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## **DLO DAILY MEDIA UPDATE**

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### **CURRENT NEWS FOR WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2011**

#### **TURKISH OLYMPIADS BUILT ON LEGACY OF LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL INTERACTION**

(Today's Zaman)

Some 1,000 students from 130 countries have come to Turkey to attend the Ninth International Turkish Olympics. Students from different cultures are bringing their poems, songs and folk dances to the Turkish language festival.

#### **BLACK SEA MARINES TRANSCEND LANGUAGE BARRIERS TO TEACH COUNTERINSURGENCY SKILLS**

(DVIDS)

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria – Marines with Black Sea Rotational Force 11, soldiers with the Bulgarian 38th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Light Infantry Brigade, and the Serbian 21st Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade, officially kicked off training here, June 14, with a combined-forces opening ceremony.

#### **OPERATIONAL CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING (OCAT) FOR OKINAWA**

(Navy Center for Language, Regional Expertise and Culture)

This is an Operational Cultural Awareness Training (OCAT) product produced by the Navy's Center for Language, Regional Expertise & Culture (CLREC), a Directorate of the Center for Information Dominance (CID) in Pensacola, Florida.

#### **DOWNLOAD OF THE WEEK (FREEWARE) -- POLYGLOT (AUTOMATIC LANGUAGE IDENTIFIER SOFTWARE)**

(Snapfiles.Com)

Polyglot 3000 can automatically identify the language used in a text, phrase, or (sometimes) even a single word. Just paste or type the text into the provided field, or load a text file, and the program will identify it from a database of over 400 languages that it can recognize. The longer the text sample, the better are the odds of proper identification.

### **PREVIOUS NEWS**

#### **Face of Defense: Air Force Officer Seeks New Challenges**

(*American Forces Press Service*)...1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Scott Ghiringhelli

While still an Air Force ROTC cadet at MIT, Castonia sought out different opportunities for his future. Beyond the natural career path as an engineer, he was slotted to be a pilot, and finally settled on a combat rescue officer position. He also attended the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center here as part of the Air Force's new Language Enabled Airman Program, despite having no prior language proficiency.

#### **"Adopt" a foreign soldier from Lackland AFB**

(*WOAI.com*)...Melissa Garcia

Looking for a way to help our nation? How about "adopting" a soldier from another country. Over 1,000 international military students are currently learning English at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) at Lackland Air Force Base. Faustin Mulume and Chariya Thang are both Lieutenants in the Army... but not the U.S. Army. Faustin is from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chariya is from Cambodia. They're among 12-hundred foreign students from cadets to generals, studying English at DLI. The soldiers come from 90 different countries all around the world.

### **Perspectives: Think 'Glocal'**

*(Diverse Education)*...Karen Jenkins

Increasingly, educators are forced to convince legislatures that sending students abroad to gain international exposure is in the economic interest of the United States. The economic realities should speak for themselves. Jobs today are created in a global marketplace. Our students need to understand the interconnectedness of the forces that shape and influence commercial markets here and abroad. Then they need to be prepared and eager to step into the global marketplace armed with foreign language skills and cross-cultural understanding.

### **It's much easier getting shot at than gaining trust..we're trying to correct 30yrs of mayhem with words, not weapons**

*(The Sun)*...Virginia Wheeler

The 28-year-old Royal Scots Dragoon Guardsman looks like a Second World War flying ace and uses his charm and humour to train the Afghans in fighting and organisational techniques. Capt Woodhams spends hours talking to white-bearded ANA company commander Abdul Rahman, known as Mili Baba (Father Christmas) in local language Dari, and even started smoking a pipe so the Afghan soldiers would respect him. "It tastes disgusting, I hate it," he said. "The British are very good at understanding different cultures. And as the ANA and ANP will run Afghanistan when we leave, we have to engage with them and the Taliban - like we did with the IRA."

### **Howard Students Secure Boren Fellowships**

*(Howard University News Room)*...Sholnn Freeman

Howard University students Ronya Foy and Aamira Chaney have received the prestigious 2011 David L. Boren fellowships to study language and culture in Africa. The announcement increases the number of honors recently garnered by Howard students in the field of international studies. Among the recipients, three members of the Class of 2011 – Antonino Eugene Lyons II, Jessica A. Cooper and Manjot Kaur Jassal – are recipients of the Fulbright Scholarship and will spend next year in Brazil and India respectively. Nicole Baden, a senior audio production major, was awarded a 2011 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship; and Jarondakie Patrick, a junior in journalism, won a Scripps Howard Foundation scholarship to study in Japan.

### **"Adopt" a foreign soldier from Lackland AFB**

*(WOAI News 4, Melissa Garcia)*

Over 1,000 foreign military students are learning English at the Defense Language Institute English Learning Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. A program called AMIGO (American Members of International Goodwill to Others) needs volunteer sponsors to "adopt" these students and open their homes and lives to them.

### **Akaka Questions Panetta About Foreign Language Capabilities of the Defense Department**

*(YouTube)*

Senator Akaka poses a question to Leon Panetta about his plans to increase the Defense Department's foreign language speaking abilities. The exchange took place during Panetta's confirmation hearing to succeed Robert Gates as the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Akaka is a senior member of the Armed Services Committee.