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FBI agent reveals trained 'jihadists' living in Oregon

BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI
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PORTLAND — The FBI knows of "jihadists" who have trained in terrorist camps in Afghanistan and are now living in Oregon, the agency's Oregon chief said in an interview Tuesday.

"We don't have an imminent threat that we're aware of. But I will say this: We have people here in Oregon that have trained in jihadist camps in bad areas. In the bad neighborhoods of the world," said FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert Jordan.

During a nearly two-hour session, Jordan discussed a wide range of themes, from his agents' participation in the Bush administration's war on terror to the upcoming opening of a new laboratory in Portland to conduct forensic work on computers seized from suspects.

Jordan refused to say how many "jihadists" live in Oregon.

He said the FBI knows "they've trained overseas, taken oaths to kill Americans and engage in jihad," but the challenge is "to prove those things."

Jordan contrasted the known "ji-

hadists" living in Oregon with the so-called "Portland Seven," a group of seven Portland-area men accused of plotting to wage war against U.S. troops in Afghanistan. One of the men was killed in combat, while the six others returned to Oregon, where they eventually pleaded guilty to all the charges against them.

Discussing his office's participation in the ongoing War on Terrorism, Jordan said that last fall, FBI agents in Oregon took part in an analysis of crop-dusting aircraft across the country, interviewing their current and past owners, examining bills of sale and other pertinent information.

U.S. officials had received intelligence that al-Qaida intended to use a crop duster to spray biological or chemical weapons on American targets, he said.

The crop duster interviews, he said, led to some questionable activities being disrupted. He declined to provide specifics.

Beth Anne Steele, spokeswoman for the FBI's Portland office, said it was the second time since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that FBI agents had in-

terviewed owners and pilots of crop-duster planes.

The purpose is not just to make an accounting of where the aircrafts are, she said, but also to encourage people who use the planes to contact the FBI if a suspicious person inquires about buying such an aircraft.

Jordan said demands on the FBI's agents in Oregon have increased since the Sept. 11 terror attacks and the launching of the war in Iraq.

He said some of his agents were assigned to the U.S. prison for suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay.

Some have also been assigned to duties in Iraq. Jordan said that his chief bomb technician volunteered to go to Iraq, where he helped defuse improvised explosive devices — called IEDs — placed along roads.

Jordan also spoke of a new regional laboratory that's being set up in southeast Portland to analyze seized computers. He said the lab will have a staff of at least 12 and will include officers from local law-enforcement agencies.

"Our goal is to be one-stop shopping for law enforcement in the Northwest, not just Oregon," Jordan said.

American hostage begs Arab leaders to help save his life

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — An American hostage pleaded for his life with a rifle pointed at his head in a video released Tuesday, while nine Iraqis, including a senior judge, were killed in a series of attacks that highlighted the security risks ahead of this weekend's elections.

On a day that the U.S. military said six American soldiers had died, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi also said the time was not right to talk of a U.S. troop withdrawal. Iraq must first build up its security forces to confront the insurgents, Allawi said.

In the video, hostage Roy Hallums spoke slowly, rubbing his hands as he sat with the barrel of the rifle inches from his head. He said he had been arrested by a "resistance group" because "I have worked with American forces." He appealed to Arab leaders, including Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, to save his life.

Hallums, 56, was seized Nov. 1 along with Filipino Robert Tarongoy during an armed assault on their compound in Baghdad's Mansour district. The two worked for a Saudi company that does catering for the Iraqi army. Tarongoy was not shown in the video.

"I am please asking for help because my life is in danger, because it's been proved I worked for American forces,"

the bearded Hallums said. "I'm not asking for any help from President Bush because I know of his selfishness and unconcern for those who've been pushed into this hellhole."

Hallums said he was asking for help from "Arab rulers, especially President Moammar Gadhafi, because he's known for helping those who are suffering."

His ex-wife, Susan Hallums, told reporters outside her Corona, Calif., home that he has "never hurt anybody in his life."

"He mentioned in the video that — I believe he said he wouldn't ask President Bush to do anything — but please President Bush do something," Susan Hallums said. "I'm sure it was a speech he was supposed to say, but he's an American hero, and I think we should try to help him out. He needs our help."

A statement that surfaced Tuesday in the name of the Islamic Army in Iraq called for more kidnappings and attacks before Sunday's elections.

The call, made on a Web site known for its Islamic militant content, could not be authenticated. Militants have used the site to claim responsibility for attacks and to condemn the Iraqi government and U.S.-led forces in Iraq. Less often, they have made such direct appeals for violence.

"Enemies of God such as the Ameri-

cans and their agents, the hypocrites and the apostates, are attempting to make the infidel elections succeed at the end of the month," the statement said. To that end, it said, "the headquarters of the Islamic Army in Iraq is giving its orders to all troops affiliated with it everywhere to escalate their operations to the maximum."

Officials have warned of a surge in violence around the elections, which insurgents have vowed to disrupt.

At least 10 Americans have been taken hostage, but only one has been freed or escaped.

Fighting erupted Tuesday in Baghdad's eastern Rashad neighborhood as police fired on insurgents who were handing out leaflets warning people not to vote.

About the same time in the same neighborhood, insurgents fired on police who were checking on a possible car bomb.

Another bomb blew off the gate of a secondary school in the neighborhood, and gunmen opened fire on Iraqi and U.S. forces responding to the blast.

In all, three policemen were killed and nine were wounded in the clashes, according to an official at Kindi Hospital. Two insurgents died and a shopkeeper also was killed in the crossfire. Earlier, officials reported 11 policemen were killed and offered no explanation for the revised toll.

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