

Officials: CIA Pays Afghan Government Officials

BY KIMBERLY DOZIER
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WASHINGTON — The CIA has multiple members of the Afghan government on its payroll in order to help it keep track of various factions within the Afghan government, according to former U.S. officials.

These individuals confirmed to The Associated Press reports that the agency has used payments to cultivate intelligence sources across the Afghan government, a practice that has raised concerns at a time when the U.S. is fighting corruption there.

The *New York Times* reported the agency is paying Mohammed Zia Salehi, the chief of administration for Afghanistan's National Security Council, for information. The *Washington Post* also had the report.

Salehi is accused of accepting a car in exchange for his help in exerting pressure on Afghan officials to ease off in another corruption case.

The U.S. has previously said it views Salehi's arrest as a test case of Karzai's willingness to reform his government. But the revelation that he has also received payments from the U.S. spy agency demonstrates the complex relationship Washington has developed with the Afghan government.

George Little, spokesman for the CIA, would neither confirm nor deny the report, saying that speculation about such matters was dangerous.

"This agency — acting in strict

accord with American law — plays an essential role in promoting our nation's goals in Afghanistan, including security and stability," he said. "Speculation about who may help us achieve that is both dangerous and counterproductive."

The CIA has placed many Afghan officials on the payroll over the years, according to Ali A. Jalali, Afghan interior minister from 2003 to 2005 and now a professor in the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at National Defense University. He said that the U.S. intelligence agency has had deep involvement in Afghanistan for decades and that it would be natural for the CIA to have long-standing "relationships" with many Afghan leaders. "You have to put things into perspective," he said.

He said he doubted Karzai would be surprised if Salehi were on the CIA payroll, as alleged. "When Karzai was fighting against the Taliban, he was supported by the agency," too, he said.

Four former senior intelligence officials said it was common practice for the intelligence community to develop sources of information within fragile or hostile foreign governments. The former officials spoke anonymously because they are not authorized to talk about classified matters to the media.

One of the officials explained that from 2003 to 2004, the CIA had "a third of Iraq's original coalition government on the payroll." He added, "One of the first things we attempted to do when we went into Iraq is buy the loyalty of the former Ba'athists, so they wouldn't fight us. You buy the leadership."

U.S. Points To Oil As Key To Iraq's Postwar Future

BY ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the U.S. overthrew Saddam Hussein seven years ago, the Bush administration envisioned a liberated Iraq that was rich, stable, democratic and a shining example to the rest of the Arab world.

Now, with the end of U.S.-led combat operations in Iraq, the Obama administration is predicting more or less the same thing. Both U.S. presidents pinned their hopes on Iraq's vast but underdeveloped oil resources, calculating that petroleum-fueled prosperity fed by a wave of foreign investment would give Iraqis the tools and motivation to build a modern, Western-oriented state.

But that goal remains a speck on the horizon.

Today, Iraq pumps less oil than it did under Saddam. Iraqis are stalemated in forming a new government nearly six months after national elections. And the country's political divisions, aggravated by the struggle for control of Iraq's oil potential,

have led to fears that it could erupt in civil war, revert to a dictatorship or split along religious and ethnic fault lines.

President Barack Obama, whose opposition to the war was a hallmark of his presidential campaign in 2008, is scheduled to give an Iraq speech from the Oval Office on Tuesday, marking the transition of the U.S. military mission from combat to advising the Iraqi armed forces. All U.S. troops are to leave Iraq by the end of 2011.

When the Bush administration launched the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, it was counting on Iraq's oil wealth to bankroll the country's reconstruction. Paul Wolfowitz, the deputy secretary of defense at the time, told a House committee just days after the war began that Iraq's oil wealth would relieve U.S. taxpayers of the rebuilding burden.

"We're dealing with a country that can really finance its own reconstruction, and relatively soon," he said on March 27, 2003.

It didn't work out that way, in part because a fierce and

resilient insurgency intruded.

The war's outcome remains in doubt, yet oil is gaining prominence in the Obama administration's public rationale for staying by the Iraqis' side even after the military campaign concludes.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates says Iraq in 10 years could rank among the world's biggest oil producers, making it fabulously rich and — by implication — a potential success story.

"It will change the entire equation in the Middle East," Gates said, assuming Iraqi leaders are able to sustain their shaky democracy. In remarks Aug. 12 in San Francisco, Gates was quick to add: "That's the optimistic scenario. There are all kinds of more pessimistic scenarios."

One of those less-rosy outlooks is pretty obvious: the departure of U.S. forces in 2011 leads to increased violence and a return to civil war, paralyzing the government and creating chaos. The question in that case would be whether the U.S. would intervene with combat troops.

Another unpleasant possibility: Iraq's strongest and most

developed institution — the military — gets fed up with a lack of political progress in Baghdad and overthrows the civilian government.

Oil will play an important role in Iraq's future, though not necessarily a positive one.

Nations with huge oil and resource wealth — such as Russia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela — often fail to develop democratic political systems. It's not clear why this would be so, but some believe that vast oil resources encourages centralized state control by dictators or oligarchs.

Iraq sits atop an estimated 115 billion barrels of crude, the world's third-largest proven reserves. Iraq's oil production, however, has stagnated since the U.S. invasion, hampered by technical problems, looting and insurgent violence.

Production averaged about 2.5 million barrels a day from the late 1990s to the early 2000s before the fall of Saddam, and since then has ranged between 2.1 million and 2.4 million barrels a day, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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"We always have applied for this one particular grant. This year, with staff changes, we actually missed the deadline," Pooler said. "This is a grant that helps us pay all of our insurance and employees. We buy food with it and make updates to the facility."

"We were trying to think of new fundraising efforts we could do. Our two big fundraisers right now are the dunk tank at Riverboat Days and the golf tournament in June. We were trying to think what more could we do to help make up the difference. This gift is just overwhelmingly wonderful."

Pooler said there are currently two men housed at the shelter. At full capacity, the shelter can house three men in the main home and a family in the apartment located in the basement of the shelter.

"In a typical year, we will house about 100 different people," Pooler said. "We are also looking at being able to meet an unmet need in the community and house women and children. Next year, we are going to house them at area hotels and see how it goes before we move forward with plans for that."

Pooler said the length of time a person stays at the shelter varies and can average from days to months. But because of the generosity of the Catholic Campaign, the next year of services is not in doubt.

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the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimated a much lower cost of between \$106 million and \$155 million.

The executive director of the

Nebraska Council of School Administrators said the group's board will meet next week to discuss the letter and he didn't know whether the board would take a position on the matter. Michael Dulaney, the director, said he couldn't recall the board being asked by the governor to take a position on a federal matter.

"But we're living in very unsteady times," Dulaney said. "I think the governor is demonstrating

leadership and has a desire to protect K-12 funding."

Jess Wolf, president of the Nebraska State Education Association, the union representing teachers, said he expected his board would discuss the letter but didn't know whether it would take a formal position.

A Democratic state lawmaker said he thought the letter was a political ploy — Heineman is running for re-election and the

Republican is considered a possible candidate for U.S. Senate in 2012.


"Apparently the governor is willing to pit kids versus kids," said Sen. Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha. "Should we educate them or make them healthy?"

Heineman points out in the letter that the three largest pieces of the state budget are K-12 education, higher education, and Medicaid.

ASK THE EXPERTS?

Family Medicine

Vitamin D



Jeffrey Johnson, M.D.


You have probably heard about vitamin D deficiency discussed recently in the media. More and more research is bringing to light the importance of having adequate amounts of vitamin D in our bodies. When you are vitamin D deficient this may manifest as bone discomfort or pain, muscle aches, muscle weakness, and low back pain. It has even been linked to increased risk of falling in the elderly. It has been found to play a role in cardiovascular disease, obesity, bone health and even depression. People in the northern hemispheres (such as South Dakota) are at particular risk due to our lack of sun exposure. That coupled with the lack of dietary sources of vitamin D put us all at increased risk. Here at Lewis and Clark Medicine we can access your level with a simple blood test. Feel free to call with questions or schedule an appointment.

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My daughter's best friend has head lice and they have been playing together at our house. What should I do?



Shona Jussel, R.Ph.

First, realize that lice can affect anyone, regardless of socioeconomic class or cleanliness. It is spread by close contact with persons or objects people share (ie - combs, hats, coats). So what to do? Closely examine your family for signs of lice. A flashlight and magnifying glass may help. They are oval and may appear yellow, white or gray. They are often found on the lower back of the head and behind the ears. Lice often cause intense itching, but not always. If NO lice are found, it is recommended NOT to treat your family with lice medicines, as overusing them can make them less effective. All clothes, bedding, etc. that the infected person has been in contact with should be laundered in the HOT washer and dryer cycle. Dry cleaning or sealing non-washable items (ie. stuffed animals) in a plastic bag for 2 weeks should be done, as well as vacuuming floors and furniture. If lice are found, there are over-the-counter treatments available.

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Labor Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, September 6, for the Labor Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — Noon, Wednesday, September 1
Tuesday, September 7 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 1
Wednesday, September 8 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, September 2
Thursday, September 9 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, September 3

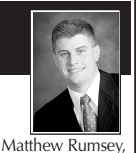
There will be no newspaper on Monday, September 6, 2010

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Ear, Nose & Throat

Dr. Rumsey, My ears ring constantly. I have noticed this ringing for several years, but recently it seems to be getting worse. What can I do?



Matthew Rumsey, Au.D., CCC-A


Unfortunately you are not alone. An estimated 20 million people suffer from some form of tinnitus or ringing in the ears. Tinnitus is often associated with damage to the inner ear or hearing loss. Frequently, properly fit hearing aids equipped with tinnitus management technology reduces awareness of tinnitus. Neurotonics Tinnitus treatment program has proven helpful for those who do not need hearing aids. I recommend starting with a comprehensive evaluation to obtain baseline information and learn more about how to manage your tinnitus. Additionally, I encourage you to visit the American Tinnitus Association at www.ATA.org. If you would like more information you can call me at (605) 665-6820 or visit our website www.yanktonent.com.

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Fitness/Health

I just started running and my shins hurt about 10 min into my run. It is not super painful but it is there and is affecting the length of my runs. What is causing this and how can I prevent it?



Angie O'Connor, Physical Exercise Specialist

Shin pain, generally referred to as shin splints, are usually an overuse injury of the shin. The pain you feel can be caused by many things. Most commonly, however, by an inflammation in the muscles of that area, stress fractures or compartment syndrome. If your pain is mild at this point it might be a good idea to cut back on the distance of your runs (or stop completely for a while), utilize ice after workouts and anti-inflammatory medication regularly until the pain subsides. This inflammation could be caused by weak or tight calves or shin muscles. Properly strengthening/stretching those muscles on a regular basis could help prevent this from happening again. If you have recently changed your routine to include more hard running surfaces, hills or longer distance you might want to re-work those areas of your routine and include some cross training cardio, like swimming, biking or rowing. New shoes might also be the culprit. If you notice shin pain you should do something about it right away. Rest from running is generally the best medicine. Just remember, the worse you let the pain get the longer it takes to go away!

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THANK YOU!

The Yankton KIWANIS Club would like to thank all of the people who donated to the Yankton KIWANIS Club Duck Race!

Congratulations To The 2010 Winners!

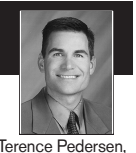
1st Place:	\$500.00, Wally Spencer
2nd Place:	\$150.00, Dave Hicks
3rd Place:	\$100.00, Mary Ellen Kline
4th Place:	\$50.00 JCP Gift Card, Dennis Wagner
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6th Place:	Auctioneer Services (\$500.00 Value), Wayne Williamson
Last Duck In:	\$50.00 JCP Gift Card, Brendan Capps of Kansas City Missouri

Yankton KIWANIS Club's
42nd Annual HARVEST DINNER
is Sunday, October 17th at The Center.

Tickets will be available September 14th at Boller Printing, First National Bank South Dakota, First Dakota National Bank or any KIWANIAN.

Podiatry

Are flip-flops bad for your feet. Is it better just to go barefoot?



Terence Pedersen, D.P.M.

Flip-flop sandals are responsible for a growing epidemic of heel pain among teens and young adults.

We're seeing more heel pain than ever in patients 15 to 25 years old, a group that usually doesn't have this problem. A major contributor is wearing flip-flop sandals with paper-thin soles everyday to school. Flip-flops have no arch support and can accentuate any abnormal biomechanics in foot motion, and this eventually brings pain and inflammation.

I recommend wearing sandals with reasonably strong soles and arch support.

Especially for girls and young women, thicker soled sandals with supportive arches might not be considered stylish, but if you want to wear sandals most of the time, you'll avoid heel pain if you choose sturdier, perhaps less fashionable styles.

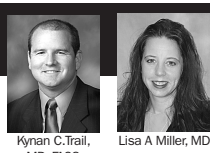
It is estimated that 15 percent of all adult foot complaints involve plantar fasciitis, the type of heel pain caused by chronic inflammation of the connective tissue extending from the heel bone to the toes. Being overweight and wearing inappropriate footwear, such as flip-flops, are common contributing factors for heel pain.

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Surgery

Do I have a choice of who does my surgery and where? I get confused by all the Doctors and places to go!



Ryan C. Tsai, MD, FACS
Lisa A. Miller, MD

We are often asked this question and agree that it is confusing! It is very important to remember that you do have a choice of doctors and facilities. It's also important to remember that you don't need a referral from another doctor. At Yankton Surgical Associates, we are also on call 24/7 so we are able to handle any emergencies that may arise. We can operate at both Yankton facilities and have outreach clinics in several towns. We believe it's important for you, the patient, to have control over your health care.

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