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THE POPE IN TURKEY



Pope Benedict XVI meets with Ali Bardakoglu, secular Turkey's top religious official and one of his strongest critics, yesterday. Bardakoglu, in a speech, lamented a rise in "Islamophobia" that he blamed for some linking his faith to violence.

Appeal for brotherhood

After angering Muslims in a speech in September, Benedict XVI begins his visit with conciliatory gestures.

BY TRACY WILKINSON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

ANKARA, Turkey — Benedict XVI set off on his most difficult papal journey yesterday, traveling to this predominantly Muslim country, lavishing his hosts with friendly overtures and softening his opposition to Turkey's membership in the European Union. Apparently hoping to soothe anger over what many Turks see as

an anti-Islamic bias, the pope called for "brotherhood" and healthy dialogue with Muslims, and he repeatedly etched out the common ground shared by Islam and Christianity.

"The best way forward is via authentic dialogue between Christians and Muslims, based on truth and inspired by a sincere wish to know one another better," the pope said, "strengthening the bonds of affection between us in our common wish to live together in harmony, peace and mutual trust."

He did not, however, back away from the message central to his world view, choosing a speech to the Ankara-based diplomatic corps to denounce violence cloaked in religious fervor and to make a plea for broader religious freedom, especially for minority Christian communities.

Security for Benedict's first trip to a Muslim country was tight. Ev-

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Memo cites doubts about Iraqi leader

The secret U.S. document says that Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki, who meets with President Bush today in Jordan, may be unable or unwilling to end the violence in his country.

BY MICHAEL R. GORDON
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — A classified memorandum by President Bush's national security adviser expressed serious doubts about whether Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki had the capacity to control the sectarian violence in Iraq and recommended that the United States take new steps to strengthen the Iraqi leader's position.

The Nov. 8 memo was prepared for Mr. Bush and his top deputies by Stephen J. Hadley, the national security adviser, and senior aides on the staff of the National Security Council after a trip by Hadley to Baghdad.

The memo suggests that if al-Maliki fails to carry out a series of specified steps, it may ultimately be necessary to press him to reconfigure his parliamentary bloc, a step the United States could support by providing "monetary support to mod-



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erate groups," and by sending thousands of additional American troops to Baghdad to make up for what the document suggests is a current shortage of Iraqi forces.

The memo presents an unwavering portrait of al-Maliki and notes that he relies for some of his political support on leaders of more extreme Shiite groups. The five-page document, classified secret, is based in part on a one-to-one meeting between Hadley and al-Maliki on Oct. 30.

"His intentions seem good when he talks with Americans, and sensitive reporting suggests he is trying to stand up to the Shiite hierarchy and force positive change," the memo said of the Iraqi leader. "But the reality

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Judge set to hear challenge to ballot recount procedures

A candidate for East Providence City Council wants permission to manually inspect some ballots.

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PROVIDENCE — The first major challenge to state election policy since electronic voting machines were introduced eight years ago will be heard today in Superior Court.

Since the state Board of Elections purchased Optech scanners in 1998, replacing the decades-old, mechanical lever machines, election recounts have been limited to the re-feeding of paper ballots into voting machines.

But this month, two candidates — Joseph Larisa Jr. of East

Providence and Allan W. Fung of Cranston — challenged that policy, asking for permission to manually inspect ballots that cannot be read by the machines.

In a Nov. 14 ruling, Judge Stephen J. Fortunato Jr. sided with the candidates, rejecting pleas from state election officials who cautioned against second-guessing the Optech scanners.

Fortunato ordered the Board of Elections to segregate and be limited to the re-feeding of paper ballots into voting machines.

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ACI officials balk at distributing condoms in prison

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As the rate of black Americans contracting HIV rises along with the rate of black males incarcerated in the nation's prisons, an AIDS advocacy group is recommending curbing the virus through voluntary tests of prisoners for HIV and by distributing condoms in jails.

National Minority AIDS Council are intended to help inmates who test positive for the virus and protect others from becoming infected by risky sex in jail — or from infecting others when they are released from prison. These recommendations could affect the spread of the virus through the black community, where more than half of the new HIV cases have been diagnosed,

according to the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention.

But in Rhode Island, where inmates are routinely tested for HIV and given free medical care and counseling, corrections officials balk at handing out condoms. Sex is forbidden at the Adult Correctional Institutions, said Ellen Alexander, assistant director of administration at the Department of Corrections. "It's our po-

sition, if we provide condoms we'd be condoning coercive sex," Alexander said.

The infectious diseases specialist who works with the prisoners also says that distributing condoms is a difficult political sell. "It's a great idea, but how much public benefit are you getting to get from it?" questioned

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Officials decry trafficking of women for sex

Up to 100 women are living in squalid conditions in Providence massage parlors.

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PROVIDENCE — The global problem of human trafficking in the sex industry touched down in Providence last night as a ranking police official outlined the growth of brothels masquerading as massage parlors in the city in recent years. Maj. Stephen Campbell, commander of the Providence police investigative bureau, informed a rap audience that there are about 75 to 100 South Korean women provid-

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Lt. Governor-elect Elizabeth Roberts visits outgoing Lt. Gov. Charles Fogarty yesterday to check out the office and talk about the transition.

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Fogarty leaving with no regrets

The lieutenant governor — who came within 2 percentage points of unseating Governor Carcieri — hints at another run in 2010.

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Charles J. Fogarty had hoped for a short move in January, up one flight of white marble stairs to the governor's office. His transition will be far more dramatic — out of the State House in which he has served for 16 years as a legislator and as the state's lieutenant governor, after a 2-point loss to Governor Carcieri on Election Day.

The empty cardboard boxes stacked in his office earlier this week probably will be packed with his photographs and political knickknacks; Fogarty will leave state government, for now. What comes next, he's not sure. Maybe a job

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Meet three of the men who will perform in area productions of *The Nutcracker* ballet during this holiday season. **G6**

