US claims gains in drug war

Federal drug policy chief Bob Martinez said yesterday that "victory is within our grasp" in the war on drugs.

He was speaking at a Washington, D.C., panel on the effectiveness of drug enforcement. Martinez, who is responsible for the war on drugs, was asked by the panel to describe the current state of the drug war.

He said, "The situation is improving, but we have a long way to go. We need to continue to increase our efforts." He added, "We need to be more creative in our approach and not just rely on traditional methods."