

# Israeli forces raid jail, sparking violence



AP PHOTO

A vehicle burns after being set on fire by protesters next to the British Council building in Gaza City on Tuesday.

## Palestinians blame U.S., Britain for prison incident

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### JERICHO, West Bank

Israeli troops using tanks, helicopters and bulldozers pounded a Palestinian-run prison in the West Bank on Tuesday to seize a Palestinian militant leader and his accomplices in the assassination of an Israeli Cabinet minister.

The dramatic 10-hour standoff

ignited an unprecedented spasm of violence against foreigners across the Palestinian areas.

Aid workers, teachers and journalists took refuge at Palestinian security headquarters in Gaza as militants attacked offices linked to the U.S. and Europe, burning cars and torching the British Council building in Gaza City.

Gunmen kidnapped at least 10 foreigners, including an American professor, who were held at an abandoned cemetery; after nightfall, three were still in captivity: two French citizens and a South Korean journalist.

Angry Palestinians blamed the British and Americans for the raid: British monitors left the jail 20 minutes before the Israelis arrived

Tuesday morning, citing concerns for their own safety. Three Palestinians were killed in the assault.

Israel denied coordinating the attack with the United States or Britain. It said recent statements by Palestinian officials and Hamas leaders of plans to release its most-wanted prisoners, combined with the withdrawal of the monitors, forced it to act.

Incoming Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, a Hamas leader, called the raid "a dangerous escalation against the Palestinian leaders and freedom fighters."

Israel was targeting Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine leader Ahmed Saadat, who ordered the assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi in

2001, and several other militants accused of carrying out the killing. Saadat was elected to the Palestinian legislature in January.

"There were clear indications these killers would be set free," said Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev. "We had to act to make sure these killers would stay under lock and key."

In addition to the five men implicated in Zeevi's murder, Israel also seized Fuad Shobaki, the mastermind of an illegal weapons shipment to the Palestinian Authority several years ago, and 15 other militants, said Maj. Gen. Yair Naveh, the chief of Israel's central command.

Israeli government spokesman Raanan Gissin said the men would be put on trial.



AP PHOTO

Exxon-Mobil Corp. chairman Rex Tillerson speaks to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

## Oil execs defend mergers, prices

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### WASHINGTON

Top executives from the country's largest oil companies rejected arguments Tuesday that size has allowed them overwhelming market power to force up gasoline and other fuel prices.

The executives, appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, each said that the industry mergers, a dozen during the past decade, have allowed U.S. companies to improve efficiency and achieve the size and scale of operation to compete with the world's government-owned energy companies in the search for oil.

"Every time there is a merger the prices have gone up. Is that just coincidence?" asked Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the committee's ranking Democrat.

Rex Tillerson, chairman of Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest publicly traded oil company, had anticipated the question in his opening remarks.

"With respect to ... whether mergers and acquisitions in our industry have contributed to higher prices at the pump, my answer is no," said Tillerson, whose company earned \$36 billion last year.

Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he wanted to know why retail gasoline costs increased 11 cents a gallon during the last two weeks even as crude oil prices were holding steady or declining. He let the executives respond later in writing.

Specter also said he hopes soon to consider legislation to strengthen antitrust laws on oil company mergers to allow closer scrutiny of their impact on competition.

## Former state judge dies at age 91

The Associated Press

### INDIANAPOLIS

Former federal Judge S. Hugh Dillin, who oversaw the desegregation of the Indianapolis schools during more than three decades on the bench, has died at the age of 91.

Dillin died Monday in Cambridge, Mass., where a daughter lived, court officials said.

He grew up in the southwestern Indiana town of Petersburg and was nominated as a district court judge for the southern Indiana district in 1961 by President Kennedy.

Perhaps Dillin's most controversial case was his 1973 order that the Indianapolis Public Schools begin busing students between schools to achieve racial desegregation. He expanded the eight years later by requiring the district to send 5,600 black students a year to six suburban Marion County school districts.

That busing continued until Dillin approved an agreement in 1998 to phase out the busing of students to the suburban schools.

## THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM



AP PHOTO

Unidentified masked gunmen fire at a government building in Ramadi, Iraq, on Tuesday. As the violence continues in Iraq, police

have found the bodies of at least 87 men who were killed. The deaths appear to be revenge for an attack in Sadr City two days earlier.

# 87 bodies found spur fear of civil war in Iraq

## Troop increases a possibility

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### BAGHDAD, Iraq

Iraqi authorities discovered at least 87 corpses, men shot to death execution-style, as Iraq edged closer to open civil warfare. Twenty-nine of the bodies, dressed only in underwear, were dug out of a single grave Tuesday in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad.

The bloodshed appeared to be retaliation for a bomb and mortar attack in the Sadr City, Iraq, slum that killed at least 58 people and wounded more

than 200 two days earlier.

Iraq's Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, meanwhile, said security officials had foiled a plot that would have put hundreds of al-Qaida men at critical guard posts around Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, home to the U.S. and other foreign embassies, as well as the Iraqi government.

A senior Defense Ministry official said the 421 al-Qaida fighters were recruited to storm the U.S. and British embassies and take hostages. Several ranking Defense Ministry officials have been jailed in the plot, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday that he

had not received anything definitive on the report but cautioned that earlier accounts are often adjusted later on.

Rumsfeld hinted that U.S. troop levels may increase slightly in Iraq in the coming days because of pilgrimages connected to the holiday of Ashura.

The holiday, which ends March 20, includes pilgrimages to holy sites in Najaf and Karbala. Increased attacks marked the celebration during 2004 and 2005.

Rumsfeld said Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. military officer in Iraq, "may decide he wants to bulk up slightly for the pilgrimage." He did not elaborate.

Iraqi police began unearthing bodies early Monday, although the discoveries were not im-

mediately reported. The gruesome finds continued throughout the day Tuesday, police said, marking the second wave of sectarian killings since bombers destroyed an important Shiite shrine last month.

In the mayhem after the golden dome atop the Askariya shrine in Samarra was destroyed on Feb. 22, more than 500 people have been killed, many of them Sunni Muslims and their clerics. Dozens of mosques were damaged or destroyed.

Also Tuesday, the U.S. military reported the deaths of two more soldiers in fighting in Anbar province. The soldiers, assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, were killed Monday.

## State lacked coal mine inspections during 2005

The Associated Press

### INDIANAPOLIS

A state official acknowledges that required state inspections of Indiana's seven underground coal mines were not conducted for at least a year before the deaths of 12 workers in a West Virginia mine.

State law requires quarterly inspections of Indiana's underground mines, but state labor Commissioner Miguel Rivera said he called off those reviews because

they duplicated work by federal inspectors and he wanted to devote resources from the state Bureau of Mines on other priorities.

"I made that call," Rivera told WTHR-Channel 13 for a story Monday. "Our focus is on training miners and mine rescue."

Rivera, who was appointed by Gov. Mitch Daniels last year to head the Labor Department, sent a letter to the agency's sole mine inspector just days after the West Virginia deaths in January, instructing him to commence

inspection of the Indiana mines at least four times a year.

John Alaria, who as deputy commissioner of the state's Bureau of Mines was the agency's sole employee, protested in a Jan. 9 letter to Rivera that he had been told for months to defer inspections to the federal agency and that one person could not handle the ordered work load.

Indiana is the nation's eighth-largest coal producer, with about 1,500 workers in mines concentrated around Vincennes in the south-

western part of the state.

Alaria inspected all seven mines in seven weeks after Rivera's order, spending no more than four days at any one mine, WTHR reported. The state mining bureau, which state law says should have a director and a chief mine inspector, has no workers after Alaria resigned last week to take a job at a mining company.

Rivera said he already has made an offer to a potential replacement for Alaria and hoped to have the job filled within 10 days.

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