Biometric Standards for the Future

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Ahmed Shah Massood
Afgahn opposition chief in serious condition
September 10, 2001

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The military chief of forces fighting Afghanistan's ruling Taliban was unconscious and in serious condition with head injuries Monday following a suicide bombing attack, his brother said.

Ahmed Shah Massood, 48, underwent emergency surgery at a hospital in Tajikistan after two men posing as journalists detonated a bomb that may have been hidden in a television camera. The blast Sunday in northern Afghanistan killed both bombers and one of Massood's spokesmen, said Bismillah Khan, another Massood spokesman.

… According to Ahmed Wali, Massood's brother and the opposition's ambassador in Britain, the suicide bombers were traveling on Belgian passports, with a multiple Pakistani visa issued by the Pakistan embassy in London.
“Connect the Dots”

9/10/2001

9/11 Terrorist Attacks

U.S. Gov’t Response

Focus on DOJ/FBI, new mission of anti-terrorism

Imperative: “Connect the dots”

Justice CIO:
- Information Sharing
- Mission enablement
- Enterprise solutions

Coordinate w/ Interpol, DOS, DHS, DOD and international partners:

Belgian passports
Mission - DOJ

- Protect against the threat of terrorism
- Enforce federal criminal laws
- Prevent and reduce crime and violence by assisting state, tribal, local, and community-based programs
Mission – OCIO

- Provide information technology leadership that advances the Department of Justice’s mission, improves management effectiveness, and delivers superior results to the Department’s employees and U.S. citizens
A Changed World

- Biometric identifiers are not just for criminals anymore
- Biometrics are used for identity proofing, credentialing, and information sharing
- Agencies want easy and secure ways to prove identity, protect personal data, and share information – and so do users
Biometrics Are Now

- OPM: Employee/Contractor Information
- DHS: Immigrant/Non-immigrant Information
- FBI: IAFIS
- DOS: U.S. Citizen and Foreign Traveler Information
- DOD: Military and Combat Information
- More...
Standards are Key

- Critical program planning and operational issues are driven by standards – or the lack of standards
  - Maximize performance or interoperability?
  - Backward compatibility with legacy systems?
  - Standard metrics for image quality?
  - XML for biometric data?
  - More ….
Closing Thoughts

- The work you do here in the next few days makes a difference – it guides both agency decisions and vendor product development.

- Keep asking the difficult questions and continue working together to find ways to meet the challenges and questions before you.