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PLO military operations official killed

From Associated Press reports

JERUSALEM — Israeli sources said Sunday that Israeli agents had assassinated Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official Khalil al-Wazir, the No. 2 man in the organization who headed the uprising in the occupied territories.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir declined to comment.

The sources said the operation was carried out jointly by the Mossad intelligence service, the Israeli Army and an elite commando unit. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

They said it had been postponed several times before Saturday.

Al-Wazir, who was in charge of the PLO's military operations against

Israel, was shot to death Saturday at his home in the Tunis suburb of La Marsa by an eight-member squad.

PLO officials blamed Israel, saying the killing was designed to demoralize Palestinians and end PLO-directed protests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, co-leader on the coalition government, said in an interview on Israeli radio that he hoped al-Wazir's assassination would not affect peace efforts.

Apparently referring to al-Wazir, he added: "We have to uproot violence as a . . . factor that delays a political development. People who use violence will in the end see the

limits of violence. It leads nowhere."

NBC television said Shamir, Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin approved the assassination after Fatah guerrillas hijacked a bus and killed three Israelis in southern Israel's Negev desert last month.

Former intelligence officials and Israeli newspapers openly compared the assassination to Israel's April 1973 raid on PLO offices in Beirut in which three top PLO officials were killed.

They also noted Israel, not rival PLO factions or Arab regimes, had the ability to mount such a sophisticated operation 1,500 miles from its shores.

The 1973 slaying was aimed at Ali Hassan Salameh, known as Abu

Hassan, the PLO's security and intelligence chief who later died in a car bomb attack. Instead, al-Wazir's predecessor, Kamel Adwan, Fatah spokesman Kamal Nasser and Mohammed Abu Najjar, a key figure in the Black September terrorist group, were killed.

Three Israelis involved in the 1973 raid now hold senior security positions.

Israeli experts say al-Wazir was responsible for a list of bloody attacks such as the 1975 takeover of the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv in which 11 hostages were slain and a March 1978 bus hijacking in which 33 Israelis were killed and 82 wounded.

Race for nomination heats up as N.Y. primary approaches

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK — Jesse Jackson on Sunday accused his Democratic presidential opponents of inconsistent policies toward South Africa as the New York primary contest moved into its final hours with a flurry of ethnic campaigning.

With a new poll saying the race for New York's 255 Democratic convention delegates is tightening, Jackson, Michael Dukakis and Albert Gore aired their differences over policy toward South Africa and the Middle East, as well as funding for combating drugs.

The candidates also vowed to work for party unity, regardless of who wins the Democratic presidential nomination.

"It's Too Close To Call," proclaimed the New York Daily News in a front-page headline Sunday as it released the findings of its latest poll.

The overall poll numbers, based on responses from Democrats questioned Monday through Thursday, had Dukakis in front of Jackson, 51 percent to 37 percent, with Gore trailing at 10 percent.

However, the Daily News reported that in the final two days of polling, Gore had begun to pick up support at the expense of Dukakis.

Turnout will be the key, with a low turnout favoring Jackson, said N.Y. pollster Lee Miringoff, head of Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion.

Police crack down on gangs

LOS ANGELES — Police arrested 147 people in a weekend sweep aimed at street gangs as the movie "Colors," which some people fear will incite gang violence, opened with only a few minor disturbances, authorities said Sunday.

Trouble at a theater in Northern California and another in San Diego led to cancellation of the film, but few problems were reported in Los Angeles despite predictions that the portrayal of the local Crips and Bloods gangs would cause bloodshed.

A 200-member police task force Saturday night stopped suspected gang members on the street and checked for outstanding warrants, making 147 felony and

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misdeemeanor arrests. Seventy-three of those arrested were suspected gang members, said Officer Larry Judd.

"Colors," an Orion release starring Sean Penn and Robert Duvall as Los Angeles officers in a police anti-gang unit, opened at 425 theaters nationwide. Director Dennis Hopper employed real gang members as extras during filming and relied on off-duty officers as technical advisers.

Contra trial may affect pardon

WASHINGTON — The timing of the Iran-contra criminal trial of Oliver North and John Poindexter could play a major role in determining public reaction to a pardon by President Reagan, experts say.

However, the experts disagree whether a pre-trial or post-trial pardon — if Reagan should decide to take that course — would be more acceptable to Americans.

Some of the university professors and senators interviewed by The Associated Press said pardons before trial would be more acceptable. This way, the prosecution would not get a chance to bring out potentially damaging evidence.

But others said pardons before trial would bring an immediate assumption of guilt, and they suggested that Reagan await a conviction if he wants to forgive the defendants.

Prince pays get-well visit

DAVOS, Switzerland — Prince Charles has returned to Switzerland to visit a friend who suffered two broken legs in an avalanche that nearly engulfed the heir to Britain's throne.

Charles visited Patti Palmer-Tomkinson on Saturday evening at Davos Hospital, where she has been recovering since the March 10 tragedy involving the royal ski party.

Maj. Hugh Lindsay, a former aide to Queen Elizabeth and friend of the prince, was killed in the avalanche above the village of Klosters. Charles was leading a group of six down an extremely steep, unmarked slope when the avalanche hit.

Hostage urges authorities to release prisoners

From Associated Press reports

ALGIERS, Algeria — A passenger aboard a hijacked Kuwait Airways jumbo jet said Sunday about 35 hostages on the plane faced certain death if Kuwait refused to release 17 convicted terrorists.

"All the passengers are in good health. I hope the Kuwait government will act quickly to liberate the 17 young prisoners. Otherwise we all face a black end," said the man. He identified himself as Suleiman Farhan Doukhi.

Doukhi, who spoke Arabic in a firm voice, also sent "greetings to the Kuwait people, to my mother and

father and to all those who miss me."

The message appeared to be a recording.

On Friday, the hijackers brought two other passengers to the aircraft's radio to make similar statements to the control tower and one on Thursday.

Since the Bangkok to Kuwait flight was hijacked April 5, the hijackers have demanded the release of the 17 extremists, jailed for bombing the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait in December 1983.

Kuwait has rejected the demand.

The plane, carrying 112 passengers, first landed in Iran, where 57 hostages

were released and additional hijackers reportedly boarded the plane. The jet then went to Larnaca, Cyprus, where the gunmen killed two passengers and released 13.

On Tuesday night, it arrived in Algiers and on Friday the hijackers released an ailing hostage.

Algerian officials said Sunday that Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat was expected in Algiers but declined to say when he would arrive or whether he would play a role in the negotiations.

On the morning of the 13th day of the crisis, Algerian authorities abruptly expelled hundreds of print

and television reporters from the section of the VIP lounge where they had been staying for nearly a week.

Reporters moved into tents erected by Algerian security guards on the lawn near the lounge.

At about the same time, Algerian police, armed with pistols, took up position on the roof of the terminal building facing the plane. It was not clear why they had been dispatched.

One official, who refused to be identified by name, said the lounge was needed for Arab ambassadors expected to come to the airport for a possible expansion of the negotiations.

Rustlers caught after brutal camp massacre

From Associated Press reports

NAIROBI, Kenya — Rustlers armed with machetes and rifles raided nomad camps at dawn and killed 192 people and injured 50 in a remote part

of northwestern Kenya, the government said Sunday.

The rustlers stole about 3,500 cattle, sheep, goats and donkeys, officials said. Forty of the 50 rustlers

were captured and killed and about 3,000 animals were recovered.

The sky over the massacre scene was black with vultures. Hyenas and other wild animals ravaged the bodies of the victims, said the Sunday Nation, an independent newspaper.

Laban Kitele, a minister of state in the office of the president, said police tracked and killed about 40 of the 50 rustlers in a search aided by recent heavy rains in the district. The rest escaped across the border to Sudan.

Kitele said in a statement that the attackers were a well-armed "terror gang" of Sudanese from the Toposas tribe and Ndongiros from Ethiopia.

The attackers hit 30 nomadic camps about 30 miles west of the

border town of Lokichoggio on Wednesday. The semi-arid district, whose mountains and rugged valleys make it inaccessible by car, is near the borders of Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda.

Police recovered 3,000 of about 3,500 animals stolen by the rustlers, Kitele said.

On March 30, rustlers hacked 15 nomads to death in northern Kenya and stole 2,000 goats.

"Rustlers have lost all respect for human life to the extent that they will massacre human beings in cold blood," Kitele said. "I wish to warn anybody within Kenya or outside still harboring ideas of rustling to desist. . . . Government response to rustling will always be prompt and aggressive hot pursuit."

Rustling is a tradition among East Africa's nomadic tribes, who regularly cross borders in search of pasture for their animals.

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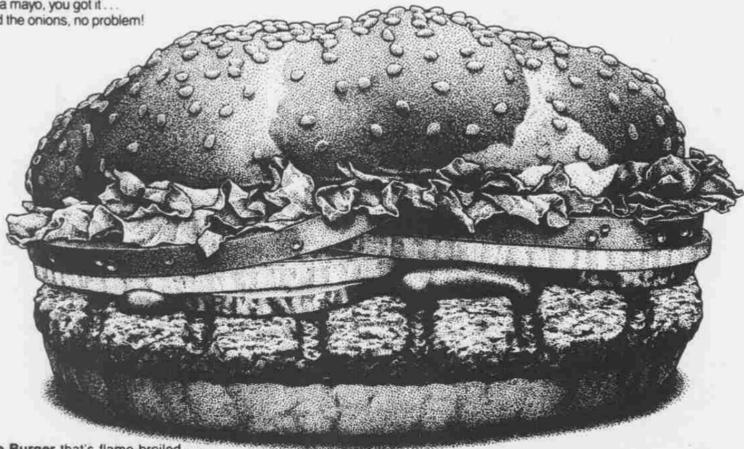
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