chance Barry will become a hurricane. (3)

(Tropical Storm Barbara)

Tropical Storm Barbara is expected to trigger flooding today in southern Mexico and Guatemala.

The eye of the storm is centred over the Pacific, and due to make landfall this morning.

Although Barbara's winds are only 85-kilometres an hour, the main threat is the 200-millimetres of rain it's dumping. (3)

(NewsWatch by Bill Marshall)

Britain–Iraq

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LONDON -- A report says British military leaders will urge the country's next prime minister to approve a 12-month timetable for withdrawing forces from Iraq,

But the Ministry of Defence says there has been no change in British policy.

The Sunday Telegraph reports it's understood that when Gordon Brown becomes prime minister later this month, he will be told by defence chiefs Britain should withdraw from Iraq in "quick order" and concentrate on fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The newspaper quotes an unidentified military official.

In response, a Ministry of Defence spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there is no policy change on withdrawal from Iraq.

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Gardiner Museum has beautiful porcelain but needs to offer more

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It's called the Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art. Yet one feels after a tour that perhaps it should be called the Gardiner Museum of Porcelain.

This is not to say the Gardiner only has porcelain wares, but it certainly has an awful lot, and just a little of other styles of ceramic art.

This is also not to say the Gardiner does not have a beautiful permanent collection. It does. All of the pieces – whether contemporary, ancient American, Italian Renaissance or 18th-century porcelain – are beautiful, quality works of art that deserve a permanent home. They inspire and tell stories of lives from around the world.

They are also housed in a welcoming and newly renovated building across from the ROM. The space is well-laid out, well-lit and the pieces are spaciouly displayed, allowing the viewer to take in each artwork on its own. But the Gardiner, even in its acclaimed building, appears to be an unfinished story itself.

It is, at this point, still a collector's museum, with a few collections developed by the museum's founders, Helen and George Gardiner, who in the 1970s began gathering 18th-century ceramics for their own home. They continued to build on the collection with a significant number of European porcelain works and pieces from the Ancient Americas and beyond.

These founding collections, especially the porcelain, have prominence in the museum, backed by a well-marked and well-researched display. The newer contemporary collection, however, is relegated to just one small room.

The museum's second floor is dedicated entirely to porcelain wares, some from China and Japan but most from 18th-century Europe, while the first floor jumps from the contemporary to the Ancient Americas and then to Italian Maiolica and English Delftware.

The building's third and final floor holds rotating exhibitions (currently, it's a show on Chinese export porcelain) and a restaurant.

It's clear that porcelain was very important to the Gardiners. It's eye-catching and a technical marvel, for its intricacy and refinement. It's also the most bourgeois form of pottery. Understandably, it's what some people want to see. For others, however, going through a whole floor (and the museum's largest section of gallery

space) of porcelain is draining when they long to see a range of styles, textures, colours and geographical influences.

To flesh out its story, the Gardiner needs to build on its contemporary collection, giving more space to Canadian artists, and collect pieces from other parts of the world and from different time periods, making it easier for viewers to weave through the museum in a chronological manner.

The Gardiner has nothing from ancient Greece, 14th- to 15th-century Spain or Holland's Delft period, between 1650 and 1750. Nothing from ancient Egypt (believed to be where ceramics originated), nor from Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran. There is one piece from all of Africa.

The one room of contemporary work is home to some of the best potters – Britain's Bernard Leach and Michael Cardew, Canadians Marilyn Levine and Harlan House, and potters more famous as painters, Pablo Picasso and Marc Chagall. It is a great collection, but a small one. The gift shop appears to have more contemporary pieces than the actual collection.

The Gardiner is a remarkable place and a treasure for Toronto's cultural scene. It is a much-needed institution and one that is headed in the right direction.

The challenge now is to diversify and expand its collections – and hopefully draw crowds, diverse in both age and background.

Malaysia's multicultural missteps

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Nine years ago, a Malaysian woman converted from Islam to Christianity with plans to marry a Catholic. But she has not yet succeeded in getting "Islam" removed from her identity card. She needed to, because Muslims cannot marry non-Muslims.

The National Registration Department changed her name, from Azlina Jailani to Lina Joy, but not her religious designation. That change must come from the sharia court, which governs Muslim religious, family and property matters.

She went to court, arguing that sharia did not apply to her because she was no longer Muslim. It disagreed. The Court of Appeal, too, turned her down, 2 to 1, with the dissenting vote cast by a Hindu judge. On Wednesday, the Federal Court, the highest legal authority, also ruled against her, again 2 to 1, the dissenter again a non-Muslim, this time a Christian.

The judges covered under a technicality: The issue, being religious, was outside their civilian jurisdiction. They dodged the bullet in the crossfire between the constitution, which guarantees freedom of religion for all, and the sharia courts, which can curtail it for Muslims.

Not just that. One's religious, racial and ethnic identity is inextricably tied to the way Malaysians are constitutionally segregated between the majority Malays (indigenous Muslim residents of the Malay Peninsula), and the minority Chinese and Indians.

Only Malays qualify for preferential treatment in jobs and businesses to help bridge the economic gap between them and the Chinese who still control two-thirds of the economy. ID cards and birth certificates are essential tools for this affirmative action program.

There are other examples of different rules for different people.

Non-Muslims, governed by civilian courts, can abandon their faith. Muslims wishing to renounce Islam must get approval from the sharia courts.

Religion is a provincial responsibility, and rules vary in the 13 jurisdictions. Apostates may face fines or imprisonment or no penalty at all. Some may be sent off for "religious rehabilitation."

Muslims also cannot marry non-Muslims unless the latter convert. Trouble ensues if there's a split. Can the convert revert to his/her original religion? Is it the civilian or the sharia courts that must hear such cases? To whose faith should the children belong?

The case of Lina Joy, 43, is one of many in this tangled tale. Last year she quit her job because of harassment. She is said to be in Australia, seeking refugee status.

Neither judges nor politicians want to enter the fray. To do so is to admit the entire system is cracking due to love across religious lines and a cry for individual rights on the one hand, and, on the other, the growing Islamization of Muslims and their sense of siege fuelled by wars in Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan, and Christian proselytization by American evangelicals.

One way out is to constitutionally re-order society. But Shad Faruqi, a constitutional expert, feels Malaysians are not ready to discard a system that has kept the peace, so far.

A more limited fix would be to "provide an exit for Muslims from Islam," says political scientist Chandra Muzaffar. That would require sharia courts to abandon the traditional view on apostasy that Muslims cannot leave their faith.

"The law of apostasy is the interpretation by humans over the centuries. At no point does the Quran say that anyone can be punished by a temporal authority for not being a good Muslim or for leaving Islam. That's between the individual and God."

Haroon Siddiqui, the Star's editorial page editor emeritus, appears Thursday and Sunday. [hsiddiq @ thestar.ca](mailto:hsiddiq@thestar.ca).

Kabul's old haunts, new challenges; Walking tour inspired by 1964 tourists' guide reveals a ravaged city that's still bewitching

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ILLUSTRATION: rosie diManno toronto star In 1964, Darulaman Palace was an "impressive castle on a hill in the middle of a luxurious park." Today, it's a defiant Kabul ruin that refuses to collapse. ;

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The adventurers, the intrepid, the conquerors and the hippies.

All arrived in this beguiling – now battered – capital long before the legions of Western relief workers.

Humanitarians are thick on the ground these days, their hulking 4x4 vehicles clogging traffic and belching fumes, careering around turnabouts, yielding only for military convoys that always claim the right of way.

Afghans toot 'n' scoot through the clogged arteries in derelict cars, on motorcycles – often entire families clinging together – and rusty bicycles, in three-wheeled tuk-tuks and two-wheeled dray carts pulled by mules or harnessed to a puffing runner's shoulders. Brightly coloured jingle trucks judder through the melee, looming over wheezing mini-buses and a flotilla of yellow-and-white Toyota Corolla taxis.

It is madness.

It is a city throbbing with life and resilience.

To the untrained eye, it appears a disaster – the skeletal remains of a capital bombed and bludgeoned back into the medieval ages, the detritus of destroyed buildings like jagged tombstones, an urban cadaver.

Reconstruction has been laggard, projects begun stand unfinished and abandoned, and some that were completed have sunk quickly into disrepair as if unequal to the challenge of a Kabul renaissance.

But the city has risen and fallen before. For centuries, millennia, it has endured.

Indeed, there was a time, only a few decades past, when Kabul beckoned to travellers with its charm and grace; if not sophisticated, then exotic and dreamy, the capital of emirs.

Also, in a later incarnation, a hippie-magnet on the hashish express.

Even today, after the chaos of war from within and without, echoes of another, elegant Kabul still exists, if sometimes only as ghostly images, beneath the rubble.

The book on Kabul was written, literally, by Nancy Hatch Dupree, a woman now approaching 80, dividing her time between the capital and Peshawar, Pakistan. In 1964, she published her first edition of *An Historical Guide to Kabul*.

Recently, the Star found a copy of that guide in a bookstore on Chicken St. It lays out several walking tours of the city as it was. We followed Tour I, as a shambling pedestrian – gasping from dust and the high altitude – to see what remained of old Kabul in 2007.

In the '60s, the formal heart of the city was Pushtunistan Square, a vast expanse with a fountain in the middle. "Rising from a mass of boulders on one side of the fountain, the Pushtunistan flag flies above a monument emblazoned with a rising sun behind the mountains, the Pushtunistan emblem," writes Dupree.

The square is much as it was, though the fountain is dry and that Pushtunistan standard has been replaced by the Afghan flag.

The famous Khyber Restaurant still occupies the eastern side, "a popular meeting place in Kabul, especially during the summer when sidewalk tables set under gay umbrellas beckon weary sightseers."

It may still be popular, but it is often shuttered. The Ariana Cinema alongside shows the odd Afghan film, but Bollywood movies and action thrillers are the primary draw. Currently playing: *Exorcist – The Beginning*.

Proceeding northward on Ibn Sena Wat, two large bank buildings hold their ground, while the old Kabul Hotel has been replaced by the new Serena, a four– star establishment built by the Aga Khan that caters almost entirely to foreigners.

Afghans and backpackers passing through the capital are more likely to stay at places like the ramshackle Plaza Hotel, where \$2 U.S. gets a mattress and a blanket.

Zarnegar (Adorned with Gold) Park is on the left past a traffic light and contains the tomb of Amir Abdur Rahman, who ruled from 1880 to 1901. The park has been rehabilitated, once again a pleasant place for strollers and picnickers, rubbish from 30 years of violence removed. Zarnegar Palace, where the treaty of Afghan independence was signed in 1921, was torn down to make way for the park, but President Hamid Karzai's palace now stands here behind high walls.

Across the street is the Kabul Library, an unprepossessing building with an inventory painstakingly restored in recent years. A block distant is the Ministry of Telecommunications, at 18 storeys the tallest building in Afghanistan. During the Taliban era, criminals and "enemies of the state" were thrown off the roof.

Over on Wasel St., hundreds of motorcycles are parked higgledy–piggledy,. Vendors push wheelbarrows groaning under the weight of fruits and vegetables, and barrels piled high with pulses and spices.

Kebabs are grilled on braziers, oblong flattened bread hangs outside bakeries and tea is served from samovars. Uniformed police officers direct traffic, showmen whose antics and humour provide a constant source of theatrical amusement as they semaphore wildly, sometimes thumping on cars.

The city's largest bazaar, noisy and colourful Mandawe, is close by, merchants peddling their wares just as their ancestors did in centuries past. Yet the modern world has elbowed into the city, too, on streets crammed with computer stores, Internet cafes and countless shops specializing in Western wedding gowns. There's even a Khyber Gold's Gym and Kabul Pizza Express.

Kabul's old haunts, new challenges; Walking tour inspired by 1964 tourists' guide reveals a ravaged city that

On Asmai St., one of Kabul's oldest mosques, Masjid-I-Shah-do-Shamshira, still stands in all its pale-bricked beauty, flocks of pigeons nesting in its eaves and slender minaret.

At this point, the lazy perambulator might hop into a cab for the next stop on the tour, driving past Kabul's largest school – 18,000 students of both sexes attend in three daily shifts, little girls dressed in black tunics and tidy white headscarves – the imposing Russian Embassy, the Soviet-built apartment complexes of Maroyhan (dour, but they withstood rocketing), the Germany automotive academy and Bayat orphanage.

Over here, on the river, Kabul Zoo is an animal lover's horror, its denizens mangy and ill-kempt in shabby cages: jackals, monkeys, black bears, a panther, vultures and eagles. The most famous resident, until a few years ago, was Marjan the lion – blinded by a grenade but surviving until old age claimed him.

Farther along the river are the Babur Gardens, Kabul's largest green space, laid out in the early 16th century by Zahiruddin Muhammed Babur, acclaimed through centuries for its royal tombs and shrines, and ornate pavilions, terraces dotted with fountains.

In a deplorable state of disrepair for ages, the gardens – which include the most important surviving historical monuments in Kabul – have been restored to something approaching their original elegance. Some 3,500 trees have been planted since 2002 to replace all the greenery chopped down for firewood.

Yet the wonders of the past, rehabilitated, appear less a public draw than the cockfights held under a marquee tent.

No building or monument in the capital stands as greater testament to the violent convulsions of a once-graceful city than the ruins of Darulaman Palace, on the city's southern outskirts, across from the restored Kabul Museum. An "impressive castle on a hill in the middle of a luxurious park," writes Dupree, the palace was erected by King Amanullah, surrounded by lush gardens and villas built by the Afghan aristocracy.

An eerie spectacle now, Darulaman Palace had the misfortune of being situated on a hill contested by rival warlords during the civil war. Bombarded and shot full of holes, its walls are crumbling. Yet it refuses to collapse, as if defiant.

Now, as ever, that is the operative word for Kabul – defiance.

A ravaged beauty, but bewitching all the same.

Bomb alarms natolraq–style bomb found in Kabul

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A powerful and sophisticated type of roadside bomb prevalent in Iraq but not seen before in Afghanistan was discovered near a university in Kabul last week, prompting a rare warning to NATO and Afghan troops.

The bomb is known as an EFP, for explosively formed projectile, is notable for its level of sophistication and similarity to those seen in Iraq, NATO officials.

They said Taliban militants have long copied Iraqi insurgents' tactics, but suicide and roadside bombs here have never been anywhere near as deadly or sophisticated as those in Iraq.

The officials also said there is no evidence to suspect a certain manufacturer, nation or even region as the source of the Kabul EFP.

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Malaysia's sad retreat

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For decades, Malaysia has been regarded as a tolerant Muslim nation that treats its Buddhist, Christian and Hindu minorities fairly. But its image as a moderate, multicultural democracy was dealt a blow last week when the nation's highest court refused to recognize the conversion of a Muslim-born woman to Christianity.

In a deplorable 2 to 1 vote, split on religious lines, the Federal Court decreed that Lina Joy, who was baptized a Roman Catholic in 1998, must get an Islamic sharia court to certify she has renounced Islam before she can legally be deemed a convert and the word "Islam" be removed from her identity card. Until then, she cannot marry her Catholic fiance because in Malaysia Muslims can only wed within the faith. She has been shunned, has lost her job and may have to leave Malaysia.

"She cannot at her own whim simply enter or leave her religion," says Chief Justice Ahmad Fairuz Abdul Halim. "She must follow rules." Yet the rule is a Catch-22 in that a Muslim-turned-Christian must appeal to an Islamic court more likely to punish her than to approve apostasy.

This is not what Malaysia's constitution seems to promise. "Islam is the religion of the federation," it says, "but other religions may be practised in peace and harmony." And "every person has the right to profess and practice his religion." For 50 years since independence, that professed respect for religion has helped preserve stability in a nation of 25 million, of whom 15 million are Muslims.

Malaysia's constitution also appeared to reflect a basic tenet of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief." But the Joy ruling marks a disturbing retreat from these principles. If religion can trump freedom of conscience, what other rights can it trump?

"It is a major blow and a grievous setback to Malaysia as a secular nation," said Lim Kit Siang, who heads the Democratic Action party, the main opposition group in the country.

Rather than punt the Joy case over to sharia court, the Federal Court should have appealed to the constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion and ruled that as a baptized Christian she had removed herself from Islamic jurisdiction. The court should have ordered the Malaysian bureaucracy to amend her identity papers accordingly.

Malaysia is not the only Muslim country to subordinate freedom of conscience to religion. Many do. Saudi Arabia prohibits conversion from Islam. In Afghanistan, a Muslim was threatened with the death penalty for renouncing the faith. And a few years ago, Jordan convicted a Muslim for converting.

Typically, those who impose such draconian measures claim to be defending the "dignity" of Islam. But what dignity is there in coercing people to proclaim what their hearts and minds do not believe?

That is something Malaysia's high court might have pondered.

Protest still going after six years

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Antiwar demonstrator Brian Haw on Saturday chalked up six years of his peace protest opposite the Houses of Parliament in London.

Since June 2, 2001, the weatherbeaten father of seven has slept with Big Ben as his alarm clock, surrounded by protest signs and horrific images of war, despite repeated attempts to silence his rambling megaphone tirades and get him to leave.

Moved by the plight of children suffering under United Nations economic sanctions on Iraq, Haw swapped family life for a few blankets and the constant buzz of traffic around Parliament Square.

The vigil has grown into a general antiwar protest, with Iraq and Afghanistan at the forefront.

Haw, 57, said on his anniversary: "I want to go back to my own kids and look them in the face again knowing that I've done all I can to try and save the children of Iraq and other countries who are dying because of my government's unjust, amoral, fear- and money-driven policies."

In 2005, a new law placed tight restrictions on protests held within one kilometre of parliament, widely seen as an attempt to get rid of Haw. But a court ruled that it did not apply to Haw because his action began before the law was passed. However, the government won an appeal and in May 2006, police dismantled his sprawling peace camp, imposing a three-metre wide restriction on the protest.

Prince 'just a normal boy'

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DATELINE: MEDICINE HAT
BYLINE: Jamie Komarnicki, Paula Beauchamp
SOURCE: Calgary Herald; Agence France–Presse
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MEDICINE HAT – Unconfirmed reports continued to circulate Saturday around Medicine Hat that Prince Harry, third in line to the throne, was visiting the nearby Canadian Forces Base Suffield.

Officials at the base, west of the city, refused to speak to reporters and requested a Herald photographer delete images of the base from her camera.

But British military sources interviewed off the base told the Herald that Prince Harry was visiting CFB Suffield, enjoying drinks and a few laughs with soldiers at the base's Crowfoot Camp cafe and bar.

"He was just talking to the boys," said the military source. "He just blends right in. I think he's just a normal boy. He likes to enjoy himself; he's not any different."

Another source said, "He was just looking around," explaining that he believed Harry was visiting and not training.

While Harry was not allowed to join his regiment's deployment to Iraq, British media have reported that he could be sent to Afghanistan.

According to British newspaper reports, the casually–dressed prince flew to Calgary from London's Heathrow Airport on Wednesday.

"They got him in and out of there very quickly," a witness was quoted as saying in The Mail on Sunday, News of the World and the Sunday Mirror.

The prince is being treated as a regular soldier, said a U.K. Ministry of Defence spokesman.

"He is obviously a soldier and we're not making any comment about any individual soldier or, in particular, Prince Harry, his deployment and training," said Stephen Bepthel, a Ministry of Defence spokesman in London.

Since Harry would be visiting as a soldier — and not a dignitary — shrouding the event in secrecy makes sense, explained a military researcher. "The whole thing about soldiering, they're not individuals, they're part of a collective. It's a philosophy of what soldiering is," said Bob Bergen, of the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute.

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Iraq bomb in Afghan

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DATELINE: KABUL
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Taliban learn deadly lessons Complex bombs similar to those used in Iraq

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"The kind that we're talking about is machined. It has to be fabricated to pretty certain specifications ... by somebody who knows what he's doing," Thomas said. "The next question is how similar is it to those made in Iraq, and the answer is considerably similar."

SOURCE UNKNOWN

Thomas said there was no evidence to suspect a certain manufacturer, nation or even region as the source. He said Iran or al-Qaida elements in Iraq or Pakistan were all possibilities.

NATO sent out a warning to international and Afghan troops to watch out for EFPs. The warning said the sophisticated bomb was found May 26 near a Kabul university. It said lesser-quality EFPs were found in Herat, near the Iran border, in April.

Thomas confirmed that NATO issued the warning, saying the rare Afghanistan-wide message showed it was concerned.

Military officials say Taliban militants have long copied Iraqi insurgents' tactics, but suicide and roadside bombs here have never been anywhere near as deadly or sophisticated as those in Iraq.

KEYWORDS=WORLD

Injured soldier wants off the bench Jays game nice but Afghanistan would be better

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ILLUSTRATION: photo by Nathan Denette, CP Jays bench coach Ernie Whitt poses with soldiers Cpl. Bruce Moncur, Cpl. Richard Furoy and Sapper Mike McTeague yesterday before the first pitch at Rogers Centre.

BYLINE: BRIAN GRAY, SUN MEDIA

WORD COUNT: 200

Bruce Moncur's field of dreams isn't the baseball diamond -- it's Afghanistan.

The 23-year-old corporal was honoured at Rogers Centre before yesterday afternoon's Blue Jays game along with two other soldiers wounded in Afghanistan.

The boisterous applause from 25,000 in the stands would be a thrill for anybody, but Moncur said it lets all of our troops know that what they're doing is appreciated back home.

"It's pretty amazing," agreed Cpl. Richard Furoy, who, along with Moncur and Sapper Mike McTeague was presented with Blue Jays jerseys by former player and current coach Ernie Whitt.

Moncur said while he's encouraged by the enthusiastic cheers they received from the fans and is excited about getting the opportunity to attend such events, his focus is somewhere else.

"My goal is to get back to Afghanistan by 2009," he said. "That's what I volunteered for, that's where I want to be."

What makes that dream so remarkable is that Moncur had to undergo two brain surgeries before he even got back to Canada after two U.S. A-10 Thunderbolts opened fire on a Canadian camp last September.

The friendly fire incident killed one soldier and injured 30 others, and Moncur said he knows he's lucky to be here.

Since returning to Canada, he has undergone physiotherapy to help with his balance and the wounds to his buttocks and lower back. Moncur said he's making progress in all areas, including memory.

He's now doing clerical duties with the military, but said he's "going stir-crazy."

"Powerpoint is my new enemy," he said with a laugh. **KEYWORDS=TORONTO AND GTA**

Pitch made to prince Alberta rugby team issues open invite for Harry to play

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ILLUSTRATION: photo by Ian Holding, AP Prince Harry takes part in his last exercise in Cyprus before being shipped to CFB Suffield in Alberta for further training.
BYLINE: PABLO FERNANDEZ, SUN MEDIA
DATELINE: SUFFIELD, Alta.
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"It would be awesome to have a prince, so to speak, on the field with us."

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TRAINING IN ALBERTA

"As long as it was just rugby, we'd have a good time and connect just fine," he said.

Harry, an armoured reconnaissance troop leader with the British Army's elite Blues and Royals of the Household Cavalry and third in line to the throne, is currently conducting military training at CFB Suffield, as a possible prelude to being deployed to Afghanistan.

And the Ogres, a team with a strong representation from Suffield-based soldiers from the U.K., Fiji, as well as Canadian civilians, are buzzing over the arrival of the rugby-loving prince, said team president Willie Taillon.

"For a lot of these guys, it's like what it's like for some people being in Hollywood or for others to meet an NHL star," he said.

"It's just huge."

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'LOVES THE GAME'

"It's awesome to have someone here who loves the game as much as we do and who is of that stature," he said.

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But the commander of the army decided the 22-year-old's presence in that theatre would be too dangerous for him and his troops. KEYWORDS=CANADA

Families of soldiers deserve better

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Cpl. Matthew Dinning paid the ultimate price.

His still grieving parents, Lincoln and Laurie Dinning, have similarly paid the most onerous price any parents can endure -- just like 54 other families who have lost loved ones who were toiling to make Afghanistan a safer country for its citizens and the world.

Yes, military personnel in Canada sign up for their dangerous jobs and know the risks, but that doesn't mean the feds shouldn't treat EVERY family of a killed soldier with the utmost of respect.

Frankly, they deserve to be fussed over, though most likely don't require or seek that. All they want is fairness, to be treated with dignity and to avoid further upset by wrangling with bureaucratic red tape at the worst time in their lives.

Sadly, that is not what has happened to the Dinnings.

They were forced to drive eight hours to Ottawa earlier this week from their home near London, Ont., and go cap in hand before the Canadian public to seek fair compensation for the funeral of their son, killed April 22, 2006, by a roadside bomb north of Kandahar.

That this upstanding family had to write twice to liaison officers and then listen to unwitting misinformation by Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor in the House of Commons is nothing short of dishonourable conduct by the government.

"It is not about money," said Lincoln Dinning. "It is about the principle of the thing and families shouldn't have to go through this."

Right.

Even though the family paid about \$25,000 for their son's funeral, they have only submitted receipts for \$12,000 of that cost. At the time of their press conference, they had only been reimbursed \$6,400.

Now, because of public criticisms, they have received an apology and a promise of payment for what they requested. Harper's cabinet is also discussing increasing the allotment set aside for the funerals of our brave soldiers.

The right thing is being done now. But, that this spectacle was necessary for the government to take action is troubling.

Those who pay the ultimate price deserve better than incompetence and disrespect in return.

At least 60 die in Afghan boat sinking

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DATELINE: KABUL

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A boat crossing a river in Afghanistan's most dangerous province sank, and at least 60 people were killed, including Taliban militants, while 34 other suspected Taliban were killed during an operation in the same southern region, officials said yesterday.

The boat sank while crossing the Helmand River, which snakes through Helmand province, the world's leading opium poppy region and site of fierce battles the last several months. Hundreds of Taliban insurgents are believed to be in Helmand.

The Afghan army was investigating to see how many Taliban insurgents and how many civilians were on board.

Meanwhile, 34 suspected Taliban were killed the last two days in gunbattles in the southern province's Kajaki district, near where a U.S. helicopter went down on Thursday, killing five Americans, a Canadian and a Briton.

The Interior Ministry statement said four Taliban group commanders were among the 34 killed; it did not say how it counted 34 dead or if the bodies had been left behind.

The Defence Ministry said two Afghan soldiers were killed and two wounded in the operations.

Elsewhere, suspected Taliban militants attacked a local police commander's home early Saturday, killing five of his family members and sparking a gunbattle with police that left 10 insurgents dead, an official said.

Meanwhile, NATO reported a powerful and sophisticated type of roadside bomb prevalent in Iraq but not seen before in Afghanistan was discovered near a university in Kabul last week, prompting a rare countrywide warning to NATO and Afghan troops.

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"The guys who are working counter-IEDs (improvised explosive devices) are professionally alarmed in the sense they were hoping they wouldn't see these" in Afghanistan, Thomas said. **KEYWORDS=WORLD**

Space program morphing Canada's main mission co-ordinates seem to be set on less money and more military

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The morning of Aug. 9, Canadian astronaut Dave Williams is scheduled to blast off into orbit aboard the space shuttle Endeavour, something akin to flying on a passenger jet bolted to a giant bomb with enough explosive power to flatten a small city.

At a speed in excess of 27,000 km/h, the shuttle will dock with the orbiting international space station, an act of pinpoint precision.

Fourteen days later, the shuttle will become yet another wonder — the world's largest unpowered glider, soaring thousands of kilometres from space to land perfectly on a relative dust-speck of a Florida runway, all without the aid of engines or thrust of any kind.

FLYING MACHINE

When it comes to those magnificent men (and women) and their flying machine, nothing is left to chance and just about anything can go wrong.

The fact that catastrophe so rarely finds mankind's most dangerously complex adventure is a triumph of human invention and a tribute to astronauts.

Yet, while Williams' coming voyage, like all shuttle missions, will be a stunning feat of planning and precision, back home on the mothership planet, the Canadian space program is quietly changing course towards an unpredictable future.

So far, the main mission co-ordinates seem to be less money and more military.

First, as a matter of full disclosure, your faithful scribe is a longtime space junkie of sorts, having become addicted to the awe of it all during a hiatus from journalism back in the late 1990s, a career break that included working for a number of space-related organizations.

Back then, government funding was already abysmally tight, the entire Canadian Space Agency having had its budgets cut almost in half to a relatively paltry \$300-odd million a year.

Today, that funding hasn't grown, shrinking relative to the country's overall wealth as each year passes.

Back in 2000, the space program was primarily an industrial support mechanism that funnelled federal funds into research and development of technologies and products optimally with both applications in space and commercial uses here on Earth.

The one use never mentioned was military.

Just for fun, we dug out the space agency's three-year "report on planning and priorities," presented to Parliament in March 2001 by the then Liberal industry minister, John Manley.

The documents boasted Canada's ability to use its orbiting satellites to help monitor the environment and manage Canada's natural resources.

But nowhere in the entire 42-page document did we find a single mention of using the space program for anything remotely military.

Everything referred to the "peaceful use of space" and meant just that.

Six months after Manley's report on Sept. 11, 2001, the world changed and the Canadian space program was apparently no exception.

At first, the use of space-based surveillance systems for national and international security was not touted publicly, presumably for fear of embroiling the largely apolitical space program in the very political debate over George Bush's proposed ballistic missile defence proposal.

Alas, times have definitely changed. As Sun Media's national correspondent Kathleen Harris reports elsewhere in the paper today, military applications of space technologies are now simply a fact of life, if not a primary reason for public funding.

Reviewing a substantial compendium of official space agency documents Harris obtained under the Access to Information Act, it is difficult to go more than a few pages without finding words such as "sovereignty and national security," and "supporting the implementation of foreign policy."

SPY SATELLITE

Translation: Canada has an extraordinary seeing-eye satellite called Radarsat that would fit very nicely into the Bush missile defence system for North America, and a new version about to be launched that could probably spot an enemy convoy in Afghanistan.

That Canada is now using its space program for military purposes should shock no one in a post 9/11 environment. But the implications of the militarization of space are enormous, particularly with respect to the risk of sparking a new arms race, and at the very least deserve an open and informed national debate.

Giddy over Prince Harry Young women fixated on soldiering royal, in Alberta for training at CFB Suffield

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ILLUSTRATION: 1. photo by Mike Drew, Sun Media James West of Medicine Hat checks out a story in the Calgary Sun about Prince Harry training at the nearby Suffield military base. 2. photo of PRINCE HARRY Three-week field exercise

BYLINE: PABLO FERNANDEZ, SUN MEDIA

DATELINE: MEDICINE HAT

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He's in southern Alberta training for war and his heart belongs to a longtime girlfriend, but that's not keeping young Medicine Hat girls from having their heads turned by Prince Harry.

The Sun has learned that Prince Charles's second son and the man third in line to the throne is currently at CFB Suffield, located approximately 40 km west of Medicine Hat, likely training for a stint in Afghanistan.

GOOD TIME

But just having the royal in the vicinity was enough to get some area girls excited, with some offering their suggestions on how to show Harry a good time.

If she could get her hands on him, she'd take him bungee jumping, said Renae Laturnus.

"He's pretty hot – he wears the red hair pretty well," she said.

Brittany Beyer and Karissa Donkersgoed said they were excited to hear the prince is currently just down the road.

"It's pretty cool because he's very hot," said Beyer.

"He's very good looking," added Donkersgoed.

"I think it's pretty sweet, especially for teenage girls."

Not surprisingly, that's not all the attention the prince is getting.

There is an open invitation from the Medicine Hat Ogres rugby club for Harry to join them on the field.

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"And that's pretty much what everyone here is talking about and they're excited to have him at the base."

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ROCKIES

They will then carry out a few days of cleanup before heading out to the Rockies for a week of adventure training and heading back home, said British Army Training Unit Suffield adjutant Capt. Mark Beaman.

Beaman could not comment on whether Harry will be part of those activities, but did say the last group to come through BATUS will be joining in the fray against the Taliban alongside the Canadians shortly.

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Landlord evicting military family shifts blame

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BYLINE: GLENN KAUTH, SPECIAL TO SUN MEDIA

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A landlord who is evicting a local soldier and his family says it's the military's job to make sure its troops can find affordable housing, not his.

"That is the Canadian government not taking care of their dirty dishwashing," said Alain Phaneuf, owner of the two-bedroom home Cpl. Jeremy Augustine and his family must vacate by the end of August.

Earlier this month, his wife, Joan Couling, told Sun Media she and Augustine may have to head east if they can't find a reasonable place to live. Since then, she's been looking for housing, but the cheapest place she found wouldn't take the family's two pugs.

"I feel sorry for her and all that. But everyone is out for themselves, not to protect the world," said Phaneuf.

Couling, 30, was able to get a one-month extension on the eviction after she challenged a letter from Phaneuf saying he was selling their house in the city's northwest. She argued he couldn't make them leave since he hadn't sold the house yet.

Instead, Phaneuf is having his father move in at the end of August so they can renovate the home in preparation for a sale. Meanwhile, Augustine will return from duty in Afghanistan later this summer to find himself looking for a new place to live.

Couling's struggles come as local soldiers find it increasingly hard to get housing in Edmonton. Strathcona Legion president Ted Gazley, a former soldier who lived in military housing in the 1960s, says it's time for the government to come forward with assistance for local soldiers.

"We need our government to step in there and help them out," he said. KEYWORDS=EDMONTON

Quebec soldier laid to rest

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The funeral for a Quebec soldier killed following a military training exercise in Alberta earlier this week was held at a Montreal church yesterday.

Cpl. Christopher Deliva, 27, died Monday when the truck he was driving rolled over at CFB Wainwright during preparations for troops heading to Afghanistan.

He was helping return vehicles and equipment after a month-long training exercise and was alone when the accident occurred. KEYWORDS=NATIONAL

Brits to urge Brown to exit war soon

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ILLUSTRATION: photo of (GORDON) BROWN Next Brit PM

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DATELINE: LONDON

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British military leaders will urge Britain's next prime minister to approve a 12-month timetable for withdrawing forces from Iraq, according to a report in the Sunday Telegraph.

The newspaper said: "It is understood that when (Gordon) Brown becomes prime minister later this month, he will be told by defence chiefs that Britain should withdraw from Iraq in 'quick order' and concentrate on fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan."

The paper quoted an unidentified military official as saying: "Britain is not physically capable of fighting wars in Afghanistan and Iraq at the same time. The question is: Which do we give up? The government and the defence chiefs have decided that we should give up Iraq."

A defence department spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "there is no policy change on withdrawal from Iraq." KEYWORDS=WORLD

Boat sinking claims Taliban

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DATELINE: KABUL
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A boat crossing a river in Afghanistan's most dangerous province sank, and at least 60 people were killed, including Taliban militants.

Another 34 suspected Taliban were killed during an operation in the same southern region, officials said yesterday.

The boat sank while crossing the Helmand River, which snakes through Helmand province, the world's leading opium poppy region and site of fierce battles the last several months.

Hundreds of Taliban insurgents are believed to be holed up in Helmand.

The Afghan army was investigating to see how many Taliban insurgents and how many civilians were on board, the ministry said. The brief statement did not say what caused the boat to sink.

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DATELINE: KHAR, Pakistan

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A roadside bomb killed five people yesterday near Pakistan's border with Afghanistan in a tribal region which is a hotbed of support for Taliban and al-Qaida militants.

The blast occurred in the village Salarzai.

"Five people, including a local journalist and a government official, were travelling in a car when it hit a roadside bomb, killing all of them," a senior tribal police official said.

Bajaur is the most northeasterly of Pakistan's several tribal regions and is opposite the Afghan province of Kunar, where U.S. troops have been battling insurgents.

In October, Pakistani army helicopters raided a madrasa, or Islamist school, in Bajaur, killing about 80 people.
KEYWORDS=WORLD

Ogres eyeing royal rugby Club extends invitation to training Harry

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They will then carry out a few days of cleanup before going to the Rockies for a week of adventure training and heading back home, said British Army Training Unit Suffield adjutant Capt. Mark Beaman.

Beaman could not comment on whether Harry will be part of those activities, but did say the last group to come through BATUS will be joining in the fray against the Taliban shortly, but couldn't say if the other two units are also destined for Afghanistan. KEYWORDS=ALBERTA

City charmed by nearby prince

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BYLINE: PABLO FERNANDEZ, CALGARY SUN
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He's in southern Alberta training for war and his heart belongs to a long-time girlfriend, but that's not keeping young Medicine Hat girls from getting giddy over Prince Harry.

The Sun has learned Prince Charles' second son and the man third in line to the throne is at CFB Suffield, located approximately 40 km west of Medicine Hat, likely training for a stint in Afghanistan.

But just having the royal in the vicinity was enough to get some area girls excited, some who offered their suggestion on how to show Harry a good time.

If she could get her hands on him, she'd take him bungee jumping, said Renae Laturnus.

"He's pretty hot — he wears the red hair pretty well," she said.

Brittany Beyer and Karissa Donkersgoed said they were excited to hear the prince is currently just down the road.

"It's pretty cool because he's very hot," said Beyer.

"He's very good looking," added Donkersgoed.

But it wasn't just young girls who had Harry on their minds.

My 96 FM received calls throughout the day from listeners calling for Harry updates or confirming his stay at the base, while a caller to sister radio station CHAT 94.5 invited the prince out for a drink, CHAT's Jeff Tindall said.

"We had a call last night from a guy putting the call out for Harry to come down to the pub and promised him that if he showed he would buy him a drink," he said.

"In reality ... I can't see you bumping into him on the street or see him walking in front of the Wal-Mart.

"People understand that is pretty unlikely, but I guess it could happen and people are keeping that in the backs of their mind." **KEYWORDS=ALBERTA**

Prince Harry's in the Prairies; Third in line to the throne ' just blends right in,' at Alberta military base

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MEDICINE HAT, Alta. – The rumours that have been flying around town for weeks were finally confirmed yesterday: Prince Harry is visiting CFB Suffield, training with the British army.

A source at the base said the 22-year-old second lieutenant arrived with little fanfare this week and is getting along nicely with Canadian troops.

"He was just talking to the boys," the source said. "He just blends right in. I think he's just a normal boy. He likes to enjoy himself. He's not any different."

The prince was laughing and joking with soldiers at the base's Crowfoot Camp cafe and bar, said another source.

"He was just looking around," he said, adding he's not supposed to discuss the prince's presence or activities at CFB Suffield, 250 kilometres southeast of Calgary.

While Harry was not allowed to join his regiment's recent deployment to Iraq, British media have reported he could be sent to Afghanistan.

British and Canadian military officials refused to comment on Harry's presence. The prince is being treated as a regular soldier, said a spokesman for the British Ministry of Defence.

"He is obviously a soldier and we're not making any comment about any individual soldier or, in particular, Prince Harry, his deployment and training."

About 5,000 British soldiers train at CFB Suffield on a rotating basis, said a base spokeswoman. The base provides support services to foreign units, including the British Army Training Unit Suffield.

"I still can't comment on Prince Harry's whereabouts, his employment or deployment," said CFB Suffield public affairs officer Jennifer Taylor.

A spokeswoman for the British royal family also said she couldn't discuss Harry's whereabouts.

"We don't disclose where he is or what he's doing," said the spokeswoman for Clarence House, Prince Harry's official London residence.

Using grief to fuel patriotism; Ottawa author looks at how mothers of fallen soldiers are used to foster support for war

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ILLUSTRATION: Colour Photo: Andrea Cardin, the Ottawa Citizen / Suzanne Evans ponders patriotism. ; Photo: Photo by Alan Cumyn / War memorial in Peronne, France is depicted on the cover jacket of 'Mothers of Heroes, Mothers of Martyrs' by Ottawa's Suzanne Evans. ; Photo: Mothers of Heroes, Mothers of Martyrs: World War I and the Politics of Grief By Suzanne Evans ;

BYLINE: Janice Kennedy

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If they hadn't already been killed or maimed that December of 1915, husbands and brothers and sons were huddling in muddy trenches overseas, their absence a deep shadow over the approaching Christmas holiday. Canadians, especially Canadian women left to tend the home fires, needed hope, consolation, inspiration.

It came in an article published by Everywoman's World, the most widely-read magazine in the country during the First World War — distributed to 67,000 homes in 1915, and 125,000 two years later. The article, titled I Am A Proud Mother This Christmas, was by a "Mrs. E.A. Hughes," a widow who had just received a telegram informing her of the death of her son, Pte. Danny Hughes, her only remaining child.

In the story, she describes her initial fleeting sadness, followed by her realization of the greater truth: "I am a proud mother this Christmas. For I gave Canada and the Empire a Christmas present. I gave them my chiefest possession ... I sacrificed the life of my boy."

That historical nugget is just one among many found in the new book by Suzanne Evans. Mothers of Heroes, Mothers of Martyrs: World War I and the Politics of Grief is crammed with such fascinating stories — and with fascinating postscripts.

Researching the Mrs. Hughes story, the 50-year-old Ottawa writer uncovered something intriguing. Since no one with Danny's profile turns up in any of the archived documents of the time — something easy to check today but not within reach of the average citizen 92 years ago — Mrs. Hughes and her Danny, who died so valiantly in action, may in fact have been a fiction.

Rich with analysis and anecdote, Mothers of Heroes, Mothers of Martyrs, Evans' first book, looks critically at the manipulation of emotional impact for a cause.

She says the image of the sacrificing war mother has long been a potent, and useful, symbol.

"We think we would do anything to keep our children safe," says Evans, a mother herself. "A story like the Mrs. Hughes one takes that expectation and turns it around, so that anyone listening to it must say, 'What is

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the cause for which this mother is willing to sacrifice her child?' — and then, 'I wish to follow this cause.' I think that is what the propagandists of World War One were hoping. These stories were designed to gain followers."

And gain followers they did, as mothers by the thousands bade brave farewells to the sons they sent off to fight for King and country. More than 60,000 Canadians, most of them young, were killed during the First World War. It is not mere coincidence, Evans points out, that Canada's Memorial Cross medal — known as the Silver Cross and issued for wives and mothers of soldiers who have died in military action — has its origins in that conflict.

Evans, who shares her comfortable Alta Vista home with two daughters and her husband, novelist Alan Cumyn, has a doctorate in religious studies from the University of Ottawa. She first became intrigued by the topic of war mothers when she stumbled upon the phrase "mother of martyrs" while reading a book about Islam. The reference was to Palestinian women of the first intifada.

"It floored me," she recalls. "I couldn't imagine a mother being proud of the sacrifice of her son for a cause — and showing joy. At first, I just thought, 'Well, that's gross,' and I closed the book and put it away. But it stuck like a burr in my brain."

Evans started looking into history and went back as far as the late first and early second century BCE, during the time of the Maccabees, when a Jewish mother appears as the first recorded "mother of martyrs." (The Bible story tells of the mother's seven sons who are all tortured for their faith before her eyes and prior to her own death. The last one, the youngest, dies after his mother strengthens his resolve not to renounce his faith to save his life.) But such stories, while proving the antiquity of the willing—mother—of—martyrs phenomenon, were too far away in time and place to provide context for its modern counterpart.

"I thought, 'It will make it easier to understand if I can find something else closer to home, in my own culture.'"

The idea came one Remembrance Day nearly 17 years ago. Bundling her young daughter into her stroller, Evans went downtown to the ceremonies at the National War Memorial. Seeing the Silver Cross mother, she found herself thinking about the enormity of loss felt by mothers who lose children to war, and went on to research the history of the Silver Cross.

"World War One became my access point to understanding stories from other places and other times." It was not her era, but it was her culture. In her family, she says, there are all kinds of stories of women, including her great—grandmother, who willingly saw their sons off to war.

"This is my English Canadian heritage," says the Toronto—born Evans, "and I don't think of my family as being crazy or warmongering. So if that's there for us, it can be a way of understanding other places, a way of understanding that it's not madness, it's war."

Looking for echoes of familiarity in other parts of the world, especially in current conflicts, Evans says she found them — present—day mothers willing to sacrifice their children, and government recruitment posters geared at women, urging them to give their sons to the cause.

In other words, the gulf between the Mrs. Hugheses of 1915 and today's Islamic "mothers of martyrs" proved to be no gulf at all.

As she threw herself into the research that would eventually become both her doctoral thesis and the new book, Evans found another source of cultural support as well. Her husband was also researching the First World War for his 2003 novel, *The Sojourn* and its 2006 sequel, *The Famished Lover*. (In fact, two of

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Cumyn's arresting photos of wartime statues, stone portraits in grief, appear in *Mothers of Heroes, Mothers of Martyrs*.)

But as she finished the book, and as the Canadian death toll in Afghanistan rose, it became increasingly apparent to her that the present ties with the past lie in more than a resonance with intifada mothers.

"It's incumbent upon us to ask questions," she says of the mission in Afghanistan. "I have seen how stories of old martyrs have been used as touchstones to create a background and add a whole world view to modern stories."

She was especially uneasy about the way Canadian officials used the rededication ceremonies at Vimy in April, drawing glorified parallels between then and now.

"When you see the picture of Mr. Harper with his hand on the wall of the monument, it's like the power of that mythology infusing him. He becomes a war leader."

While she does not compare Afghanistan to the 1914–18 conflict, where the death toll was a thousand times higher, she thinks the machinery of martyrology is at work in much the same way.

Evans says there is a direct connection between her academic focus on religious studies and the issues of her new book. Raised in a distinctly secular home and professing no single faith herself ("They all fascinate me"), she says she nevertheless maintains a profound respect for the practice of religion — as long as it doesn't become a bludgeon.

"It can be a tool for great things, for wonderful kindness and love and action in the world. And people can also use it and misuse it according to their desires."

In the First World War, she says, as in wars from the beginning of time, it was assumed that "God was on our side," whichever side that may have been. She cites one of the letters that her husband has from a great-uncle who fought during that conflict. "He writes that something really snapped in him when, on the battlefield, he saw the buckle on a German uniform. And it says, in German, 'God is on our side.'"

Religion or maternal love, Evans is distressed by the kind of manipulation that exploits and twists and serves a sometimes dubious cause.

"The whole idea of offering a son, and now daughter, to fight for a cause and be sacrificed turns our expectation of motherlove on its head," she says, alluding to the present because these days there is no escaping it.

The mythologizing that comes of such reversals, she suggests, tends to silence people at a time when there should be no silencing. "In times of war, people seem to dispense with questions rather than raise them." And that, says Evans, is not the answer.

Not as long as there are sons and daughters dying for someone's idea of a cause. Not as long as there are mothers left behind to mourn.

Janice Kennedy is a senior writer at the Citizen.

THE BOOK

Mothers of Heroes, Mothers of Martyrs: World War I and the Politics of Grief

By Suzanne Evans

McGill–Queen's University Press, \$29.95

A brutal intersection of lives; Khaled Hosseini's new novel captures the tragedy of Afghanistan through the tale of two women

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Mariam is a loathsome creature — the out-of-wedlock daughter of a wealthy businessman and his uneducated maid.

She grows up an outcast in a shantytown near Herat, Afghanistan, in the 1960s, forced into marriage at 15 to a misanthrope 25 years older. Rasheed, a churlish shoemaker with an enormous paunch and hideous teeth, beats Mariam when she can't conceive.

By contrast, Laila is the precocious daughter of progressive, middle-class parents. She grows up in cosmopolitan Kabul in the 1980s, quoting poets and mingling with academics, who say the only merit of Soviet occupation is that girls may attend school. Her feminist father organizes a fabulous road trip to the Buddhas of Bamiyan and the snowcapped Hindu Kush.

The sad intersection of Mariam and Laila's seemingly disparate lives is the basis for *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, an evocative and engrossing new novel by Khaled Hosseini, the Afghan-American author of the 2003 bestseller *The Kite Runner*, which spent 114 weeks on *The New York Times* bestseller list. Its paperback edition remains on bestseller lists and it has been published in more than 30 countries. A movie adaptation is expected to be released later this year.

Fans of *The Kite Runner* might fear that Hosseini won't live up to the high bar of his debut novel. At first glance, *Splendid Suns* sounds like a chick lit knockoff of *Kite Runner* — the tale of two people from different socio-economic backgrounds, whose lives converge amid the tragedy of the collapsing Afghan state.

But the good news is that *Splendid Suns* exceeds every expectation. This tough-to-put-down book leaves even a jaded reader crying, wincing and gasping at Laila and Mariam's agony — and triumphing at their fleeting happiness. If anything, *Splendid Suns* is more visceral and heart-wrenching than *Kite Runner*.

Splendid Suns chronicles Afghanistan through Soviet, Mujahideen and Taliban rule. The story unfolds as invaders and warlords siphon wealth, freedom and humanity out of a once-proud nation.

The book ends shortly after the U.S. invasion of 2001, and the search for Osama bin Laden and fall of the Taliban.

Despite the book's incendiary political backdrop — and the pitched conversations it might ignite in book discussions — the story remains rooted in Mariam and Laila's lives, which become unendurable as Afghanistan deteriorates. Raping, beating, bombing, knifing: *Splendid Suns* is not for the squeamish.

Nearly every character dreams of emigrating. Most end up in squalid refugee camps or communal graves, victims of depraved warlords and artillery that the United States, Saudi Arabia, China and other nations provide.

Those who remain seem cursed. Land mines rip off children's limbs. Women endure misogyny beyond anything westerners can fathom.

After Laila's relatives are blown to bits, Rasheed rescues her. With no other options for food or shelter, she marries him.

At first, Mariam is resentful of the second wife — an educated, blond teenager who initially captivates Rasheed. Then he begins routinely brutalizing both wives.

The elder wife slowly warms to Laila, particularly after Laila has a baby girl who melts Mariam's calcified heart. Mariam's respect for Laila deepens when Laila stoically delivers a breech baby by emergency C-section — without anesthesia. (The Taliban forbid virtually all women to go to school or have jobs; the lone female surgeon at a filthy, segregated clinic must wear a burqa as she rips the baby from Laila's womb.)

Back home, Rasheed chokes Laila for being sassy. Mariam comes to the rescue, and the women's lives diverge.

One dies miserably. The other takes a voyage that, despite occasional bliss, leaves readers feeling blessed to live elsewhere.

In an interview, Hosseini said he was inspired to write this book by images of a burqa-clad woman being led into a Kabul sports stadium and shot in the head by a Kalashnikov-toting soldier. The grainy video footage, secretly recorded in 1999 and broadcast widely, captured the Taliban regime's brutality.

"What do we really know about the woman behind the veil?" he asked. "What are their inner lives like? What are their thoughts? What are their hopes and dreams?"

A polite man with a friendly smile, the physician-turned-novelist wants his readers to lose themselves in the novel's story and characters. But he also hopes they can gain some understanding of the struggles of Afghan women who live in a male-dominated society where they are routinely denied freedom, opportunity or dignity.

The novel's main characters are not based on any women he knows, but they are partly inspired by the stories he heard on the streets of Kabul during his first trip back to Afghanistan in 2003.

"I began to understand the devastating effect that anarchy and oppression had had on these women," Hosseini says. "I heard about women who had been raped, attacked, humiliated and imprisoned. I heard about women who had seen their husbands blown up, their children starved to death, who had to make these incredibly difficult choices."

To promote the novel, Hosseini has begun a seven-week book tour which promises to be quite different from his first tour when, he recalls, he was a little-known writer showing up to speak at nearly empty bookstores. He will be in Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier Ballroom on July 9.

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Yes, tomorrow is here; Cole's notes version of broadcast painful to watch at times

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6:01 p.m.: On TSN's Sports Centre, we learn that Ducks winger Chris Kunitz, who's been out with an injury for the past three weeks, may play tonight. "It's been painful to watch," he said of his absence. Tell us about it.

7:22: As the local pre-game show on CBC breaks to an ad, a video is shown of a mother duck and her ducklings being escorted across the road in front of the Canadian Museum of Civilization. It's too bad, says host Lucy van Oldenbarneveld, the Anaheim Ducks aren't so cute and cuddly. Sometimes, it's embarrassing to be from this city.

7:25: In an obviously taped promo ad, NAC conductor Pinchas Zukerman says the Senators are going to win the series, perhaps in four, five or six games. In hockey and music, timing is everything.

7:45: TV analyst Garry Galley tosses out the first cliché of the evening, announcing "There's no tomorrow." When did this become a best-of-five series?

8:07: Lord Stanley apparently wore his playoff beard year-round.

8:10: Don Cherry makes his appearance, wearing what I'm pretty sure was once one of former governor general Adrienne Clarkson's dresses.

8:28: Oh, crap!

8:36: Is it just me, or does Wade Redden look like a rabbit caught in headlights?

8:47: Memo to Bob Cole: Players can be identified either by the numbers or names stitched on their sweaters. So, for example, when the puck hops over "the Ottawa player's stick," the "Comrie" and huge No. 89 on his sweater could help you be more precise.

8:49: Cole dedicates Chris Neil's first-period goal to his "beautiful wife, Caitlin, his beautiful baby, Hailey," and everyone else.

9:08: Don Cherry can't let Coach's Corner pass without yet another reference to the soldiers in Afghanistan. I

just wish they'd have Gen. Hillier on sometime to talk about cycling the puck.

9:12: Neil describes the birth of his daughter last night as "right up there" with his life's other big moments.

9:24: Kunitz limps off to the Ducks dressing room, to watch the rest of the game in pain.

At the same time, Jason Spezza returns to the ice, wearing Patrick Eaves's sweater, to serve the remainder of his penalty, which, owing to the fact that he had earlier lost his jersey, was being served by Comrie. Cole must feel like he has vertigo.

9:28 to 9:35: In a flurry of goals, Corey Perry gives the Ducks a 2–1 lead, Anton Volchenkov ties the game, and Ryan Getzlaf puts the Ducks up again, 3–2.

9:43: Neil lays out a pair of Ducks in rapid succession, neither hit being dedicated to any family member.

9:50: Duck Sean O'Donnell is called for cross-checking "the Ottawa player."

9:52: The ensuing power-play results in Daniel Alfredsson's initially disputed goal, the review of which Cole says "there's no point thinking."

10:00: With a goal credited to Dean McAmmond but actually scored by one of the least-liked players in the league -- Chris Pronger -- the Senators get their first lead in five days.

10:26: Pronger maintains his reputation by elbowing McAmmond in the head and knocking him out of the game.

10:36: Ray Emery, who's only been having a mediocre game, comes up with a great save on a breakaway by Todd Marchant.

10:41: Volchenkov's power-play goal gives Ottawa its first two-goal lead since Game 1 of the Buffalo series.

10:53: The camera finds news anchor Peter Mansbridge in the crowd, with his wife, actress Cynthia Dale, "whispering sweet nothings in his ear," according to Cole.

11:04: There is a tomorrow. And a Monday. And a Wednesday.

Montreal soldier laid to rest; Killed in truck crash during Alta. exercise

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Soldiers gripping C7 rifles lined the staircase of St. Gabriel's Church in Point St. Charles yesterday, as they fought back tears watching Cpl. Christopher Deliva's funeral procession pass.

Family and friends gathered at the Montreal church to remember Deliva, killed at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright in Alberta last Monday while helping troops prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan.

The soldiers saluted Deliva's flag-draped casket as eight military pallbearers climbed the steps. Another soldier followed, holding the corporal's beret, belt and bayonet.

"He died doing what he loved," older cousin Joey Deliva said. "As he grew older he wasn't quite sure what he wanted to do, but seemed to find his place in the army."

Christopher Deliva, who had lived in Quebec City since 2001, was a member of 5 Battalion Services of Canada, based at CFB Valcartier.

He was helping return vehicles and equipment after a month-long training exercise for Afghanistan-bound soldiers when his truck crashed on a curve.

Military police are investigating the accident, a National Defence statement said.

It has been heart-wrenching recently for Canada's military, which recently lost its 55th and 56th soldiers in Afghanistan.

Following the hour-long ceremony, Deliva's cousin said the 27-year-old soldier was known for his great sense of humour.

"According to all his army buddies, he kept doing the same thing," Joey Deliva said. "He was a prankster in the army; always joking around, making everybody laugh."

"It was just unfortunate it happened. It's not something you ever expect," said Eric Williams, who grew up in the neighbourhood. "It's one thing to have it happen when you're in battle, but an accident, it's a little tougher to handle."

Prince Harry quietly training with British troops at Alberta base; Canadian military officials won't confirm visit, but Suffield sources say royal is 'just a normal boy'

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MEDICINE HAT, Alta. – The rumours that had been flying around town for weeks were finally confirmed yesterday: Prince Harry is visiting Canadian Forces Base Suffield, training with the British army.

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"He was just looking around," he said, adding he's not supposed to publicly discuss the prince's presence or activities at CFB Suffield, 250 kilometres southeast of Calgary.

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The base provides support services to foreign units, including the British Army Training Unit Suffield.

Prince Harry quietly training with British troops at Alberta base; Canadian military officials won't confirm visit

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An aide to the British royal family also declined to discuss Harry's whereabouts. "We don't disclose where he is or what he's doing," said the spokesperson for Clarence House, Prince Harry's official London residence.

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British out in a year?

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Military leaders will urge Gordon Brown, the next prime minister, to approve a 12-month timetable to withdraw from Iraq, the Sunday Telegraph reports.

It says defence chiefs will tell him Britain is not physically capable of fighting two wars at once and should focus on Afghanistan.

Harper heads for storm on environment; Climate change will dominate G8 summit and Canada will be expected to stake a position

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper steps off a plane in Berlin next week and into a brewing diplomatic hurricane.

Barring some foreign-policy disaster that would distract attention, this year's G8 summit in the German resort village of Heiligendamm will be dominated by talk of climate change.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, eager to make a splash as host of the summit, is backing a joint declaration that would set tough global targets for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions by mid-century, and reaffirm the need for a strong successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol.

On the other side, the United States is pushing amendments that would significantly water down the declaration.

Canada lies between these poles, though its exact position remains foggy.

Environmentalists who have been following the advance negotiations say Canadian officials favour the U.S. position and have been blocking an aggressive summit declaration that would set Canada up for embarrassment down the road.

This week in the Commons, however, Harper cast himself as the honest, if cagey, broker. He refused to explicitly endorse the U.S. stance, suggesting instead that Canada would pursue a consensus that includes the U.S. and emerging economies such as China and India.

In his first 16 months in power, Harper has not hesitated to talk tough on the world stage. In the lead-up to last year's G8 summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, he took a distinctly pro-Israel tack by describing that country's incursion into Lebanon as "measured."

This time, the prime minister could be playing it smart by holding his cards close to his chest, say some foreign-policy analysts.

"The challenge for Mr. Harper is to look prime ministerial, and like a leader among equals," says Fen Hampson, director of the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa. "The way you do that is by sticking to your script, and if there are divisions, playing the role of the helpful fixer."

Staying in the background also has its political advantages. Stick too closely to outgoing U.S. President George W. Bush, and Harper might find himself offside if Americans elect a Democratic leader next year. Moreover, if he rejects the European consensus on climate change, the prime minister could turn off an increasingly green Canadian public.

Conversely, coming out as a climate-change crusader could raise expectations at a time when the Canadian economy is purring and the public's willingness to pay the price of radical action remains questionable.

"Canada in some ways doesn't have to really take a strong position, because the extremes have been staked out," Hampson notes. "We can hide in the confusion and rhetoric of others."

With the three-day summit set to begin Wednesday, organizers have been ratcheting up security in Heiligendamm, a scenic village on the Baltic Sea coast that has long been a refuge for the European aristocracy. An 11.6-kilometre-long barbed-wire fence has been built around the town at a cost of more than \$17 million. About 17,000 police officers and soldiers will deter anti-globalization protesters, who are expected to number more than 100,000.

Tempers were much calmer five months ago, when Merkel gave the summit the benign theme of "growth and responsibility." Other issues are expected to be discussed, including the threat posed by a nuclear-armed Iran, aid for Africa, and the global economy. But none is expected to be as divisive as climate change.

As this year's president of the European Union, Merkel has become politically invested in the fight against global warming. In March, the EU pledged to slash carbon emissions by 20 per cent, compared with 1990 levels, by 2020. Canada has also committed to cutting emissions by 20 per cent by 2020, but because the government uses 2006 for its baseline, Canada's targets are less ambitious.

Merkel wants the G8 countries to commit to do their "fair share" to limit the rise in temperatures this century to 2C. Germany also wants to set a target of halving emissions by 2050 compared with 1990 levels. Merkel is believed to have the support of France, Britain and Italy, with Russia seen as a wild card.

But the U.S., allied with Japan and Canada, wants to remove any reference to specific targets or timetables.

In effect, the leaders of the world's richest countries are sparring over how to tackle global warming after the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

A crucial issue will be how to incorporate the U.S., which has not ratified Kyoto, as well as China and India, which do not have binding targets under the Kyoto agreement. China, India, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa will send delegates to the summit as part of an effort to include developing countries in the discussions.

Environmentalists hope the G8 will express support for the United Nations-based negotiation efforts, which will continue at a year-end conference in Bali. But they fear the U.S. is luring countries such as Canada and Australia down an alternative track, centred on an Asia-Pacific partnership that emphasizes technological innovation but does not impose mandatory targets.

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"Something has to give," said Dale Marshall, a climate-change policy analyst at the David Suzuki Foundation. "Canada has to decide if they want to be stuck in the mud or if they want to join the leaders."

On Thursday, Bush offered to convene meetings among developed countries to negotiate a post-Kyoto agreement and set global reduction targets by the end of next year. Blair and Merkel welcomed the move; environmentalists dismissed it as a diversionary tactic.

Some believe the G8 leaders could fail to reach a climate change agreement – a rare display of discord at a summit where leaders usually rubber-stamp statements crafted well in advance by diplomats.

"At the last minute, we're either going to see Germany walk away or agree to a meaningless text, because there is some pressure to have 'success,' which doesn't necessarily mean forward movement as much as consensus," said Marshall.

If the U.S. and Europe can't agree, it could deepen the transatlantic rift that has festered since the start of the Iraq War.

Nevertheless, some observers foresee a new consensus emerging among the leaders that Bush and Britain's outgoing prime minister, Tony Blair, will soon leave behind.

Merkel, Harper, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe are all relatively young, right-leaning leaders who are managing delicate political situations at home, said John Kirton, director of the G8 Research Group at the University of Toronto.

"There's an old generation going out and a new one coming in," said Kirton.

"It's easier to look to this class to find a consensus."

Within this context, foreign-policy analysts will be closely watching how Harper positions Canada in the post-Kyoto world.

"To his credit, he has been very clear to Canadians in saying, 'If we're going to get serious about climate change, it's going to hurt. There's no free lunch,' " Hampson said.

"By the same token, he has to say what has to be done in the long run to address this problem, and he has to lead the public."

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And Then There Were Eight – the Other Players at the Summit

George W. Bush, President of the United States

The United States will elect a new president in the fall of 2008. As the clock ticks down on Bush's controversial tenure, he will almost surely be preoccupied with salvaging his legacy over the Iraq war. But with the Democrats now holding majorities in both the Congress and the Senate, resistance to his agenda is growing. Middle East security issues, notably the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran, will probably be on his mind at the G8 summit. But the other leaders will be looking for a compromise on climate change.

Tony Blair, Prime Minister of Britain

Blair finally announced last month that he will step down after a decade in power. In an echo of the

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Chretien–Martin succession in Canada, Blair will be replaced this month by Gordon Brown, his chancellor of the exchequer. Blair admirers point to accomplishments such as peace in Northern Ireland and more money for health and education, but he will be haunted by his decision to join the Iraq war. In the dying days of his tenure, he has put climate change near the top of his agenda, commissioning a report by economist Nicolas Stern that laid out the costs of inaction.

Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany

The leader of the Christian Democratic Union has struggled to hold together the left–right coalition she formed in the fall of 2005. She has faced difficulty pushing through reforms of Germany's social–safety net. A reinvigorated economy has helped matters, as has her recent enthusiasm for the environment. The G8 summit will be a test of her ability to broker real action against global warming. She is pushing the U.S. to adopt a tough climate–change declaration with specific targets. So far, she has resisted calls to send German troops into combat in southern Afghanistan.

Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France

Elected only last month, Sarkozy will be the freshest face at the summit. Pundits hailed his victory as a mandate to drastically reform France's economy, but leftists warned that his tough immigration stance would sow dissent in the country's ethnic suburbs. He thus surprised observers when he named several prominent socialists to his cabinet, almost half of them women. He also reached out to Germany by visiting Merkel on the day of his inauguration, and he has declared climate change France's "first battle."

Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

Japan's youngest prime minister since the Second World War got off to a rough start, taking a beating in public opinion polls and struggling to gain the respect of the old guard within his Liberal Democratic party. This spring, he infuriated Japan's Asian neighbours when he denied that Japan forced women from Korea and other countries into military brothels. But he has also made efforts to mend relations with China, hosting a relatively successful visit in April by Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao. Abe has pushed to revise Japan's war–renouncing constitution to allow the country to flex its military muscle, a move that troubles some of its neighbours but scores points in Washington.

Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of Italy

Less than a year after he took power, Prodi's centre–left coalition almost collapsed this year amid a succession of crises, including a divisive vote over Italy's role in the war in Afghanistan. Prodi submitted his resignation in February, but was asked to form the government again only days later. He has been bedeviled by Italy's slow–growing economy and the constant threat of a return to power by former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi. In March, after a tense debate over Afghanistan, the Italian parliament voted to extend funding for the deployment of troops.

Vladimir Putin, President of Russia

The rise in influence of the former KGB agent has unnerved the West, and G8 leaders will be watching him closely. The long oil and gas boom has filled the Kremlin's coffers, and Putin has not shied away from flexing his newfound muscle. Russia temporarily cut natural gas supplies to Ukraine last year, and European countries worry they could face similar tactics. Recently, Putin indirectly compared the United States with the Third Reich. Meanwhile, he has refused a British request to extradite a Russian man accused of murdering former KGB spy Alexander Litvinenko.

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Military must be flexible on funerals

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The news that Canada is allegedly "skimping on Afghan funeral costs" flashed around the world this week, leaving a terrible impression that this country is indifferent to the sacrifices made by our soldiers on our behalf.

The Department of National Defence seems to have been caught napping, even as the death toll of Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan has risen.

The existing schedule of funeral expenses allowed has not been revised in nearly 10 years. Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor said last week that the Conservative government would raise the current \$4,675 military burial stipend. He did not, however, say what the increase would amount to or when it would take effect.

The issue came to a head after the parents of a slain soldier contradicted O'Connor's public assertion that his department had paid all funeral expenses connected to military deaths. He was mistaken, said Lincoln and Laurie Dinning, whose son, Cpl. Matthew Dinning, was killed with three other soldiers by a roadside bomb on Apr. 22 last year. The Dinnings are seeking reimbursement of funeral expenses beyond the current stipend.

More than 2,300 people attended Matthew's funeral in the arena of his hometown of Wingham, Ont. No church in the area could accommodate so many mourners. The Dinnings were left with a bill of more than \$12,000 from the funeral home. Laurie Dinning is also seeking reimbursement for grief-counselling sessions. Late last week, National Defence promised to cover these costs.

The cost of a traditional funeral runs to about \$7,500 in Ontario. Added to that sum would be the expense of a cemetery plot and monument, the Board of Funeral Services was reported as saying. According to the 2007 National Defence booklet on funeral expenses, the department does not pay for items such as flowers, donations, photos, register books, death notices or a reception.

The problem is that, especially in small towns, a soldier's funeral is often the occasion for a whole community to express sorrow and show solidarity, both with the family and with the men and women in active service abroad. Under normal circumstances, it is not likely that 2,300 mourners would have come to a young man's funeral, however well-loved he was.

Matthew Dinning's service was so well attended because he gave his life for his country. It is unfair and unreasonable for his parents to be left with enormous bills because people want to express their sympathy.

It is important that the defence department issue clear, fair and universal guidelines about payment policy.

But it is equally important that it show some flexibility, knowing that not all funerals serve the same function.

Reimbursements should reflect that.

It's true --Harry's here Prince training at CFB Suffield

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CNS MEDICINE HAT, Alta. -- The rumours that have been flying around town for weeks were finally confirmed Saturday: Prince Harry is visiting CFB Suffield, training with the British Army.

A source at the base, who did not want to be named, said the 22-year-old second lieutenant arrived with little fanfare this week and is getting along nicely with Canadian troops.

"He was just talking to the boys," he said. "He just blends right in.

"I think he's just a normal boy. He likes to enjoy himself. He's not any different." The prince was laughing and joking with soldiers at the base's Crowfoot Camp cafe and bar, said another source.

"He was just looking around," he said, adding he's not supposed to publicly discuss the prince's presence or activities at CFB Suffield, 250 kilometres southeast of Calgary.

While Harry was not allowed to join his regiment's recent deployment to Iraq, British media have reported he could be sent to Afghanistan.

British and Canadian military officials refused to comment on Harry's presence.

The prince is being treated as a regular soldier, said a spokesman for the British Ministry of Defence.

"He is obviously a soldier and we're not making any comment about any individual soldier or, in particular, Prince Harry, his deployment and training." About 5,000 British soldiers train at CFB Suffield on a rotating basis, said a base spokeswoman.

The base provides support services to foreign units, including the British Army Training Unit Suffield.

"I still can't comment on Prince Harry's whereabouts, his employment or deployment," said CFB Suffield public affairs officer Jennifer Taylor.

A spokeswoman for the British royal family also said she couldn't discuss Harry's whereabouts.

"We don't disclose where he is or what he's doing," said the spokesperson for Clarence House, Prince Harry's official London residence.

RCMP are usually contacted for security purposes for royal visits.

"RCMP will not confirm or deny anything about that rumour... we would not be making any comment on the visit itself," said Sgt.

Patrick Webb.

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CP Wire British to leave Iraq? LONDON — British military leaders will urge Britain's next prime minister to approve a 12-month timetable for withdrawing forces from Iraq, according to a report in The Sunday Telegraph.

The Ministry of Defence said there had been no change in British policy.

The Sunday Telegraph said: "It is understood that when (Gordon) Brown becomes prime minister later this month, he will be told by defence chiefs that Britain should withdraw from Iraq in 'quick order' and concentrate on fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan." Putin threatens Europe TORONTO — Russian President Vladimir Putin is stepping up Cold War-style rhetoric, threatening to aim potentially nuclear-armed missiles at Europe.

The Globe and Mail reports on its website that it's over U-S plans to build an eastern European anti-missile site aimed at downing any missiles that could be launched from Iran.

The Globe interviewed Putin at his summer home outside Moscow, ahead of next week's G-8 summit in Germany.

Putin says he considers the anti-missile plan a provocation aimed at his country.

Powerful bomb found KABUL — A powerful and sophisticated type of roadside bomb prevalent in Iraq but not seen before in Afghanistan was discovered near a university in Kabul last week, prompting a rare nationwide warning to NATO and Afghan troops.

The bomb, known as an EFP, or explosively formed projectile, was notable for its level of sophistication and similarity to those seen in Iraq, said Maj. John Thomas, a spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

U.S. warship opens fire MOGADISHU, Somalia — A U.S. warship pounded Somalia's remote coastal northeast, targeting Islamic militants hours after a gunbattle with Somali government forces that left eight insurgents dead, officials said Saturday. The fighting late Friday, which the provincial government said included an American militant, appeared to mark the opening of a new front against Islamic militants in Puntland, a semiautonomous region that has remained relatively peaceful through Somalia's anarchy.

Lebanese step up attacks TRIPOLI, Lebanon — Lebanese army — backed by a missile firing helicopter — stepped up the offensive against al-Qaida-inspired militants Saturday, on the second day of a push against Islamic fighters who have vowed to fight to death inside a Palestinian refugee camp.

Army tanks shelled militant hideouts in the Nahr el-Bared camp by this northern port city, blasting upper floors of buildings where the militants had placed snipers. Plumes of smoke rose sky high.

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