

# Attacks by Shiites kill dozen troops, 66 Iraqis

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NAJAF, Iraq — Iraqi insurgents and rebellious Shiites mounted a string of attacks across the south and fought pitched battles against Marines in the turbulent city of Fallujah on Tuesday. As many as a dozen Marines, two more coalition soldiers and at least 66 Iraqis were reported killed.

Reports from the city of Ramadi, near Fallujah, said dozens of Iraqis attacked a Marine position near the governor's palace, a senior defense official said from Washington, D.C. "A significant number" of Marines were killed, and initial reports indicate it might be as many as a dozen, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

U.S. authorities also launched a crackdown on radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his militia after a series of weekend uprisings in Baghdad and cities and towns to the south that took a heavy toll in both American and Iraqi lives. The fighting marks the first major out-

break of violence between the U.S.-led occupation force and the Shiites since Baghdad fell a year ago.

Two more coalition soldiers — an American in Baghdad and a Ukrainian in Kut — were killed in fighting. The deaths brought the three-day total to about 30 Americans and 136 Iraqis killed in the worst fighting since the war that toppled Saddam Hussein.

In the Ramadi fighting, heavy casualties were inflicted on the insurgents as well, officials said. It was not immediately known who the attackers were, nor whether the attack was related to fighting under way in nearby Fallujah.

On the Fallujah front, Marines drove into the center of the Sunni city in heavy fighting before pulling back before nightfall. The assault had been promised after the brutal killings and mutilations of four American civilians there last week. Hospital officials said eight Iraqis died Tuesday and 20 were wound-

ed, including women and children.

U.S. warplanes firing rockets destroyed four houses in Fallujah after nightfall Tuesday, witnesses said. A doctor said 26 Iraqis, including women and children, were killed and 30 wounded in the strike. The deaths brought to 34 the number of Iraqis killed in Fallujah on Tuesday, including eight who died in street battles earlier in the day.

The dusty, Euphrates River city 35 miles west of Baghdad is a stronghold of the anti-U.S. insurgency that sprang up shortly after Hussein's ouster a year ago.

With fighting intensifying ahead of the June 30 handover of power to an Iraqi government, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said U.S. commanders in Iraq would get additional troops if needed. None has asked so far, he said.

State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli said al-Sadr and his followers were not representative of a religious cause but of "political gangsterism."

# Top Haitian leader arrested

Ex-minister suspected in Feb. killings

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's interior minister was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of orchestrating the killings of several people presumed to be Aristide opponents, officials said.

The arrest of Joceleme Privert, the highest ranking official to be detained since Aristide's departure Feb. 29, comes as former government leaders and members of Aristide's political party have complained that Haiti's interim leaders are targeting them.

"I hope this is done with due process because if not it appears to be a witch hunt," said Leslie Voltaire, a former Aristide Cabinet member.

"We don't think it's a good step for rebuilding the country."

Privert was accused in the mid-

February killings of several suspected Aristide opponents in St. Marc, a northern port city where violence flared before the armed rebellion that pushed Aristide from power, the new government said.

Although Privert allegedly conspired to kill several people in the town, officials did not say how many people were killed, nor did they provide names of those allegedly slain.

"The procedure is going to follow its normal course," Interim Justice Minister Bernard Gousse told The Associated Press.

Privert was being held at the national penitentiary. Law requires that he hear the charges against him within 48 hours.

Penitentiary Inspector Olmaile Bien-Aime said Privert's cell was being guarded by U.S. Marines

who are part of a peacekeeping force, but U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Mara Tekach-Bell denied the claim, saying, "He's not in our hands."

Earlier this year, the United States canceled Privert's U.S. tourist visa but did not explain why.

The United States has canceled the visas of more than a dozen Aristide government officials in the past year, some because of alleged connections to drug trafficking.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said during a one-day visit Monday that U.S. judicial authorities were investigating Aristide on corruption charges.

"There are inquiries being made by our judicial authorities in the U.S. to see if there is any evidence of wrongdoing," Powell said in a news conference.

It was unclear whether the U.S. government is investigating other members of Aristide's government.

# 8 convicted for murder in Jordan

U.S. worker's death tied to Qaida cell

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AMMAN, Jordan — Eight al-Qaida-linked militants were convicted and sentenced to death Tuesday in the murder of a U.S. aid employee in 2002, but six of them, including a Jordanian terror chief, remain at large.

The slaying of Laurence Foley in 2002 stunned Jordan, a close U.S. ally and peace partner with Israel. A subsequent police crackdown exposed a terrorist cell that allegedly had planned Foley's assassination as the first of several attacks inside the Arab country.

A U.S. Embassy issued a statement thanking Jordanian authorities for "bringing those responsible for Larry's murder to justice" after the 10 month trial.

The statement vowed to remain resolved to continue his work to improve the lives of ordinary Jordanians and to bring the

people of our two nations closer together."

Foley, a 60-year-old Amman-based administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development, was gunned down outside his Amman home Oct. 28, 2002.

Military court president Col. Fawaz Buqour sentenced Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, also known as Ahmed al-Khalayleh, and seven other Arabs to death for conspiring to murder Foley.

Al-Zarqawi is thought to be a close associate of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. He and five others remain at large.

The Libyan man accused of pulling the trigger, Salem bin Suweid, and the driver of the getaway car, Jordanian Yasser Freihat, were in court.

So were three Jordanians charged with conspiracy.

Mohammed Amin Abu-Saeed and Mohammed De'mes received terms of six and 15 years respectively, while Numan al-Hirsh was acquitted after the court found that there was no evidence implicating him in the conspiracy.

Standing in the dock wearing dark blue prison uniforms, the five men shouted "Allahu Akbar," or "God is great," and "This verdict is unfair" as Buqour read it out. A military helicopter hovered above the courthouse.

The men had pleaded innocent and had told the court their confessions had been extracted under duress.

Sameeh Khreis, lawyer for the defendants, said the four men sentenced Tuesday will appeal the verdicts.

U.S. officials have offered a \$10 million reward for the capture of al-Zarqawi, who is thought to be trying to build a network of foreign militants in neighboring Iraq working on behalf of al-Qaida.

## THE Daily Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Ran in the wash
- 5 Lethal weapons
- 9 Wet and spongy
- 14 Ethereal
- 15 Stand by
- 16 Pal of Kukla and Fran
- 17 Storm
- 20 Cheerless
- 21 Parker of "South Park"
- 22 "Peggy" Got Married
- 23 Cuts grass
- 25 Unmasks
- 27 Furthermore
- 30 Cassowary cousin
- 32 Bar bill
- 33 Concession
- 34 Talent broker
- 36 Fingerprint line
- 40 Discourage
- 43 Flight of fancy
- 44 Freshwater ducks
- 45 Protest vote
- 46 To the — degree
- 48 Outer edge
- 49 Ecclesiastical court
- 50 Overnight flights
- 54 Evening in ads
- 56 Trinidad sprinter Boldon
- 57 Kampuchea's neighbor
- 59 Triangular insert in a gar-

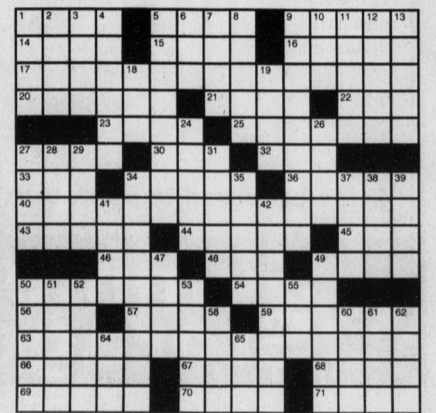
- ment
- 63 Indulge
- 66 Assign blame to
- 67 Prepare copy
- 68 Unilluminated
- 69 Spectacle
- 70 Refute
- 71 Past spouses

### DOWN

- 1 Exalted poet
- 2 Makeup specialist?
- 3 Niagara Falls feeder
- 4 Live wire
- 5 Hold on tight!
- 6 Turncoat
- 7 Fine drops
- 8 Extended gaze
- 9 An arm and a leg
- 10 Past one's prime
- 11 Luster
- 12 Lively dance
- 13 Affirmative responses

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 ELLA LAIN AFOOT  
 ELAN ERGO LOCKE  
 SADDLESHOES KER  
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 DAM STOOLPIGEON  
 ERASE WRAP LAUD  
 AIRER NEVE ESSE  
 RAKES SOAR TEED

- 18 —Magnon
- 19 Waiting-room call
- 24 Silvery food fish
- 26 Stage award
- 27 Small vipers
- 28 Closed circuit
- 29 Goad
- 31 Subordinate to
- 34 Welder's gas
- 35 Clemens nom de plume
- 37 Connelly movie
- 38 Billy or nanny
- 39 "Only Time" singer
- 41 French painter Magritte
- 42 Omnipotent
- 47 Listen to
- 49 Live
- 50 Wood files
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