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War escalates with attack on Israel

From Associated Press reports
CENTRAL SAUDI ARABIA — Iraq struck back early Friday against a non-stop hammering by American warplanes the way it said it would — by lobbing missiles into Israel and Saudi Arabia. The early-morning attack on the Jewish state threatened to turn the Persian Gulf war into a wider Mideast conflict.

At least eight missiles landed in Tel Aviv and elsewhere in Israel about 2 a.m. Friday. All were SCUDs launched from western Iraq, Israeli and U.S. officials said. The SCUD is Iraq's deadliest ground-to-ground missile. The Israeli army said the weapons bore conventional, not chemical, warheads, and at least seven people were slightly injured. Another SCUD was fired at Dhahran,

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site of a major military air base in eastern Saudi Arabia, Pentagon officials said in Washington. They said a U.S. Patriot interceptor missile knocked down the incoming Iraqi weapon.

The Baghdad government had said it would strike out at Israel if Iraq was attacked, as it was early Thursday, by the U.S.-led coalition massed in Saudi Arabia. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's strategy was to draw Israel into the war and possibly drive Syria and other Arab states out of the U.S. alliance.

But, hours after the attacks, it was still not known whether Israel would retaliate against Iraq for the missile onslaught.

The U.S. command, after long hours of bombardment of Iraqi targets, expressed satisfaction with the air offensive by American and allied planes.

The U.S. warplanes' failure to knock out mobile SCUD launchers made the missile attack on Israel possible, said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga. "We knew we hadn't hit those," the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman said.

On the ground, allied tanks and troops were reported rumbling north toward the Kuwaiti border and a possible desert showdown with the dug-in Iraqi forces in the occupied emirate.

American defense chiefs clamped a near-blackout on information about

ground operations, and no news reports were coming in from the front lines.

But Gen. Colin Powell, joint chiefs chairman, emphasized that the air offensive would be "just one part of the total campaign."

The Air Force's mighty B-52s were reported carpet-bombing Kuwait to soften up Iraqi army positions. One top military source told The Associated Press that President Bush was in no rush to start a ground offensive.

Saddam sounded unafraid of an American armor-infantry assault.

"If you believe that the (Iraqi) ground forces can be neutralized, then you are deluding yourself," the Iraqi president declared in a statement directed at Bush and read on state radio.

In the first Iraqi radio report on casualties, a military spokesman said 23

civilians were killed and 66 wounded throughout Iraq in the early air attacks of "Operation Desert Storm." There was no report on military casualties.

In the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, CNN reporters said air raid sirens were wailing anew late Thursday afternoon. Their reports were then cut off by Iraqi authorities.

Iraq claimed the air strikes hit densely populated districts of the ancient river-side city of 4 million people. Reporters said they found little such damage in central Baghdad, but a British broadcast correspondent reported seeing a civilian building whose top two floors had been destroyed.

Two loyalist Kuwaiti doctors still in the emirate got word out that a 500-bed

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Parliament building safe from Kremlin

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — The Kremlin promised Thursday not to seize the Lithuanian parliament building but wary Baltic residents said they feared a crackdown while the world watches the Persian Gulf war.

In Paris, the European Community threatened to cut off all Soviet aid, including emergency food supplies, if Moscow continues its hard-line tactics with the Baltic republics.

Both Lithuania's Baltic neighbors, Latvia and Estonia, were reported calm Thursday. The official Tass news agency said the Soviet military and Estonian officials had reached agreement on the contentious issue of conscripting Estonian youths into military service.

Turkey gives allies use of military bases

ANKARA, Turkey — Parliament today authorized the use of Turkey's military bases for attacks on Iraq by the U.S.-led multinational forces.

The Warpowers Resolution passed by a vote of 250 to 148, with 52 abstentions. All five opposition parties voted against the measure, but passage was assured given the support of the governing Motherland Party.

Under a limited permission granted by Parliament in September, the government allowed NATO and U.S. military aircraft to be deployed in Turkey.

But, until today's vote, their presence in Turkey had remained purely for defensive reasons and they were not allowed to stage military actions.

There was no immediate indication if or when the bases in Turkey would be used for strikes against Iraq.

The development is important because it could allow the United States and its allies to open a second front in their war with Iraq, especially if ground forces are used after the initial air strikes are completed.

Republics prepare for army crackdown

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Security officials from Slovenia and Croatia have met to coordinate resistance to a possible Yugoslav army crackdown in their autonomy-seeking republics, the official news agency said Thursday.

The Soviet crackdown in Lithuania and world preoccupation with the Persian Gulf war have raised fears in both western Yugoslav republics that the federal army will move against their non-Communist governments. The army's officer corps is heavily pro-Communist.

King of Norway dies after heart attack

OSLO, Norway — Norway's King Olav V, the world's oldest reigning monarch, died Thursday after suffering a heart attack, according to a statement from the royal palace. He was 87.

The king, who suffered a stroke in June, was a British-born Dane who became the second monarch of modern Norway. His ancestry was firmly rooted among the bluebloods of Europe, but the Norwegians called him "Folkekongen" — The People's King. After his extraordinarily active life, he died as the world's oldest reigning monarch, a status he gained after the death in January 1989 of Japan's Emperor Hirohito.

— From Associated Press reports

Students, administrators speak out about war



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Flag flown at half-mast during day-long protest in quad

By STEVE POLITI
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Students and faculty members began gathering at 8 a.m. Thursday to protest war breaking out in the Middle East as the flag at Polk Place flew above them at half-mast.

Wednesday's events in the Persian Gulf made Thursday a somber day on campus and prompted concerned students and faculty to voice their opinions about the attack during a day-long protest.

Student protesters lowered the American flag early in the morning to half-mast in memory of those killed in the gulf. Several people passing by questioned whether lowering the flag was appropriate.

When the protesters first lowered the flag to half-mast, a University police officer took the flag down, apparently because he was concerned that the flag might be damaged by the protesters.

The demonstrators brought another flag to Polk Place and hung it at half-mast, where it remained for the rest of the day.

Provost Dennis O'Connor, who was present at the protest, said lowering the flag to half-mast without consent from President Bush was against protocol.

"It was a difficult and emotional environment," O'Connor said. "What they were trying to project was a sincere concern. I think now, having the protocol in hand, we will be paying close attention to it."

War protesters and a few war supporters began using a microphone shortly before noon to express their views, and the crowd grew to as many as 200 people.

Joe Straley, a retired UNC professor, told the crowd he was appalled by Democratic senators who voted for using force to solve the gulf crisis.

"If three Democratic congressmen

voted differently, it would have been 51-49 in our favor — against the war," Straley said. "We have no reason to support the war."

"Our congressman, David Price, said he voted against using force but said he now stands behind Bush and supports the war. I will not support this war," he said.

Another protester questioned the information in Bush's Wednesday night address to the nation.

"Is this the first naked aggression to take place in history?" he said. "While the world waited, the United States continued to add to its own arsenal of chemical weapons."

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs, was one of many administrators attending the protest.

"I need to hear what is going on," he said. "I feel overloaded by watching the

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Reactions to war mixed within University community

By SHANNON O'GRADY
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As the bombs were falling, UNC students, faculty and staff members began facing the reality of war and how it could affect them.

Students at UNC expressed opinions representative of those nationwide.

Shawn Taylor, a senior from Stoneville, said he believed the United States made the right decision in attacking Iraq.

"I stand behind George Bush and what he decided to do," he said. "As far as the embargo is concerned, it was not doing the job of making Saddam move out of Kuwait, and I don't think it ever would have. I think the attack was our only option."

Barbie Feehan, a freshman from Ra-

leigh, said she was not sure if she supported the policies behind Operation Desert Storm, but she did support the troops in the Gulf.

"I have thought a lot about the Middle East, and I cannot figure out if this is a just cause or not," she said. "I don't know what I am doing, but I am not protesting the war. I am in support of the troops that are there."

Prayer vigils are a good way to show support for the troops, Feehan said.

Adelfa Hill, a freshman from Lumberton, said she had mixed feelings about the situation in the Middle East, but she did not approve of the U.S. military killing Iraqi and Kuwaiti civilians. "They are playing God and taking other peoples' lives," she said. Saddam's leadership style resembles

that of Adolph Hitler's, Hill said. "Aggression must be stopped, but I just do not like the thought of war."

Winfred Shaw, a junior from Sanford, said it was important to stop Saddam Hussein before he increased his military power.

"I think the biggest reason why Iraq took Kuwait was to gain the means for building a more sophisticated military, and left unchecked they would do so," Shaw said.

"I support our actions so far because I think it is necessary for stability in the Middle East and possibly even the future stability of areas far away from the Middle East, including Europe and the United States," he said.

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Interim public safety director appointed

By MATTHEW EISLEY
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Interim Public Safety Director John DeVitto will be replaced next week by Ernest Margalot, a retired city police chief and law enforcement consultant from Pennsylvania, University officials said Thursday.

Margalot will serve as interim director for up to two months until a permanent director is chosen from four finalists now being considered, said Carolyn Eifland, acting associate vice chancellor for business.

State limits on the tenure of interim appointees required the appointment of another interim director before the permanent position had been filled, she said.

DeVitto will return to the post of

director of transportation and parking services, the job for which he was hired in 1989, Eifland said. DeVitto, whose office will be in the same building as Margalot's, will continue to advise Margalot through Jan. 31, she said.

Margalot, who has more than 40 years of law enforcement experience, retired three years ago as chief of the Hanover, Pa., Police Department and now works for a Philadelphia consulting firm, Eifland said.

Margalot said he had been involved in nearly all aspects of law enforcement during his career.

"I hope to accomplish the mission the University administration has for me," he said.

Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance, said, "We needed

someone qualified who could come quickly, stay for a short period of time and make the transition from John (DeVitto) to a permanent director as easy one."

Tuchi said Margalot probably would serve as interim director for four to eight weeks, but possibly could stay longer.

Eifland, who is overseeing the changes at the University police department, said budget problems and other factors forced the University to keep DeVitto as interim director for longer than DeVitto initially agreed to. He took the post in November 1989 when Public Safety Director Robert Sherman was transferred to another

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Employee's grievance hearing postponed

By LAURA WILLIAMS
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A Step 3 grievance hearing for a Physical Plant employee was postponed for the second time Thursday because the employee's attorney failed to provide information requested by the University.

Bennie Griffin, a maintenance supervisor, filed a grievance against the University Sept. 7 stating that he had been stripped of his supervisory powers because he was an African-American.

The hearing also was postponed because several people who were scheduled to speak on Griffin's behalf would not have been able to attend the hearing today, Griffin said.

"The postponement this time was just something basically administrative," he said. "It's not a fault on anyone's side."

Mike Smith, chairman for Griffin's grievance panel, said Griffin's attor-

ney, Alan McSurely, and Physical Plant administrators held a pre-hearing meeting before Christmas.

At the meeting, McSurely asked Physical Plant administrators for documents he believed would help prove the University discriminated against Griffin. Physical Plant administrators also asked McSurely for documents they believed might help prove Griffin was not racially discriminated against, Smith said.

McSurely said he would send the documents to the Physical Plant before Christmas or soon afterward, Smith said. But as of Monday, McSurely had failed to give the Physical Plant the requested documents, Smith said.

Smith decided to postpone the hearing because he thought it would be unfair to hold it if the Physical Plant had not received the requested documents or had not had a reasonable amount of

time to study them, he said.

McSurely did receive the documents he requested from Physical Plant administrators, Smith said.

The hearing has been tentatively rescheduled for Feb. 4 or 5. At Step 2 the University personnel office decided that Griffin was discriminated against when he was stripped of his supervisory powers, but did not say if it had been racially motivated.

Griffin's original Step 3 hearing was postponed Dec. 4 because the Employee Relations Department did not investigate the case and submit the results to Smith during Step 2 of the procedure.

He wants his supervisory powers fully restored, Griffin said. "I want the same powers as others in my same pay grade." He is optimistic about the upcoming hearing, he said. "We would like to show the disparity of treatment between people."

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The best thing about war is the end of it. — Anonymous