

# Kyrgyzstan to close U.S. airbase in 2014

Kyrgyzstan's president-elect Almazbek Atambayev has said the Manas airbase – a key logistical hub for the U.S. war effort in Afghanistan – puts the ex-Soviet nation at risk of retaliatory strikes and needs to close by 2014

C-17

## Northern Distribution Network (NDN)

U.S. aims to bring 75 percent of non-lethal cargo into Afghanistan via overland routes through Russia and Central Asia by end of 2011

## Manas airbase

Home to 1,200 personnel. Used by U.S. since 2001 as staging post for troops and cargo bound for Afghanistan. Operates **C-17** transport aircraft and **KC-135** refuelling planes

