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 Manas airbase Home to 1.200 personnel. Used Northern by U.S. since **Distribution Network (NDN) KAZAKHSTAN** 2001 as staging U.S. aims to bring 75 percent of post for troops non-lethal cargo into Afghanistan via Bishkek and cargo bound overland routes through Russia and for Afghanistan. Central Asia by end of 2011 Operates C-17 KYRGYZSTAN transport aircraft and **KC-135 CHINA** refuelling planes **UZBEKISTAN TAJIKISTAN** TURKMENISTAN Termez Khyber Pass Bagram (4) airbase **■** Islamabad Kabul INDIA **IRAN AFGHANISTAN Pakistan** transit routes Kandahar U.S. brings in 250km only 35 percent of **PAKISTAN** 150 miles its Afghan supplies Quetta through Pakistan Air supply routes due to risk from militant attacks Overland routes Sources: IISS, wire agencies © GRAPHIC NEWS