

# *The Desert* SUSTAINER

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*Serving the soldiers of LSA Anaconda and Sustainer Army Airfield*

## New CDC to make logistics soldiers lives easier

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To help sustain the amount of troops in Iraq a large amount of supplies are needed. These supplies must be centralized and then distributed to make sure all troops are taken care of.

To make this task easier a new Corps Distribution Center is being built at Logistical Support Area Anaconda.

"This is the centralized distribution area for all things going to central and northern Iraq," said Ron Mott, with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The current CDC at LSA Anaconda is a dirt field with gravel paths to help cut down on the dust. Soldiers working here endure choking dust clouds everywhere they turn.

"The conditions at the old [CDC] were bad for the soldiers and the equipment," said Capt. Michael Curtis, the project manager.

The new CDC will feature a combination of asphalt and gravel to keep the soldiers in a healthier atmosphere.

"This will improve the conditions that the soldiers work in which will improve the velocity of the supplies going forward," said Maj. Robert King, the Support Operations Officer for the 71<sup>st</sup> Corps Support Battalion.

The Army Corps of Engineers were tasked with the mission and contracted the Al Khaffah Company from Baghdad to handle the construction.

"The job was just too big for soldiers," said Mott. "We didn't have the resources to have soldiers build it."

King's soldiers in the 71<sup>st</sup> CSB run the current CDC at LSA Anaconda and look to moving to the new facility towards the end of April.

"Improving the conditions makes the mission easier plus the size is being increased so we can bring in more stuff,"



3rd Corps Support Command's Commanding General Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles breaks ground at LSA Anaconda's new Corps Distribution Center, Dec. 29.

he said.

The Army's reliance on logistics had LSA Anaconda's CDC busy over the past year. With the construction of the new facility logistics troops will be able to better keep the beans-and-bullets flowing.

## Saddam giving information about guns, money

AMMAN, Jordan (CNN) — A member of the Iraqi Governing Council told two Arabic newspapers that Saddam Hussein has given interrogators information about where he has hidden money and how to find weapons arsenals used by those attacking coalition forces.

The Arab dailies Asharq Al-Awsat and Al-Hayat reported Monday that Dr. Iyad Allawi told them in interviews the former Iraqi leader admitted he invested stolen Iraqi money —

which the Iraqi Governing Council estimates at \$40 billion — in Switzerland, Japan and Germany, among others, under fictitious company names.

Allawi also told the papers that Saddam is giving the "names of people who know the location of hidden arsenals used in terrorist attacks against coalition forces and the Governing Council."

Allawi is quoted saying, "Saddam Hussein's trial would not be public since he could name countries and persons

whom he gave money."

Allawi, who is heading security issues at the Iraqi Council, estimated the number of "terrorists coming from abroad who are carrying out attacks in Iraq" at more than 5,000.

Saddam surrendered to U.S. troops on December 13 from the bottom of a narrow, dark hole beneath a two-room mud shack on a sheep farm in Adwar, about 15 kilometers (nine miles) from Tikrit, Saddam's ancestral home.

Soldiers also recovered two AK 47 rifles, \$750,000 in \$100 denominations and a white and orange taxi in the raid.

U.S. officials said they focused on the farm based on a collection of intelligence gathered from the hostile questioning of Saddam's former bodyguards and family members.

The documents captured with Saddam have shed more light on the resistance, according to U.S. officials.

# Death toll rises to 28,000 in Iran quake

BAM, Iran (CNN) — With aftershocks rumbling through the region, the death toll in Bam has reached 28,000 from last week's earthquake, an official in the devastated Iranian city said Tuesday.

The grim numbers came a day after the nation's top political and spiritual leaders visited the ancient city in southeastern Iran and promised to rebuild it.

"Relying on the cooperation and assistance of the Iranian nation, we will reconstruct Bam," Iranian President Mohammad

Khatami said Monday, according to the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency.

"From now on, we all need to talk about life, and hand in hand, try to reconstruct the quake-stricken regions."

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, also inspected damage caused by Friday's 6.6-magnitude quake. ()

"I offer my condolences to all families, brothers and sisters who lost their loved ones in this catastrophe with all my heart," he said.

Khamenei urged all Iranians and groups to help, saying, "Aid should continue to come so that, God willing, it will be possible to rebuild the city of Bam better and this time stronger than before."



A Russian rescue team searches through the rubble for survivors.

an overall picture of what Bam needs in aid.

U.N. aid officials said water and electricity had been restored to major parts of the city. They said there were critical shortages of medicines, plastic sheeting, kitchen sets, stoves, blankets and food.

Large sections of the city haven't been searched by rescue teams or even by any of the thousands of Iranians who picked through the wreckage. Heavy equipment has been called in to remove

rubble.

Aid to survivors

Efforts are shifting to focus on assisting those who survived the horrific quake.

Tens of thousands of people are homeless. Many of them are sleeping in tents donated by international aid agencies.

International aid continued to pour into the region in the midst of the humanitarian crisis.

Planes delivering supplies and personnel from at least 21 countries have converged on the airport in the provincial capital of Kerman, where they were unloaded for the 120-mile drive to Bam.

Though international teams joined the effort to locate survivors, rescuers held out little hope of finding anyone alive.

But there was some good news, with three survivors being pulled from underneath the rubble in the past day, according to Ted Pearn of the U.N. Disaster Assessment Coordination Team in Bam.

"We must continue to be hopeful somewhere people might be recovered and combine that with other aid needs or concerns like disease and shelter," Pearn said.

He said it was important rescuers scanned all parts of the ruined city in a coordinated manner. By the end of Tuesday, he said that officials would have

## TMC CLOSURE

The troop medical clinic will be closed on the following days except for emergency - life, limb or eyesight - situations: New Year's - Thursday, Jan. 1. For more information contact Maj. Douglas Olney at 318-528-1413.

## PLUMBING WORK

In the near future buildings 4114-4169, 4247 and 4248 will be receiving fixtures and toilets in preparation for running water. The tenants of these buildings are encouraged to clear all bathrooms of garbage and excess storage as well as cease all plumbing being done by contracted Iraqis.

## RESERVE ID CARDS

Due to units being extended, many reservists' ID cards are set to expire. Units confronting this issue should contact Staff Sgt. Jonathon Trussell, 90th Personnel Support Battalion, to set up an appointment to renew their ID cards. Trussell can be reached at 551-9903. Amendment orders are needed for new IDs.

## CONTACT US

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# NCAA Football's **BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES** January 1st - 4th

Sugar Bowl - Jan. 4



No. 2 LSU vs No. 1 Oklahoma  
Superdome, New Orleans

Rose Bowl - Jan. 1



No. 3 USC vs. No.4 Michigan  
Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.

Fiesta Bowl - Jan. 2



No. 9 Florida State vs. No. 10 Miami  
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz.

Orange Bowl - Jan. 1



No. 7 Ohio St. vs. No. 8 Kansas St.  
Orange Bowl, Miami

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## NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
ATLANTIC		MIDWEST	
Nets	--	Spurs	--
Celtics	1	T-wolves	1.5
76ers	2.5	Nuggets	2
Heat	3.5	Mavericks	3.5
Knicks	4	Jazz	4.5
Wizards	7	Rockets	5
Magic	9	Grizzlies	6.5
CENTRAL		PACIFIC	
Pacers	--	Lakers	--
Hornets	2.5	Kings	.5
Pistons	3.5	Blazers	6.5
Raptors	5.5	Sonics	7
Bucks	6	Warriors	7.5
Cavs	11.5	Clippers	8.5
Bulls	12	Suns	11
Hawks	14		

## National Hockey League

EASTERN		WESTERN	
ATLANTIC		CENTRAL	
Flyers	49	Red Wings	49
Devils	47	Blues	47
Islanders	39	Predators	38
Rangers	36	Black Hawks	28
Penguins	26	Blue Jackets	25
NORTHEAST		NORTHWEST	
Maple Leafs	52	Canucks	48
Senators	42	Flames	44
Bruins	41	Avalanche	42
Canadiens	40	Wild	37
Sabres	32	Oilers	32
SOUTHEAST		PACIFIC	
Thrashers	42	Sharks	42
Lightning	36	Kings	40
Panthers	34	Stars	39
Hurricanes	34	Coyotes	35
Capitals	26	Mighty Ducks	33

## AP Top 15

1. UCONN
2. Duke
3. Georgia Tech
4. Arizona
5. Stanford
6. Wake Forest
7. Oklahoma
8. Kentucky
9. North Carolina
10. St. Josephs
11. Louisville
12. Cincinnati
13. Kansas
14. Florida
15. Pittsburgh
16. Gonzaga
17. Syracuse
18. Wisconsin
19. Texas
20. Illinois