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Media Advisory

2010 Land Forces Symposium

WHAT: The Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and commander, Third Army Lt. Gen. William G. Webster are co-hosting, the 2010 Land Forces Symposium in Columbus, Ga. The Land Forces Symposium provides senior leaders from the Middle East, Central and South Asia opportunities to address topics of mutual interest and concern. Army chiefs from 18 countries in the region have been invited to attend the symposium. The theme for this year's event is *Multilateral Approaches to Regional Challenges*. Panel topics for this year's event include Consequence Management/Critical Infrastructure Protection, Regional Security Challenges and Security Cooperation Programs. Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates and Yemen are just a few of the countries scheduled to attend.

WHEN: Media event - 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., August 3, 2010

WHERE: Fort Benning, GA (Rangers in Action Training Area)

BACKGROUND: Third Army is the Army Service Component Command for U.S. Central Command. In addition to being the U.S. Army's only Army-level, deployable warfighting headquarters for contingency operations, Third Army supports a 20 country region, whose operations include the responsible drawdown from Iraq, and the buildup in Afghanistan.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: The media is invited to cover the event on Wednesday, Aug. 3 while the delegates will be observing the *Rangers in Action* demonstration. Please coordinate with the public affairs office if you would like to attend, as admittance and escort onto Fort Benning must be coordinated in advance, as well as any interviews with any of the delegates. Media interested in attending should contact MAJ Amanda Azubuike as soon as possible, and no later than 29 JUL. *This will be the last symposium of this magnitude Third Army will host in the area, as Fort McPherson will close next year and the Third Army headquarters will move to Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, SC. This is also the last annual event; future symposia will be conducted every two years.*

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