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Rumsfeld approves aid

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TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved the dispatch of military helicopters, food and other aid to help Central American nations inundated by massive mud slides mount recovery operations.

"There are so few of these kinds of problems that any one (country) can handle alone," Rumsfeld said Tuesday, en route to meetings he is hosting in south Florida with security leaders from seven Central American countries. "It looks like it's a terrible natural disaster. It's heartbreaking."

Rumsfeld said the devastating mudslides are exactly the type of crisis that require the countries in Central America to work more closely together. He said cooperation would also let those nations better handle their security concerns, ranging from terrorism to narcotics and hostage-takings.

U.S. assistance on the way to Guatemala and other parts of the region includes a mix of nine Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters, mostly from bases in the region, with at least six other helicopters getting ready to go soon, Roger Pardo-Maurer, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Western Hemisphere policy, told reporters. A medical unit from the Arkansas National Guard also was preparing to go.

Pardo-Maurer said the United States was sending food, water, plastic sheeting, medical supplies and other equipment and would be helping to improve communications.

The U.S. relief effort is being coordinated by Army Gen. Bantz Craddock. Rumsfeld was told that rain in the region was expected to continue another seven to 10 days.

Rumsfeld also spoke with Gen. John Abizaid, chief of U.S. Central Command, on Tuesday morning to coordinate a wide range of additional relief efforts for victims

of the deadly earthquake in Pakistan.

In addition to the 12 U.S. and four Afghan helicopters already available in Pakistan, the U.S. military had four more heavy lift helicopters en route, and had identified 36 more helicopters that were being prepared to go.

There also are heavy lift and medium lift aviation support battalions, an engineering support battalion and a deployable hospital preparing to move to Pakistan, according to an administration official who did not want to be identified because of planning was still under way.

Disaster aid and illegal drugs and arms control problems across Central America will be key topics at the two-day conference in Key Biscayne, Fla. Officials also hope to encourage the Central American countries to develop a regional peacekeeping unit to help improve coordination

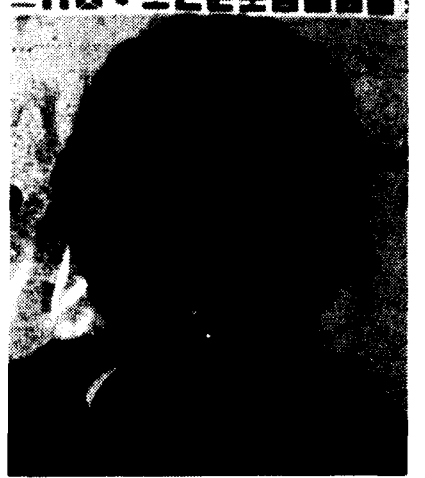
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Defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld approves aid for Central American countries.

World View



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Dear World View friends, the phenomenon of the interconnection among the nations of the world has influenced the international business and accordingly, the world's economy. If the whole world economy is interconnected, then it is very possible that a drought in Africa may scarce specific resources the world's economy could be depending on. The growing presence of multinational corporations around the world, especially in poor and developing nations increasingly trouble many religious leaders. Why are they insecure? Simply, because there is not a lot they can do. In truth, such concern is warranted, but only if the allegations against multinational corporations are true. Such allegations include the charge that profit-motivated multinational corporations are engaging in destructive competition and dangerous plots to economically and politically manipulate entire economies. Further, multinational corporations are perceived to be systematically eliminating domestic firms in order to exploit their monopoly strength, exporting high-wage jobs to low-wage countries, which is why earthlink and other IT companies relocated to India. But are such allegations, in fact, true? Religious leaders should examine the data so that they can draw reasonable conclusions about the impact of multinational corporations. Such discern reveals that multinational corporations, in fact, have actualized numerous moral goals: the advancement of human rights, the improvement in the world environment, and, most importantly, the reduction of world poverty rates. Critics of multinational corporations often profess to have a higher moral vision and to be pursuing a world with laudable goals of just wages and a clean environment. On the other hand, the extreme left conveniently ignores the socially destructive behavior of those economies that rely heavily on governmental regulations and state-operated monopolistic enterprises. These economies have incurred extreme rates of poverty, repressed human rights, and excessive environmental damage. For reasons mentioned below, the problem countries have almost no multinational corporations and are concentrated in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East. Allegedly, the extreme left is hindering the force to decrease world poverty rates, while it is deaf to the continued suffering of the extreme poor and the progress. The left is quick to offer welfare to developing countries but unlike the old saying, "don't give me a fish every day but teach how to fish." In a sense this will prevents poor nations from becoming independent. The extreme right, on the other hand, offers no charity and joins the left in denouncing trade. What is right? Is there a moderate wing? Dear friends, I have appreciated the feedback and always looking forward to encourage everyone to make us think. Talk to you next issue.

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