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U.N. reports four workers dead in Kabul

■ A spokeswoman says a building was hit by a bomb or missile; anti-American rioting continues in Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (KRT) — Four U.N. program workers on Tuesday became the first confirmed civilian casualties of the American-led war on terrorism, while a Taliban envoy said the movement's top religious leader had escaped the U.S. air strikes.

The United Nations reported that a bomb or missile had killed four Afghan workers at the headquarters of a U.N.-affiliated group on the edge of Kabul.

The four were night guards with Afghan Technical Consultants, a nonprofit organization clearing landmines and unexploded ordnance, said Stephanie Bunker, spokeswoman for the U.N. Coordinator for Afghanistan.

Asked if it was a U.S. bomb, Bunker read from a report that said, "Due to air attack in Kabul City, a missile/bomb struck the ATC regional office in the outskirts of Kabul," but declined to identify the source of the report.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said he could not confirm the report. "We have no information from the ground to verify this," he said in Washington.

Meanwhile, Pakistani leader Pervez Musharraf continued to shake up his military, putting loyalists in command of areas on the Afghan border that are racked by anti-American riots.

Bunker expressed concern about the security of U.N. operations in Pakistan, where rioting by radical Muslims who were protesting the U.S. strikes killed at least three people Tuesday, including two men and a 13-year-old, who were shot as a mob tried to torch a police station near the southwestern city of Quetta.



Miami Herald/KRT
Anti-American protesters burn and beat an effigy of U.S. President George W. Bush on Tuesday during a rally sponsored by Muslim extremist clerics in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

The ATC compound in Yaka Toot, two miles east of Kabul, was struck about 9 p.m., Bunker added, a time when U.S. airplanes were overhead. News reports from the Afghan capital said the office is near a radio tower that might have been

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\$290 million budget deficit may threaten UO funding

■ An expected state budget shortfall leaves the University Senate looking for financial solutions

By Eric Martin
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The University Senate faces a funding crisis as it convenes for its second regular meeting of the year Wednesday, but members hope a state budget shortfall won't mean University program cuts.

State revenues could take a more than \$290 million plunge, according to an economic forecast last month. The looming budget shortfall has forced Gov. John Kitzhaber to prepare for a special session to balance the budget.

"The state economic forecast is not good," said Nathan Tublitz, senate president and biology professor. "In fact, it's bad enough that the governor mandated a 2 percent cut in the general fund."

The cut means about \$16 million normally divvied among public universities could be reallocated to balance the state budget — a move that could further cripple the University, which already believes it is handicapped by dwindling state funds.

"We need to begin acting now to save money and initiate plans for budget reductions that are in line with state priorities," Kitzhaber said in a statement Friday.

Kitzhaber's declaration left once-optimistic senate members calling the glass half empty.

"I think the economy is soft, and it's going south in a hurry," said Margaret Hallock, administrative officer for the senate and director for the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics. "(In June) I hoped the University could make it to the first biennium. Now, I'd be surprised if that would be the case."

Tublitz said the Senate Budget Committee met Tuesday with University Provost John Moseley in an emergency meeting to discuss how to mitigate the shortfall's impact on the University. Moseley will answer questions posed by the senate in its Wednesday meeting. Until then, many senators are reluctant to comment on the specifics of the budget shortfall.

Tublitz also said it's too early to say officially how the school plans to cover its costs.

"It could be done by administrative reorganization and by putting off some expansion projects," Tublitz said. "And by using some increases in funds from other sources to shore up cuts."

The budget crisis is a stern first test for Tublitz in his first and only year as senate president. He was elected in May 2001 after four years as a senator representing natural sciences and one year as vice president. His term as president ends in May 2002.

"I stepped forward only because everybody else stepped backward. I didn't move," Tublitz quipped. "I had my arm twisted, and it still hurts."

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Citizens argue against new cell phone towers

■ Community members gather to discuss the placement of towers

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More than 50 people showed up for a community meeting Tuesday night to address concerns about the potential construction of cell phone towers in Lane County.

County Commissioner Peter Sorenson, District 3, and City Councilor Betty Taylor, Ward 2, community activists and local residents met in Harris Hall last night to share information about cell phone transmission towers planned to be constructed in various areas of the city. The towers range from 30-foot "mini" towers to 200-foot multiple-transmission centers, one of which would be located close to campus near 15th Av-

enue and Villard Street.

"The wireless industry insists their technology is safe — but we really don't know. The jury is still out at this point," said Martha Johnson, a member of the River Road Community Organization.

Several issues were brought up by attendees, including the potential hazards posed by emitted radiation and the location of tower sites. "It's an accident looking for a place to happen," said Donna Murray, a member of Citizens for Responsible Placement of Cell Phone Transmission Towers. She referred to an incident in the Midwest where a resident climbed up the tower and jumped off to commit suicide.

"How many towers do we have to put up before someone says 'no more'?" said resident Karl Wagenknecht, whose office is two

buildings down from a proposed tower site at 15th and Villard. The site is located on Williams Bakery property.

"A landowner has the right to refuse to lease the property, but the money is tempting," Taylor said.

Attendees were also concerned over perceived siting problems. "I've read through countless applications. ... They all say, 'This is the perfect site; this is the only site,'" said event organizer Mona Linstromberg.

"The telecommunications industry can break their lease contract at any time — the landowner cannot," she added.

Participants discussed the county and city perspectives on the issue. Sorenson said that a proposed county ordinance would only govern the construction of towers in

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