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Israeli soldiers invade hospital

From Associated Press reports

JERUSALEM — Israeli soldiers broke into a Ramallah hospital Tuesday, fired tear gas and rubber bullets, beat doctors and took away two Palestinian boys suspected of throwing stones at troops, the hospital director said.

Soldiers shot an Arab protester in the shoulder at Sebastiya, a West Bank town near Nablus, hospital officials in Nablus reported.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel was willing to exchange for peace those parts of the occupied territories not crucial to its security, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has opposed trading any land for peace. The two men are partners and rivals in Israel's tenuous coalition government.

A leaflet distributed by leaders of what Arabs call "the uprising" — the

violence that began Dec. 8 — urged Palestinians to intensify an economic boycott of Israel through strikes and other actions.

At Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank eight miles north of Jerusalem, Dr. Yassir Obeid said three soldiers burst into the hospital with guns drawn shortly before noon, fired tear gas and rubber bullets and broke several windows.

He said it was the second time in a week that soldiers invaded the government-run hospital, apparently searching for protesters. He said they arrested two boys aged 10 and 11, one inside and the other at the entrance.

An army spokesman confirmed the detentions of two Palestinians, but said an initial check showed both occurred at the hospital's entrance.

He denied any doctors were beaten. Arab protesters have used hospitals as hiding places during 12 weeks of riots in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where 1.5 million Palestinians live. At least 76 Arabs have been killed in the violence, according to U.N. figures, and hundreds have been wounded.

Israeli soldiers have broken into hospitals at least seven times. Some doctors say injured Arabs stay away for fear of being arrested.

Obeid said soldiers struck him and Dr. Wadah Badah with their weapons when Obeid asked to see an order authorizing them to enter the hospital.

"The soldier hit me in the abdomen with the back of his gun and said 'Get away!'" he said in a telephone interview. "Then he hit Dr. Badah in

the chest and slammed him against the wall."

He said he saw soldiers drag the boys to a grove of trees behind the hospital, bind their wrists and beat them for about 15 minutes.

Israel's national news agency, Itim, said 700 Palestinians have been tried on rioting charges since the protests began, and another 800 trials are in progress. Fifteen of the defendants have been acquitted, the agency said, quoting the chief military prosecutor.

Peres mentioned the willingness to give up territory for peace at a meeting with American Jewish fund-raisers in Jerusalem.

He said parts of the occupied territories were not negotiable, including Arab east Jerusalem, but added: "Is that a reason to remain in Gaza?"

Soviet authorities set curfew in strife-ridden southern city

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — Authorities have clamped a curfew on a southern city where weekend rioting broke out and tensions are still running high because of a territorial dispute between ethnic groups, a Soviet official said Tuesday.

The demonstrators demanded that Nagorno-Karabakh, which has been part of Azerbaijan since 1923, be made part of Armenia.

Soviet authorities have indicated that the region would be turned over to Armenia, but they have not said when that might occur.

Delvalle calls for support

WASHINGTON — Panama's president in hiding, Eric Arturo Delvalle, called on all Panamanians Tuesday not to engage in any financial transactions with the authorities who seized power from him last week.

The document, made public by Delvalle's ambassador in Washington, Juan Sosa, states that payment of debts, taxes and other obligations should be withheld until constitutional government is restored in Panama.

The Panamanian National Assembly, dominated by forces loyal to military strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega, deposed Delvalle last Friday after the president had attempted to fire Noriega as defense chief.

Concern about spread of AIDS

WASHINGTON — Surgeon General Everett Koop told a White House panel Tuesday he is concerned about the spread of the AIDS virus among teenagers and expressed outrage at suggestions the disease cannot be spread

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through heterosexual intercourse.

Reiterating his call for sex education programs beginning at the elementary grade levels, Koop said, "I think it is quite possible to raise a generation of adolescents down the road that would be far less sexually active than the present one."

Because of the long incubation period of the disease — five years or more — Koop said he is reluctant to rule out an outbreak of AIDS cases in young heterosexual adults who contracted the virus as teenagers.

U.S. to suspend aid to countries

WASHINGTON — President Reagan announced on Tuesday that Panama and three other countries long hostile to the United States — Afghanistan, Iran and Syria — have not cooperated with U.S. efforts to stop the smuggling of drugs to American markets.

Under law, Reagan is required to suspend all economic and military aid to countries found not to be cooperating in U.S. drug enforcement efforts.

The decisions concerning Afghanistan, Iran and Syria will have no economic impact on them, partly because none is a U.S. aid recipient.

Reagan will "wait and see" if Panama's military-dominated government improves its cooperation before deciding on additional sanctions, said Ann Wroblewski, a State Department official responsible for narcotics matters.

Two hostages released in Lebanon

From Associated Press reports

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two Scandinavian U.N. relief agency workers were freed Tuesday, less than a month after being taken hostage in south Lebanon, the Swedish Foreign Ministry said.

U.N. sources said Jan Stening of Sweden, 44, and William Jorgensen of Norway, 58, were in good physical condition.

Revolutionary Cells, the group which claimed it abducted the two U.N. Relief and Works Agency employees, said in a statement that they were released after being "proven innocent."

Also on Tuesday, a statement purporting to be from the kidnappers of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins said the U.S. Marine officer will be put on trial for espionage when his captors finish questioning him. There

was no way of authenticating the statement.

The U.N. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Stening and Jorgensen were freed near the Summerland Hotel in west Beirut at 9 p.m.

Their release reduced the number of foreign hostages in Lebanon to 23.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry in Stockholm said Foreign Minister Sten Andersson expressed joy and gratitude to those who helped secure their freedom.

In Beirut, the following handwritten Arabic statement from Revolutionary Cells was delivered to Western news agency in Beirut on Tuesday night:

"After the two employees were proven innocent, they were released. We ask the UNRWA agency to reverse its decision to freeze its

activities, and we remind them that we will not allow suspicious elements to use international agencies for cover."

The statement was accompanied by one photo showing both men.

It was not clear what the statement meant by the agency freezing its activities, although there have been reports the kidnappers may have been disgruntled by unspecified changes in the agency's operations in south Lebanon.

The statement also did not say what the two men were proved innocent of, although in one of its earlier statements it claimed they were involved with the intelligence service of an unidentified foreign power.

Stening and Jorgensen worked for an agency that cares for Palestinian refugees. They were kidnapped Feb. 5 near Sidon, provincial capital of

south Lebanon. Their agency blamed Palestinians acting without a political motive.

The statement on Higgins also was delivered to a Western news agency in Beirut without a picture of Higgins, the commander of U.N. truce observers in south Lebanon who was abducted Feb. 17 near Tyre.

The typewritten statement in Arabic purported to be from the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, the name taken by the group that claimed responsibility for abducting Higgins, 43.

It said Israel's tough response to 12 weeks of Palestinian riots in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the just-completed Middle East peace shuttle by George Shultz, the U.S. secretary of state, "make us more determined to try this criminal, Higgins."

Reagan arrives in Belgium for NATO summit meeting

From Associated Press reports

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Ronald Reagan, urging Western solidarity in arms talks with the Soviets, arrived Tuesday for the first NATO summit in six years.

In a gesture of reassurance given in a departure statement Tuesday morning at the White House, Reagan pledged that American troops will remain in Europe "so long as Euro-

peans want them to stay."

He also promised to protect NATO's interests in any arms deals with the Soviet Union. "We will never sacrifice the interests of this partnership in any agreement with the Soviet Union," he said.

The two-day meeting at NATO headquarters in Brussels, beginning Wednesday, brings together the heads of state of the 16-member alliance.

The conference sets the stage for Reagan's expected summit in Moscow with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in late May or early June.

In his departure statement, Reagan hailed the newly signed treaty to abolish U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear missiles, but said "the purpose of this summit is not self-congratulations."

"Our first priority is to maintain

a strong and healthy partnership between North America and Europe, for this is the foundation on which the cause of freedom so crucially depends," he said.

Reagan said the United States will continue to press for a 50 percent reduction in strategic nuclear weapons and a global ban on chemical weapons.

Alton Keel, the U.S. NATO

ambassador, said on the eve of the summit that the leaders would likely declare that NATO places a high priority on negotiating conventional arms stability in Europe.

Alliance sources, declining to be identified publicly, have said that such a declaration may be in addition to an overall statement which will boil down to a renewed pledge of confidence in NATO policies and goals.

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