

[Home](#)[Archive](#)[Links](#)[Contact Us](#)[Webmaster](#)TBR News November 23, 2007**The Voice of the White House**

Washington, D.C., November 23, 2007: "Now we learn, from clandestine filchings from the PDB, that some evil person in Pakistan, probably some of their generals, have made off with cores for atomic weapons from their repositories. What does this mean? The probability of some kind of nuclear accident based on the militancy in the Muslim world. No one, not the useless CIA, the Pentagon or any other U.S. intelligence agency has the slightest idea what happened to the deadly nuclear cores. We know they were stolen and very recently and an attempt made to conceal this. We know that it would be impossible to steal these from the custody of the Pakistani military without top level assistance. What are we going about it? Nothing but pray a lot. The political situation in Pakistan is at the critical mass point and our response is to pretend everything is wonderful, just like we're pretending everything is just peachy in Baghdad and that no more bombs are going off in crowded mosques or markets. If you put your head in the sand once too often, you can get a vicious kick in the ass."

**Harry Brunser Report**

Editor's note: Mr. Brunser is an excellent source of official top-level, inside foreign intelligence information.

The current situation in Pakistan as of November 21, 2007, is roughly this: Desperate to hang on to power at any cost mainly because of his access to unlimited and uncontrolled U.S. cash gifts, General Pervez Musharraf is refusing to stand down on his draconian declaration of martial law in Pakistan. Threats and pleadings from Washington result in vague assurances of "coming elections" but there has been no action on Musharraf's part to defuse what is a very serious problem. The Islamic fundamentalists on his borders with Afghanistan are growing stronger and as the Pakistani army is being used to control internal dissents, are moving into territory once considered securely in the hands of that organization. Growing public outrage at the crackdown pales into insignificance in comparison with the hyper-critical situation with Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. True, the domestic crisis is masking the really critical issue. : Nobody in the American security community seems to have considered the possibility that someone with access to the nuclear cores could abscond with two or three cores quite successfully, by **replacing them** with spheres of the same size machined from **depleted uranium**, of which latter material the USA has used literally hundreds of tons as 50-caliber ammunition and anti-tank rounds in Iraq and Kosovo. **Depleted uranium ammunition** is considered "harmless" by the USA and is extremely loosely controlled. Anyone with military connections could probably easily obtain several hundred pounds of this material in the form of DU ammunition, and re-machine it into metal spheres perfectly mimicking, in size, appearance, and weight, the real atomic cores. All that remains is to substitute the DU spheres for the HEU spheres during an inspection and tallying process. We do not know Pakistan's monitoring procedures, which are surely highly secret, but certainly such inspections must be performed quite regularly, most probably by two, or less likely three people, and would present an easy opportunity for substitution when a colleague is distracted or has his back turned. If the inspections consisted merely of a numerical count, and did not include testing with a Geiger counter (which is unlikely, except very occasionally to ensure the core had not deteriorated) the substitution could go unnoticed for years.

This scenario should cause an immense furor, when you publicly claim that such a thing has actually happened. Not only might this conceivably have happened in Pakistan, but anywhere that nuclear cores are stored. Every nuclear power as a result will be soiling themselves and scrambling to test their thousands of stored cores. However, since Pakistan is swarming with Islamic crazies, even among its top scientists, it is most terrifying to contemplate this having happened there.

All of this having been said, we have it on very reliable information that at least **six nuclear cores have been taken and had substitutes installed in their place**. This has happened within the past two and a half months. Although we are aware of this, we do not know who took them (though it had to be done with high-level military cooperation) and we do not know what the thieves are going to do with them. Our sources indicate that on a scale of ten, nine indicates an attack on India, probably the huge marketplace in Delhi. Naturally, we cannot inform India of this because if we plan any military action in Pakistan, which is now being very

seriously considered, we will need India for a forwarding base. For this reason, we have lied to India and assured them that we have taken custody of all the atomic weapons. What we did not tell them is that six of the cores have been taken and we have no idea where they are, who took them or what they plan to do with them. Given that very high level Pakistani military personnel had to have been involved, their coverup is intense and to date, we have been unable to penetrate their security. Outward friendliness is the watchword but secret plotting is the actuality.

### **Former Press Secretary Blames Bush, Cheney for Misstatement About Leak**

*Ex-White House press secretary writes in his new book that top administration officials let him unknowingly pass on false information.*

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Former White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan blames President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney for efforts to mislead the public about the role of White House aides in leaking the identity of a CIA operative

In an excerpt from his forthcoming book, "What Happened," McClellan recounts the 2003 news conference in which he told reporters that aides Karl Rove and I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby were "not involved" in the leak involving operative Valerie Plame.

"There was one problem. It was not true," McClellan writes, according to a brief excerpt released Tuesday. "I had unknowingly passed along false information. And five of the highest-ranking officials in the administration were involved in my doing so: Rove, Libby, the vice president, the president's chief of staff and the president himself."

Bush's chief of staff at the time was Andrew H. Card Jr.

The excerpt, posted on the website of publisher PublicAffairs, renews questions about what went on in the West Wing and how much Bush and Cheney knew about the leak.

White House Press Secretary Dana Perino said it wasn't clear what McClellan meant in the excerpt. "The president has not and would not ask his spokespeople to pass on false information," she said.

Plame maintains the White House quietly outed her to reporters. Plame and her husband, former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV, said the leak was retribution for his public criticism of the Iraq war.

Since that news conference, however, the official White House stance has shifted and it has been difficult to get a clear picture of what happened behind closed doors around the time of the leak.

McClellan's flat denials gave way to a steady drumbeat of "no comment." And Bush's original pledge to fire anyone involved in the leak became a promise to fire anyone who "committed a crime."

McClellan turned down interview requests Tuesday.

Bush most recently addressed the issue in July after commuting the 30-month prison term of Libby, the only one charged in the case. He acknowledged that some in the White House were involved in the leak.

### **Green Zone Follies**

Baghdad, 21 Nov 07. "My God, I love to read the online New York Times! What unadulterated shit! They claim that all is becoming peaceful and quiet here with joyful Iraqis opening markets, holding weddings in the street to the sound of laughing children. Oh, and we are told that the death tolls have dropped dramatically! If you believe that official Pentagon shit, you'll believe in the Second Coming, kids. The truth is that we send out fewer patrols so we have fewer casualties. The bad people are regularly shelling the Green Zone and killing people every day. The actual death tolls are as high as ever and I have some lovely pictures which I will

send on for your readers. Believe me, all of this talk about the “pacification of Iraq” is lies and very simplistic and crude lies. The foreign press knows better as do the Iraqis but Bush-friendly papers like the Times are spewing stupid propaganda out like shit out of a goose. No wonder the American media is losing viewers and readers by the gross on a daily basis. I notice Curious George the ape didn’t come here this Thanksgiving with an army of bodyguards for his plastic turkey, photo ops and fast, fast trip back. We ought to strap the asshole to a truck and drive around Baghdad with a big sign proclaiming his presence on the front. Five will get you ten he would look like a Swiss cheese before they got a half a block. God Bless America and now send Cheney over for a similar show and tell!”

### **Mortars strike Baghdad's Green Zone as Americans celebrate Thanksgiving**

November 22, 2007

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD: A series of mortars struck the U.S.-protected Green Zone on Thursday, Iraqi police said, in an apparent attack coinciding with the American celebration of Thanksgiving.

About 10 blasts were heard in central Baghdad just before 5 p.m., and a huge plume of black smoke rose into the sky as the sun was setting. The U.S. government public address system in the Green Zone also warned people to "duck and cover" and to stay away from windows.

An Iraqi police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information, said the blasts were caused by mortars that landed in the Green Zone. U.S. military and embassy officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The heavily fortified area, which houses the U.S. Embassy and thousands of American troops and contractors, along with the Iraqi government's headquarters, has frequently been hit by rockets or mortars. But the attacks have tapered off amid a lull of violence in the capital and surrounding areas.

### **Twenty missile shells land in Baghdad's Green-Zone**

November 22, 2007

KUNA

BAGHDAD, Nov 22 (KUNA) — The Iraqi capital witnessed a strong attack on Thursday with 20 missile shells landing in different parts of the heavily fortified Green Zone area.

KUNA's correspondent said he heard at least 20 missile shells land in the area and smoke was seen there, along with the sound of sirens heard as a result of the attack.

The correspondent also added he could not locate the exact location of the firing attack, nor was he able to determine human casualties or material damage.

US military choppers were seen flying over the area, which also coincided with another attack by Al-Qaeda on tribesmen resulting in killing eight men and three Iraqi soldiers, the correspondent added.

Last week, US military spokesman Rear Admiral Gregory Smith warned of a surge in attacks by Al-Qaeda on citizens in Baghdad, regardless of the decrease of violence in recent weeks.

Iraqi Resistance Report for events of Tuesday, 20 November 2007.

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- Two US troops killed near al-Hadithah on Monday.
- Resistance blasts “Green Zone” with mortar shells Tuesday afternoon.

- US admits death of one more occupation soldier on 14 November.
- Resistance bomb disables US Humvee in Baghdad's al-Baladiyat section midday Tuesday.
- Resistance bomb destroys US vehicle near ad-Dulu'iyah, killing American crew.
- Two US troops killed when Resistance shoots down American helicopter near Salman Bak Tuesday.

US soldier wounded in bomb attack south of an-Nasiriyah.

Al-Anbar Province.

Al-Hadithah.

Two US troops killed near al-Hadithah on Monday.

In a dispatch posted at 1:14pm Baghdad time Tuesday afternoon, the Association of Muslim Scholars of Iraq (AMSI) reported that an Iraqi Resistance bomb exploded by a US patrol near the village of al-Haqlaniyah near al-Hadithah, 280km northwest of Baghdad.

The AMSI reported Lieutenant Colonel Khalaf al-Bayyati, the official spokesman of the puppet police, as saying that the Resistance men also attacked the US Humvee with medium and light machine guns on Monday, killing two American troops and wounding two more.

Al-Fallujah.

Collaborator puppet policemen kidnapped near al-Fallujah Monday.

In a dispatch posted Tuesday, the Yaqen News Agency reported that three members of the collaborationist tribal puppet police known as the "al-Anbar Awakening" police were kidnapped on the main road leading to al-Karmah, 7km east of al-Fallujah (which is 60km west of Baghdad) on Monday.

Yaqen reported eyewitnesses as saying that armed men in a late-model car pursued and then intercepted the car in which the collaborators were riding. They forced the "al-Anbar Awakening" members out of their car, bound them, and led them away to an unknown destination.

One witness said that the collaborator policemen were from al-Karmah and were coming home on routine leave when they were intercepted and abducted.

Baghdad.

Sectarian murder spree continues: six more bodies found dumped around Baghdad on Tuesday.

In a dispatch posted at 9:51pm Baghdad time Tuesday night, the Yaqen News Agency reported that the Iraqi puppet police recovered the bodies of six more victims of sectarian murder that had been dumped around Baghdad on Tuesday.

Yaqen reported a source in the puppet police as saying that four of the six bodies were found in the Baghdad district of al-Karakh.

Resistance blasts "Green Zone" with mortar shells Tuesday afternoon.

In a dispatch posted at 9:40pm Baghdad time Tuesday night, the Yaqen News Agency reported that the Iraqi Resistance blasted the top-security area around the Republican Palace in Baghdad – the area that the Americans have dubbed the "Green Zone" with a two mortar rounds on Tuesday afternoon.

Yaqen reported a source in the puppet police as saying that two mortar shells landed in the "Green Zone." The source said that the first had been fired from the direction of the Baghdad neighborhood of al-Karradah and the second from the neighborhood of al-Qadisiyah. No information on damage or casualties was available and the Americans, as of the time of reporting, had made no statement regarding the attack.

Chairman of the Geological Survey Department for puppet regime gunned down in Baghdad Tuesday morning.

In a dispatch posted at 3:55pm Baghdad time Tuesday afternoon, the Yaqen News Agency reported that armed men shot and killed the Chairman of the Geological Survey Department in Baghdad as he rode his car down Hayfa Street in the middle of the occupied Iraqi capital on Tuesday morning.

Yaqen reported a source in the puppet police, who asked not to be identified, as saying that armed men in an unmarked car opened fire on Dr. Musa Ja'far, Chairman of the Geological Survey Department for the puppet regime, as he drove his private car down Hayfa Street. Dr. Ja'far died on the spot, the source added. Besides Ja'far, a second individual who was in the car with the Chairman was killed and a third wounded.

The source said that the attackers left the scene after the shooting and the puppet police were unable to catch up with them.

Resistance bomb disables US Humvee in Baghdad's al-Baladiyat section midday Tuesday.

In a dispatch posted at 3:27pm Baghdad time Tuesday afternoon, the Yaqen News Agency reported that an Iraqi Resistance bomb exploded by a US patrol in the al-Baladiyat area of eastern Baghdad after noon on Tuesday.

Yaqen reported a source in the puppet police as claiming that the blast disabled a US Humvee and wounded three Iraqi civilians. The puppet police source said that American forces closed off the area and prevented anyone from approaching, making an accounting of US casualties impossible to obtain.

US admits death of one more occupation soldier on 14 November.

In a dispatch posted at 1:14pm Baghdad time Tuesday afternoon, the Association of Muslim Scholars of Iraq (AMSI) reported that the US had admitted that a bomb exploded near a US vehicle on 14 November, killing a 25-year-old American soldier.

Car bomb explodes in western Baghdad Tuesday.

In a dispatch posted Tuesday, the Yaqen News Agency reported that a car bomb went off amidst a crowd of civilians in the al-Bayya' suburb of western Baghdad Tuesday morning.

Yaqen reported a source in the puppet police as saying that the blast killed two civilians and wounded seven more of them in addition to inflicting material damage in the area. The victims were taken to al-Yarmuk Hospital for treatment.

Salah ad-Din Province.

*Bayji.*

Bodies of two oil installation protection policemen found in Bayji.

In a dispatch posted at 6:57pm Baghdad time Tuesday night, the Yaqen News Agency reported that the bodies of two puppet policemen of the oil protection forces who were abducted by unknown parties a week ago had been found in the city of Bayji, 200km north of Baghdad.

Yaqen reported medical sources as saying that the remains showed signs of torture and had been shot in various parts of their bodies. They were taken to the morgue in Tikrit Teaching Hospital.

*Ad-Dulu'iyah.*

Resistance bomb destroys US vehicle near ad-Dulu'iyah, killing American crew.

In a dispatch posted at 6:20pm Baghdad time Tuesday night, the Yaqen News Agency reported that an Iraqi Resistance bomb exploded by a US patrol to the east of the city of ad-Dulu'iyah, 97km north of Baghdad.

Yaqen reported a source as saying that the bomb exploded by a patrol of US troops that was traveling around the area of Bayshkan near ad-Dulu'iyah. The blast sent parts of one of the American vehicles flying over a wide area and left the Americans inside dead.

Diyala Province.

*Salman Bak.*

Two US troops killed when Resistance shoots down American helicopter near Salman Bak Tuesday.

In a dispatch posted at 10:35pm Baghdad time Tuesday night, the Yaqen News Agency reported that Iraqi Resistance gunfire brought down a US helicopter to the southeast of Baghdad, according to US admissions on Tuesday.

Yaqen reported a communiqué issued by the American occupation authorities as saying that a US military helicopter crashed near Salman Bak, 45km southeast of Baghdad. The American military admitted that two of its personnel were killed in the attack and 12 more of them wounded.

Babil Province.

*Al-Hillah.*

Adviser to puppet "Iraqi Prime Minister" survives assassination attempt.

In a dispatch posted at 12:11pm Baghdad time Tuesday afternoon, the Association of Muslim Scholars of Iraq (AMSI) reported that an adviser to the US-appointed puppet "Prime Minister" of Iraq, Nuri al-Maliki survived a bomb attack in Babil Province, south of Baghdad.

The AMSI reported a source as saying that a bomb exploded by the motorcade of Abu Ahmad al-Basri, an adviser to the puppet "Iraqi Prime Minister" on the highway between al-Hillah and an-Najaf. The bomb, which was detonated by remote control, caused no casualties or damage, the source claimed.

At-Ta'mim Province.

*Kirkuk.*

Resistance bomb kills puppet army soldier southwest of Kirkuk.

In a dispatch posted at 12:35am Makkah time just after midnight Wednesday morning, Mafkarat al-Islam reported that an Iraqi Resistance bomb exploded by an Iraqi puppet army patrol near the village of as-Safrah, 60km southwest of Kirkuk (which is 250km north of Baghdad) at midday Tuesday.

Mafkarat al-Islam reported an official with the puppet police in Kirkuk as saying that the blast killed one Iraqi puppet army soldier and wounded five more of them.

Dhi Qar Province.

*An-Nasiriyah.*

US soldier wounded in bomb attack south of an-Nasiriyah.

In a dispatch posted at 4:55pm Makkah time Tuesday afternoon, Mafkarat al-Islam reported that a bomb exploded by a US patrol on the highway in the Haql Sabbah area south of an-Nasiriyah (which is 385km south of Baghdad).

Mafkarat al-Islam reported that the blast destroyed an American Humvee and wounded one US soldier.

**Wounded Soldier: Military Wants Part Of Bonus Back**

November 19, 2007

by Marty Griffin

KDKA

PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — The U.S. Military is demanding that thousands of wounded service personnel give back signing bonuses because they are unable to serve out their commitments.

To get people to sign up, the military gives enlistment bonuses up to \$30,000 in some cases.

Now men and women who have lost arms, legs, eyesight, hearing and can no longer serve are being ordered to pay some of that money back.

One of them is Jordan Fox, a young soldier from the South Hills.

He finds solace in the hundreds of boxes he loads onto a truck in Carnegie. In each box is a care package that will be sent to a man or woman serving in Iraq. It was in his name Operation Pittsburgh Pride was started.

Fox was seriously injured when a roadside bomb blew up his vehicle. He was knocked unconscious. His back was injured and lost all vision in his right eye.

A few months later Fox was sent home. His injuries prohibited him from fulfilling three months of his commitment. A few days ago, he received a letter from the military demanding nearly \$3,000 of his signing bonus back.

"I tried to do my best and serve my country. I was unfortunately hurt in the process. Now they're telling me they want their money back," he explained.

It's a slap for Fox's mother, Susan Wardezak, who met with President Bush in Pittsburgh last May. He thanked her for starting Operation Pittsburgh Pride which has sent approximately 4,000 care packages.

He then sent her a letter expressing his concern over her son's injuries, so she cannot understand the U.S. Government's apparent lack of concern over injuries to countless U.S. Soldiers and demands that they return their bonuses.

While he's unsure of his future, Fox says he's unwavering in his commitment to his country.

"I'd do it all over again... because I'm proud of the discipline that I learned. I'm proud to have done something for my country," he said.

But Fox feels like he's already given enough. He'll never be able to pursue his dream of being a police officer because of his wounds and he can't believe he's being asked to return part of his \$10,000 signing bonus.

KDKA contacted Congressman Jason Altmire on his behalf. He says he has proposed a bill that would guarantee soldiers receive full benefit of bonuses.

### **Army targets 37,000 active-duty soldiers to be deployed**

*The Army has targeted 37,000 active-duty soldiers who have yet to serve a combat tour after more than six years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq.*

November 21, 2007

by Gina Cavallaro

Army Times

Soldiers who haven't been downrange yet had better hone their warrior skills because the Army wants to see more combat patches in the ranks.

The Army has targeted 37,000 active-duty soldiers who have yet to serve a combat tour

after more than six years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Over that period, 59.4 percent of some 515,000 active-duty soldiers have deployed to the Central Command area of operations at least once, according to data compiled by Human Resources Command. Many of them have served three or four tours — some even more.

Another 33.4 percent have not served a war tour but are assigned to units with pending deployments; are not in deployable status because they are at basic training, school or other Army training; have medical or legal issues that keep them out of rotation; are serving as instructors, recruiters or drill sergeants; or are in transit or otherwise on hold.

But 7.2 percent, roughly 37,000 active-duty soldiers, have been identified by HRC as available for deployment and are facing transfer to operational units.

Soldiers charged with combing through the rolls at HRC indicated that many troops yet to deploy have been ready and willing to go, and many have volunteered but haven't had the opportunity. But the assignments officers also acknowledged that some homesteading and deployment-ducking have taken place.

“Certainly in a population of 37,000 you'll have soldiers who say, ‘I'll avoid this at any cost,’” said Col. Louis Henkel, deputy director of the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate at HRC.

“Does that mean the Army will give them cover? No,” Henkel said.

But while some soldiers may not move toward the sound of the guns, Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Dick Cody says he thinks they are in the minority.

“This far into the war, I think that is more of a perception than a reality,” Cody said, explaining that it has taken this long to get every soldier an opportunity to go downrange while simultaneously creating cohesive leadership in deploying units and in units that are being stood up.

“I think you could go to any post, camp or station and you could probably find someone who's been in the Army four years and hasn't deployed and that would be the exception, not the rule. Because when you look into it, that may be the best trainer for our medics down at Brooke Army Medical Center,” Cody offered as an example. HRC officials were unable to provide a breakdown by major command of soldiers being considered for first-time deployments.

Of the Armywide 7.2 percent being looked at for first deployments, the highest number without combat tours, 27.1 percent, work in health services, a field in which the need for specialists on the home front makes rotations less frequent.

The next largest group at 7.1 percent is considerably smaller and comprises soldiers who work in operations support in branches and career management fields that include space operations, foreign area officers, nuclear and counterproliferation, signal, telecommunication systems engineering, strategic plans and policy, simulation operations and information systems management.

Soldiers who work in transportation, ordnance quartermaster, logistics, adjutant general, finance, human resources and acquisition make up 4.1 percent of the undeployed.

And the smallest group of undeployed soldiers, 3.5 percent, is in the maneuver, fires and effects category, which includes all combat-arms specialties, special operations and public affairs.

Many of these targeted soldiers work in places such as the Pentagon, Installation Management Command, HRC and other units in the Military District of Washington.

The long haul

Army leaders long have described what they believe will be persistent global conflict in which the Army will continue to play a major role.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have continued longer than projected, requiring active-duty troops to serve back-to-back deployments and reservists to serve as operational

forces.

The relentless operations tempo has been the source of wide dissatisfaction inside the ranks and among family members, creating a stiff and ongoing challenge to recruiting and retaining troops.

To help ease the deployment strain, the Army has accelerated by two years, to 2010, its goal of growing active-duty end strength to 547,000, from the current 519,000. Also, the service is putting more money into addressing family support issues and looking for places where soldiers who are tired from relentless rotations can sit the game out for a while.

The Marine Corps embarked on a similar campaign close to a year ago with a Corps-wide message from the commandant ordering all hands into the fight and specifically targeting 66,000 leathernecks who had not deployed.

The Army has not issued any such message. Rather, the hunt for fresh warriors has evolved as repeat deployments have become standard for much of the force and others have been reassigned to non-deploying billets before it was obvious the operations tempo was not going to slacken any time soon.

“Everybody wants to go downrange and be part of this because they know the importance of this war,” Cody said, adding, “At the same time, there’s a demand to make sure we have the right noncommissioned officer leaders and officer leaders at our training bases that are training up these young men and women to go to these units.”

The need to get combat vets into training bases forced HRC to look deeper into the ranks for soldiers who could deploy and have not.

To help rotate people into those jobs, Gen. William S. Wallace, commander of Training and Doctrine Command, said he has asked the Army G-1, the TRADOC command sergeant major and HRC to see “where we can accept two-year assignments in TRADOC and to codify those assignments to the point where we can start moving people in and out without doing damage to our organizational structure in the process.”

“I don’t want to create so much turbulence in TRADOC that it becomes inefficient in terms of moving people around, but there is great value, in my judgment, in having combat veterans wearing the TRADOC patch because they bring credibility and they bring life, they bring energy into the organization,” he said in a recent interview.

Wallace said he doesn’t expect it to be a blanket policy across the command because of the turbulence it could cause in training the force.

But, where it makes sense, he said, he’d “like to move people in and out of TRADOC in a more rapid fashion because I need the combat experience, and I think our combat veterans in some cases need a break.”

Henkel said people who have been in TRADOC billets for six years will “be the first in the queue.”

Some targeted TRADOC positions, Cody noted, won’t be able to move into operational units until replacements whose deployments have been pushed to 15 months can return and get to the assignment.

“Obviously when job one is to fill fully trained, best-led units into combat, with 20 brigades in Iraq, and three brigades in Afghanistan plus another 4,500 senior leaders on military training teams, just that demand alone has driven us to make sure that we’re balancing this force in terms of getting the right people in the right positions so we have trained and ready forces in this fight,” Cody said