

# Bombings blamed on al-Qaida

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 BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents fired a rocket at the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition Monday night after gunmen killed seven Iraqi policemen in a pair of attacks west of Baghdad. A senior Iraqi official blamed al-Qaida for many of the suicide bombings around the country in recent weeks.

In the north, military divers searched the muddy waters of the Tigris River for three missing U.S. soldiers, including two pilots of an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter that crashed Sunday in Mosul during rescue operations after a patrol boat capsized.

It was the fifth U.S. helicopter lost in Iraq this month.

Strong explosions reverberated through the heart of this troubled capital about 10:35 p.m., followed by sirens and a recorded message warning those in the coalition headquarters compound known as the Green Zone to "take cover."

A coalition official said at least one rocket, apparently fired from across the Tigris, exploded in a parking lot near the Republican Palace, used by the U.S.'s top civilian administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, and senior coalition staff, but it caused no damage or casualties.

The attack occurred three days after a U.N. security assessment team arrived in Baghdad to determine whether it is safe for the United Nations to return its international staff to Iraq.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan withdrew international staff last year following two vehicle bombings against the U.N. headquarters here — including the Aug. 19 attack that killed 22 people, among them the top U.N. envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

The attack on the Green Zone took place a day after seven policemen were slain in two separate attacks at checkpoints around the

city of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad in the Sunni Triangle, a center of resistance to the U.S.-run occupation. Iraqi police who reported the attacks made no mention of any insurgent casualties.

Attacks against U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies have persisted despite the Dec. 13 arrest of Saddam Hussein, who was captured near his hometown of Tikrit. Many of the victims have been Iraqi civilians.

One Iraqi man was killed Monday when he stepped on a roadside bomb as he got off a bus in a Baghdad suburb, Iraqi Civil Defense Corps 2nd Lt. Mustafa Tariq said. The explosion wounded three other passengers, one critically, and left the bus badly mangled, he said.

Late Monday, a roadside bomb exploded in a west Baghdad neighborhood, wounding one civilian and damaging at least three vehicles, witnesses said.

Monday, Two projectiles exploded for the second straight day at the U.S. military base in Kirkuk, Iraqi police said, but there were no reports of damage or casualties. Witnesses also reported explosions near a Spanish garrison outside of Najaf, but the Spanish Defense Ministry said the base was not attacked.

Earlier Monday, the government minister in charge of internal security blamed al-Qaida for some of the attacks, especially suicide car bombings throughout the country. These include the Aug. 19 truck bombing at the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22 people, among them the top U.N. envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

Interior Minister Nouri Badran offered no specific evidence to support his claim, and U.S. military officials have said they believe the overwhelming majority of attacks have been the work of Iraqis loyal to Hussein.

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  - 10 Eng. honor
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  - 12 Location of the Great Mosque
  - 13 Ginger cookies
  - 21 Yours and mine
  - 22 Inventor Howe
  - 26 Stooge name
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  - 28 Lab procedure
  - 29 According to contract
  - 30 Cattle marking
  - 31 Workout figs.
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  - 34 "Exodus" writer
  - 35 "And Then There Were ..."
  - 37 Wound marks
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  - 41 Attester
  - 42 Turner of Hollywood
  - 43 Ballroom dance
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  - 51 Greek Cupid
  - 52 Objectives
  - 53 Warsaw native
  - 54 Inactive
  - 55 "East of ..."
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# Justices' ruling clarifies Miranda rights

## Larger question left unanswered

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Supreme Court told police Monday not to try to wrest confessions from criminal suspects facing formal charges without telling them they have a right to see a lawyer.

Justices ruled unanimously that officers who want information from indicted people must be upfront in telling them of their legal rights, a victory for a Nebraska man who claimed he was tricked into talking to officers who came to his house to arrest him on drug charges.

"There was some fuzziness in the law about precisely what police officers could and could not do," said Washington attorney Seth Waxman, appointed by the court to represent the drug defendant. "I don't think it will be difficult at all for responsible officers to comply

with this."

When officers came to his home in Lincoln, Neb., four years ago, John Fellers sat on his couch and talked freely about getting into drugs after the breakup of his marriage and business problems. After he was taken to jail, he was advised of his so-called Miranda rights that begin with the familiar refrain, "You have the right to remain silent."

That was too late, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the 9-0 decision.

She said that under the Constitution's Sixth Amendment, Fellers was entitled to know he could see an attorney. Had he waived that right, she wrote, he still could have confessed without a lawyer present.

Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, said the ruling will not disrupt police interrogations.

Fellers was sentenced to more than 12 years in federal prison after being convicted of conspiring

to distribute methamphetamine. He fought the conviction, even serving as his own attorney in appealing to the Supreme Court.

Justices dodged part of the case that asked if a jailhouse interview of Fellers was tainted by the improper initial questioning. The Supreme Court said a lower court should reconsider that issue, considering the ruling that the first questioning was unconstitutional.

"It's a disappointment. They left the interesting point unresolved," Scheidegger said.

The American Bar Association was among groups that urged the court to use Fellers' case to make clear that people facing charges must be told they have a right to see an attorney.

The Bush administration had argued that the discussion at Fellers' house was not an interrogation.

O'Connor said, however, "there is no question that the officers in this case deliberately elicited information" from Fellers, who is now in prison in Minnesota. His lawyer told him by phone about the decision.

Monday's decision was the first of four rulings expected from the Supreme Court this year to clarify the court's landmark 1966 *Miranda v. Arizona* ruling.

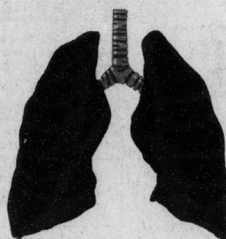
"It leaves a much bigger question than the one it answered. It answered one that most people thought had already been answered," said Susan Klein, a University of Texas law professor.

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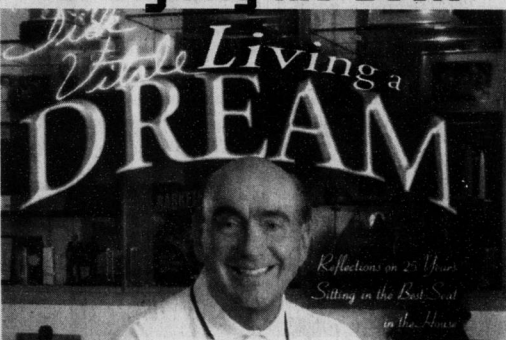
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