

# World and Nation

## U.S. forces attack Iranian oil platforms

From Associated Press reports

MANAMA, Bahrain — American forces destroyed two of Iran's Persian Gulf oil platforms Monday, sank or damaged four attack boats, and disabled two frigates that fired missiles at American planes, U.S. officials reported.

Iranian naval forces responded with attacks on Arab oil facilities; U.S., British and Cypriot commercial vessels; and a press helicopter chartered by NBC.

No American casualties were reported, but Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci said a Cobra attack helicopter with two crew members was late in returning to a Navy cruiser and a search had begun.

Monday's conflict between the United States and Iran was the most intense since President Reagan ordered last summer that Navy forces be strengthened in the gulf, where

Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 1980.

Washington called the destruction of the oil platform a "measured response" to the explosion of a mine, allegedly planted by Iran, that blew a hole in an American frigate last week and wounded 10 sailors.

Reagan said Monday's operations were a warning to Iran that "we will protest our ships and, if they threaten us, they'll pay a price. We undertook this section to make sure the Iranians have no illusions about the cost of irresponsible behavior."

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said there were deaths and injuries aboard the platform but it did not say how many.

In the ground war between Iran and Iraq, the Baghdad government claimed it regained most of the southern Faw peninsula that Iranian

forces captured more than two years ago, including the town of Faw. Iran claimed U.S. helicopter gunships fired at Iranian troops in the area and Tehran radio said "American forces have entered the war."

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Fred Hoffman denied the Iranian claims. No U.S. military forces have been involved with Iraqi units, he said.

On Reagan's instructions, at about 9 a.m., two groups of Navy warships struck the Iranian oil platforms Sassan and Sirri-D, 100 miles apart in the southern Persian Gulf.

They gave the Iranians advance warning to evacuate the platforms, which have been used as speedboat bases for attacks on neutral shipping. Reagan ordered the attacks as retaliation for the mine that holed the frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts on Thursday.

Both platforms were destroyed and left ablaze, one by naval gunfire and the other by explosives placed on it, according to statements in Washington.

The Iranian news agency said U.S. warships hit the Sassan platform at 9 a.m. and, 23 minutes later, the Nasr platform off nearby Sirri Island.

Sirri Island is one of the makeshift oil export terminals in southern waters to which Iran ferries oil from its main Kharg Island terminal in the northern gulf. Kharg had been a frequent target of Iraqi air raids.

The Iranian agency said Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati wrote a letter of protest to U.S. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that said, in part, "Iran will never submit to the policy of violence and will definitely respond to the cowardly U.S. attacks."

## Hostage aboard hijacked jet asks Kuwait to free prisoners

From Associated Press reports

ALGIERS, Algeria — A man identified as a member of Kuwait's royal family said Monday from the hijacked Kuwaiti jetliner that he hoped his government yields to the gunmen's demands to end the two-week ordeal.

Most of the brief radio message from the man the hijackers said was Fadel Khaled Al-Sabah was impossible to understand, except for the part about their demand that Kuwait free 17 pro-Iranian prisoners.

"I hope that Kuwait releases all the prisoners," the man said, speaking in Arabic in a feeble, halting voice. Kuwaiti officials insist they will not give in to the hijackers, who have killed two Kuwaiti passengers.

Hostages released earlier have said Al-Sabah is in worse condition than any of the other hostages aboard the jet, describing him as "the most psychologically broken down" and suffering from a stomach ailment.

The jumbo jet was hijacked while en route from Bangkok to Kuwait with 112 people aboard, and first diverted to Mashhad in northeastern Iran, where 57 passengers were freed. It came to Algiers' Houari Boumediene Airport on Wednesday.

Commission says air travel safe

WASHINGTON — A presidential commission concluded Monday that the U.S. air transport system is safe for the time being, but urged appointment of a "safety czar" in a newly independent Federal Aviation Administration whose officials would be insulated from political pressures.

"The nation's air transportation system is safe, for now," said John Albertine, chairman of the Aviation Safety Commission whose final report was issued after a nine-month study of the rapidly growing airline industry.

The report said there was widespread public concern about the safety of air travel, coinciding with burgeoning technological advances and a backlog of safety improvements waiting to be written into government regulations.

The panel recommended that

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the FAA expand its force of inspectors and begin conducting surprise inspections of airlines in addition to pre-announced examinations, to give the airlines "increased incentives to keep their day-to-day operations in close conformance with safety regulations."

Under the panel's plan, the FAA would be removed from the Transportation Department as an independent body with streamlined regulatory procedures and greater authority to manage its staff and purchase equipment.

Pro-choicers discuss church

WASHINGTON — The Roman Catholic Church's tax-exempt status gives it an unfair advantage in the political battle over abortion rights, the Supreme Court was told Monday.

The court was urged by a "pro-choice" coalition to keep alive an 8-year-old lawsuit that seeks to strip the church of its tax exemption because of its anti-abortion lobbying.

The suit is against the federal government, not the church.

The justices are being asked to decide whether the suit can go forward — not whether the church's tax exemption should be revoked. A decision is expected to be announced by July.

If the suit against the government is kept alive, the church faces \$100,000 a day in fines for its refusal to surrender documents sought by those suing.

Church officials and the Reagan administration urged the court to kill the lawsuit.

Several justices hinted that the case could be sent back to a federal appeals court for clarification of that court's views on the pro-choice coalition's legal standing to sue the government.

The pro-choice coalition said in its suit against the government that the tax breaks for the church violate a provision of the federal tax code barring any tax-exempt organization from spending money on political activities.

## Israeli court convicts man of Nazi war crimes

From Associated Press reports

JERUSALEM — Retired Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk was convicted Monday of Nazi war crimes by an Israeli court that said there was no doubt he was "Ivan the Terrible," a death camp guard who ran gas chambers that killed 850,000 Jews.

The three-judge court convicted Demjanjuk of the four counts against humanity and crimes against persecuted people.

Demjanjuk, 68, listened to the guilty verdict from a cot in a cell next to the courtroom. Six police officers had carried him there feet first after he said he was unable to sit down because of a back injury.

He was the second person to be

convicted of war crimes in Israel. Adolf Eichmann, architect of Adolf Hitler's "Final Solution" for the extermination of European Jewry, was hung in 1962, the only person to have been executed in Israel's 40-year history.

The Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk, who lived in suburban Cleveland before his extradition to Israel in 1986, could face the death penalty when he is sentenced April 25. Observers have said it was more likely he would receive a life prison term.

"We determine decisively and without hesitation or doubt that the accused John Demjanjuk who is on trial before us, is Ivan, known as 'Ivan the Terrible,' the operator of gas

chambers," said presiding Judge Dov Levine.

Defense attorneys have said they would appeal the verdict, which came after the court spent 11 hours reading the 450-page summation. Before it was announced, Demjanjuk's attorney and relatives said they expected a conviction.

"These are old-fashioned hanging judges," said Demjanjuk's son, John Jr. "It's a disgrace to the word justice."

"The writing is on the wall," added Demjanjuk's son-in-law, Ed Nishnic. "This is going to go down in history as the most lopsided case ever conducted anywhere in the world."

Defense attorney Yoram Sheftel said he told Demjanjuk last week

there was "no doubt" he would be convicted. "He accepted it," the lawyer added.

Jewish leaders praised the verdict.

"The trial was an affirmation of law and civility in response to the barbarity of the Holocaust," said Harry Wall, director of the Israel branch of the B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League, a major American-Jewish organization.

Demjanjuk maintained his innocence, saying he was a victim of mistaken identity and was not the infamous Treblinka guard who would stand near the gas chambers and strike prisoners with a metal bar or bayonet as they went to their deaths in 1942 and 1943.

## Strikes held to protest death of PLO leader

From Associated Press reports

JERUSALEM — Army curfews and strikes to protest the killing of a PLO leader paralyzed the occupied lands Monday, and hospital officials said soldiers shot two Arabs to death, including a woman who was taking her children home.

At least 160 Palestinians have been reported killed since riots began Dec. 8 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel has occupied since capturing them from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East War. An Israeli soldier and civilian also have been slain.

Israel ordered the closure of Jerusalem's only English-language magazine owned by Palestinians, alleging that it is financed and directed by terrorist organizations. Its managing editor denied the allegations.

Buildings in the West Bank were draped with black flags of mourning

for assassinated PLO leader Khalil al-Wazir. Hundreds of Palestinians paid condolence calls in Nablus to al-Wazir's cousin during three days of mourning, said Adnan Zahran of Nablus.

"Nablus is a city of ghosts," the 30-year-old engineer told The Associated Press by telephone from the West Bank's largest city, which was in its second day of curfew.

Al-Wazir, also called Abu Jihad (Father of the Holy War), was killed early Saturday by commandos who burst into his home in a suburb of

Tunis, Tunisia. News of the death inspired riots in the West Bank and Gaza in which 17 Palestinians were killed and more than 100 wounded. It was the bloodiest day in the territories since the rebellion began.

In a message to Arabs in the occupied lands, Palestinian Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat said al-Wazir, his chief aide

and the PLO's military commander, "fell, weapon in his hand, to the bullets of the Mossad gang." The Mossad is the Israeli secret service.

Official sources in Tunis said privately Monday that investigators concluded Israel had conducted the operation against al-Wazir and Tunisia would make a formal complaint to the United Nations Security Council.

## Hardin

a member of the Student Government's Elections Board.

Dormitories were overcrowded and lacked heat, paint peeled from walls, walls crumbled, broken windows and toilets were not fixed, furniture was old and battered, and some rooms did not have desks for the first semester, said Oligino, O'Rourke and other students.

"Trying to get a repair around here was like beating your head against the wall," O'Rourke said.

Keg parties were also restricted in dormitories, angering students who felt the Drew administration was insensitive to their needs, said Josh Abrams, a senior.

"They don't care about the fun we have here," Abrams said. "The students should be a bigger priority here."

Students were not consulted about the new alcohol policy, Abrams said.

"We were getting screwed over because we weren't getting what we deserved," he said. "We deserve responsibilities for the money we're paying."

"(Hardin) is a great speaker," he said. "He seems to be able to say the right thing to make everyone feel good, but I don't really see a lot there. He says his door is open and come by and see him, but that's the extent of it," Abrams said.

Others, however, praised Hardin for his willingness to listen and be sympathetic to student problems.

Oligino said Hardin often sat in on Student Government meetings.

"He was very responsive," Oligino

said of Hardin's attitude toward student protests. "There was no real animosity toward Hardin, but toward the administration as a whole."

O'Rourke said Hardin was "very fair and very supportive" of The Movement.

Once the administration began to make changes, The Movement disbanded, O'Rourke said.

"He admitted things could have been better handled," she said. "That was the directness I thought was really nice."

On one occasion, that directness took the form of anger during a "town meeting," O'Rourke said.

The meeting was a gathering at Drew where students were given a chance to question administrators.

At the meeting, students complained that there wasn't anything to do socially on campus, Abrams said.

"(Hardin) said, 'We have a great library,' and a murmur went through the crowd," Abrams said. "He lost his famed composure and said, 'Don't give me that,' and walked away for

a second, then came back and said he was sorry for getting angry."

That's typical of Hardin, Abrams said. "His answer to the social life problem was 'what a great library we have.'"

In a recent interview, Hardin said Abrams' version of what happened at the meeting was "totally false."

"There was hissing and an undertone of ridicule when an administrator stood up to speak," Hardin said. "I was furious because the administrator whom they directed their hissing and rude noises against was a very fine administrator who happens to be black. I felt there was an undertone of racism in their reaction and I said so."

The students' complaints about housing conditions were justified, Hardin said.

In the summer, a new management company took over building and grounds maintenance, Hardin said, and the university was too tolerant of their slow response to problems.

"I'm not dean of students," Hardin said. "I'm not dean of housing. As soon as things came to my attention, we did something."

"It's unfair the students' perceptions are being based on a period of four weeks. When we got the complaints, we responded immediately."

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### For the Record

Friday's article, "Finance committee cuts groups' budget requests," incorrectly reported that the Student Congress Finance Committee recommended a 5 percent increase in the allocation for Student Legal Services' staff salaries. The allocation was not increased. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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