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LEADERS MEET IN MEXICO



TOM HANSON Canadian Press

U.S. President George W. Bush waves goodbye as he, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mexican President Vicente Fox walk away after touring the Mayan Pyramid at the Chichen Itza, Mexico. The leaders are having a North American summit in Cancun.

Softwood talks planned

The PM makes the announcement after his first meeting with the U.S. president.

BY JENNIFER DITCHBURN
 Canadian Press

CANCUN, Mexico — Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a minor opening in the impasse over softwood lumber yesterday, instructing Canadian officials to look for options for a

resolution with the United States.

Harper spoke following a much-heralded meeting with U.S. President George W. Bush, their first since Harper was elected Jan. 23.

While Harper indicated that he was looking for options to find a resolution,

he also tried to maintain a hard-line on the issue.

"... I also reminded the president that the Canadian position is very clear," Harper said. "If we don't see a resolution, Canada will pursue all its legal options as well as providing financial support for its industry."

Senior officials said both countries would come up with discussion papers exploring various options.

There has been virtually no action on the softwood lumber file since last August, when a NAFTA panel said the United States was wrong to impose heavy tariffs on Canadian lumber.

Washington said it would not abide by the ruling and the U.S. lumber lobby has kept up pressure to maintain the punitive tariffs.

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Terror suspect arrested in GTA

Raja Ghulam Mustafa had his suitcase packed and was ready to flee to the U.S.

BY SARAH KENNEDY
 Special to The Free Press

A known terrorist with links to al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden has been arrested in the Toronto area while trying to flee the country, say immigration sources.

In one of the most significant terrorism arrests in Canada since Sept. 11, 2001, a man believed to be a captain of the Pakistani extremist organization Mujahadeen-E-Lashkar-E-Tayyba, or LET, was arrested March 16 by Canadian border service officers in Newmarket.

Intelligence sources say members of LET — which is funded by bin Laden and has direct ties to al-Qaida — were trained in Afghan terrorist camps.

Ontario immigration sources say 40-year-old Raja Ghulam Mustafa, a Pakistani national who went by the last name Murtaza, was arrested outside his home with a packed suitcase and a significant amount of cash on him.

Following the arrest, conducted by officers of the Canadian Border Services Agency's Greater Toronto enforcement centre, Mustafa's residence was searched and a briefcase containing fraudulent documents and a laptop were seized.

It's believed Mustafa may have been tipped off that enforcement centre officers were investigating him and had made plans to flee Canada for the U.S.

Officials told Sun Media Newspapers that Mustafa was "surprised" he was found by law enforcement.

Sources say Mustafa had already given his landlady notice he would be leaving.

He is being held at the Toronto West Detention Centre.

In 1997, Mustafa was arrested in the U.S. for violations, but was released on a peace bond after he filed a claim for refugee status.

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BIN LADEN:
 Has ties to man arrested in Newmarket.

March bridges vastly different worlds

BY KATE DUBINSKI
 Free Press Education Reporter

They're area teenagers, who can't imagine fleeing their homes barefoot to escape soldiers who abduct, rape and hack off limbs with machetes.

Half a world away, near Gulu in Uganda, the kids who run from certain death every night can't imagine the affluence of those same Southwestern Ontario teens who tried to put themselves in their shoes.

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SPELLING IT OUT: High school students spell Gulu on University College hill after marching around the University of Western Ontario campus to raise awareness of the nightly journey more than 40,000 young people make into the city of Gulu in northern Uganda to avoid abduction.

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American journalist Jill Carroll is set free on a west Baghdad street almost three months after being kidnapped. She says she was treated well.
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