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9. [Muslim-Jewish peace walk today faces a gantlet of emotions](#)

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11. [Israeli moderates call for evacuation of Jewish settlement](#)

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12. [20 KILLED AS BOMB RIPS THROUGH BAR](#)

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14. [Palestinian Ends Defense in Murder Trial](#)

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15. [Islamic militants sneak into army base, kill three Israeli soldiers](#)

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16. [Villagers come out to greet Native son: Bethlehem man did 12 years in Israeli jail](#)

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17. [Israeli jets hit Syria camp in blast revenge: Israeli jets hit Syria in blast revenge](#)

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18. [24 hours](#)

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19. [Blast at Israeli Home Kills 2; Talks Center on Prisoners](#)

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20. [Israeli Cabinet Votes to Free Some Palestinian Prisoners](#)

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21. [\*Israeli officials downplay threat against Arafat: Declare no immediate plans to kill him. 'I'm not afraid to die,' Palestinian leader says, but security around him has tightened\*](#)
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22. [\*Four views of the opposition to U.S.\*](#)
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23. [\*The Mideast wars over words\*](#)
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24. [\*Gaza rocked by fighting, demolitions\*](#)
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25. [\*Tense Meeting of Sharon and Abbas Ends in Stalemate\*](#)
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26. [\*WORLD REPORT\*](#)

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27. [EVERY ONE A LOSER IN LAND OF BEAUTY](#)

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28. [THE VENT](#)

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30. [Melbourne women cheat death in blast](#)

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31. [Pakistan president makes plea for Kashmir TERROR SUMMIT:](#)

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32. [Harvard student recounts experience in Arab environment](#)

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33. [ISRAEL ADVANCES PRISONER RELEASE; CABINET OKS TERMS ON SOME PALESTINIANS](#)

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34. [Lessons from the cold war](#)

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35. [Turkish PM accuses Israel of practising state terrorism](#)

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36. [MAUREEN MESSENT COLUMN: EVERY ONE A LOSER IN LAND OF BEAUTY; A NO-NONSENSE REFLECTION ON THE WEEK'S EVENTS BY THE MAIL'S](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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37. [\*Al-Qaeda tape calls for a coup in Pakistan ; The speaker, said to be bin Laden's No. 2, calls Musharraf a traitor and urges his ouster.\*](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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38. [\*Europeans are too slow to react to anti-Semitism\*](#)

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39. [\*WORLD REPORT\*](#)

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40. [\*Charities deny bankrolling terror; Feds allege money laundering plot\*](#)

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41. [\*Rare killing in Israeli resort: Jordanian fires on Ecuadoran tourists. Attack comes as Egyptian mediators and Palestinian PM travel to Gaza for meetings\*](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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42. [\*Female Palestinian suicide bomber kills two officers\*](#)

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43. [\*Suicide bombers kill at least 16; Bombings of two Israeli buses end calm; militant group claiming responsibility\*](#)

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44. [\*Suicide blasts shatter calm in Israel\*](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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45. [\*28 Palestinians killed as Israel targets refugee camp: Operation aims to root out militants; army 'sorry' children hurt in crossfire\*](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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46. [\*THE VENT\*](#)

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47. [ROAD TO PEACE REQUIRES WORK FROM ALL PARTIES](#)

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48. [SHORTCUTS PEOPLE](#)

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49. [Suicide bombers blow up two buses in Israel , killing 16](#)

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50. [National Briefs](#)

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51. [US hoaxer hijacks news to get ahead](#)

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52. [ISRAEL ISOLATES CAMP IN GAZA; AIRSTRIKES KILL 11, RESIDENTS SAY](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** Hamas**Search Type:** Natural Language - Expanded Results**Narrowed by:****Content Type**  
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57. [AN AMORAL DISTINCTION](#)

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58. [TEN DEAD IN POLICE SUICIDE BOMBING](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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59. [And Bear In Mind](#)

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61. [Elmasry hanged by his own words](#)

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62. [Palestinian cause suffers from lack of true leadership](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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63. [Today's News August 31, 2003, Sunday](#)

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64. [Nonprofit denies funing terrorists; Feds: Web of charities laundered money](#)

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65. [Israel okays limited prisoner release: Prime Minister Sharon insists on continued crackdown on groups that carry out attacks](#)

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66. [A very deadly duo:](#)

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67. [Your say](#)

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68. [\*Children on Both Sides Killed on Northern Border of Gaza Strip\*](#)

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69. [\*In the global war, Islam isn't the enemy; Islamism is\*](#)

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70. [\*An unholy war\*](#)

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71. [\*Sharon vows to expand military effort in Gaza\*](#)

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72. [\*Comment & Analysis: Inside the resistance: Popular anger is forging an alliance between diverse strands of Iraq 's guerrilla movement\*](#)

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73. [LEADER COLUMN; BRITAIN AND THE US MUST LEAD THE WAR AGAINST TERROR](#)

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74. [LETTERS](#)

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75. [Five life sentences for leader of the intifada](#)

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76. [Fighting rages as Israelis bulldoze refugee camp](#)

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77. [WHEN ADULTS PUT CHILDREN IN THE PATH OF DANGER](#)

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78. [Arab democracy summit is canceled ; Tunis, the host, cites lack of commitment](#)

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79. [QUICK NEWS](#)

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80. [Arab Summit Meeting Collapses Over Reforms](#)

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81. [WHEN TERROR BITES INTO YOUR SANDWICH; FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR STEVE BIRD OVER A RESTAURANT SNACK](#)

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82. [ISRAELI RAIDS TURN INTO DEADLY FIREFIGHTS](#)

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83. [Angry women protest hijab ban](#)

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84. [Iran Opportunity](#)

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85. [INSIDE TODAY'S PAPER: News & Views in Record time](#)

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86. [Latest expulsion decried as 'war crime'](#)

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87. [BARRIER WOULD ENCIRCLE THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIANS, ISRAELI MAP SHOWS](#)

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88. [Intifada leader uses courtroom to point to one-state solution: Barghouti defiant during closing speech](#)

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89. [Goal of terrorism is same worldwide](#)

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90. [Israel agrees to free 300 Palestinians](#)

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91. [Arafat orders the arrests of 17 militants](#)

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93. [PALESTINIAN ENVISIONS ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER IF ISRAELIS LEAVE CITIES](#)

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94. [\*Sharon's backing for settlements\*](#)

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95. [\*Settlers resist as Israeli troops demolish outpost\*](#)

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99. [War's Full Fury Is Suddenly Everywhere](#)

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## News in Brief

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**Section:** CANADA/WORLD; Pg. A13; Brief

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### **Body**

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Arctic double whammy could speed global warming

OTTAWA Dramatic results made public today from a unique 20-year American experiment are raising the spectre of runaway warming above the Arctic tundra that would accelerate global climate change.

The findings -- if confirmed with additional studies -- could also doom Canada's Kyoto-plan targets for reducing emissions of carbon dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas.

This double whammy arises from the U.S. researchers' discovery that climate warming might trigger conditions where decomposition of the tundra will dump carbon dioxide into the atmosphere faster than it's soaked up by accelerated plant growth.

Spectator wire services

This extra carbon dioxide could trigger a "positive feedback," speeding up the rate of global warming even more, warns a study published today in Nature, the influential British research journal.

The results also add extra urgency to a planned November meeting of ministers from Canada and the seven other circumpolar countries

Group claims to have killed kidnapped Italian aid workers

CAIRO, EGYPT An Internet statement purportedly by a group which claimed to have kidnapped two Italian aid workers in Iraq said yesterday it killed the women hostages. The claim could not be immediately verified.

Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, both 29, were seized from their Baghdad offices by armed militants Sept. 7. They were involved in school and water projects in Iraq. In a separate development, a videotape posted on an Islamic website yesterday showed a man identifying himself as British hostage Kenneth Bigley pleading for British Prime Minister Tony Blair to help save his life.

Tawhid and Jihad, the militant group led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has threatened to kill Bigley unless Iraqi women held in U.S. custody are released.

The group has already killed two Americans it kidnapped along with the 62-year-old Bigley from their Baghdad residence last week.

Two Israeli police die with teen suicide bomber

## News in Brief

JERUSALEM A Palestinian teenager blew herself up at a busy Jerusalem bus station yesterday, killing two Israeli policemen who stopped her for a security check and wounding 16 bystanders in an attack that evaded Israel's clampdown on the West Bank for the Jewish holidays.

Hours later, an Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a Gaza refugee camp, wounding 12 people, Palestinians said.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group with ties to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for yesterday's bombing.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon hinted that Israel might one day assassinate Arafat, as it did with two leaders of the Islamic militant group **Hamas** responsible for scores of suicide bombings. But Israel has not carried out earlier threats despite attacks with dozens of casualties.

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## **DOOM & GLOOM**

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August 14, 2003 Thursday

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**Section:** NEWS; Pg. 8

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#### **RUSSIANS KILLED IN CHECHEN BLAST**

FIVE Russian servicemen were killed in Chechnya today when a bomb exploded under their armoured personnel carrier.

An officer at army headquarters in Chechnya said three other soldiers were injured by the explosion of a remote-controlled bomb made from an artillery shell.

The attack occurred in the early afternoon in the Vedeno region, south east of the capital Grozny, at the foot of southern Chechen mountains.

#### **TWO TEENS GUNNED DOWN IN KOSOVO**

TWO Kosovo Serb teenagers were killed and five others were injured in a shooting attack overnight as new UN mission chief Harri Holkeri made his first visit to the province.

An ethnic Albanian **female** was also wounded in the attack at a river near the village of Zahac, in the west of the province.

"A group of people opened fire with machine-guns at a group of young Serbs as they were swimming in the Bistrica River," UN mission spokesman in Kosovo, Andrea Angeli, said.

"We can confirm there are two dead, one of them 19 years old. Six others are injured, two of them in a serious condition."

#### **US DUO SLAIN IN ROADSIDE AMBUSH**

TWO US soldiers were killed in roadside bomb attacks intended for military convoys north of the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, as the army snared four loyalists of Saddam Hussein's toppled regime.

"One 4th Infantry Division soldier was killed and one wounded when their M-113 armoured personnel carrier hit an (improvised) explosive device," division spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Bill MacDonald said.

The two casualties were evacuated by military medical helicopter to a field hospital, where one of them died.

#### **ISRAEL SOFTENS REVENGE ON BOMBER**

## DOOM &amp; GLOOM

ISRAEL today demolished the home of a Palestinian suicide bomber, but stopped short of a military response, mindful of pressure to avoid straining a US-backed peace plan.

Two suicide bombers from Nablus killed two Israelis yesterday in what their militant factions said were acts of revenge for an Israeli raid that killed two wanted **Hamas** men in the West Bank city.

Suicide bombings have often prompted a tough response, but this time Israel showed restraint, saying it was committed to establishing calm needed by the roadmap plan for peace.

## PRIEST JAILED FOR SEX ABUSE

A ROMAN Catholic priest from Kentucky, US, was sentenced to 10 years' jail for sexually abusing two boys from a family he befriended years ago.

Reverend Daniel Clark was convicted in June by a Circuit Court jury of two counts of sexual abuse. Judge Thomas Waller sentenced him to five years' jail on each charge.

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## **MILITANTS HELD BY ARAFAT REFUSE TO LEAVE RAMALLAH COMPOUND**

The Independent (London)

August 4, 2003, Monday

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**Byline:** ERIC SILVER IN JERUSALEM Militants in Yasser Arafat's compound yesterday

### **Body**

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TWENTY PALESTINIAN fighters on Israel's wanted list defied Yasser Arafat yesterday and refused to be moved from his Ramallah compound to a Palestinian prison in Jericho.

After the men from the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades threatened to go on hunger strike and cancel the month-long hudna (ceasefire), the Palestinian leader climbed down and allowed them to stay, as long as they disarmed and agreed to abide by the truce. Palestinian officials said they would try to obtain guarantees for their safety from the US.

As well as being a blow to the Palestinian leader's prestige, the confrontation means that Israel will not lift its siege on the compound. Although it has said Mr Arafat is free to leave, he knows that as soon as he does, troops will move in to arrest the fugitives and seize potentially damaging documents.

Kamel Ghanam, 26, the wanted men's leader, said they had refused to move for political and security reasons. They did not consider themselves criminals and expected to leave the compound when Israel lifted the siege.

"We are freedom fighters," he argued. "We were in a phase of war. Israelis were killed and we have martyrs. Now we are in a phase of peace. The Israelis have no right to hunt us. We accepted the hudna. If Israel continues its campaign against us, this means we are no longer committed to the hudna. If the hudna collapses, we shall resume fighting."

Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service, accused Mr Ghanam recently of plotting to send two **female** suicide bombers into an Israeli city while the ceasefire was in force.

The transfer to Jericho was proposed by Shaul Mofaz, Israel's Defence Minister, in talks with Mohammed Dahlan, the Palestinian security chief. The men would have been granted safe passage and housed in a Palestinian prison under British and US supervision.

Raanan Gissin, the Israeli Prime Minister's spokesman, said: "The Palestinian Authority was supposed to put them behind bars. If this condition is not met, there is no deal. They have to pay for their crimes."

Israeli ministers were meeting yesterday to discuss an expanded list of prisoners to be released soon, but **Hamas**, the Islamic resistance movement, announced that, in the face of continued Israeli "violations," it would consider suspending the ceasefire.

## MILITANTS HELD BY ARAFAT REFUSE TO LEAVE RAMALLAH COMPOUND

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**Israel balks on release program;  
Sharon tells Abbas to disband militants**

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**Length:** 1018 words

**Byline:** James Bennet

**Dateline:** JERUSALEM:

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The Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers emerged from a tense two-hour meeting on Sunday at loggerheads. Rebuffing Palestinian demands for immediate troop withdrawals and release of prisoners, Ariel Sharon of Israel said that Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian prime minister, must first break apart militant groups.

Both sides indicated some flexibility and a willingness to keep talking. But the essential stalemate in their positions shifted the focus of diplomacy to Washington and to meetings planned in the coming days for each prime minister with President George W. Bush, again drawing Bush into coaxing and judging progress under a new peace plan. The New York Times

Both sides appear to have adopted a practice of making their concessions in the presence of the Americans, to demonstrate to Washington a willingness to compromise under the plan, the so-called road map. Abbas is to meet with Bush on Friday, and Sharon is to see him the following Tuesday.

In a narrow vote on July 6, the Israeli cabinet voted to release several hundred Palestinian prisoners, but Israel has not yet taken that step. Senior Israeli officials said it was unlikely any would be released until after the meetings with Bush.

One Israeli official said that this would help not Sharon but Abbas, by giving him "goodies when he comes back from the U.S." The peace plan does not call for the release of prisoners, but Israel says it regards the step as a goodwill gesture to help Abbas, who remains unpopular among Palestinians. Israel is holding more than 5,800 Palestinian prisoners.

Both sides show signs of new flexibility on this issue. In an interview on Saturday, Abbas said he did not expect Israel to release the prisoners at once, but in groups every couple of weeks. He proposed criteria for those to be released initially that were similar to those set by Israel on July 6, including youths under 18, women, and elderly men.

For their part, Israeli officials say that Sharon is considering expanding his criteria to include members of the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Israel continues to say it will not free those with "blood on their hands," but Raanan Gissin, Sharon's spokesman, said, "There are still several thousand that don't have blood on their hands." But he said that Israel could not begin releasing more prisoners until Abbas took action.

## Israel balks on release program; Sharon tells Abbas to disband militants

In the interview, Abbas rejected the exception for those with blood on their hands, arguing that both sides committed violence. "We were in war," he said.

In Sunday's meeting, the two sides agreed that Hisham Abdul Razeq, the Palestinian minister of prisoners affairs, would meet shortly to discuss Israel's criteria for release with Avi Dichter, the chief of Israel's Shin Bet security service. Abdul Razeq is a former prisoner, while Dichter oversees Israel's intelligence operation in the occupied territories, including interrogations.

This was the fourth bilateral meeting between the two prime ministers. It was scheduled to take place July 9, but Abbas postponed it after Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, attacked him as gaining little in exchange for concessions to Israel. The two men have since resolved their dispute, at least temporarily.

While the last meeting between the two prime ministers, on July 1, included joint statements and warm handshakes before the television cameras, this one was conducted with no such fanfare. Many Palestinian officials criticized Abbas for that previous appearance, at which he stood behind a lectern decorated with a symbol of the Jewish state. They said he risked looking like an agent of Israel.

Israel withdrew on June 29 from parts of the Gaza Strip and on July 2 from most of Bethlehem in the West Bank, pulling back in accordance with the peace plan from areas that under the Oslo accords it had previously ceded to Palestinian control. Palestinian forces resumed responsibility for policing in those areas.

Israel has refused to withdraw from further areas, which it seized last year in response to a series of suicide bombings, until it judges that Abbas is breaking apart militant groups.

Israeli officials acknowledged that a result of this was that most West Bank Palestinians had seen little tangible change yet. They said that Shaul Mofaz, the Israeli defense minister, would consider easing some checkpoints and other restrictions on Palestinian travel through the West Bank. In a statement, Sharon's office said that he told Abbas "that Israel cannot ignore that lately terror and incitement have decreased, and it is noticeable that the Palestinians are making an effort regarding this." But he said that terrorists had been rearming during the lull since late June, when the three main Palestinian factions announced they were suspending attacks.

Sharon said that Abbas needed to "take immediate and definite action to dismantle the terror organizations." Once that happened, he said, "Israel's ability to answer the needs of the Palestinians will be significantly increased." For now, Israelis are taking advantage of the declared cease fire. Central Jerusalem was crowded late Saturday night with young people thronging to bars and restaurants.

Abbas said in the interview that the governing Palestinian Authority was also using the cease-fire to rebuild. He said that it would strictly enforce the cease-fire and collect weapons from people carrying them in the streets, but that it would not provoke a civil conflict with Hamas or Islamic Jihad by, for example, searching homes for guns, as Israel demands.

Bush may ultimately have to resolve that disagreement.

Abbas also asked in the meeting on Sunday that Israel lift its siege on Arafat, the president of the Palestinian Authority, who has been effectively confined to a compound in Ramallah for more than a year. Abbas was said to have argued that it would strengthen him politically if Arafat had freedom to move.

Israeli officials said that Sharon replied that Arafat was free to leave the West Bank, but he might not be permitted to return.

Arafat today affirmed a decree he first released in 1998 outlawing groups that espouse violence.

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## **TELEVISION REVIEW; A Noted Filmmaker in a Tense Land**

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**Byline:** By ALESSANDRA STANLEY

### **Body**

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Oliver Stone titled his HBO documentary about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict "Persona Non Grata." But a more fitting title might be "Persona Gratissima." Tonight's 67-minute film is not really about the West Bank and Jerusalem; it is a deliberately self-conscious look at Oliver Stone making a documentary about the conflict.

On Mr. Stone's first day in the Palestinian territories, a cameraman from the local Reuters bureau asks how long he plans to stay. "That is like the wind," he replies with the majestic obliquity of a desert prophet. "You never know here. It blows in four directions at once."

Several cameras follow Mr. Stone, the famous director of "Platoon" and "Wall Street," who sports a coral pink sweater and a thin mustache as he breezes past local reporters and government handlers -- Hemingway with a dash of Tom Brokaw.

In that tiny, needy region, Mr. Stone is a V.I.P. whose prestige lends him authority and instant entree to the top political leaders -- except Yasir Arafat. His refusal to be as accessible as Israeli leaders like Ehud Barak and Benjamin Netanyahu so piques Mr. Stone that his pursuit of him becomes an almost comic leitmotif, like the elusive General Motors chairman, Roger Smith, in Michael Moore's mock-documentary, "Roger and Me."

Mr. Stone, whose inspection tour of Jerusalem and Ramallah in March 2002 lasted six days (on the seventh day, he rested), does not shed new light on the conflict; the film is no longer very timely. And the director does not bring a strong ideological bent to the dispute.

Instead, he brings his persona and distinct artistic sensibility to a conflict that is so longstanding, complex and heartbreaking that many outsiders prefer to ignore it altogether.

The camerawork and the jumpy, jagged editing of stock news images of explosions, ambulances and tanks are cinematic, but Mr. Stone's observations are as straightforward and simple as those of any freshly assigned television correspondent. Walking past West Bank edifices covered with tattered posters of suicide bombers, he observes: "Well, these are their equivalent of movie posters, rock stars. These guys are heroes." He pauses briefly in front of a picture of the first **female** suicide bomber. "Look at that. She's cute."

He has television news's appetite for a good sound bite. When asked the distance to Ramallah, on the West Bank, an Israeli cabdriver replies: "By car, I'd say 10 minutes. In the head, it is very far."

## TELEVISION REVIEW A Noted Filmmaker in a Tense Land

Mr. Stone arrived in the Middle East at the incendiary time of the Passover bombing and Israel's retaliatory raid on Mr. Arafat's headquarters. He got there shortly after interviewing Fidel Castro in Cuba for "Comandante," a documentary that seemed so favorable that HBO asked the director to go back to the Cuban leader to ask again about political prisoners. An HBO spokesman said Mr. Stone returned from Havana this week with 30 hours of additional interview material.

His experience interviewing the loquacious Cuban leader should have taught him one of the rules of overseas reporting: the only thing worse than not getting an interview with a famous world leader is getting it.

Hasan Yosef, a spokesman of the militant Palestinian group Hamas, likens the Israeli occupation to the Nazi invasion of Europe. When he asks Mr. Stone what he would do if soldiers tried to "kill your children," Mr. Stone replies: "Same thing you're doing. Same thing. Except there's no negotiation possible with the Israelis. Is that correct?"

Back in the van, Mr. Stone tells his entourage that Mr. Yosef's remarks were "a lot of official lines." His is the fatuity of the reporter who asks the same questions as everyone else, then complains that he gets the same answers.

Israeli leaders are gifted at giving great answers to even the most inexpert questions. Mr. Stone devotes a lot of film to Shimon Peres, the former prime minister, even though at the time his was a muffled voice in Israeli politics. But Mr. Peres, leader of the Labor Party, has a sad, nobly lined face and a poetic way of speaking. "The Middle East is full of tongues and short on ears," he says.

Mr. Stone and his crew sneak around Israeli security in the dead of night to interview three members of Al Aqsa, a terrorist unit, who talk about their cause inside the basement of an undisclosed safe house, all of them wearing masks.

But the film's most compelling spokesman for the Palestinian side is neither a Hamas leader nor a disenfranchised merchant. It is an Israeli soldier, arrogant enough to shoot at rock-throwing Palestinians while news cameras are near, but innocent enough to think that putting a hand over the lens will somehow make brutal images disappear.

Mr. Stone does not add insights, but his grandiose sense of mission gives even familiar ground a fresh importance. It is impossible to tell whether the director knows that his film at times makes him look foolish; it is impossible to tell whether in allowing this he is myopic or brave. That does not really matter.

Merely by taking his camera to the Middle East, Mr. Stone brings viewers with him. As Christian Jouet, a French envoy of the European Union, says to him, "Never stop explaining what is going on here."

AMERICA UNDERCOVER

PERSONA NON GRATA

HBO, Tonight at 7, Eastern and Pacific times; 6, Central time.

Directed by Oliver Stone; Fernando Sulichin, producer; Rodrigo Prieto and Sergei Toshio Saldivair, directors of photography; Vincent Maraval and Alvaro Longoria, executive producers; for HBO: Nancy Abraham, supervising producer, and Sheila Nevins, executive producer. An Ixtlan production presented by Wild Bunch/Rule 8 Productions in association with Morena Films.

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TELEVISION REVIEW A Noted Filmmaker in a Tense Land

Photo: Oliver Stone with members of Al Aqsa in "Persona Non Grata." (HBO)

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## NEWS SUMMARY

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INTERNATIONAL A2-8

#### **Hamas** Breaks Off Talks With Palestinian Authority

Leaders of the Islamic radical group **Hamas** broke off cease-fire talks with Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority, saying he had failed the Palestinian people at peace talks with Israel by demanding an end to the armed uprising and expressing compassion for Jewish suffering. A1

#### Trailers' Significance Disputed

American and British intelligence analysts with direct access to the evidence are disputing claims that the mysterious trailers found in Iraq were for making deadly germs. A1

#### Iraqi Imam Urges Holy War

The imam at one of Baghdad's largest mosques urged more than a thousand listeners to wage a jihad against American occupying forces in Iraq. The sermon came just hours before American officials offered to give Iraqis more authority in an American-controlled interim administration. A8

#### Report on Iran's Nuclear Plans

A new report from the International Atomic Energy Agency reveals that Iran is planning or building previously unacknowledged nuclear facilities that could give it a variety of technological options for the production of nuclear weapons. A8

#### Philippines Mission Delayed

The commander of American forces in the Pacific said that a joint mission with Philippine troops to combat Muslim extremists is likely to be postponed for six months. A6

#### Japan Passes War Powers Bill

Japan's Parliament passed a series of war contingency bills that give the government significantly increased powers in military emergencies. The laws' passage was driven by heightened concern in Japan over the possibility of attack by North Korea. A6

## NEWS SUMMARY

## Crackdown in Zimbabwe

Security forces arrested Zimbabwe's opposition leader, charged him with treason and clamped down on the capital to prevent mass protests demanding the resignation of President Robert Mugabe. A3

## NATIONAL A10-13, 16

## Budget Crisis Forces Portland Police Cutbacks

The Portland, Ore., police budget has been cut by more than 10 percent in the last three years, and the strain has forced station houses to close at night. The 960-member force is down 64 officers. A11

## Touring a Slum Village

Habitat for Humanity has put together roughly 30 shacks as recreations of poor living conditions in Africa, Asia and Central America. A10

## Drug Benefits for Medicare

The nation's top Medicare official said that the Bush administration had "significant disagreements" with a bipartisan Senate proposal to add prescription drug benefits to Medicare. A12

## Immigrants Face Deportation

Government officials said that roughly 16 percent of the 13,000 Arab and Muslim men who came forward earlier this year to register with immigration authorities may now face deportation. A9

## Desegregation Policy Upheld

A federal district judge in Boston upheld the constitutionality of a school desegregation policy that racially mixed Lynn, Mass., voluntarily adopted 15 years ago. A11

## Plane Crash Kills 2, Injures 7

A single-engine plane plummeted into a two-story apartment building in Los Angeles killing a person in the plane and at least one person in the building, as well as injuring at least seven other people. A13

## Beliefs A13

## SCIENCE/HEALTH

## Foam Test Proves Positive

A gas cannon fired a piece of foam against a replica of a space shuttle wing and put cracks in a leading edge panel, a result that could add weight to the theory that the shuttle Columbia was doomed by impact with a falling piece of insulating foam some 81 seconds after launching. A12

## NEW YORK/REGION B1-6

## Engineers Use Submarine To Test Upstate Aqueduct

City engineers sent a camera-studded robotic sub on a 15-hour trip through a 45-mile stretch of the Delaware Aqueduct, the 58-year-old upstate water tunnel vital to New York's water supply. B1

## A Budget Without Concessions

Mayor Bloomberg and the City Council are moving toward a budget without any of the concessions from municipal labor the unions that the mayor had insisted upon because negotiations between City Hall and the unions have all but broken down. B1

## SPORTS D1-7

## NEWS SUMMARY

## NBC Wins Olympics Rights

NBC Sports held on to its Olympic franchise today by winning a three-way auction for the media rights to the 2010 and 2012 Olympic Games with a record bid of \$2 billion. A1

## Nets Tie Series, 1-1

The New Jersey Nets beat the San Antonio Spurs, 87-85, in Game 2 of the N.B.A. finals. D1

## Sosa Suspended for 8 Games

Sammy Sosa received an eight-game suspension from Major League Baseball for using a corked bat in a game on Tuesday. He quickly appealed the decision. D1

## Suit Over League Membership

Five members of the Big East Conference have filed a lawsuit seeking monetary damages and an injunction preventing two schools from joining the A.C.C. D6

## ARTS &amp; IDEAS B9-18

## Opera Removes Donor's Name

The Metropolitan Opera removed foot-high metal letters honoring Alberto W. Vilar, a free-wheeling arts benefactor, from a wall on the third floor of the opera house at Lincoln Center. The opera said it was reacting to "funding commitments which have not been met." B9

## BUSINESS DAY C1-16

## Jobless Rate at 9-Year High

The unemployment rate rose to 6.1 percent in May, its highest level in nine years, as the worst jobs slump since the early 1980's continued, although the pace of layoffs has slowed over the last two months. A1

## Oracle Bids for PeopleSoft

Oracle made a \$5.1 billion hostile takeover offer for PeopleSoft. C1

## New Help for Heart Patients

Officials agreed to expand the number of Medicare patients who qualify for defibrillators. C1

## Magazine Covers Under Fire

Wal-Mart Stores will partly obscure the covers of four women's magazines sold at its checkout counters in response to concerns expressed by some customers about racy cover lines on some of the magazines. C1

## Business Digest C1

## OBITUARIES B8

## EDITORIAL A14-15

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## Bridge B17

## TV Listings E18

## Crossword B17

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## Reporters on the Job

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### **Body**

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\* Safer at a Distance: While tension is fairly high in Baghdad, reporter Dan Murphy realized how easy he's got it as a print reporter (this page). He attended a going-away party for several photographers this past week. "They were leaving in part because it's become so difficult and dangerous to get pictures of the action," he says. "One women had thousands of dollars in equipment stolen after stopping on the road to photograph an attack on US forces. Another complained that some average Iraqis are now hostile these days when the lens is pointed in their direction. A third photographer, who's only been in Iraq for a month, displayed a small wound on his arm, where a bullet had grazed him. He's been embedded with the US Marines in Al Anbar Province.

"As bad as it gets, I can always get someone on the phone to comment for a story. But without the pictures themselves, these guys have nothing," says Dan.

\* Controlling Access? A month ago, when the Israeli army assassinated Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin, reporter Ben Lynfield and several other journalists working were barred from going to Gaza by the Israeli military on the grounds that they had Israeli residency (though not citizenship, in Ben's case) and this was for their protection. This left the army with a monopoly of information coming out of Gaza to the Israeli public.

Ben, and any other Israeli resident who enters Gaza, always signs a form that the army is not responsible for his safety. "We sign despite reservations, so that we can go in and see what is actually going on there. When I was interviewed about all this on state-run Israel Radio recently, I called attention to the harm to people's right to know in the US, Britain, and Israel when journalists are barred from Gaza. I received a less than sympathetic response from Prime Minister Sharon's spokesman, Government Press Office director Daniel Seaman, who called me immediately after the interview and called me a 'bad journalist' among other things. But the Israeli army also called and said I could enter Gaza.

"I thought the problem had been solved. Last night, however, the Israeli army reimposed the ban - for the same reason. Hence the Jerusalem and not the Gaza City byline in today's story. In the afternoon, they changed their minds but by then it was too late to get there and make the deadline, so we relied instead on a freelancer, Mohammed Ali."

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## Harbour Views

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**Byline:** IAN LOVETT

### **Body**

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\* THE unwillingness of corporate chieftains to put their hands up to replace former hamburger king Bob Mansfield at Telstra has resulted in some lateral thinking.

Wags at the stock exchange have proposed the Hamas solution.

Under this plan Telstra would appoint a chairman, but not tell anyone.

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The ASX might be a tad upset, but at least the new chairman might remain at his post.

Failing that Roy and HG have suggested Lonhro, now that he is being put out to pasture, would make a perfect chairman. In all senses.

\* THE latest bunch of Australians caught in the net flung by Swiss banking authorities must be cursing their luck.

Who would have thought the head of Bank Leumi Le-Israel would have been a tea leaf? ... Damn it.

Rene Rivkin and Trevor Kennedy are already squirming from the investigation.

\* THERE is at least one person who must be over the moon about the stamp duty change on first home buyers.

And he certainly doesn't fall into that category, far from it.

Meriton boss billionaire Harry Triguboff has 1000 new unsold units ideally suited to first home buyers.

\* BACK in the '60s, the Club of Rome warned the world's population was growing faster than food could be produced.

Due to the Green Revolution food surpluses, not shortages, characterised the next 30 years.

The latest warning from the doomsayers is that women in the developed world are not breeding fast enough so there will be no one to look after old folk.

It's hard to argue against this, but the Club of Rome is an example of the dangers of projecting from the present into the future.

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For example should a cure or a treatment to slow the onset of Alzheimer's disease happen, half our old people homes would be empty and wouldn't that be just great.

No sooner had the thought crossed Harbour's mind than the following press release emerged from the bowels of the Australian Stock Exchange.

Biotechnology's Prana's PBT-1 drug for 18 months markedly slowed the decline in cognitive function associated with Alzheimer's disease compared with the level of decline predicted in scientific literature. Also, Prana's treatment has been well tolerated.

\* PUBLICITY-SHY Griffin Group chief Ric Stowe has emerged from deep cover.

The low profile WA entrepreneur surfaced to tell the world his heart was set on taking over his coal mining rival, Wesfarmers' Premier Coal.

Stowe said that, though Griffin wanted to buy out its rival Premier Coal, he suggested such a merger might not be embraced by local utility Western Power or the ACCC.

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## *Muslim-Jewish peace walk today faces a gantlet of emotions*

The Philadelphia Inquirer

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### **Body**

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They hope to walk through walls today in North Philadelphia. Walls of fear and mistrust.

A contingent of area religious activists will press their high hopes in a grassroots street event billed as "An Interfaith Peace Walk for Jewish-Muslim Reconciliation." Clad in white and displaying "Peace," "Shalom" and "Salaam" placards, they plan to cover a three-mile route from an Arab American mosque to a Reform Jewish synagogue.

It is an extraordinary idea, coming at a time of entrenched animosity between Jews and Muslims worldwide over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Anticipating hecklers, the organizers have deputized several dozen members to be "peacekeepers" along the route.

"We can't prevent people with other agendas from shouting, but we can encourage those in the walk not to engage in it, too," said Lance Laver of Congregation Mishkan Shalom in Roxborough, who helped plan the event.

The organizers see this as a beginning step in a long process of coalition-building. At this stage, they are stepping around the Mideast impasse and focusing on a more upbeat homefront agenda.

"We want to make sure those [Mideast] tensions don't get moved over to the local level because we are all Americans, we're all Philadelphians, and on 99 percent of domestic issues, most Jews and Muslims have much more in common than disagreements," said Marwan Kreidie, who helped coordinate the walk for the Al-Aqsa Islamic Society mosque. Kreidie cited immigration reform, refugee rights, hate-crime monitoring, and "the litany of schools and safe streets" as areas of cooperative action.

Al-Aqsa, starting point of the walk, is a growing Arab congregation of several thousand, about 65 percent of them Palestinians.

Chukri Khorchid, the Syrian-born school director, said Al-Aqsa's leadership has taken the stance that "we are mainstream and that's the way we have to react, to live in peace in the city of Philadelphia."

There are signs of peace there. Khorchid's 300-pupil school brings in a local Jewish poet, Cathleen Cohen, to teach poetry-writing - and a bit of Jewish customs and values. His bookshelf includes volumes of the Zohar, the Jewish

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mystical text. Unlike in some Muslim schools, Israel is not blotted off the wall maps in Al-Aqsa classrooms. Khorchid said many of his vendors are Jewish-owned businesses.

Because the congregation comprises more than a dozen nationalities with a variety of perspectives, Al-Aqsa's leadership instructs the Egyptian-born imam not to preach about politics.

"We do not want inflammatory rhetoric," Khorchid said.

Coexisting with Al-Aqsa's official amity, however, is widespread anger at Israel and its policies under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

"People here are very supportive of the PLO and [Yasir] Arafat," said Kreidie, who runs the Arab American Development Council out of rented space in the mosque. "I'm sure some people support Hamas [which advocates the destruction of Israel], but I'm pretty sure they don't support terrorism."

Emotions aside, most are "pragmatists," he said, who would accept a "two-state solution" of a Palestinian nation adjacent to Israel.

In recent weeks, as area Jews considered whether to join the peace walk, a news story has circulated about a pro-Palestine march in Washington in 2002. The article quoted two women from Al-Aqsa as saying they would support their sons if they became suicide bombers, and a third as shouting through a bullhorn, "Sharon and Hitler are the same, the only difference is the name."

Adab Ibrahim, the mosque's point person for the peace walk, said that she attended the Washington rally, and that she knows one of the women, who was misquoted. "She wouldn't sacrifice her son," said Ibrahim. "She meant she understood why people do anything to liberate Palestine."

Ibrahim, a Palestinian, said reconciliation is "a touchy subject" in her community. "You have people who are for peace, a just peace, and others who think they [Israelis] are the enemy, holding our people under occupation and killing them on a daily basis."

She said she counters with "examples of our prophets and how they brought peace, and how the best-loved people by God are the peacemakers. That is a quote from the Koran."

In the end, she said, most people at Al-Aqsa would probably accept a two-state solution. As would most of the Jews who planned the walk with her, she said: "That is our common ground."

Rabbi Aaron Bisno of Congregation Rodeph Shalom, end point of the walk, said he had heard only positive feedback about the event's "potential for bringing like-minded people together."

But Burt Siegel, head of the Jewish Community Relations Council, has grown "disheartened" by Muslim-Jewish dialogue and is wary of today's walk.

"I have found more people in the Jewish community who are willing to be critical of the leadership of the government of Israel than leaders in the Arab American community willing to be critical of Arafat and Hamas," Siegel said. "After several years of terrorism, it makes us wonder, are their sensibilities what we hope they are, that murdering civilians is never legitimate?"

Cantor George Mordecai of Beth Zion-Beth Israel, long a peace activist, said he had gotten grief "from Jews all over the community" because of his participation. "They think I'm naive, that the peace term is loaded," he said.

"Maybe I'm being overly optimistic and foolish," Mordecai said, "but I think it's primarily about fear, and that the more people see of the other, the more they walk or talk or go to concerts or even barbecues, the more they work on activities that bring people together, little by little the fear erodes. Hopefully."

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## If You Go

The Jewish-Muslim reconciliation walk begins at 1 p.m. today with prayers at the Al-Aqsa mosque, 1501 Germantown Ave. It heads south to St. Augustine Church, Fourth Street south of Vine; the Liberty Bell, Sixth and Market Streets, and Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 615 N. Broad St., where concluding festivities will be held. Information: 215-765-2743, Ext. 13.

## Notes

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## **14 Palestinians Killed in Battle As Israelis Raid Camps in Gaza**

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### **Body**

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Israeli armored forces raided the outskirts of two neighboring refugee camps in the Gaza Strip on Sunday, igniting a gun-and-grenade battle that lasted for hours and left 14 Palestinians dead.

At least 10 of the dead were gunmen, but Palestinians said 3 were unarmed youths. They included a 9-year-old boy who had told his mother he was going to school but apparently went to watch the fighting instead. No Israelis were wounded.

It was the deadliest single Israeli raid in more than a year. Witnesses and the army described a bedlam of gunfire and explosions of grenades and firebombs after Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships moved on the camps, and mosque loudspeakers summoned gunmen to jihad.

After dawn, hundreds of children and teenagers, some of them flinging stones from improvised slings, swarmed the uncertain edges of the congested battlefield, a mix of orange orchards in fragrant bloom and fetid, sandy camp lanes.

Eighty-three people were injured, including 40 under the age of 18, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.

The Israeli Army said soldiers were searching for weapons and for militants responsible for firing mortar bombs and antitank missiles at nearby Jewish settlements. The Israeli forces eventually withdrew under what the army described as extraordinarily heavy Palestinian fire, including antitank missiles, mortar bombs and rocket-propelled grenades. They did not make any arrests or seize any weapons.

The raid came a day after a brazen suicidal Palestinian assault on an Israeli-controlled boundary crossing from Gaza. That attack on Saturday killed the four assailants and two Palestinian policemen without harming any Israelis. It suggested a new daring by militants here as the governing Palestinian Authority crumbles and the Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon, speaks of an eventual, unilateral withdrawal from most or all of the Gaza Strip.

Raanan Gissin, spokesman for Mr. Sharon, said of the raid on Sunday, "This is a signal to show that even though there are talks about disengagement, we are not going to let them use these camps to launch their attacks."

He said soldiers tried to avoid hurting civilians. He expressed regret for the deaths of the children but said: "The children flock to the gunmen. No doubt the gunmen are using them."

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Palestinians accused Israel of staging the attack in hopes of drawing out and killing militants.

"I think the Israelis did this so that the militant people would come and confront them, and they could get them all at once," said Awad Quader, 27, a chicken farmer who lives near the center of where the fighting was.

In a statement, the Islamic militant group **Hamas** identified nine of the dead as members of its violent wing. Two were known to be particularly active in firing mortar bombs and rockets at Israeli targets.

Nuseirat and the neighboring Bureij camp held a ritual on Sunday that is grimly familiar to the residents. Middle-aged and elderly men gathered to sit quietly on plastic chairs outside the homes of the dead, **women** gathered to sit on the floors inside, and young men and boys lofted the bodies through the streets in roiling crowds, shouting that God is great.

The body of Mahmoud Younis, 9, his face rigid and yellow, was wrapped in a bright green **Hamas** flag as it was carried to the low door of his cinder-block home. One man repeatedly fired a silver pistol into the air outside as the body was borne in and then carried away for burial.

Mahmoud's mother, Jamila Younis, 35, said her son had gotten up at 6, put on his school uniform and said he wanted to go to class despite the fighting. "Instead of going to school, I think he and his friends went to the place where there was the incursion," she said, her eyes red. "His friends came and said, 'Your son died.' He got a bullet in the head and also in his foot."

Outside the Younis home were more than a dozen members of Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group connected to the mainstream Fatah faction. They wore black hoods with black or green mesh over their eyes. Some had rocket-propelled grenades strapped to their waists along with the Kalashnikov rifles in their hands.

Their leader, a man of 40 who did not wear a hood and gave the nom de guerre Abu Jandal, said Mr. Sharon was confused about his own intentions but added, "The pressure of resistance from here will force him to withdraw from Gaza and the West Bank."

He said the Israeli raid would recruit more militants for him. "All these young kids are asking to be martyrs," he said, gesturing at dozens of boys who crowded around him and his gunmen. "They want to be bombs."

Judging by their route of withdrawal, the Israeli forces began their raid from just north of here at the Israeli settlement of Netzarim. Palestinian witnesses said that, at the start of the raid, soldiers seized at least two tall buildings and set up sniper posts.

The army said soldiers were seeking to track down a militant cell centered at the Bureij camp that has fired dozens of mortar bombs during the past two months at Netzarim and the settlement of Kfar Darom, south of here. Those attacks have not caused injuries, but an army spokesman said they could have caused great harm.

The Israeli Army frequently enters Palestinian cities in the West Bank in what it says are searches for wanted men, and gunmen now seldom resist those raids. But in Gaza, militants continue to fight back. An Israeli raid into Gaza City on Feb. 11 left 12 Palestinians dead, and another on Jan. 28 left 8 dead. In both cases, most of the dead were gunmen.

The army said the fight here was unusual in that the Palestinians responded so quickly, and with considerable firepower.

The Palestinian fire actually intensified during the withdrawal, the army said. At least one armored vehicle was partly disabled and had to be rescued. Some children climbed onto halted armored vehicles, the army said.

After the Israelis withdrew at midmorning, a hole four feet deep and six feet across gaped in Salahadin Road between the camps, where militants had detonated a mine.

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Photos: Residents of the Nuseirat Refugee Camp took cover as Israeli troops and Palestinians exchanged fire. (Photo by Agence France-Presse--Getty Images)(pg. A1)

A wounded Palestinian boy was carried yesterday during the raid on the Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Palestinians said 3 of the 14 killed were unarmed youths, including a 9-year-old boy. (Photo by Getty Images)(pg. A9)Map of Israel highlighting the Nuseirat refugee camp: The Nuseirat refugee camp held a ritual to commemorate the dead. (pg. A9)

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## *Israeli moderates call for evacuation of Jewish settlement*

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### **Body**

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NETZARIM, Gaza Strip -- Moderates in Israel's Cabinet called Sunday for the evacuation of this tiny Jewish settlement, which relies on an entire army battalion for protection, after three soldiers were killed there by Palestinian militants.

However, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon believes a pullout from the enclave in Gaza would show weakness and encourage Palestinian violence, and one former Israeli commander says Netzarim must remain a strategic "bone in the throat" of the Palestinians. Others in the military say using an estimated 350 soldiers to guard 400 people is a waste of resources.

In this quiet, leafy enclave just 2 1/2 miles from the border with Israel and surrounded by Palestinians on all sides, people remain confident they will stay right where they are.

"God promised this area to Israel," said Yossi Krakover, 35, who has lived there for 12 years.

The debate over Netzarim exploded after two Palestinian militants shrouded in fog cut through a fence early Friday and crept up on the army base inside the settlement. The militants entered the barracks and shot soldiers as they slept, killing three including two women and wounding two others.

Soldiers killed one of the militants, who was from Hamas. The other, from Islamic Jihad, escaped.

Israel responded Sunday by blowing up three Palestinian high-rises less than a half-mile from the settlement, as well as a police post they say the surviving militant hid in after the attack.

Netzarim is a common target for militants, and soldiers guarding the settlement say it is one of the most dangerous places to be posted. Several Palestinians have been killed trying to break in.

Nine soldier guards and two residents have been killed during the three-year uprising, and the settlement also is a frequent target of rocket attacks.

Justice Minister Yosef Lapid, leader of the moderate Shinui party, told the Cabinet on Sunday the time had come for a serious discussion of the Netzarim settlement.

"Is it right that a battalion of soldiers should guard only 60 families?" Lapid asked, according to spokesman Tzachi Moshe.

## Israeli moderates call for evacuation of Jewish settlement

About 350 soldiers serve in an average battalion, though exact numbers are classified.

There is a strong reluctance in Israel to concede any territory or dismantle any settlements without getting something in return, and a peace deal with the Palestinians does not seem near.

Some say the site of Netzarim is strategically important for Israel.

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An Israeli soldier keeps watch Sunday at a machine-gun post atop a guard tower overlooking Netzarim settlement, background, and surrounding Palestinian lands.

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## **20 KILLED AS BOMB RIPS THROUGH BAR**

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### **Body**

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A PALESTINIAN suicide bomber blew up a packed restaurant on an Israeli beach yesterday, killing at least 20 people.

More than 50 were also injured in the explosion in the northern city of Haifa, according to rescue workers and the police.

The blast ripped through the Maxim bar and restaurant on the southern outskirts of the city on the Jewish sabbath, just a day before the start of the Yom Kippur fast.

The police and rescue workers said the dead included three children, one a baby just a few months old, and that the attacker may have been female.

Police spokesman Gil Kleiman said: "In all probability it's a woman. It was a woman who carried the explosive device. She is in her 20s and her head was blown off."

The attack is bringing pressure to bear on the Israeli government to make good its threat to "remove" Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. Israeli health minister Danny Naveh said:

"Arafat is behind these terrorist attacks. He has been leading the terror campaign for the last three years and more and it is time to take measures against him.

"This is a vicious Palestinian terrorist attack on families spending a Saturday afternoon together in a restaurant. There are many women and children who are badly injured here."

National police chief Shlomo Aharonishky said:

"There was a security guard outside but the attacker managed to enter the Maxim and blow the place up."

The Maxim is owned by a Christian Arab and a Jewish family and is frequented by Arabs and Jews.

The coach and two officials of Maccabi Haifa football team were among the wounded, team captain Arik Benado said.

Several players, including Israeli international Benado, arrived just after the blast.

## 20 KILLED AS BOMB RIPS THROUGH BAR

One witness, identified only as Eliad, said: "There was a big explosion which blew out the windows." Another witness, Navon Hai, said: "Families were dead around the tables. There were children without limbs."

On Friday, the Islamic militant group **Hamas** warned a barrier Israel is building on the West Bank to protect its settlements would not prevent attacks on Israelis and said that the US "road map" to peace was doomed.

Yesterday, Palestinian Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Qurie called for a halt to attacks on civilians.

It is not clear, however, whether Qurie was also ordering an end to attacks on Jewish settlers on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, not considered by Palestinians as true civilians.

Jonathan Peled, of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, demanded the Palestinian Authority cracks down on Islamic militants who have killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings.

He said: "We have had enough of denunciations. We need action."

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INTERNATIONAL A2-6

#### Congress Passes Billions For Iraqi Reconstruction

Congress voted in favor of President Bush's request for \$87 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan, handing him a solid mandate for the continued occupation and reconstruction of Iraq. There are some issues still to be negotiated in conference committee. A1

A joint United States-Iraqi military patrol fought with guards of a militant Shiite cleric, leaving dead three American servicemen and two Iraqi security officers as well as at least five others. A1

#### Sharon Eases Threat on Arafat

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel appeared to back away from a threat to expel the Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat. F.B.I. investigators met with their foreign counterparts to start looking into a recent bombing in the Gaza Strip. A2

#### German Economic Restructuring

The lower house of the German Parliament passed a major part of an economic reform package, which is seen by some as an essential part of a drive to radically alter the nature of the German economy. A5

#### European Summit in Brussels

European leaders at a meeting in Brussels discussed ways to deepen Europe's combined defense, but sought to assuage American concerns that such plans would undermine NATO. A4

#### Bush Meets Japanese Leader

President Bush thanked Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan for a \$1.5 billion commitment to rebuilding Iraq. They could not, however agree on the value of the dollar. A3

#### President of Bolivia Resigns

President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada of Bolivia resigned from office after nearly a month of clashes between army troops and demonstrators protesting against the government. A5

#### U.S. Losing Dominance in Asia

## NEWS SUMMARY

Asian countries are looking to China as the increasingly vital regional power after more than 50 years of American dominance. China has been transformed by its churning economic engine, coupled with trade deals and friendly diplomacy. A1

## NATIONAL A7-10,14

## Arms Search Is Ordered For All U.S. Airliners

The Bush administration ordered the immediate inspection of all passenger planes in the fleets of United States-based airlines after box cutters and small containers of bleach, as well as a clay-like material, were found in two Southwest Airlines jets. A7

## 6 Die in Chicago Fire

Six people died from injuries in a fire at a 35-story building downtown. Several more were taken to hospitals, many in serious or critical condition. The police and fire officials said they did not know the cause of the fire. A7

Virginia Group Linked to Hamas

Federal law enforcement officials said that they suspected a group of Islamic charities in Northern Virginia of laundering hundreds of thousands of dollars or more from Saudi Arabia in order to help finance terrorist attacks by Hamas and other militant groups. A8

## Lieberman Speech Draws Anger

Senator Joseph I. Lieberman told an Arab-American group in Dearborn, Mich., that Arabs and Jews have more similarities than differences, but received a hostile response when he said Israel's treatment of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank "is not terrorism." A8

## Dispute Over Judicial Nominee

President Bush's nomination of Justice Janice Rogers Brown to sit on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which, if approved, would make her the first black woman to occupy the post, has received a critical review from the Congressional Black Caucus and a lukewarm one from the American Bar Association. A8

## Jury Selected for Sniper Trial

The final selection was made of the 15-member jury in the trial of John A. Muhammad, charged with the murder of Dean H. Meyers, the seventh person killed in the Washington-area sniper shootings last fall. A7

## Death Penalty Case Delayed

The federal death penalty trial of Darrell D. Rice, who is accused of murdering two women in Shenandoah National Park in 1996, was disrupted when federal prosecutors joined in a defense request for a two-week delay on the basis of DNA testing. A10

## Religion Journal A10

## NEW YORK/REGION B1-5

## Crew in S.I. Ferry Crash May Have Violated Rules

Law enforcement officials said that it appeared that the ranking officer of the Staten Island Ferry that crashed, killing 10 people, was not in the boat's pilot house as the ferry approached its dock, a violation of the city's procedures. A1

## Seeking to Return Downtown

## NEWS SUMMARY

Cantor Fitzgerald, the stock and bond trading firm that lost 658 employees on Sept. 11, 2001, is negotiating to buy a 200,000-square-foot office condominium at 10 Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan, real estate executives and government officials said. B1

## Former Hitman Testifies

Salvatore Gravano, the Mafia informant and former hitman, testified in court on behalf of an old friend who is charged with conspiring to kill him and delivered something of a lecture on the fine points of mob murder. B3

## ARTS &amp; IDEAS B7-18

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## SPORTS D1-7

## Red Faces at The Post

The New York Post included an editorial in its last 200,000 copies yesterday saying the the Boston Red Sox had defeated the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series. The newspaper's editor in chief attributed the mistake to a production error. B3

## N.F.L. to Test for a Steroid

The National Football League said that it would begin testing players for THG, a previously unidentified and undetectable steroid, in an effort to avoid the kind of scandal that has embarrassed professional track and field this week. D4

## U.S.O.C. Reconstruction Plan

The 20-member executive committee of the United States Olympic Committee voted to eliminate itself and reduce the size of the board of directors, which can have as many as 125 members, to 11. D4

## BUSINESS DAY C1-16

## Bermuda Firm Finds Loophole

Nabors Industries, a big oil drilling company that escapes American taxes by taking addresses in Bermuda and Barbados, is trying to qualify for business open only to American concerns. A1

## New Cellphone Era Nears

Wireless phone companies are trying to get customers to renew their contracts before Nov. 24, when a rule will let people keep their cellphone numbers when they change services. A1

## New Round of Music Lawsuits

The recording industry is notifying 204 suspected large-scale music sharers that it is suing them. C1

## Crackdown on Internet Drugs

Two federal agencies have formed a task force to crack down on the growing tide of illicit sales of narcotics on the Internet. Those who order the drugs may face prosecution. C1

## Stocks Take a Tumble

The Dow fell 69.93 points, to 9,721.79, 47.11 points above last week's close. The Nasdaq dropped 37.78 points, to 1,912.36, 2.95 points below last week's close. C4

## Business Digest C1

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## *Palestinian Ends Defense in Murder Trial*

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A top leader of the Palestinian uprising suggested today at his trial for orchestrating the killing of Israelis that the Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank could lead to Israel's being submerged in "one state for two peoples" -- with Jews and Palestinians living under common rule.

Marwan Barghouti, a top aide to the Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat, is charged with murder in attacks that killed 26 Israelis in the first 18 months of the uprising, which began three years ago. He faces a possible life sentence when the Tel Aviv district court pronounces its verdict, probably in November.

But today he closed his own defense in a yearlong trial that has become a focal point for Israelis and Palestinians with a mocking prediction that he would be released soon in a prisoner exchange.

"Put together a commemorative book, because this is history," he told the Israeli prosecutor, Devorah Chen, according to the reporter from Reuters, one of those admitted to the courtroom under a pool arrangement. "I'll be out soon enough." The remarks, the report said, were greeted with cheers from a group of European lawmakers attending the trial. Mr. Barghouti is accused of leading Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades, an offshoot of Mr. Arafat's Fatah movement.

Speaking in nearly fluent Hebrew learned during extended periods in Israeli prisons, and pausing only occasionally to seek help from the three-judge panel in finding the right word, Mr. Barghouti made no plea for acquittal or mitigation. At one point, he lowered his head in memory of the 2,700 Palestinians he said had been killed in the uprising.

Other counts, including those kept by human rights groups, put the number of dead at about 2,600 Palestinians and 800 Israelis.

"I am against killing innocent people, against murdering innocent women and children," Mr. Barghouti said. "All along, I have said that I opposed military operations, but we have to fight Israeli occupation in the territories. We want freedom and a state, just like the Israelis."

Mr. Barghouti, considered by many Palestinians to be a possible successor to the 74-year-old Mr. Arafat, used the courtroom to speak to Palestinians, and to world opinion. A longer version of his speech was distributed to

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Palestinian news agencies. He said Israelis had prejudiced the chances of securing a lasting peace in a Jewish state by denying Palestinian demands for a viable independent state of their own, and by using such force in responding to the uprising.

"Today, three years have passed, and I hope that the Israelis have learned that the Palestinian people cannot be brought to yield with force," he said, according to notes distributed by the Reuters reporter. "If an occupation does not end unilaterally or through negotiations, there is only one solution, one state for two peoples. How can the Jews who suffered and survived the Holocaust allow themselves to resort to such insufferable and unacceptable means against another people?"

Mr. Barghouti, a West Bank farmer's son who joined Mr. Arafat's Fatah group when he was 15, was among those who worked with Mr. Arafat on reaching the 1993 Oslo accords, which established Palestinian authority in the territories occupied by Israel in 1967. He was seized by Israeli troops in April 2002, and accused of being one of the principal organizers behind the wave of armed attacks and suicide bombings aimed at Israelis.

At one point, Mr. Barghouti traded barbs with the chief judge, Sara Sirotta, who demanded he stick to the issue at trial. "We are not here for a historical overview," she said. "If it were in our hands, we would issue an injunction for peace."

Mr. Barghouti replied, "Why don't you get up and say, 'I am against the occupation?'"

Israeli officials have denied in recent days that the 43-year-old Mr. Barghouti would be included in a complex prisoner exchange involving Israel, Iran and Hezbollah, the Iran-backed guerrilla group based in Lebanon. Israeli officials have acknowledged negotiating for an exchange that would include freeing hundreds of Palestinians and two Lebanese guerrilla leaders from Israeli jails in return for a kidnapped Israeli businessman and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers.

Mr. Barghouti offered his account of what Palestinians have endured since Israeli troops, seeking to curb the uprising, returned to wide areas of the West Bank and Gaza.

"Occupation ruins the life of an entire people because it is a total negation," Mr. Barghouti said. "It stifles the air that humans breathe. To live under occupation is a life without dignity, without anything. How many women have given birth at checkpoints?" To laughter in the court, he added, "Some even ended up naming their children Machsom," a Hebrew word for roadblock.

"We are not tourists in this land," he added. "We have lived here for thousands of years and will continue doing so. There is room for both of us."

If Israelis fail to make peace, Mr. Barghouti suggested, they will find power among Palestinians shifting to others more radical than Mr. Arafat. His list of possible successors included Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas, which is considered responsible for many of the suicide bombings against Israelis; Abdel Aziz Rantisi, another senior Hamas leader -- and himself. "Now Yasir Arafat is the leader of the Palestinians, and if not Arafat, then Yassin, and if not Yassin, then Rantisi, and if not Rantisi, then Barghouti," he said.

Mr. Arafat has spent more than 21 months in his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, trapped by Israeli troops and, recently, under threat of deportation or even assassination by the Israeli government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Over the weekend, reports circulated that he was ill with what Palestinian officials variously described as a serious bout of flu and as a stomach ailment. On Sunday night, a Palestinian ambulance arrived at the compound, apparently carrying medications.

Today, Mr. Arafat was visited by his personal physician, Dr. Ashraf al-Kurdi, a Jordanian sent by King Abdullah II of Jordan. Dr. Kurdi pronounced Mr. Arafat "in good health despite living in unhealthy conditions" -- much of the headquarters now lies in rubble, destroyed by Israeli tanks in retaliation for Palestinian attacks for which the Israeli government blamed Mr. Arafat.



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Mr. Arafat himself, appearing before reporters for the first time in days, descended the steps slowly and pronounced himself fit. "Our illness is over now, thank God," he said.

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Photo: Marwan Barghouti leaving court in Tel Aviv yesterday. A top aide to Yasir Arafat, Mr. Barghouti is charged with murder in attacks that killed 26 Israelis in the first 18 months of the three-year-old uprising. (Photo by Getty Images)

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## *Islamic militants sneak into army base, kill three Israeli soldiers*

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JERUSALEM -- Israel's Defense Ministry has formulated a plan to extend its security barrier into a new area of the West Bank, despite international pressure to stop construction, a senior Israeli official said today. Meanwhile, Palestinian gunmen killed three Israeli soldiers in a Gaza settlement.

The new segment would cut off the Jordan Valley -- a region on the eastern side of the West Bank where Israel has a number of settlement -- and connect it to Israel.

Earlier this month, the Israeli government approved a series of security barriers that would run through the West Bank, in most areas relatively close to Israel. The Jordan Valley segment, which would be much further to the east, has not yet been presented to the government for approval, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

His comments provided the most detailed confirmation yet that a Jordan Valley segment is being considered by Israel. The official said that this segment would be the last to be built, if it all, depending on the security situation.

Israel says it is building the fences, razor wires and trenches to keep out Palestinian suicide bombers and gunmen. The Palestinians say Israel is grabbing land, unilaterally drawing a border and making it impossible to establish a viable Palestinian state.

"This wall will create a new fact on the ground, which will make it impossible to reach any political solution," said Hassan Abu Libdeh, a spokesman for Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia.

In the Gaza Strip, Islamic militants broke into an army base at the isolated Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip under heavy early morning fog today and killed three Israeli soldiers -- two women and a man -- and wounded two in their sleeping quarters.

A settlement security guard, Eliyahu Zan, said that a call came over his walkie-talkie warning that an attacker was in the settlement. "We heard the sound of the shooting very loudly. It pounded in our ears," he told Israel Radio.

Troops shot and killed one of the Palestinians, who was armed with an assault rifle, the army said. Troops failed to find a second attacker.

In a phone call to The Associated Press, the militant Islamic Jihad said one of its members carried out the shooting together with a gunman from Hamas. The caller identified the dead attacker as Samir Fouda, 21, a Hamas militant from Gaza's Jebaliya refugee camp, and said the other assailant escaped.

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Also today, Palestinian doctors said an 11-year-old Palestinian died during surgery after he was injured by gunshots in Gaza. Troops fired machine guns in the area of the boy's home, Palestinians said. The army said it did not know of any shooting in the area. Elsewhere in Gaza, a 10-year-old boy was shot in the stomach and was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Also, in northern Gaza, soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian who approached the fence of another settlement, the military said.

Meanwhile, two Palestinian men died of wounds from an Israeli helicopter missile strike Monday in a Gaza refugee camp, bringing the death toll in that airstrike to 10. Also, a 15-year-old Palestinian died of wounds from a battle last week between Israeli troops and gunmen in the southern Gaza town of Rafah.

Separately, in the West Bank, Israeli undercover troops arrested one of the Islamic Jihad's top leaders as he sat in a sweets shop in the town of Ramallah Thursday evening. The fugitive, Osama Barham, 40, a top leader of the group's military wing, had been hiding out for three years and is blamed by Israel for numerous terror attacks.

As violence continued, an Israeli official talked of plans to hang on to the strategic Jordan Valley in the framework of a security barrier being built through the West Bank.

The Gaza Strip is surrounded by a security fence, which has prevented most attempted infiltrations from Gaza into Israel.

Over the last three years of fighting, more than 400 Israelis have been killed in suicide bombings carried out by Palestinians who easily infiltrated the unmarked and unguarded line between Israel and the West Bank, blowing themselves up in crowded Israeli cities.

While Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said that the barrier is meant as a security measure, not a border, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu -- Sharon's main rival in the ruling Likud Party -- suggested that the barrier could become a permanent frontier in the absence of a peace plan.

"At this moment, because we do not have an arrangement with the other side, we are making a unilateral arrangement," he told Israel TV's Channel 2 in an interview broadcast Thursday.

The United States is opposed to unilateral measures by either side that would pre-empt negotiations under the "road map" peace plan, which calls for an end to three years of violence and leads to a Palestinian state in 2005. Issues like borders and the future of Israeli settlements are to be negotiated in the final stage of the "road map" plan.

The senior official said the route of the fence along the Jordan Valley has been approved by the defense establishment, and it fits Sharon's concept of permanent Israeli control over the valley.

"Israel must control the Jordan Valley for security purposes, even if it does not have sovereignty," the official said, a rare government indication that Israel might negotiate over sovereignty there.

Sharon's long-standing concept of a permanent arrangement with the Palestinians would give the Palestinians authority over populated enclaves around the West Bank, while Israel would maintain control over the entire periphery. Palestinians demand a state in all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip with a capital in the Arab section of Jerusalem.

Nineteen small Jewish settlements dot the Jordan River Valley, a parched, hot strip of barren land punctuated by two main oases -- the Palestinian towns of Jericho and Jiftliq. The kingdom of Jordan is clearly visible across the narrow river.

This week the U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution demanding that Israel stop construction of the barrier and tear down the sections already completed, but Israel rejected the nonbinding resolution.

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Also Thursday, Palestinians and the United States criticized the latest Israeli tender for building new housing in West Bank settlements.

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**Villagers come out to greet Native son: Bethlehem man did 12 years in Israeli jail**

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## **Body**

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He usually leans heavily on a cane, but Mohammed Abayat sprang to life yesterday when he saw the bus chugging up the Bethlehem hill, carrying his son and dozens of other Palestinians freed from Israeli jails.

The grizzled, 69-year-old clan patriarch strode purposefully down the middle of the road. "Open the door! Open the door!" he shouted, banging on the bus with his hand.

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Faced down by the frail but determined figure, the driver slowed and stopped, and off stepped Daoud Abayat.

The son was 19 when Israeli authorities arrested him for making explosives for the Islamic group **Hamas** and throwing a grenade at Jewish settlers, charges he does not deny. He is 31 now.

Palestinian officials heaped scorn on Israel's release of 334 prisoners, calling it a propaganda ploy by freeing men whose terms were almost up instead of the mass release of thousands that Palestinian leaders sought. Abayat, for instance, had only a few months left to serve in his 12-year sentence.

The argument seemed of little consequence in Bethlehem, where several dozen released men were greeted with joy.

The hero of the day was clearly Abayat, known as the area's longest-serving prisoner. An exuberant crowd from the Abayat clan and their supporters shouted his name, hoisted him on their shoulders and chanted "God is great!"

"I'm so happy, I feel like I can fly," gushed his sister Nowal, 39, promising to cook "every dish on the planet" for her brother.

Abayat was more subdued, echoing the message sounded by Palestinian officials and by many of the released prisoners across the West Bank and Gaza. "I feel pain for my brothers who were left behind," he said, referring to more than 6,000 Palestinians still held by Israel.

A dozen **women** and a crowd of children waited inside the family compound.

As Abayat approached, the **women** broke out in cheers, rolling their tongues and pounding on small drums. He spent less than a minute with the **women** before retreating to the back of the compound, where an apartment had been built for him atop his brother's house.

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Like other prisoners released, Abayat was made by the Israelis to sign a document promising to refrain from terrorism. Will he respect it?

"I spent half my life in jail," he said, with the faintest trace of a smile. "I think I'm going to spend some time with my family now."

"But I will never turn my back on the cause," he added, without elaboration.

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**Israeli jets hit Syria camp in blast revenge: Israeli jets hit Syria in blast revenge**

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Israel launched its deepest raid into Syria in 30 years yesterday to bomb an apparently abandoned Palestinian "terrorist training base" north of Damascus in retaliation for the suicide bombing of a Haifa restaurant that killed 19 people, including four children.

The Israeli government said the attack was a warning that "terrorists" could not hide in neighbouring countries, prompting concern abroad of a widening of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But some members of Ariel Sharon's cabinet were more concerned that the prime minister ordered the raid as an alternative to following through on the government's decision last month to exile or even kill Yasser Arafat if the suicide bombings continued.

At an emergency UN security council meeting last night, Syria threatened to establish "a resisting and deterring balance that forces Israel to review its calculations" and accused Mr Sharon of exporting the conflict with the Palestinians.

The two countries technically remain at war exactly 30 years after Syria and its Arab neighbours attacked Israel on Yom Kippur. But there appeared little prospect of a serious Syrian military response to yesterday's raid.

Instead, Damascus sought a security council resolution condemning Israeli "military aggression".

The Israeli UN ambassador, Dan Gillerman, likened the Syrian move to Osama bin Laden calling for security council support after the September 11 attacks. Mr Gillerman said he was aggrieved that the debate was being held on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, and, after a vitriolic denunciation of the Syrian government for allegedly harbouring terrorists, he left the chamber.

The Israeli military described the target in Ein Saheb, about 12 miles north-west of Damascus, as "a training camp used by terrorist organisations", including Islamic Jihad which claimed responsibility for the attack by a **female** suicide bomber on a restaurant co-owned by Jews and Arabs in Haifa on Saturday.

A government spokesman, Avi Pazner, said countries which support groups such as Islamic Jihad and **Hamas** could not claim the inviolability of their soil if Israel acted in "self- defence".

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"Any country who harbours terrorism, who trains them, supports and encourages them will be responsible to answer for their actions," he said.

But the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said the camp was one of its deserted bases and that the only casualties were two slightly wounded guards.

Before the raid, three of Mr Sharon's ministers called on the prime minister to carry out the cabinet's threat to "remove" Mr Arafat as an obstacle to peace following the Haifa bomb.

Eliezer Sandberg said the moment had arrived to expel or assassinate the Palestinian president after the bombing on the eve of the Yom Kippur religious holiday. Zevulun Orlev, a cabinet minister from the National Religious party, said if the Israeli government did not now move against Mr Arafat it would look weak.

But the cabinet's earlier decision is all the authority Mr Sharon needs if he does decide to remove Mr Arafat, and he will have been reluctant to face his ministers - who overwhelmingly are in favour of exiling the Palestinian leader - if he has decided against it for now.

Last night, Mr Arafat declared a state of emergency in the Palestinian territories and installed a crisis government headed by his nominee for prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, in a move apparently aimed as staving off Israeli pressure.

"It is a very difficult situation because of the act in Haifa," said Mr Qureia after meeting Mr Arafat.

"We decided that the situation is not to be tolerated . . . and therefore we have decided serious and very major steps are being taken."

But the new prime minister did not elaborate other than to say that rival Palestinian security forces will be brought under a single command, hinting that the leadership may be preparing to meet an Israeli demand for a showdown with Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Mr Arafat said the bombing was a "terrible attack and a big crime" against Jews and Arabs alike.

The Palestinian president's supporters feared that the Israelis might move against Mr Arafat within hours of the bombing.

About 30 Israeli and foreign activists gathered at his compound in Ramallah to offer themselves as human shields.

They included four Britons, among them Roy Ratcliffe, a 61-year-old history teacher from Devon who travelled to the West Bank to protect Palestinian olive pickers from attack by Jewish settlers.

"We are saying to the world that it is the Palestinian people who have the right to select or deselect their president, not anyone else," he said. "We will be collateral damage if that's what it comes to."

The Jewish activists were led by Uri Avnery, a veteran peacenik who was among the first Israelis to travel to Beirut to talk to Mr Arafat in exile during the 1980s.

"The situation is clearly that Sharon intends to kill Arafat. But he depends on the Americans to give him permission and that hasn't been given yet," he said.

Mr Avnery said the Israelis had no intention of allowing Mr Arafat to go into exile: "Forget the word 'deport'. Deport is the euphemism for assassination. Everyone on the Israeli side knows that they will have to kill him. No one expects for a moment that Arafat will surrender without shooting. No one in Israel wants Arafat in exile, travelling the world promoting the Palestinian cause.

Mr Sharon's critics say that having threatened to "remove" the Palestinian leader, the Israeli prime minister has painted himself into a corner because most of the public expects him to do just that.



## Israeli jets hit Syria camp in blast revenge: Israeli jets hit Syria in blast revenge

But the bombing has also raised other questions about two of Mr Sharon's tactics in combating what he calls "the terror" - the targeted killings of Palestinian fighters and the "security fence" carved through the West Bank.

The **female** suicide bomber, Hanadi Jaradat, came from Jenin, a city that has been hit by Israeli forces for weeks. Among those killed by the Israelis were Jaradat's brother and cousin in June. Those deaths and others not only failed to prevent Islamic Jihad from launching another attack but encouraged a new recruit in Jaradat.

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**BLOODSHED:** Abdullah Kawasme, a Hamas leader blamed for organising three suicide bombings, is shot dead by Israeli troops while they attempt to arrest him. Palestinian leaders have accused the Israelis of undermining their peace efforts.

**NEW GOVERNOR:** Major General Michael Jeffrey, who formerly served with the SAS, is named as the new Governor General of Australia. He replaces Peter Hollingworth, who resigned after two sex scandals.

**HEAVY HANDED:** An American soldier unties women and children "mistakenly" handcuffed with plastic bands while searching for a wanted Iraqi man in the town of Habaniyah. The US army later apologised.

**CROSS YOURSELF:** A Roman Catholic woman waits for an open air mass to be taken by the Pope in Banjaluka in the Serbian-dominated part of Bosnia. Only a fraction of the Catholics expelled in the 1992-95 war have returned to the area.

**PUTIN TOUR:** Vladimir Putin prepares to fly to Britain for a four-day tour, the first state visit by a Russian leader since 1874. President Putin, a former member of the KGB, and his wife will stay at Buckingham Palace.

**LEWIS WINS:** Fight fans fear that the British world heavyweight champion, Lennox Lewis, is starting to show his age as he unconvincingly stops Vitali Klitschko in the sixth round of their title fight in Los Angeles. Many in the crowd booed the decision.

**ROYAL TOUR:** The Earl of Wessex chuckles with Chief Perry Bellegarde of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians during the opening ceremony of the First Nations University of Canada. Prince Edward's visit prevented him from attending Prince William's 21st birthday party.

**OLYMPIC FLAME:** Fireworks and the Olympic torch light up the sky in Dublin at the opening ceremony of the 2003 Special Olympics.

**WILLS WORRIES:** Guests arrive in fancy dress for Prince William's African-themed 21st birthday bash. Royal security was again in the spotlight after a man gatecrashed the party and got on stage with the prince.

**LIGHT SHOW:** The mayor of Paris flicks the switch to reveal the Eiffel Tower's new look, involving 20,000 light bulbs and over 25 miles of cables. The lights will illuminate the tower for the first ten minutes of every hour from dusk to dawn.

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**FLOODBALL:** Boys play football in their flooded village in the Dhemaji district in northeast India. Monsoon rains have overflowed, pouring water into the homes of over 400,000 people in the region.

**BURNING BRUSH:** Forest fires rage out of control in Arizona, where over 6,500 acres of forest have been destroyed. More than 1,000 firefighters are trying to keep the fire from the town of Lemmon, the state's second-largest city.

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## **Blast at Israeli Home Kills 2; Talks Center on Prisoners**

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Israeli and Palestinian ministers sat down together for meetings here Monday, as the two sides worked to fill in details of a new peace plan.

But on Monday night, a powerful explosion tore apart an Israeli home near the West Bank, and the police were investigating the incident early today as a possible suicide bombing. Investigators found two bodies in the rubble, one of a woman and the other of a young man, the police said.

"They're not saying it's a terrorist attack," said Gil Kleiman, a police spokesman. "They're checking all possibilities." The blast occurred in the village of Kfar Yavetz, in central Israel.

The woman was identified as a 65-year-old resident of the village, but the man, whose body was said to have been mangled, was not immediately identified.

If the blast was a suicide bombing, it would be the first such attack since the leading Palestinian factions -- ***Hamas***, Islamic Jihad and the mainstream Fatah movement -- announced on June 29 that they were suspending their violence for at least three months.

The explosion occurred near Palestinian areas of the northern West Bank where Palestinian security forces have not yet assumed policing responsibility from Israel. But the Palestinian cease-fire was supposed to apply to all violence against Israelis. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

Last week, Israel withdrew its forces from parts of the Gaza Strip and from most of Bethlehem, in the southern West Bank, returning security control to Palestinian forces there. Israel says it will not pull back from any more Palestinian cities until it sees Palestinian officers take action to break up militant groups and collect their weapons.

Israeli officials have largely dismissed the cease-fire as a ploy to blunt their military operations and permit terrorists to re-arm.

Palestinian security officials in Gaza said Monday that they had released nine militants from a group known as the Popular Resistance Committees. The men were being held on charges that they took part in firing grenades at Israeli settlements in Gaza in recent days. They were freed after the group said it would abide by the factions' decision to suspend attacks.

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In their meetings on Monday, Palestinian ministers warned their Israeli counterparts that a planned Israeli prisoner release, announced Sunday, was too small to achieve its stated purpose of generating political support for the Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, and the peace effort. They proposed having Mr. Abbas visit members of Israel's Parliament to make his case directly to them.

The Israeli government, though deeply divided on the matter, narrowly decided Sunday to release some 300 of more than 5,000 Palestinian prisoners. It said that it would give priority to women and to prisoners under 18 and over 60, but that it would free no one involved in attacking Israelis.

Hisham Abdul Razeq, the Palestinian minister of prisoners affairs and a former prisoner of Israel, met on Monday with Yosef Lapid, the Israeli justice minister. Afterward, Mr. Abdul Razeq told reporters that if Israel did not revise its decision, "it will affect the peace process for the worse." He said the only way to strengthen the truce was to release prisoners from all Palestinian factions.

Hamas leaders said they would consider a refusal by Israel to release all its prisoners to be a violation of the temporary cease-fire. Israel was not a party to that agreement.

The Israeli government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is under sharp attack from victims' families and the Israeli political right for releasing prisoners. It had freed about 300 under a previous initiative.

Mr. Lapid said the Palestinians needed to fulfill their own obligations, not just make demands. But he called the meeting "a very promising beginning," and said the two sides had agreed to set up committees to discuss "the legal problems shared" by Israel and the governing Palestinian Authority.

Official contacts at all levels were all but severed during the 33-month conflict.

Also Monday, the Israeli foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, met here with Nabil Amr, the Palestinian minister of information, for the first session of a joint committee on "prevention of incitement," which is focusing on messages in the schools and news media encouraging violence.

Mr. Shalom said he was pleased recently to note "a measure of positive change in the degree of anti-Israel incitement and hatred." In Gaza City, workers on Monday continued to spread whitewash over graffiti extolling violent groups and their deeds.

Israeli forces continued to operate in areas where Israel has not yet ceded policing responsibility. On Monday, troops arrested 15 Palestinians in the West Bank, including one man described by Israel as a senior operative of Islamic Jihad in the area of Jenin, in the north.

Near the Palestinian town of Qalqilya, a few miles from the site of the explosion Monday night, a gunman opened fire Monday morning on a construction crew building an Israeli barrier fence against West Bank Palestinians, the Israeli Army said. Shortly afterward, a bomb was detonated nearby, the army said. No one was reported wounded in either incident.

Palestinian security officials gave conflicting accounts on Monday of what some said was the arrest of a would-be suicide bomber. Officials of National Security, one of several overlapping Palestinian security organizations, said they had arrested an 18-year-old woman who was planning a suicide attack after her family found a letter she had left that described her intentions.

They said they caught her near the Karni crossing between the Gaza Strip, which is fenced, and Israel.

But a senior official with the Palestinian Preventive Security, another organization, said the young woman had left behind a note describing her troubles with her family and had then run off. Her family notified the police, he said.

"We found her crying," the official said. "She was sitting there and crying."

He said security officers had questioned the woman, who was not carrying an explosive, and then released her.

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The Palestinian security forces remain divided, with some, like National Security, reporting directly to Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, and others, like Preventive Security, reporting to Muhammad Dahlan, Mr. Abbas's minister of security. It is possible that different branches are competing for credit, playing up their own accomplishments or playing down those of others.

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Photo: Israeli rescue units worked last night at the site of a blast that killed two people and destroyed a home in Kfar Yavetz, near the West Bank. (Agence France-Presse)

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## **Israeli Cabinet Votes to Free Some Palestinian Prisoners**

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After much debate and a close vote, Israel's cabinet agreed today to release 300 or more Palestinian prisoners in the coming days. The move addressed, but fell far short of meeting, a major Palestinian demand in peace negotiations.

The prisoner issue is a highly emotional one on both sides. The climate for peace talks could improve if increasing numbers of prisoners are allowed to go home and if the level of violence remains low.

After an initial debate today on releasing prisoners, the cabinet voted 10 to 10 with 2 abstentions. At that point, some ministers proposed a monitoring committee to review the releases and determine whether the Palestinians were working to halt violence. The ministers then passed the measure, 13 to 9, according to an official who briefed reporters.

While Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's ministers were thrashing out the issue in Jerusalem, Israelis and Palestinians were protesting in the streets on a scorching summer day.

Outside the prime minister's office, Israelis who had lost family members in terror attacks held up posters of those killed and demanded that Mr. Sharon's government keep closed the jail cells of Palestinians convicted of violence. Aware of the sensitivities, Mr. Sharon told his cabinet, "There is no way prisoners with blood on their hands will be released," according to an official at the meeting.

In Gaza City, Palestinians marched and held signs with pictures of some of the roughly 5,500 prisoners seized by Israel since the current uprising began in September 2000. The Palestinians insist that all must be released, and some Palestinian officials and factions say that failure to free them could threaten a week-old truce.

Elsewhere in Gaza City, Palestinian government workers began whitewashing graffiti that praised Palestinian militants. The elaborate, brightly colored paintings cover many of the city's walls, and Mr. Sharon's government has demanded that the Palestinian Authority act to halt incitement against Israel.

In another development, Shaul Mofaz, Israel's hawkish defense minister, said that talks with Muhammad Dahlan, the Palestinian security chief, had been "very positive" and that the number of Palestinian attacks had fallen.

## Israeli Cabinet Votes to Free Some Palestinian Prisoners

The Palestinians are demanding more Israeli troop withdrawals from West Bank towns after the pullout last week from Bethlehem and much of the Gaza Strip.

"We are ready to continue to hand over other cities," Mr. Mofaz said. "It will be done gradually."

The Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, has made the release of prisoners a priority, and it is one of the quickest and most tangible ways he can demonstrate to Palestinians that he is winning concessions in talks with Israel. Mr. Abbas has met with Mr. Sharon four times in recent weeks; another session is expected this week.

"We have an interest in seeing that the new Palestinian government is strong," Avraham Poraz, Israel's interior minister, said after the cabinet meeting. "Those being released now are not murderers. We have to look to the future, and if we want less killing and less terrorism, we will have to be flexible on this issue."

Palestinians, though, are demanding freedom for all Palestinian prisoners. Mr. Sharon's government appears willing to release them by the hundreds if relative calm prevails -- but not by the thousands.

"The Israeli government should not make these decisions unilaterally," said Qadoura Fares, a Palestinian legislator and president of the Palestinian Prisoners' Club, which assists inmates. "What we are demanding is a joint Palestinian-Israeli committee that negotiates the criteria and approves the names of those to be released."

At the cabinet meeting today, Israel's security chief, Avi Dichter, was questioned about the list he had drawn up of potential candidates for release.

The government did not give precise figures, but Mr. Poraz said he expected the releases to total about 300 over the next two weeks. The Israeli news media said the number could reach 350.

Israel has freed about 300 prisoners in the past few weeks.

Israel has placed many conditions on releases. Most of those to be freed are being held under "administrative detention," which allows suspects to be held for renewable six-month stretches without charges being filed.

Prisoners younger than 18, older than 60 and women will be given priority for release. On the other hand, prisoners who are members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, militant groups that oppose negotiations with Israel, will not be freed.

Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the mainstream Fatah movement have agreed to a truce that was declared a week ago, and a smaller Palestinian group, the Popular Resistance Committees, signed on today.

The Popular Resistance Committees claimed responsibility for firing rockets at a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday. Since then, the Palestinian security forces have arrested nine members of the group. In response to the truce declaration, two men were released today and the other seven were expected to be freed soon, a spokesman for the group said.

Mr. Abbas has been extremely reluctant to send Palestinian security forces to confront militants. But he says he will not tolerate truce violations.

Israel is insisting that he go much further and arrest and disarm the factions that have carried out attacks, even if the groups have temporarily suspended them.

Several mostly small-scale clashes have taken place in the West Bank and Gaza in the past week.

No Israeli has been killed since the truce was declared on June 29, though Palestinians shot and killed a Bulgarian worker who was apparently mistaken for an Israeli on a road in the West Bank.

Three armed Palestinians have been killed in the past week, including one who apparently blew himself up in Gaza and two who were shot in confrontations with Israeli security forces in the West Bank.



## Israeli Cabinet Votes to Free Some Palestinian Prisoners

The 5,500 Palestinian prisoners detained during the current Palestinian uprising include about 2,000 convicted and sentenced by Israeli courts. Almost 2,700 are at some stage of the judicial process, while 800 are being held without charges, according to Btselem, an Israeli human rights group.

Both sides face many demands under the Mideast peace plan, known as the road map. It was formally begun a month ago and seeks to create a full-fledged Palestinian state and a comprehensive peace agreement within three years.

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Photos: A Palestinian woman carried a photograph of her imprisoned son yesterday during a protest in Gaza City.; Esther Negavi, an Israeli, protested in Jerusalem in memory of her daughter Shiri, a suicide-bombing victim. (Photographs by Agence France-Presse)(pg. A7)

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**Israeli officials downplay threat against Arafat: Declare no immediate plans to kill him. 'I'm not afraid to die,' Palestinian leader says, but security around him has tightened**

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## **Body**

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Israel has no immediate plans to kill Yasser Arafat despite Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's latest threats against the Palestinian leader, Israel's vice-premier said yesterday.

Sharon said Friday he was no longer bound by a pledge he made to the United States not to harm Arafat. The comments infuriated Palestinians, and the White House said U.S. President George W. Bush remains opposed to attacks on Arafat.

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Arafat said yesterday he isn't afraid to die.

Ahead of an Israeli cabinet meeting yesterday, Vice-Premier Ehud Olmert and Minister Gideon Ezra said Sharon has no immediate plans to expel or assassinate Arafat. Instead, they said, Sharon had repeated a long-standing Israeli position.

"The prime minister doesn't intend to carry out anything next week or today or tomorrow," Olmert, a Sharon confidant, told Army Radio. "He just repeated a general principle regarding Arafat, regarding the immunity that he thought he had."

Last September, Israel's cabinet decided Arafat should be "removed" after a pair of suicide bombings killed 15 Israelis. While Israel has repeatedly threatened Arafat since then, Sharon took the threats to a new level Friday by revealing he had discussed the Israeli position in a meeting with Bush.

Israel has killed dozens of terrorists, including the leaders of the Islamic group Hamas, in targeted attacks during 31/2 years of fighting. But under U.S. pressure, it has left Arafat alone, confining him instead to his headquarters for two years.

About 400 Palestinian schoolchildren visited Arafat at his West Bank headquarters yesterday, chanting anti-Sharon slogans and calling for an end to Israel's siege of the Palestinian leader.

Speaking to reporters afterward, Arafat said he is not afraid to die.

"Our destiny is to be martyrs in this holy land," he said. "We stand fast here until the end of our lives."

Israeli officials downplay threat against Arafat: Declare no immediate plans to kill him. 'I'm not afraid to die,'  
Palestinian leader says, but security around ....

Nonetheless, Palestinian officials said Arafat is taking the threats seriously. Hani al-Hassan, a senior official in Arafat's Fatah movement, said the group had decided to boost security around Arafat.

Sharon's threats appear to be aimed at winning support for his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements.

An estimated 700 Arafat supporters, including about 300 gunmen, rallied in the Gaza town of Rafah yesterday. They hoisted Palestinian flags and Arafat posters, and a group of children burned an effigy of Sharon.

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Color Photo: BRENNAN LINSLEY, AP; Israeli border police arrest a woman who joined a march by 200 women yesterday against Israel's separation barrier in West Bank village of Bidou. Officers on horseback chased other protesters.

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## *Four views of the opposition to U.S.*

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### **Body**

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Michael Rubin of the American Enterprise Institute just returned from Iraq, where he worked for the U.S. Defense Department and advised the Coalition Provisional Authority.

"The Sky Is Not Falling," was the headline on the analysis he wrote in National Review Online, after the fighting began between U.S. troops and Al-Sadr's militia.

The outbreak of open combat with Al-Sadr will lead to a spike in violence but will ultimately make the U.S. mission more successful by removing an anti-democracy outlaw and demonstrating to Iraqis that the United States stands for the rule of law, Rubin said in an interview.

Rubin sees Al-Sadr as a hireling of the Iranians, a mullah of little religious legitimacy, and a leader with few followers.

During his time in Iraq, Rubin saw evidence that Al-Sadr was steadily losing influence because he was unable to provide jobs or other makings of a better life for his followers, because his goal of establishing a theocracy is out of sync with the wishes of most Shiites, and because Al-Sadr, who tried to declare himself president in January, is too greedy for power himself.

Al-Sadr's thugs have threatened women for violating strict Islamic dress codes, broken into homes and smashed television sets, Taliban-style, to shelter Iraqis from un-Islamic messages.

Many Iraqis with whom Rubin spoke were angry that the Sadrists could get away with such conduct and demanded that the Americans do something about it.

"A lot of our adversaries have lost their fear of us and believe that they can get away with what they're doing. By taking on Al-Sadr, we prove that that is not the case and we demonstrate that we're serious about defending the interim constitution," Rubin said.

In the Sunni region, Rubin believes, Baathists are less of a problem than last year because the United States had much unheralded success at rolling up the Baathist cells. On the other hand, it leaves Sunnis, for the first time in Iraqi history, without a clear leadership structure. Much of the current trouble around Baghdad is the result of would-be leaders trying to establish their credentials by demonstrating their opposition to the occupation, Rubin said.

## Four views of the opposition to U.S.

He also believes that followers of Wahhabism - an extreme Saudi-based fundamentalist form of Islam - have taken over some Baghdad mosques and are converting some angry young Iraqis to the message that killing foreigners will be rewarded by God.

Like Schanzer, Rubin believes foreign terrorists are operating in Iraq. And Al-Sadr, who has embraced Hezbollah and **Hamas** - both considered terrorists by the U.S. government - could be called a terrorist. But the real reason fighting Al-Sadr is part of the war against terrorism is that "establishing the rule of law is the antidote to future terrorism," he said.

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## *The Mideast wars over words*

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**Highlight:** When Israelis and Palestinians hold talks, as in Gaza this Friday, euphemism and subtext are usually the rule.

### **Body**

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Israelis and Palestinians are discussing a cease-fire, but even as they use the same word, they don't mean the same thing.

To Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a cease-fire means an end to all attacks against Israelis while his army continues using helicopter gunships to kill militants.

To the hard-line group **Hamas**, a cease-fire means an Israeli pledge to end helicopter strikes while they continue attacks against Israelis in the Palestinian territories. The difference in understanding is typical. It may foil ongoing attempts by Egyptian mediators to secure **Hamas**'s agreement to a cease-fire and hopes that Secretary of State Colin Powell will visit Israel later this week.

As Americans saw in Iraq, language is an early victim of war. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, words are disputed, freighted with hidden meanings, and used as a crucial weapon in both sides' arsenals. "[This is] a battle over language sometimes more than over anything else," says Diana Buttu, legal advisor to the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

While language has tremendous power to heal and reconcile, it is largely used here to shore up deeply held, competing beliefs.

The core Israeli-Palestinian struggle is not about real estate, but identity: who was here first, who belongs, whose story to believe. And so words, which shape the way we see and react to things, matter.

The sensitivity to language explains the furor before and at the Aqaba summit on June 4, where Sharon and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas were assailed for their word choices.

In urging his government to accept the US-backed peace plan presented at the summit, Sharon told his government that holding Palestinians under "occupation" was bad for Israel. Israel believes it has a legal and historical right to the Palestinian territories and doesn't consider them occupied. Sharon's use of the word created a firestorm and he retracted.

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At the summit, Mr. Abbas prompted much the same reaction from his people when he referred to "terrorism," enraging militant and moderate Palestinians who felt he discredited a rightful struggle.

"All the words people use here are codes," says Hebrew University philosopher Avishai Margalit. He cites former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's drive to use the Biblical names "Judea and Samaria" for the Palestinian's West Bank.

"This is a semantic battle. The idea is to create an attitude to those territories so that it will be inconceivable to give them back. So the battle is for the consciousness of Israelis as well as for the land."

Words matter most when it comes to the terms used to describe this conflict. Palestinians like the word "intifada," or uprising, which fits their David-and-Goliath narrative of a people resisting an occupying power. Israelis, who have fine-tuned their word for the conflict several times, now call it "an armed conflict against terrorism." Language often entails legal obligations. Avoiding the word 'war' frees Israel from international laws that govern war.

Col. Daniel Reisner, head of the Israeli Army's international law department, also points out that using the phrase 'armed conflict' signals that Israel is not fighting another state. By using the word "terrorism," Col. Reisner says, "we're making the point that we're not fighting the Palestinian Authority ... the enemy is the terrorists. If you take any single element of the story, you'll find two different words," he adds.

The verbal battles between Israelis and Palestinians may be particularly intense, but their skirmishes over vocabulary are not new or unique. In 1917, when US Senator Hiram Johnson observed that "The first casualty when war comes is truth," he could have added the words 'and language.'

In his book "Faces of the Enemy," Sam Keen writes that "in the beginning we create the enemy... Propaganda precedes technology."

Once physical conflict begins, militaries draw on a rich vein of euphemism. Military language provides the crucial function of legitimizing violent acts of soldiers that would be crimes in a civilian context. It also shields the public from the brutal business of war, helping people accept what they normally wouldn't stomach.

"Collateral damage" has become a familiar substitute for the killing of men, women and children who aren't soldiers. During the war on Iraq, Americans learned new phrases courtesy of some media outlets' use of military terms.

Television reporters for CNN told American audiences about Iraqi bunkers being "softened up" when they meant the soldiers inside were being ripped apart by bombs. Instead of using plain language to explain that US soldiers were slowly killing the Iraqi soldiers who resisted them, CNN borrowed Pentagon jargon to tell viewers that the opposing divisions were being "degraded" or "attitred."

An article about CNN's wartime vocabulary by Canadian columnist Russell Smith likens it to the language writer George Orwell had in mind when he coined the word "Newspeak."

The Israeli and Palestinian dialects of Newspeak are mostly political, but they have their military terms as well. Israelis speak of "focused intervention" to describe killing a man by firing missiles at his car on a narrow, thickly crowded street.

When Palestinian militant groups praise "successful operations" in "target rich" areas, often they really mean a nail-studded bomb exploding in an area full of people who subsequently die.

Yet words can have a powerful effect in countering violence and fostering understanding, say scholars.

"Right now the world operates in the language of militarization, which assumes that when a society is under threat, the resolution can be overcome ... by strengthening a military response," writes Dr. Nancy Snow, a professor at the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of California, in an email interview.

## The Mideast wars over words

"A language of peace emphasizes connection over separateness, a one-world consciousness - that what affects one affects me - and disengages from dichotomous language construction: me/other, us/them," she writes.

## Conflicting euphemisms

The exact meaning of a word can be hard to pin down in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, because it often means different things to the two sides. More commonly, the two sides use different language to describe the same thing.

Below, some examples:

Israelis say: Israel Defense Forces

Palestinians say: Israeli Occupation Forces

Israelis say: terrorist

Palestinians say: shaheed, or martyr. In the case of suicide bombings, the word glosses over the Muslim prohibition on suicide.

Israelis say: targeted killings

Palestinians say: assassination

Israelis say: they're against unilateral action in the territories that changes their status. What they mean is they are against a Palestinian declaration of statehood. Palestinians say: They're against unilateral action in the territories that changes their status. What they mean is they are against the Israeli settlement expansion.

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## **Gaza rocked by fighting, demolitions**

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### **Body**

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Heavy fighting raged in the Rafah refugee camp yesterday, killing two Israeli soldiers and a Palestinian man and trapping frightened residents in their homes, the Israeli army and witnesses said.

Troops seized several houses and army bulldozers knocked down at least nine buildings on the edge of the camp, trying to secure the area for soldiers searching for the remains of five others killed in a blast earlier in the week.

Military officials said that once this search was over, the army may launch a wide-scale move to expand a military patrol road between the camp and the Egyptian border -- a move that would see hundreds of houses flattened.  
Associated Press

During yesterday's clashes, gunmen moved through the narrow alleys of the camp, firing homemade rockets and rifles at the troops. The Israelis responded with missiles and heavy machine-gun fire.

One soldier was shot as he escorted a Palestinian women into a house troops had commandeered, the army said. Soldiers who tried to evacuate him were hit by sniper fire that killed another soldier and wounded two more, the army said.

The militant Islamic group Hamas claimed responsibility for the shooting.

On the Palestinian side, one man was killed in a missile strike and a second died when an explosive device blew up prematurely. Eight Palestinians were wounded, two seriously.

Local officials in Rafah said bulldozers tore down nine homes yesterday close to the patrol road that runs between Rafah and the Egyptian border.

Since the outbreak of fighting in September 2000, the Israeli military has razed 1,026 houses in Rafah and damaged 767, local officials say.

As armoured bulldozers descended on their homes yesterday, frantic residents waved white flags, removed valuables in cartons and plastic bags, and carted away furniture.

Palestinian cabinet minister Saeb Erekat called for American intervention to halt the destruction.

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"This is a catastrophe. At a time when the Israelis are speaking of disengaging from Gaza this is really re-engaging," he said. "I hope that President (George W.) Bush, who says he is encouraged by disengagement, will interfere to stop the demolitions."

The latest violence has triggered hot debate over Israel's presence in the area, which is home to 7,500 Israelis and 1.3 million Palestinians.

Also in Gaza yesterday, Israeli troops shot at a car travelling near the northern settlement of Netzarim, medics said. A Palestinian women, 27, was seriously wounded and her three small children were lightly wounded.

Violence also continued in the West Bank. In the Tulkarem refugee camp, soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinians, the army and witnesses said.

## Graphic

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Photo: ASSOCIATED PRESS; A Palestinian boy carries belongings as an Israeli armoured bulldozer demolishes a house in the Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip yesterday.

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## *Tense Meeting of Sharon and Abbas Ends in Stalemate*

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The Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers emerged from a tense two-hour meeting here today at loggerheads. Rebuffing Palestinian demands for immediate troop withdrawals and the release of prisoners, Ariel Sharon of Israel said Mahmoud Abbas, his Palestinian counterpart, must first dismantle militant groups.

Both sides indicated some flexibility and a willingness to keep talking. But the essential stalemate in their positions shifted the focus of diplomacy to Washington and to meetings each prime minister plans in the coming days with President Bush, again drawing Mr. Bush into coaxing and judging progress under a new peace plan.

Both sides appear to have adopted a practice of making their concessions in the presence of the Americans, to demonstrate to Washington a willingness to compromise under the plan, called the road map. Mr. Abbas is to meet with Mr. Bush on Friday, and Mr. Sharon is to see him the following Tuesday.

On July 6, the Israeli cabinet voted narrowly to release several hundred Palestinian prisoners. But Israel has not yet taken that step. Senior officials said today that Israel was unlikely to release the prisoners until after the White House meetings.

One Israeli official said a release would help not Mr. Sharon but Mr. Abbas, by giving him "goodies when he comes back from the U.S."

The peace plan does not call for the release of prisoners, but Israel says it regards that step as a good-will gesture to help Mr. Abbas, who remains unpopular among Palestinians. Israel is holding more than 5,800 Palestinian prisoners.

Both sides show signs of new flexibility on this issue. In an interview on Saturday, Mr. Abbas said he did not expect Israel to release the prisoners all at once, but in groups every couple of weeks. He proposed criteria for those to be released first that were similar to those set by Israel on July 6, including youths under 18, women and elderly men.

For their part, Israeli officials say Mr. Sharon is considering expanding his criteria to include members of the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Israel continues to say it will not free those with "blood on their hands," but Raanan Gissin, Mr. Sharon's spokesman, said, "There are still several thousand that don't have blood on their hands."

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But he said Israel could not begin releasing more prisoners until Mr. Abbas took action.

In the interview on Saturday, Mr. Abbas rejected the exception for those with blood on their hands, arguing that both sides committed violence. "We were in war," he said.

In today's meeting, the two sides agreed that Hisham Abdul Razeq, the Palestinian minister of prisoner affairs, would meet soon with Avi Dichter, the chief of Israel's Shin Bet security service, to discuss Israel's criteria for releasing prisoners. Mr. Abdul Razeq is himself a former prisoner, while Mr. Dichter oversees Israel's intelligence operation, including interrogations, in the occupied territories.

This was the fourth bilateral meeting between the prime ministers. It had been scheduled for July 9, but Mr. Abbas postponed it after Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, attacked him as having gained little in exchange for concessions to Israel. The two men have since resolved their dispute, at least temporarily.

While the last meeting between the prime ministers, on July 1, included joint statements and warm handshakes before the television cameras, this one occurred with no such fanfare. Many Palestinian officials criticized Mr. Abbas for that previous appearance, at which he stood behind a lectern decorated with a symbol of the Jewish state. They said he risked looking like an agent of Israel.

On June 29, Israel withdrew from parts of the Gaza Strip and on July 2 from most of Bethlehem in the West Bank, pulling back in accordance with the peace plan from areas that, under the 1993 Oslo accords, it had previously ceded to Palestinian control. Palestinian forces resumed responsibility for policing in those areas.

Israel has refused to withdraw from other areas, which it seized last year in response to a series of suicide bombings, until it determines that Mr. Abbas is dismantling militant groups.

Israeli officials acknowledged that a result of that position was that most West Bank Palestinians had seen little tangible change as yet. They said Israel's defense minister, Shaul Mofaz, would consider easing some checkpoints and other restrictions on Palestinian travel through the West Bank.

In a statement, Mr. Sharon's office said he had told Mr. Abbas "that Israel cannot ignore that terror and incitement have decreased of late, and it is noticeable that the Palestinians are making an effort regarding this." But he said terrorists had been rearming during the lull since late June, when the three main Palestinian factions announced that they were suspending attacks on Israelis.

Mr. Sharon said Mr. Abbas needed to "take immediate and definite action to dismantle the terror organizations." Once that happened, he said, "Israel's ability to answer the needs of the Palestinians will be significantly increased."

For now, Israelis are taking advantage of the Palestinian groups' declared cease-fire. Downtown Jerusalem was crowded late Saturday night with young people thronging to bars and restaurants.

Mr. Abbas said in the interview that the governing Palestinian Authority was also using the cease-fire to rebuild. He said that it would strictly enforce the cease-fire and collect weapons from people carrying them in the streets, but that it would not provoke a civil conflict with Hamas or Islamic Jihad by, for example, searching homes for guns, as Israel demands.

Mr. Bush may ultimately have to resolve that disagreement.

Mr. Abbas also asked in the meeting today that Israel lift its siege on Mr. Arafat, the president of the Palestinian Authority, who has been confined in effect to a compound in Ramallah for more than a year. Mr. Abbas was said to have argued that it would strengthen him politically if Mr. Arafat had freedom to move.

Israeli officials said Mr. Sharon had replied that Mr. Arafat was free to leave, but that he might not be permitted to return.

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In what seemed an effort to show that he was backing Mr. Abbas, Mr. Arafat affirmed today a decree he first released in 1998 banning groups that espouse violence.

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Photos: Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian prime minister, at left with Information Minister Nabil Amr, before he met Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, shown yesterday at a memorial for Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism. (Associated Press)

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### **Body**

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Dutchman close to getting NATO top job over Manley

Brussels

NATO is expected to announce an agreement soon on the appointment of Dutch Foreign Minister Jaap de Hoop Scheffer as the alliance's next secretary general, despite hesitation from Canada and France, diplomats said Wednesday.

Canada and France held up agreement among the 19 allies that de Hoop Scheffer should replace Britain's Lord Robertson in December, said diplomats at alliance headquarters.

France said it wants more time to discuss the issue, while Canada still supported Finance Minister John Manley, who has been the Dutchman's main rival for NATO's top job.

But diplomats said the decision to back de Hoop Scheffer was still expected in the coming days or weeks. Manley has failed to rally support from European allies reluctant to relinquish their traditional hold on the secretary general's post.

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National vetos must go, says EU president Prodi

Brussels

The European Commission called Wednesday for the abolition of the national veto in all constitutional matters.

The demand was in proposed changes to the draft European constitution unveiled by Romano Prodi, the commission's president, supposedly in the name of the entire body.

Dismissing the current text drafted by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president, as "unworkable" and "absurd," Prodi said member states retained far too much power to block decisions. It would inevitably lead to gridlock once the EU expanded to 25 next year.

Prodi said the veto must be eliminated on all future changes to the constitution, saying it was unreasonable to let any one country block future amendments in perpetuity.

Judge indicts bin Laden, 34 others for terrorism

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## Madrid

A judge indicted Osama bin Laden and nine others Wednesday for their role in planning the Sept. 11 attacks, saying al-Qaida terrorists used Spain as a base. It was the first known indictment of bin Laden for the 2001 terrorist strikes.

Investigative magistrate Baltasar Garzon indicted a total of 35 people for terrorist activities connected to bin Laden's al-Qaida organization.

Spain served "as a place or base for resting, preparation, indoctrinating, support and financing" of al-Qaida, Garzon said in a nearly 700-page document.

The indictment charged bin Laden and nine others with membership in a terrorist organization and "as many crimes of terrorist murder ... as there were dead and injured" in the Sept. 11 attacks.

## Ozone hole over Antarctic reaches record size: UN

## Geneva

The ozone hole over the Antarctic this year has reached the record size of 28 million square km set three years ago, the United Nations' weather organization said Wednesday.

Measurements over and near Antarctica show that ozone decreased more rapidly this year than in previous years and that the size of the ozone hole is now as large as it was in September 2000, the World Meteorological Organization said.

The hole could continue to grow to its largest size ever in the next couple of weeks, the WMO said, but it also could suddenly decrease. One expert termed it "unpredictable."

## Kohl loses battle to keep secret police files secret

## Berlin

The former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl lost a legal attempt Wednesday to prevent the publication of thousands of pages of potentially explosive records compiled about him by the East German secret police, the Stasi.

A court in Berlin decided that, as a public figure, Kohl's files should be made accessible to researchers. The ruling, which overturns an earlier decision, is in line with a new law passed by parliament last year.

Lawyers for Kohl said they would appeal.

The Stasi tapped Kohl's telephone calls from the early 1980s until the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989, a period of fascination for Cold War historians.

## Ranchers forcing lions to brink of extinction: Report

## London

Lions are frighteningly close to extinction, wildlife experts warn.

Twenty years ago, 230,000 roamed Africa, but today only 23,000 remain, many of them harbouring feline AIDS and bovine tuberculosis.

Dr. Laurence Frank, a wildlife biologist at the University of California, warns that populations of all African predators are "plummeting" but says lions are particularly threatened.

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His findings, published in New Scientist, which warns that 23,000 is a "shockingly small number," are backed by Tricia Holford, campaign manager for big cats at the Born Free Foundation, a wildlife charity.

Frank says that, until recently, no one had noticed the population crash in lions. Once outside the preserves, they often attack livestock and have been devastated by ranchers, farmers and hunters.

In Asia, as few as 300 Asiatic lions remain in the wild in a small forest reserve in northern India. As in Africa, they have fallen victim to hunting and habitat destruction.

China tries to control property price boom

Beijing

China's new puritan government has coined the "Two Musts" as its slogan: Must be prudent, must preserve plain living and hard struggle.

But the country's super-rich have their own version: Must have an elevator, must have a swimming pool.

The resulting building boom is geared toward China's foreign businessmen and home-grown elite and the government has decided it must end.

It has announced measures to promote low-cost housing and prevent investment in it by the rich. Banks have raised deposit requirements to curb ever-rising debt and land available to housing developers has been cut.

Land in China is owned by the state, with developers allowed to buy 75-year leases from local authorities.

Thais fight for \$10 million bounty for terror chief

Bangkok

Rival Thai security agencies are scrambling to claim a bounty of \$10 million US paid by Washington for help in capturing Hambali, the most wanted terrorist suspect in Southeast Asia.

Four hundred officers from police, military and intelligence units have approached the American embassy for the cash, claiming credit for the arrest on Aug. 11 of the Indonesian, who was wanted in at least four countries.

Hambali, whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, was the suspected head of operations for the Jemaah Islamiah network, which has been blamed for numerous deadly attacks, including the Bali bombings.

World Bank: Women are an untapped resource

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Women in the Middle East and North Africa are an untapped resource, with the potential to transform the region's oil-dependent and state-controlled economies, the World Bank said Wednesday.

But they are being held back from the labour market by conservative social norms and laws that favour men, the bank said in a report on the role of women in the region.

The report said women make up half the 325 million people in the Middle East and North Africa but account for only 32 per cent of the labour force.

Arafat offers new truce; Hamas signals ceasefire

Ramallah, West Bank

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat offered a new truce to Israel on Wednesday, after Palestinian officials said the militant group Hamas has signalled it might agree to stop attacking Israelis.



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Interviewed on Israel TV's Channel 2, Arafat was asked if there was a possibility for a ceasefire. "Of course," he said. "You're invited. The announcement was made yesterday," referring to remarks by his security adviser, Jibril Rajoub.

In an earlier interview on Israel's Channel 10, Arafat said contacts were underway with all Palestinian factions over a ceasefire.

There was no comment from Israeli leaders, but the government said Tuesday that it wanted to see the Palestinian Authority begin disarming Hamas and other militant groups before it would consider a new truce.

No grounds for a tax on coffee, say Seattle voters

Seattle

Coffee drinkers in Seattle have voted down a 10-cent tax on espressos to finance pre-school and day-care programs for children.

The city is home to the Starbucks coffee chain and consumes 200,000 espressos every day, making it the most caffeine-addicted metropolis in the United States.

With 97 per cent of the votes counted, 69 per cent of voters had opposed the tax.

Jeff Babcock, the owner of Zoka Coffee and Roasters, who had last week staged his own version of the Boston Tea Party by throwing bags marked "coffee" into harbour, said the result "stopped an unfair tax."

U.S. weighs pulling out of Balkan responsibilities

Washington

The United States is considering withdrawing its forces from the Balkans or reducing them in the latest sign that it is suffering a worldwide troop shortage as a result of the occupation of Iraq.

Reducing the numbers of American troops deployed in the former Yugoslavia would help alleviate "the kind of stress that we've put on them lately," said General Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The U.S. has about 4,000 troops in the Balkans, including 1,500 in Bosnia, where they have been stationed since 1995 and 2,500 in Kosovo, a commitment first made in 1999.

Garner Ted Armstrong, American evangelist, dies

Tyler, Texas

Garner Ted Armstrong, the once-popular TV evangelist excommunicated from his father's Worldwide Church of God when he complained of lavish spending by church officials, has died at age 73.

Armstrong died Monday from complications of pneumonia, his son, Mark Armstrong, said.

Garner Ted Armstrong was the heir apparent to the Pasadena, Calif.-based church founded by his father, Herbert W. Armstrong, until the two had a falling out in 1978.

The elder Armstrong accused his son of trying to put him aside, take over the church and move its Ambassador College to Texas.

After the split with his father, who died in 1986, Armstrong founded the Church of God International near Tyler and the Garner Ted Armstrong Evangelistic Association. He stepped down from the church in 1995 after a masseuse accused him of sexual assault. He denied her accusation.

Illinois pastor arrested with girl, 16, in car trunk

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Bellingham, Wash.

An Illinois youth pastor faces sex and pornography charges after customs agents found a 16-year-old girl in the trunk of his car as he tried to cross into Canada.

Michael Quillman of Thompsonville, Ill., was arrested at a border crossing over the weekend and charged Tuesday.

Police found videotapes showing the man and girl engaged in sex acts, said prosecutor Royce Buckingham. The girl told police they were headed for Alaska through Canada and had a dating relationship, said John Brand, interim deputy police chief in Blaine.

Quillman, 30, was charged with sexual misconduct and possession of child pornography. He was in jail Wednesday in lieu of bail and was scheduled for a court appearance Friday.

The girl was turned over to state Child Protective Services workers.

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## **EVERY ONE A LOSER IN LAND OF BEAUTY**

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IT'S a bit much for world leaders to condemn Israel for wiping out Hamas leader Sheikh Yassin.

Were Britain or America to have captured Osama bin Laden dead or alive, jubilant 'gotcha' messages would have dominated headlines.

But that's the trouble with disputed territories, isn't it? One man's freedom fighter is another's murderer.

What emerges from the Middle East this week is the life and death necessity of preventing Arabs and Jews tearing each other apart: the most pressing territorial problem on Earth and my heart is touched by both sides.

I know every inch of Jerusalem and the West Bank as well as I know Birmingham.

I've come to love its disparate peoples and recognise it as the most beautiful and spiritual region in the world - but the current hatred, exacerbated by Yassin's murder, seems baked into walls and paving stones.

How can there be tranquillity between two factions when one claims the land is their God-given right, while the other, dispossessed and povertystricken, live and die in refugee camps?

And Israel and Palestine share their tragedy. Both have right on their side.

My Jewish friends shrug off the notion that Israeli settlements on the West Bank are provocative.

'We make the desert bloom,' they say. 'Arab men sit in their coffee shops all day. You have only to see the state of what is now Israel back in the 1940s to realise the Arabs left it fallow.'

The Arabs shake their heads. 'It's our homeland,' they say. 'We have been robbed of everything.'

Both speak the truth. This is a stage that to the watching world throws up no good men or bad men. Only victims.

About ten years ago, during a relatively untroubled time, you could walk through East Jerusalem to the Arab bus station.

There you'd climb aboard a rickety vehicle and find a perch among families travelling with chickens and goats and, for just a shekel or so, you'd be driven through Manger Square in Bethlehem and up the dusty road to the West Bank.

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Old women with henna coloured hair and black dresses with embroidered bodices would appear by the roadside from nowhere to climb aboard with grandchildren.

As the road looped like a dusky pink ribbon through greyish olive groves on hills that Christ would have walked, the passengers would pluck at Western sleeves, wanting to know, in halting English supplemented by gestures, where you came from.

Then it would be Ramallah and everyone would decant for tiny cups of black Arab coffee before the bus moaned and complained its way up to Nablus, heartland of Arab nationalism.

Now there is terrible anger here, sending out tentacles of terror to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where the Israelis - many of them Arabs, don't forget - hold their breaths and pray.

God help them all in the weeks ahead.

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## THE VENT

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What's the big deal about Iowa? Georgia has larger turnouts for yard sales.

I've always loved the classics, especially cornflakes, shredded wheat and Rice Krispies.

My feelings are hurt that Georgia was about the only state not mentioned by Howard Dean during his "victory" tirade.

For the Journal-Constitution

Only in Atlanta could the Baptist Tabernacle become a nightclub and the Gold Club become a church.

Quick, some Ritalin for Howard Dean --- and make it industrial strength! Either that or ready the committal papers.

Mike Luckovich is not a comic. He is a political satirist, sort of like President Bush.

I don't know which Waffle House you go to, but my Waffle House waitress would put a Hooters' girl to shame.

Why is it that lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

Fellow flu victims: Does the cough ever go completely away, or is this the new soundtrack to my life?

I couldn't figure out why my chicken wrap was so hard to eat until my server informed me that the "deli paper" was still on there.

Sometimes I get the sudden urge to run around naked. But then I drink some Windex. It keeps me from streaking.

Men are like fine wine. They start out as grapes, and it's up to women to stomp the crap out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.

I now need reading glasses to see "The Lockhorns."

In one visit, President Bush raised \$1.3 million. If Atlanta could get him to come once a week, its sewer problems would soon be solved.

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The Vent is basically a better comics section without the drawings.

Sometimes the good you do doesn't do you any good at all.

I stayed up all night trying to win a date with Tad Hamilton. My wife was not happy.

To all teacher bashers: I invite any of you who have the guts to come and teach my third-graders for one day! I guarantee you will never bash us again, if you make it out alive.

I don't know why you Democrats hate Bush so much. He's one of you.

Just when I was starting to love Atlanta again, I hear the worst possible news --- Cynthia McKinney is coming back!

Hungry wildlife is invading! Yesterday in an Atlanta newsstand, I saw a 7-foot-tall black bear flipping through the illustrated restaurant guides.

A mother of two young children blows herself up, killing four, and **Hamas** calls this "a new tactic" in its war against Israelis. Let that sink in.

Ashton Kutcher's career is starting to look eerily like Keanu Reeves'.

The good news about the several hundred Bush protesters last week is that only about seven of them had to actually take time off from work.

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Marriage and family: Responses to Jim Wooten's column "Make marriage matter more," @issue, Aug. 31

A lousy track record

Jim Wooten's recommendation to "change the non-marriage culture" is interesting, considering that 43 percent of first marriages end in separation or divorce within 15 years. Separation and divorce can have the same adverse effects on the health and well-being of children and adults as single parenthood. An absent parent is an absent parent.

RUTH GRIMES-CRUMP, Richmond

Family of seven all for it

Cynthia Tucker said on Sunday that too many people were in jail. That we should let them out for the good of the economy and their folks. Would you please wait a little while before you elaborate on this subject? My burglar bars have not been installed and the lock man can't come until Friday.

For the Journal-Constitution

Jim Wooten had great words to encourage marriage. I'm all for it. My husband is too. Our five children say it seems to have rewards. Even the tax man says, "Joint? Go for it!" We are all on your side, Wooten.

Thus comes Labor Day. I want to thank those two editors for all their informative intellectual labor. And when they get back from the lake, let us hear from them again.

CATHERINE BOONE SHEALY, Atlanta

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Blame laid on too thick

If you believe Jim Wooten's column you would believe that black people only exist to cause white people disappointment, pain and misery. Blacks have not only failed but, by themselves, have driven society to the point of desperation as it tries to deal with that failure. I expected that Wooten would call for the legalization of slavery again before the end of the column.

GLORIA DEBOSE, Union City

Offset corrupt influences

Jim Wooten made mention of Hollywood's role in forming healthy attitudes toward marriage and family. He should have held all corporate media giants responsible, especially those who capitalize on co-opting street and prison culture and making them mainstream, and therefore acceptable. A 30-second glance at MTV reveals everything anyone needs to understand direction of our nation's values.

It is refreshing to see his acknowledgement that public systems are overwhelmed trying to repair broken lives. Those public systems must have our support to continue the effort --- nothing else exists to achieve that end. We certainly cannot rely on those in the private sector who are perpetuating the problem to take responsibility for their actions. They will continue to exploit our children for profit and undermine the moral fabric of our society.

SUSAN McWETHY, Decatur

Uplift through education

Family disintegration is more catastrophic in lower-income families. So more effort needs to be directed at those situations.

The reduction in smoking was, to a large part, due to the emphasis on the personal health consequences of smoking. Maybe an early and strong educational emphasis on the negative personal effects of out-of-wedlock births not only on the mother but also on the child would be effective over time. And, of course, prevention cannot be overly emphasized.

JERRY HULSHULT, Canton

Gay couples left out

While I read Jim Wooten's column with general affirmation, I noted that he made certain to clarify that marital incentives should be restricted to heterosexual couples. Funny thing, social conservatives don't think that endorsing homosexual marriage would promote the same stability among gay partners.

Just a thought.

DOUG RODGERS, Atlanta

A spiritual solution

I have read Jim Wooten's columns with interest since I was a graduate student at the University of Georgia 10 years ago. I still follow him online from out here in Norman, Okla.. As I read his Sunday column, I was struck by some of the numbers in the column, and by a possible solution.

There are about 15,000 juveniles in state custody, and they need positive adult role models. If each church or house of worship in the state were to "adopt" these children, they would be well-positioned to provide such guidance. For example:

There are 42,000 Southern Baptist churches in the United States, and Georgia probably has a disproportionate share (say 1,500 to 2,000). If each of these churches raised 10 kids, the state system would be relieved.



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Better yet, have each house of worship adopt one ward based on the congregation size. For example, there are about 8 million Georgians. If we assume that a quarter (just a quarter) are church attending, that is 2 million parishioners. A church could assume responsibility for one child for every 133 members. Bearing the annual cost for raising a child is minor compared to the benefits society will gain for the act. And imagine a child immersed in the love and caring of an entire congregation.

There are values shared by every major religion that are also positive social values (the Golden Rule is universal), and I think it is possible to raise these kids without fears of sponsored indoctrination. Such an act of charity is the Christian (and Jewish, and Islamic, and Buddhist, etc.) thing to do.

KEITH GADDIE

Gaddie is a political-science professor at the University of Oklahoma.

Church and state: Response to "Mixed message, but set in stone," Letters, Aug. 31

Supreme Court got it right

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore and other extremists spread misinformation and misconceptions everywhere. Moore disagrees with history, sound logic, the U.S. Constitution, the First and 14th amendments, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and the great majority of Americans, including most American Christians. All of those sources prefer religious liberty to having any government official making religious decisions for Americans.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution readers are invited to visit, as I have, the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington. There are in that building many sculptural references to various sources of law, including to Moses and Judaic sources such as the Ten Commandments, along with depictions of many other law-giving sources, such as Hammurabi, Solon, Confucius, Napoleon and Mohammed. Unlike Moore's Alabama rock, there is nothing that appears to endorse religion.

ED BUCKNER

Buckner, of Smyrna, is southern director for the Council for Secular Humanism.

Moses sculpture one of many

Why is the sculpture of Moses holding the Ten Commandments constitutionally permissible at the U.S. Supreme Court but the display at the Alabama courthouse is not? Here's the obvious answer. The Supreme Court sculpture in question is part of a larger display that features many other lawgivers such as Caesar and Hammurabi. As such, the display is historical in nature rather than religious. By focusing only on the image of Moses, the AP photo presented the sculpture out of context. In contrast, the stand-alone nature of the Alabama display would lead one to believe the government was endorsing those laws exclusively and thus it constitutes an unlawful display.

STEPHEN KILBRIDE, Atlanta

Budget cuts: Responses to "Prepare to endure pain of budget cuts," Editorial, Aug. 31

Cut waste and control spending

I firmly believe that we must both control spending and cut waste if we are not to have the same problem again five years down the road, because it will take that long to study, agree on and implement the necessary changes. But as the editorial asks, "What are we willing to give up in the meantime?"

No child in Georgia can afford to have any part of their educational finances taken away for the next five years while we try to fix the cost of education. Nor can those receiving Medicaid. We are not doing a good job of efficiently running our state, and we'd better start doing it soon. Anyone who thinks that there is a free ride out there has another guess coming.

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PAT FAGAN, Woodstock

Those with more should pay more

Raise the Georgia state income tax by 1 percent for those of us with decent incomes and dedicate this money to PeachCare, Medicaid and state public schools. It is immoral for those of us who are comfortably off to sit by idly while our vulnerable young people suffer budget cuts that can only increase suffering among them.

BERNARD DAUENHAUER, Watkinsville

Government best when it does less

It took Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor (oh, heck, why don't we just call him what he is, gubernatorial candidate Mark Taylor) about 48 hours to jump onto Gov. Sonny Perdue's "no new taxes" pledge in an editorial hailstorm of all the things he would do to save Georgia ("Use vision and priorities to make ends meet," @issue, Aug. 31).

With soothing contrivances like No. 7 in his nine-point plan, Taylor offers that it is government's job to "keep all Georgians safe." Hmm, let's see. Is that as opposed to "keep all Georgians unsafe"?

We have a generation of public servants who believe that the solution to every problem starts with the phrase "And the government will . . ." Those statements usually include "pass a law," "start an investigation," "issue new guidelines," "appoint a committee," "create a new agency," or one of my favorites, "ensure compliance and uniformity for all citizens."

Perhaps a page from the Hippocratic oath taken by all new physicians to "do no harm" should become part of the swearing-in ceremony for every elected official. Yes, Taylor (and all your peers), do no harm by doing less. Now that's a plan.

ALLAN J. DeNIRO, Atlanta

Former Allstate agent was in good hands

I read with interest your Sunday article on the age discrimination suit against Allstate Insurance Company ("Georgian takes lead in age bias suit," News, Aug. 31). At age 45, I, too, began a second career as an Allstate agent in 1989. While I concede that marketing conditions in metro Atlanta are different from those in Thomson, my experience was vastly different from Ron Harper's. I received economic, marketing and moral support from Allstate. While I was never told that I had a job for life, I was told that if I worked hard and made an investment in my business I could make a good living.

Shortly after Allstate offered their employee agents the opportunity to become independent contractors, I opted to become independent in 1995. I did this because I thought it would give me the opportunity for more autonomy and greater financial rewards. I recently retired and sold the financial interest in my Duluth agency, which will certainly enhance my retirement. Allstate offered me a grand opportunity. I know many Allstate agents in Georgia and have met many more all over the country. I believe only a small percentage would support Harper's position.

JIM CONNER, Cumming

Clark critics not qualified to carp

During the 2000 election, Bush supporters said, yes, Al Gore may have volunteered to serve in Vietnam, but he was only a reporter. Now, George Will levels this critique against potential Democratic presidential candidate retired Gen. Wesley Clark: He's no Eisenhower ("Dean may be Superman but Clark surely no Kent," @issue Aug. 31). He's just an ordinary four-star general, former NATO commander and decorated Vietnam combat veteran.

It's just astonishing that people such as Will --- who never served themselves, but who attacked Bill Clinton for following his convictions in protesting the Vietnam War --- gave Bush a pass on his very sketchy, and privileged,

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tenure in the Texas Air National Guard during the same era. Now they have the nerve to offer their opinion on Clark's record and qualifications.

MICHAEL DAVIS, Atlanta

Column omits a crucial point

In her editorial proposing alternative sentencing for nonviolent offenders ("Alter approach to sentencing," @issue, Aug. 31), Cynthia Tucker wrote:

"The sentencing guidelines would also allow men like Bell to reconnect with their wives and children sooner --- a move that would shore up families."

What a joke. The 10-year sentence for John Bell seems harsh, but as we all know, only a small fraction of sentences are usually served.

Still, I agree with Tucker's fundamental point. I just don't like the disingenuous rationale. She omits from her column the fact that Bell had (as I recall from her July 13 column) three kids out of wedlock by three different women before marrying a fourth woman and having two children with her. Does she honestly believe he's going to become a staunch family man now? Give me a break!

MICHAEL J. McCANN, Doraville

Hamas 'militants' are terrorists

Hamas claimed responsibility for a bus bombing in Jerusalem on Aug. 19 that killed 21 men, women and babies and wounded more than 110 others. But The Atlanta Journal-Constitution doesn't accept its responsibility to depict Hamas as a terrorist organization.

Associated Press writer Ibrahim Barzak never once mentions the word "terrorism" in his article ("Missiles kill 2 as Israel presses war on militants," News, Aug. 31). Instead, terrorists are "militants" and Israelis are to blame for stopping them. In his first paragraph, the writer blames Israel for leaving the "U.S.-backed 'road map' peace plan in tatters."

We should be applauding Israel for finally trying to destroy Hamas instead of publishing biased articles and photos of Palestinians burying their terrorist "heroes."

RUBY M. GROSSBLATT, Atlanta

Oil at any cost, even pollution

Those who focus on the pollution a single vehicle emits during its lifetime fail to recognize the bigger issue of an ideological clash ("Torching of Hummers jars Calif. community," News, Aug. 31). America's governmental/industrial/environmental/ energy conservation policy-makers have done a cost-benefit analysis and have determined that pollution, the loss of natural resources and shorter life expectancy are expenses they are willing to assume. (Perhaps it's better to say a cost they are expecting future generations to assume.)

Their analysis has concluded that disasters such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill and pre-emptive wars in the Middle East for petroleum resources are acceptable to support America's gluttony.

PETER S. MORGAN, JR., Roswell

Description offends

Scott Shepard describes NASCAR fans who support Republicans as middle- and lower-class white males ("GOP's inside track," News, Aug. 31). In any of his articles has he ever used the term lower-class Hispanics? What about

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lower-class blacks? If he wants to use terms such as this, shouldn't they appear in the editorial section and not in the news section?

BILL BRAY, Dunwoody

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## *Melbourne women cheat death in blast*

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A FORMER Caulfield teacher was one of three Melbourne women who cheated death when a bomb ripped through a West Jerusalem cafe yesterday.

Tzippy Cohen, 25, who works in a New York school, was sitting in the trendy Cafe Hillel in the German quarter of the city with friends Tova Ross, 24 and Rochelle Rostkier, 24.

A suicide bomber walked in and activated explosives, killing himself and seven customers and wounding 40 others.

Ms Cohen spoke to the Herald Sun last night from her bed after surgery in a Jerusalem hospital.

She said she and her friends sat at the back of the restaurant in case of a bombing.

The attack would scar her soul forever. "People were screaming, running and crying," she said.

"There was blood everywhere and shattered glass."

Ms Cohen said the trio, friends from a Melbourne school, were trying to be safety conscious as they toured the old city, which has been racked with violence for more than 15 years.

"We were specifically sitting at the back as we didn't want to be positioned at the front towards the windows because if something is going to happen it's going to happen towards the front.

"I honestly think that's what saved our lives."

Ms Cohen had pieces of metal shrapnel removed from her back.

Ms Ross was not injured and Ms Rostkier is in another hospital with shrapnel wounds to her torso.

Ms Cohen was in Israel to catch up with Ms Ross and Ms Rostkier, who are studying in Jerusalem.

"We got there after 10pm and we hadn't been there for that long, maybe half an hour just relaxing, picking at our food and drinking coffee," she said.

The bombing, at 11pm local time, came within six hours of a suicide bombing at a Tel Aviv bus stop near an Israeli army base. Eight soldiers were killed.

## Melbourne women cheat death in blast

Palestinian militant group **Hamas** claims responsibility for the attacks.

Ms Cohen said: "I couldn't tell you what the sound was, but I felt the place explode and then there was absolute silence for about a split second, then chaos."

She said after that frozen second the trio bolted for the nearest exit away from the front of the cafe.

Stepping over shards of glass and bodies, with ambulance sirens screaming in the distance, the friends ran up an alley.

"Someone came out from their apartment and very graciously took us in and called an ambulance and got us help," Ms Cohen said.

"The scene was quite a disaster, but it's something Israelis live with every day. It's a terribly traumatic event.

"I am Jewish and religious and I think if I'm going to be watched anywhere by God how much can it be than in our own country and a country, which knows how to secure itself."

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**Pakistan president makes plea for Kashmir TERROR SUMMIT:**

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General Pervez Musharraf, president of Pakistan, yesterday insisted that Kashmiris had a "legitimate right" to resist the "Indian occupation", and warned that the international fight against terrorism must not be used as an excuse to sidestep genuine political grievances.

Speaking at a one-day terrorism summit ahead of the United Nations General Assembly, he said leaders needed to create a "clear, legal definition" of terrorism, which avoided "selective application of international norms and standards".

"To start with, there is the reality of state terrorism," said Mr Musharraf, which "targets people seeking freedom from foreign occupation - as in Palestine (the Palestinian Authority) and Kashmir. Their oppression is all the more unacceptable because they were assured self determination by no less than the UN Security Council". To that end, he reiterated Pakistan's long-standing demand that the UN help resolve the Kashmir conflict. "The United Nations must promote a solution for Kashmir, as it did for East Timor, on the basis of UN resolutions," he said. "The international community must persuade India to end its repression in Kashmir and resume a dialogue with Pakistan."

India and Pakistan have long disagreed over the application of Security Council resolutions on the crisis, and several attempts to bring it back to the UN have been blocked.

General Musharraf's remarks did reflect, however, a growing push by Pakistan and other Muslim countries to shift the nature of debate on terrorism, which they fear is untowardly focused upon actions by Islamic groups, to the detriment of addressing genuine causes, and illegitimate acts by other interests.

"Most of the unresolved political disputes and issues involve Muslims," he said. "Their demands for justice are often brushed aside. This has given rise to hopelessness, frustration and desperation."

Nonetheless, he said "the introduction of extremist laws or practices through a twisted representation of the shariah in no way reflect the tolerant spirit and tenets of Islam," and called for reform of "those madrassahs (Islamic colleges) which are preaching hatred, extremism and militancy".

## Pakistan president makes plea for Kashmir TERROR SUMMIT:

But, "it is the UN's responsibility to develop a definition of terrorism which clarifies that such movements for self-determination are legitimate, and cannot be equated with terrorism. The resolution of the Palestinian and Kashmir disputes will inevitably marginalise extremist organisations, like **Hamas**, Jaish-e-Muhammad or Lashkar-e-Tayyaba".

General Musharraf's speech touched on similar concerns raised by Kofi Annan, UN secretary-general. "The fact that a few wicked men or **women** commit murder in its name does not make a cause any less just," said Mr Annan. "We delude ourselves if we think military force alone can defeat terrorism. There needs to be more on the horizon than simply winning a war against terrorism."

However, Mr Annan said there were no excuses for evil acts: "The use of terrorism to pursue any cause, even a worthy one, can only defile that cause."

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## *Harvard student recounts experience in Arab environment*

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This past summer I lived a lie: to everyone on my Summer Arabic Program at the American University of Beirut, I was German-Irish, Unitarian and vegetarian. As carefully as possible, when prompted, I shared St. Patrick's Day stories that never happened, spoke of Christmas presents I never received and, at one point -- when a self-identifying atheist challenged me -- spoke about Jesus' message in such a way that my Catholic roommate started nodding.

I must have been saying the right things, because -- with the exception of one other Jew who had confided his Judaism to me first -- nobody knew that I was Jewish.

My official reason for going to Lebanon this past summer was to study Arabic at the American University of Beirut. After taking two years of Modern Arabic at college, I realized that I would only be able to achieve fluency by situating myself smack in the middle of the Arab world. You can imagine my disappointment when I found that virtually everyone in Beirut spoke English. Which is why it was good that I had a second, more pressing reason to travel to Lebanon: getting to know the Arab world that I had read so much about in the past three years of college. In this vein, I also spent a few days each in Egypt, Syria and Jordan, before wrapping up my summer in Israel.

What I witnessed in the Arab world is a society in utter mental and philosophical stagnation -- a society where, very truly, the more things change, the more they remain the same.

In Lebanon, even in spite of increasing Westernization and liberalization, Hezbollah -- which seeks to make Lebanon a second Iran -- remains popular because it fights Israel. In Syria, even as sanctions are making the polluted streets of the last-standing Baathist regime dirtier, Dictator Bashar al-Assad remains popular because he represents the last thread of Arab nationalism that might one day challenge Israel.

In Jordan, in spite of a peace treaty, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion is available at virtually every newsstand. In Egypt -- which has enjoyed a 25-year-long peace with Israel -- Cairo residents drive daily on the Oct. 6 Highway, named in celebration of Egypt's 1973 Yom Kippur attack on Israel. In countries without relations with Israel, the continued standoff is glorified; in countries with peace with Israel, the former wartime years are viewed romantically.

In embracing such ideology on a fundamental policy level, the dictatorships of the Arab world are acting only as dictatorships will. Unlike a democracy -- which understands that the primary justification for its own existence is dependent on its ability to defend the rights and safety of its citizens -- a dictatorship is primarily committed to the ideology of its unitary dictator, and the continuity of his power. Thus, even if it means worldwide sanctions that will

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continue to deny its people such luxuries as toilets, the Assad regime in Syria will continue to support Palestinian terrorism.

Even if it means inciting a war with Israel that will endanger the lives of thousands of Lebanese civilians, the Lebanese government will stand whole heartedly behind Hezbollah in the interest of Arab nationalism. And even if it means jeopardizing the longevity of peace with Israel, the Egyptian government will broadcast anti-Semitic television series in pursuit of temporarily satisfying Jihadists. The future safety of Arabs and calm in the region is de-prioritized, while perpetuating the failed ideology of Arab and Muslim nationalism takes the driver's seat.

On a grand scale, Arabs are failing to recognize the extent to which their well-beings has been sacrificed for the sake of an untenable ideology. Even more disturbingly, they are internalizing the very ideology that is hampering their very development, and are further advancing the ideology by fostering the most impassioned anti-Semitism of the last 60 years.

In Lebanon -- where I spent the vast majority of my summer -- I saw this phenomenon first-hand. I spent my first day on campus in utter shock at the amazing number of Hamas signs glorifying assassinated leader Sheik Yassin as a "martyr." Indeed, Hamas signs out-numbered Pepsi signs on the streets just outside the University. On my second day, while getting my haircut, a multilingual, educated lawyer in the barbershop shared that he loved Hitler, and only wished that he had "finished the job." On my third day -- the day of orientation -- my professor, in trying to assure us that the work would not be overburdening, declared, "This isn't a concentration camp."

Our weekend trips were led by a teaching assistant who didn't buy from Starbucks because, as she told another student, "It's owned by Jews," or, as she told me, "It funds Zionist propaganda." The newsroom of the Lebanon Daily Star -- Beirut's English newspaper -- displayed a bumper sticker declaring, "Boycott supporters of Israel." The bookstores I passed every day just outside the campus contained titles such as "How the Jews Made the Holocaust" and "Uncle Sam's Talmud: The Hebrew Myths Upon which America was Founded," among others. That such sentiments can run so deeply even in Lebanon -- home to the Arab world's most liberal society, freest press and most educated elite -- demonstrates the dire societal challenge that Israel and America are being confronted with today.

I am not entirely without hope for the region, largely because even as the Arab world immerses itself in violent rhetoric and embraces the most radical of failed ideologies, Israel moves forth and perseveres. When I had finally completed my Beirut to Jerusalem summer and was walking on Ben Yehuda Street, I found an Israel that four years into the Intifada was as lively as I had ever seen it. The barren streets that signaled the temporary death of tourism when I had visited two years ago were repopulated, teeming with a nice mix of American tour groups and Israeli families.

I only wish that Bashar al-Assad or the students at the American University in Beirut could walk on Ben Yehuda Street for just a few minutes -- it would completely invalidate the ideology that is currently prioritized over the security of their own countries, and perhaps encourage them to seek a more productive means toward dealing with Israel.

As it stands today, any future trip I take to the Arab world will necessitate my telling people that I am not Jewish. I am proud to say, however, that the need to hide one's religious identity is not endemic in the Middle East. When I was in Israel, I conducted research for a day at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, and noticed a fair number of Muslim women wearing the traditional Muslim hijeb, or head-covering. Israel's status as a democracy insures that tolerance has a place in the Middle East, and I only hope that such societal open-mindedness -- so characteristic of democracies -- will one day prove infectious.

It is our responsibility as Americans both to protect democratic Israel, and encourage other nations of the region to foster just, democratic societies. Encouraging the development of democracies is not merely morally right. As the violent ideologies that currently control the Arab world show us, our and Israel's national securities depend on it.

## Harvard student recounts experience in Arab environment

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## **ISRAEL ADVANCES PRISONER RELEASE; CABINET OKS TERMS ON SOME PALESTINIANS**

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Israel and the Palestinians embarked yesterday on one of the most emotionally charged phases of their new peace process -- deciding whether Palestinian prisoners, some of whom were implicated in terrorist attacks, would soon be released from jail.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pushed a 13-8 vote through his Cabinet to agree to terms for the freeing of several hundred Palestinian detainees, considered a key step in advancing the U.S.-backed peace initiative.

In an initial vote, members of Sharon's government rebuffed him, saying the conditions set for release of Palestinian prisoners were not tough enough. In a second vote, following a series of impassioned exchanges among his ministers, Sharon prevailed.

The question of prisoner releases goes to the heart of the conflict between the two sides, raising painful questions as to whether years of bloodshed, and the loss of hundreds of innocent lives, can be put aside in the interests of peace.

Almost universally, Palestinian regard compatriots who have languished for years in Israeli prisons as freedom fighters who sacrificed themselves for the cause of Palestinian statehood.

But surviving family members of Israelis killed in Palestinian attacks say that those convicted of spilling Jewish blood shall under no circumstances be allowed to go free before their full prison terms are served.

With yesterday's vote, the Cabinet paved the way for release of as many as roughly 400 Palestinians, according to media reports and officials present in the closed-door talks. That would represent only a fraction of the estimated 6,000 Palestinians in Israeli jails.

Israeli and Palestinian officials were to meet later in the week to comb through lists with names of prisoners whose release the Palestinians are seeking -- and of those whom Israel categorically refuses to free.

Those at the top of the release list would include women, juveniles, the infirm and those already approaching the end of a long jail sentence, Israeli officials said.

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Among those to be kept behind bars, under the Israeli criteria approved by the Cabinet, are those who are on trial. That would appear to ensure that the best-known Palestinian prisoner, militia leader Marwan Barghouti, would stay locked up for the time being.

Barghouti, charged in connection with attacks that killed dozens of Israelis, has lately achieved a high political profile with his leading role in negotiating a truce with Palestinian militant groups from his jail cell, acting through intermediaries.

A large-scale prisoner release has been a key demand of both the Palestinian Authority, led by Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, and the Palestinian militant groups with which he has managed to strike a temporary cease-fire accord.

The Israeli Cabinet agreed that members of the radical groups responsible for the greatest number of attacks during the 33-month-old intifada -- **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad -- would not be allowed to go free.

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## *Lessons from the cold war*

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Assessing the situation in the Middle East, Prince Hassan of Jordan said: "The makings of a third world war are happening before our very eyes." The horror and humiliation of the Middle East has a global reach, sparking violence everywhere. We have heard it before; the struggle for global supremacy between the democratic west and the communist east did not produce a third world war. But it did produce a deadly cold war.

The war on terrorism can be compared to the cold war, which took half a century to win; with soft and hard policies. Soft policies included the Marshall Plan, open markets and democracy building. Confusing nationalism and the legitimate longing for self-determination when the old empires refused to die was a tragic miscalculation. Sordid deals were struck and almost anyone's murderous policies were excused as long as they were anti-communist.

In the war against terrorism, unusual allies and coalitions are fast being assembled. British Prime Minister Tony Blair's historic trip to Libya to meet the once-despised leader of global terrorism, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, is a bit like president Richard Nixon's visit to Mao Zedong in the 1970s.

Common enemies make uncommon alliances. The US once sponsored Saddam Hussein when he fought Iran. Israel sponsored Hamas, hoping to weaken the Palestinian Liberation Organisation. Pakistan sponsored the Taleban, and now hunts its soldiers.

Perhaps it was easier to understand when it was war between states. Many still underestimate the meaning of the clash between radical Islam and the concepts of modernity, democracy, women's rights, private enterprise and an open society.

For Osama bin Laden, the very concept of the nation-state is impious. The heroes of nationalism and independence - Gamal Abdel Nasser, the father of modern Egypt, and Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey - are said to be traitors to the overarching principle of the Islamic Caliphate. Thus, from Saudi Arabia to the Philippines, governments are threatened.

The European mainland is under siege. Spanish experts are convinced that the Madrid rail bombs were designed to bring down the whole station, killing thousands. After his capture, the first question of one of the accused Islamic terrorists was: "What happened in the election?" It is simplistic to accuse the Spanish people of appeasement. However, it must give heart to al-Qaeda.

Soft power backed by hard power won the last cold war. Soft power, promoting the United Nations, open economies, democracy and the rule of law, has worked. It has lifted millions out of extreme poverty. It made

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partners out of Germany, Italy, Japan, China and Russia. A similar strategy towards modern Islam aimed at building partnerships can also work. We can be encouraged by the victories of moderate Islam in Malaysia and Indonesia. Democracy is compatible with Islam, as is human rights. All this will take time and patience. We have no option.

Mike Moore, a former prime minister of New Zealand, was the first director -general of the World Trade Organisation

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## *Turkish PM accuses Israel of practising state terrorism*

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The prime minister of Turkey, Israel's closest ally in the Middle East, has accused Ariel Sharon of "state terrorism" against Palestinians and likened their treatment to that of Jews under the Spanish inquisition.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's comments to the Israeli newspaper, Ha'aretz, come after an international outcry over the killing of about 60 Palestinians, including many civilians and children, in last month's military assault on Rafah in Gaza.

The army was also responsible for the widespread destruction of Palestinian houses in Rafah, which left about 1,600 people homeless. Yesterday, the military continued the demolitions, with more than 40 homes destroyed in Rafah camp this week.

Ha'aretz asked Mr Erdogan - who recently defined three kinds of terrorism: personal, institutional and state - if he believed Israel was practising "state terrorism." He replied: "When you look at the structure of what has happened, how else can you interpret it?"

Mr Erdogan noted that Turkey had welcomed Jews driven out of Spain by the inquisition.

"Jews were the victims at that time. Today, the Palestinians are the victims, and unfortunately the people of Israel are treating the Palestinians as they were treated 500 years ago. Bombing people - civilians - from helicopters, killing people without any considerations - children, women, the elderly - razing their buildings with bulldozers."

Turkey has long had close relations with Israel, including military and intelligence cooperation. In recent years Israeli arms manufacturers have sold hundreds of millions of dollars worth of weapons to Turkey, and the two countries agreed a multibillion dollar deal to ship water to the Jewish state.

The Israeli government was shaken last week by press reports that Mr Erdogan had instructed Turkey's security establishment not to sign new weapons contracts and to scale down military and intelligence cooperation.

The government in Ankara has previously been critical of the Israeli assassinations of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and other Hamas leaders in Gaza, and said it believed Mr Sharon was not interested in a negotiated peace.

Mr Erdogan reiterated the point yesterday. "We are in favour of the peace process being regenerated, and the government of Israel has not contributed to our efforts to do so."



## Turkish PM accuses Israel of practising state terrorism

The Israeli government did not respond directly to the comments. But the foreign ministry referred to a statement it issued this week after Mr Erdogan met the Israeli infrastructure minister, Joseph Paritzky, and asked what the difference was between Palestinians who kill Israeli civilians and the Israeli army, which also kills civilians.

The foreign ministry described those remarks as unfortunate. "The blame for the standstill in the peace process can be placed squarely at the door of the Palestinian terrorist organisations, whose murderous actions have taken the lives of over 900 innocent Israelis in the last three and a half years," it said.

"Turkey, a state that has itself suffered for many years from the cruel effects of terrorism, could be expected to show more understanding and solidarity for Israel's struggle to defend itself."

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**MAUREEN MESSENT COLUMN: EVERY ONE A LOSER IN LAND OF  
BEAUTY;  
A NO-NONSENSE REFLECTION ON THE WEEK'S EVENTS BY THE MAIL'S**

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IT'S a bit much for world leaders to condemn Israel for wiping out **Hamas** leader Sheikh Yassin.

Were Britain or America to have captured Osama bin Laden dead or alive, jubilant 'gotcha' messages would have dominated headlines.

But that's the trouble with disputed territories, isn't it? One man's freedom fighter is another's murderer.

What emerges from the Middle East this week is the life and death necessity of preventing Arabs and Jews tearing each other apart: the most pressing territorial problem on Earth and my heart is touched by both sides.

I know every inch of Jerusalem and the West Bank as well as I know Birmingham.

I've come to love its disparate peoples and recognise it as the most beautiful and spiritual region in the world - but the current hatred, exacerbated by Yassin's murder, seems baked into walls and paving stones.

How can there be tranquillity between two factions when one claims the land is their God-given right, while the other, dispossessed and povertystricken, live and die in refugee camps?

And Israel and Palestine share their tragedy. Both have right on their side.

My Jewish friends shrug off the notion that Israeli settlements on the West Bank are provocative.

'We make the desert bloom,' they say. 'Arab men sit in their coffee shops all day. You have only to see the state of what is now Israel back in the 1940s to realise the Arabs left it fallow.'

The Arabs shake their heads. 'It's our homeland,' they say. 'We have been robbed of everything.'

Both speak the truth. This is a stage that to the watching world throws up no good men or bad men. Only victims.

About ten years ago, during a relatively untroubled time, you could walk through East Jerusalem to the Arab bus station.

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There you'd climb aboard a rickety vehicle and find a perch among families travelling with chickens and goats and, for just a shekel or so, you'd be driven through Manger Square in Bethlehem and up the dusty road to the West Bank.

Old women with henna coloured hair and black dresses with embroidered bodices would appear by the roadside from nowhere to climb aboard with grandchildren.

As the road looped like a dusky pink ribbon through greyish olive groves on hills that Christ would have walked, the passengers would pluck at Western sleeves, wanting to know, in halting English supplemented by gestures, where you came from.

Then it would be Ramallah and everyone would decant for tiny cups of black Arab coffee before the bus moaned and complained its way up to Nablus, heartland of Arab nationalism.

Now there is terrible anger here, sending out tentacles of terror to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where the Israelis - many of them Arabs, don't forget - hold their breaths and pray.

God help them all in the weeks ahead.

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***Al-Qaeda tape calls for a coup in Pakistan;  
The speaker, said to be bin Laden's No. 2, calls Musharraf a traitor and urges  
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An audiotape purportedly recorded by Ayman al-Zawahiri, the second-ranking figure in the al-Qaeda terror organization, calls Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf a traitor and urges people to overthrow his government.

The Arab satellite channel Al-Jazeera broadcast a seven-minute excerpt from the tape, which it said it had received yesterday. The tape's authenticity could not immediately be verified, but the speaker sounded like Zawahiri and made references to the Islamic holy book, the Koran, which is known to be Zawahiri's style.

The speaker also called for a military uprising in Pakistan.

"Musharraf seeks to stab the Islamic resistance in Afghanistan in the back," the speaker said. "Every Muslim in Pakistan should work hard to get rid of this client government, which will continue to submit to America until it destroys Pakistan."

Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan said the government had no comment on the tape. When a Zawahiri tape released in September called for Musharraf's overthrow, the government said it would not be deterred in its pursuit of terrorists.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he had heard news reports about the tape. He said that if it was authentic, the speaker "is clearly an individual who is very high-ranking and is capable of, and has in the past, killed innocent men, women and children. And so one has to recognize that."

The tape was broadcast as Pakistani troops were in the second week of a campaign along the Afghan border in South Waziristan, a hiding place and stronghold of Islamic fighters from al-Qaeda and Afghanistan's Taliban movement.

Al-Qaeda tape calls for a coup in Pakistan ; The speaker, said to be bin Laden's No. 2, calls Musharraf a traitor and urges his ouster.

After Musharraf spoke hopefully of capturing a "high-value target," there was speculation that Zawahiri might be in the rugged border area, where local tribes have more power than the Pakistani federal government.

Pakistani Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat said yesterday that more than 50 terror suspects had been killed in the operation. More than 150 suspects have been captured, said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security in Pakistan's tribal areas.

It was not known when the tape was made, but the speaker appeared to be referring to the conflict in South Waziristan when he said: "I call on the Pakistani army: You, poor army, what a miserable state Musharraf has put you in. . . . Musharraf ruins your natural fences - those tribes on the border - by engaging you in a fight with them. Then he removes your nuclear weapons.

"Will you stay silent until Pakistan is divided again?"

The speaker did not mention Israel's killing Monday of Hamas' founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, suggesting the tape was recorded before then.

Al-Jazeera spokesman Jihad Ballout said the Qatar-based channel received the tape yesterday, but he declined to reveal how. The tape is 17 minutes long. "Indications are that it is authentic," Ballout said.

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## *Europeans are too slow to react to anti-Semitism*

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From Mr David A. Harris.

Sir, The two letters (January 7) responding to a recent article ("Europe's moral treachery over anti-Semitism," January 5) were as revealing for what they did not say as for what they did.

Both letter-writers used the occasion to engage in a frontal assault on Israel. In doing so, they conveniently ignored pesky truths that might have placed recent Israeli actions in context.

Are we to forget that three years ago Ehud Barak, then Israeli prime minister, with full US backing, proposed a comprehensive two-state solution to the Palestinians, only to be turned down by Yassir Arafat, Palestinian Authority chairman, who once again revealed a preference for violence over diplomacy?

Are we to ignore the nearly 1,000 Israelis murdered in the past three years by terrorist bombers who believe that deliberately targeting innocent men, women and children will give them a place in heaven? Are we to gloss over the fact that the principal organisations perpetrating the terror and mayhem, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, do not recognise Jewish sovereignty over any part of Israel, seeking instead an Islamic state in all of historic Palestine?

What would any other democratic state do in Israel's place if faced with the same challenges? Obviously, negotiation and mutual compromise are the preferred paths. Israel, in its peace accords with Egypt and Jordan and two-state proposal to the Palestinians, has amply demonstrated its good faith. The same, tragically, cannot be said for the Palestinian Authority led by Mr Arafat, who has repeatedly failed his own people in his period of corrupt rule.

Israel, like any other state, is subject to legitimate criticism. Indeed, as it is a democracy, that criticism can be read every day in the Israeli press and heard in the parliament. But when that criticism comes from those who repeatedly single out Israel for vilification, regardless of the facts, and blithely ignore massive human rights violations elsewhere in the region, despite their purported interest in the human rights of the Palestinians, something far more insidious is going on.

And when the Jewish people, uniquely in the world, are attacked by some for exercising the right of self-determination, while Palestinians and others are assumed to have that right, once again underlying motives must be questioned.

## Europeans are too slow to react to anti-Semitism

Too many European governments and institutions, including the media, have watched this growing attack on Israel from the sidelines and, in some cases, have contributed to it. This, in turn, has created a far more menacing climate for many European Jews, who have witnessed increased incidents of anti-Semitism. Shockingly, Europeans, who should know better than anyone the dangers of the slippery slope of anti-Semitism, have, with a few notable exceptions, been too slow to react. While that has begun to change, it has undoubtedly left its scars.

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## WORLD REPORT

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**Female** explorer headed to North Pole feared lost

Helsinki, Finland

Rescue helicopters searched Tuesday for a **female** explorer who was feared lost on a journey to the North Pole, a spokesman for the expedition said.

Finnish adventurer Dominick Arduin, 43, hoped to be the first woman to reach the North Pole alone and unaided.

She was last heard from Friday, the first day of her trip, when she called from Arctic Russia on a satellite phone, said Reijo Hietanen.

At the time, Arduin said she had switched on an Argos beacon, a transmitter that sends a positioning signal, but her expedition team has not been able to detect it.

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Show probes allegations favoured dog was sedated

Birmingham, England

Organizers of Britain's largest dog show are investigating allegations that a dog favoured to win in its category performed poorly because it was given a sedative.

Clive and Nancy Evans, owner of a 22-month-old Doberman named Kerri, said their dog may have been fed a piece of contaminated meat containing a sedative just before she was to compete Saturday at the Crufts Dog Show.

Trevor Turner, Crufts' chief veterinary officer, said he examined the dog afterward.

"She was quiet, subdued and a little bit wobbly on her back legs," Turner said. "She showed signs of sedation, but there is no evidence of this."

Britain OKs planting genetically modified crops

London



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The British government risked an environmental and consumer backlash Tuesday by giving conditional approval for the first genetically modified crop to be planted in British soil for commercial use.

But the government's approach to genetically modified crops, often described as "Frankenstein foods" in Britain, will be tentative. The corn that can be grown is a cattle feed and it must be grown under strict conditions before it gets final approval for cultivation.

After five years of public consultation and three years of field trials, Britain's food and environment minister said she has decided to look at each potential GM crop on a case-by-case basis before deciding whether it will get commercial approval.

Girl named Diot Coke in 1379: Researchers

London

Naming your child after a popular soft drink could be seen as a little bit faddish, but the parents of young Diot Coke might be forgiven -- they gave their baby daughter the name in 1379.

Researchers at Britain's National Archives believe the girl, was the unfortunate victim of the corruption of the name Dionisia. One of the diminutives derived from that name on its path to the modern-day Denise was Diot.

The girl's surname is believed to be a variation on the name Cook.

Five men released from jail arrested in England

Northolt, England

Police arrested five Britons as they returned to England late Tuesday after more than two years in U.S. military detention at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The five were among nine Britons whose captivity at the U.S. military prison had proved a sticking point between the warm allies for more than two years.

Explosion at Masonic lodge kills two people

Istanbul, Turkey

A bomb exploded at a building housing a Masonic lodge Tuesday, killing at least two people and wounding five others, reports said, months after four suicide attacks struck this city.

NTV television said police blamed the attack on a suicide bomber. CNN-Turk said a man chanting, "Allah, Allah," entered the building and detonated a bomb.

Officials sent ambulances and firefighters to the scene in the residential Kartal district, the Anatolia news agency said. One of the injured was reported in critical condition, television reports said.

The Masons, a secretive society that traces its roots to medieval craft associations, are active in this predominantly Muslim but strictly secular country.

Slain Chechen rebels

'had British papers'

Moscow

Two men carrying British documents have been killed while fighting in Chechnya, a Russian news agency reported Tuesday.

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The two fighters apparently died after the band of Chechen rebels they were with was attacked by Russian troops at a camp in the Kurchaloi district.

One of the men, who was carrying a British travel document issued in February 2001, was named as Binatia Yasin, who was born in Algeria in 1979, the Russian news agency Interfax reported.

An anti-terrorist official said the other, Osman Larusi, was British or Algerian. The official said a letter was found in Larusi's pocket, addressed to his sister in London, in which he apparently asks her to seek out two men at the Finsbury Park mosque whom Russians claimed were recruitment officers for the rebels.

Leader urges deal with Palestinian factions

Gaza City, Gaza Strip

The founder of the militant group **Hamas** told The Associated Press on Tuesday that rival Palestinian factions and Yasser Arafat's government should work out a deal now on who will control the Gaza Strip after a proposed Israeli withdrawal later this year.

Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the Islamic group's spiritual leader, said such an arrangement would be crucial to securing and stabilizing the territory. But he stopped short of explicitly demanding a role for **Hamas** in controlling Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said Israel would remove Jewish settlements and pull out of most or all of Gaza if peace efforts remain stalled. U.S. and Palestinian officials have criticized the plan, under which Israel also would impose a boundary in the West Bank, saying such moves should follow negotiations.

Militant cleric has jail sentence cut in half

Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesia's Supreme Court on Tuesday reduced the prison sentence of a prominent militant Muslim cleric accused of links to terrorism, clearing the way for his release on April 4.

The United States and Australia said they were disappointed by the decision cutting in half Abu Bakar Bashir's three-year sentence. Bashir is alleged to be the spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, a Southeast Asian militant group tied to al-Qaida.

Bashir will be set free on April 4, said Moegihardjo, a court official who like many Indonesians uses only one name.

The 65-year-old cleric was arrested shortly after 2002 nightclub bombings on Bali that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists, including two Canadians.

Man killed during service at Masonic lodge

Patchogue, N.Y.

A man was killed during a ceremony at a Masonic temple when another member fired a gun loaded with real bullets instead of the expected blanks and shot him in the head, police said Tuesday.

A 76-year-old man alleged to have fired the shot was arrested.

William James, 47, was shot while participating in an induction Monday night at the Southside Masonic Lodge, Suffolk County police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Albert Eid, of Patchogue, was arrested and scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday, police officer Al Prim said. The district attorney's office said the .32-calibre pistol used in the shooting was licensed to Eid.

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Police Det.-Lt. Jack Fitzpatrick said the ceremony included a loud noise to frighten the new member. The inductee faces the front of the room and cans are stacked up behind him, he said. A gun is fired near the inductee's head and the cans are toppled, Fitzpatrick added.

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**Charities deny bankrolling terror;  
Feds allege money laundering plot**

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Herndon, Va. --- The leaders of an intricate web of nonprofit groups and companies in this quiet suburban corner of Virginia allegedly have conspired to support several Islamic terrorist groups, says an affidavit filed in federal court.

For simplicity, federal investigators, in the affidavit, call the more than 100 charities, educational organizations and companies targeted in their probe the "Safa Group." But there is nothing simple about the operations of these alleged terror financiers.

On one hand, members of Safa, which means purity or truth in Arabic, appear to be hardworking first-generation immigrants who want to promote Islamic education through charity. Through their attorney, they deny any connections to terrorists.

Cox Washington Bureau

"It is a lot like what I would call McCarthyism," said Nancy Luque, legal counsel for all the Virginia entities. "There isn't one cent that can be traced to a terrorist."

But federal investigators allege that the Safa Group has been using charities to "transmit money internationally for the purpose of promoting offenses against foreign nations involving murder or the destruction of property by means of explosives, fire, kidnapping or extortion," according to the 132-page affidavit.

"I have seen evidence of the transfer of large amounts of funds from the Safa Group organizations directly to terrorist front organizations since the early 1990s," David Kane, an investigator with the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, wrote in his affidavit.

Kane filed the sworn affidavit to support a government request for a warrant to search 29 properties in Virginia, a Georgia poultry business and other undisclosed locations on March 20 and 21, 2002.

## Charities deny bankrolling terror; Feds allege money laundering plot

The federal raid of the Safa Group offices and homes of eight leaders was well publicized. But details of the probe, conducted jointly by the FBI, the customs agency and the Internal Revenue Service, were not revealed until a federal judge unsealed Kane's affidavit last month.

None of the men whose homes were searched in the raids has been charged with terrorism offenses 18 months later, prompting Luque to say there is "no there there to the government's investigation."

Officials say the inquiry is widespread and touches on other terrorism probes.

"It's an ongoing investigation," said Dennis Lormel, chief of the FBI's terrorist finance section.

One person alleged in court filings to be connected to the Safa Group has been indicted in an unrelated money laundering investigation involving Libya. In another case, prosecutors argued that a man convicted of a minor immigration charge should be given an unusually long sentence, in part because of his alleged connections to people described by prosecutors as members of the Safa Group.

The affidavit states that there is probable cause to believe the individuals controlling the Safa Group sent money to the now shuttered Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development in Richardson, Texas, and to the alleged American leader of the Palestine Islamic Jihad-Shikaki Faction in South Florida to support suicide bombings in Israel by that terrorist group and by Hamas.

Some targets of the probe are prominent in the American Muslim community.

Taha Al-Alwani, a naturalized American citizen, runs an Islamic graduate school influential in selecting who will serve in the U.S. military as a Muslim chaplain. The chaplain program is the subject of an unrelated probe.

Abdurahman M. Alamoudi, Muslim activist, was welcomed at the White House by President Bush, as he had been by Bill Clinton, for his work for Muslim causes.

Alamoudi recently pleaded not guilty in an 18-count federal indictment alleging he laundered money and violated immigration and customs laws by taking \$340,000 from Libya, a federally designated state sponsor of terrorism.

In court documents, the government alleges that Alamoudi, founder of the American Muslim Council, a Washington-based anti-discrimination group, is connected to the Safa Group through another charity he directs in Virginia. In recent court filings, prosecutors have also connected him to Hamas, al-Qaida and seven known terrorists whose identities were found in his Palm Pilot.

"Mr. Alamoudi denies any connection to terrorists," said May Kheder, legal counsel to Alamoudi, who is jailed in Alexandria. "It's unfair. When you take an Arab-American and put the T-word in front of his name, he will be eyed with suspicion for the rest of his life."

Luque, who represents Al-Alwani, says her clients have nothing to do with Alamoudi.

"I will tell you, one of the biggest problems with the affidavit is, there is no such thing as the Safa Group," Luque said. Customs agent Kane "has taken Safa, which is a trust that my clients are involved with, and enlarged it to include every terrorist in the Western Hemisphere. He has Alamoudi in there, and Alamoudi has nothing to do with Safa."

Kane's affidavit states he has probable cause to suspect that the Safa Group is used to support Palestine Islamic Jihad, Hamas and other terrorists. But it also states that the money trail grows cold on the Isle of Man, a self-governing kingdom in the Irish Sea that is a known tax haven, which "makes it difficult to verify whether these funds were used for terrorist financing."

Saudi link alleged

## Charities deny bankrolling terror; Feds allege money laundering plot

At least three of the alleged principals of the Safa Group live in a subdivision in Fairfax County, a quiet, tree-lined enclave with generous lots and large houses.

A customs report cited in the Kane affidavit states that Safa Group member Ibrahim Hassaballa came to the United States in 1980 with \$3.4 million in cash. The money made it possible for members to set up charities and companies, the affidavit says.

Their first charity, the now-defunct SAAR Foundation, was named for Sulaiman Abdul Aziz al-Rajhi, the head of the wealthy al-Rajhi banking family in Saudi Arabia. This is the same family that the federal government is investigating for possibly supporting Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network.

Nearly all of the entities are headquartered in two nondescript office buildings across the street from each other in downtown Herndon, not far from where the rest of the principals live in Fairfax County. The alleged leaders of the Safa Group sit on multiple boards of the group's corporations and nonprofits.

For example, two of Alwani's neighbors on Safa Court, Jamal Barzinji and M. Yacub Mirza, are named as directors of at least nine overlapping Safa Group companies and charities.

In addition, they run a poultry company in Gainesville, Ga. Mar-Jac Poultry has allegedly provided millions of dollars to Safa Group charities, Kane's affidavit said.

## 'Phantom entities'

Buddy Parker, a Georgia attorney representing Mar-Jac Poultry, denies his clients have any ties to terrorism and recently filed a court document disputing Kane's affidavit.

"There is not probable cause for money laundering and the support of terrorism, period," Parker said in an interview in which he compared the case to a Hans Christian Andersen fable: "The Emperor Has No Clothes."

Mirza has authority over 27 bank accounts associated with 15 organizations in the Safa Group, including five charities, Kane's affidavit states. Barzinji has the same power over 18 other bank accounts associated with nine Safa entities, including three charities, the affidavit says.

"Many of the organizations of the Safa Group are phantom entities with no physical presence," Kane wrote.

Safa Group organizations routinely transfer thousands of dollars among themselves, the affidavit says. The money typically rests for a short time before being passed out of an account into another location, Kane's affidavit says.

The money in the Safa Group is directed through a maze of for-profit companies to its own charities and then, Kane suspects, ultimately ends up in the hands of terrorists via offshore bank accounts on the Isle of Man.

The island is a known haven for drug dealers, mafia types and terrorists because of its secretive banking laws, terror finance experts say.

Terrorists often use such charities and legitimate businesses, these experts say, to avoid suspicion and gain credibility in the eyes of the community.

Between 1996 and 2000, nearly 72 percent of contributions to Safa Group charities came from members, according to Kane's affidavit.

Safa Group charities reported to the IRS that they raised \$54 million during those four years. Almost half of that sum was transferred to entities in the Isle of Man, Kane's affidavit states.

The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Studies, a small college with mostly female students in Leesburg, Va., also finds itself mired in the investigation surrounding the Safa Group.

Al-Alwani, its director, is named by Kane as a target in the probe.

## Charities deny bankrolling terror; Feds allege money laundering plot

Al-Alwani has several connections to Sami Al-Arian, a former professor at the University of South Florida who is awaiting trial on charges of financing and managing a U.S.-based operation for the Palestine Islamic Jihad.

The Safa group gave \$50,000 to Al-Arian's World Islamic Studies Enterprise in Florida, according to the affidavit. In a Nov. 19, 1991, letter, Al-Alwani refers to the donation, saying that it is offered "regardless of the side or the facade you use" it for.

According to excerpts of the letter cited in Kane's affidavit, Al-Alwani groups Al-Arian with several Palestine Islamic Jihad officials and says they are all "part of us and an extension of us." Kane said Al-Alwani was speaking for Safa Group members.

The affidavit also states that various documents and videotapes obtained in the search of Al-Arian's home and businesses reveal that Al-Alwani attended and spoke at conferences throughout the country in the early 1990s with Al-Arian and other suspected or convicted terrorists. One of them is Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, who is serving a life term in prison for conspiring to blow up tunnels in New York City and United Nations headquarters in October 1995.

The conferences were intended to spread the word of radical Islam, Kane said.

The document also states that in October 1999 a "confidential asset" of the FBI gave the bureau a copy of a fatwa, or decree, signed by Al-Alwani. The declaration says: "The truth by the powers invested in us by Allah, that jihad is the only way to liberate Palestine." But the affidavit cites only a portion of the declaration, making it difficult to put the statement in context.

Al-Alwani said in an interview that the statement was taken completely out of context from one of his speeches and that he never signed a fatwa.

In addition, he said the word "jihad" has different meanings in Islam and that his statement was misrepresented to help the government's case. People who don't know Arabic and don't know Semitic languages don't understand the word, he added.

"Jihad is . . . when you struggle to adopt values, conscience, to control yourself from evil things, to discipline yourself, to fulfill your commitment to God," he said.

Asked about the letter from Al-Alwani to Al-Arian, Luque said it was "disingenuous" for Kane to include it in the affidavit because the letter was written more than a decade ago. "Did anyone know that he [Al-Arian] was an alleged front for a terrorist organization then? How does anyone know?"

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Photo: Taha Al-Alwani, who operates a Muslim college in Leesburg, Va., that helps select Muslim chaplains for the military, denies being involved in funneling money to terror groups. / RICK MCKAY / Cox Washington Bureau

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**Rare killing in Israeli resort: Jordanian fires on Ecuadoran tourists. Attack comes as Egyptian mediators and Palestinian PM travel to Gaza for meetings**

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A Jordanian truck driver fired on a crowd of tourists crossing into Israel, killing one and wounding four, in an attack near this Red Sea resort that until now has been untouched by three years of Middle East violence. The gunman was killed by Israeli security personnel.

The attack - which could further harm Israel's already devastated tourism industry - came as Egyptian and Palestinian officials, seeking to restart the "road map" peace plan, pressed militants in the Gaza Strip to halt the violence.

AP

Jordanian officials condemned the shooting and said the gunman, who came from a predominantly Palestinian town, was not linked to any organized armed group.

But Israeli Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz decried what he called "part of the recent long and painful string of terror attacks in which world terror groups were involved."

Arieh Zaks, manager of the Rabin border crossing, said the driver was known to officials. He drove a cattle truck and entered Israel about once a month with the animals, Zaks told Israel TV.

Israel radio said the man, who had wrapped his gun in a blanket, raised suspicion when he got out of the truck. Israeli guards shot him six times while he was still on the Jordanian side of the border.

Israeli officials said five Ecuadorean Christian pilgrims were wounded. One of them, a 33-year-old woman, died from a head wound nine hours later at a hospital in Beersheba, a hospital spokesperson said. The name of the tourist was not made public.

The attack shattered the calm in Eilat, a sunny resort popular with Israelis trying to escape the pressure of the conflict. The city of 42,000 - with attractions including coral reefs, deep-sea diving, dolphin petting, casino boats and discotheques - also attracts tens of thousands of tourists year-round, especially from Europe.

Few incidents of cross-border violence have occurred since Jordan and Israel established diplomatic relations in 1994.



Rare killing in Israeli resort: Jordanian fires on Ecuadoran tourists. Attack comes as Egyptian mediators and Palestinian PM travel to Gaza for meetings

The attack came as Egyptian mediators and the Palestinian prime minister travelled to the Gaza Strip to try to persuade leaders of **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad to halt attacks on Israel.

At the United Nations yesterday, the Security Council unanimously endorsed the so-called road map to a permanent two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, a move welcomed by Palestinians but called unnecessary by Israel. The stalled plan was drafted by Russia, the United States, the United Nations and the European Union and aims to end more than three years of Mideast violence and establish a Palestinian state by 2005.

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Color Photo: YEHUDA BEN-ITAH, REUTERS; Members of a religious rescue service clean blood under the eye of border guards after a gunman from Jordan opened fire on tourists near the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat yesterday. One **female** tourist died and four people were wounded before the gunman was killed.; Map:

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## **Female Palestinian suicide bomber kills two officers**

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A Palestinian teenager blew herself up at a busy Jerusalem bus station Wednesday, killing two Israeli policemen who stopped her for a security check and wounding 16 bystanders in an attack that evaded Israel's clampdown on the West Bank for the Jewish holidays.

Hours later, an Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a Gaza refugee camp, wounding 12 people, Palestinians said. In earlier retaliation, Israeli tanks entered the Khan Younis refugee camp and a bulldozer tore down a house across from a bloc of Jewish settlements. The military said the purpose was to clear areas used by militants to fire at Israelis.

Associated Press

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, dropped a plan to evacuate 21 Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip simultaneously at the beginning of next year, reverting to an earlier formula -- a staged pullout in the summer of 2005.

That prompted U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell to say Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia -- and not Palestinian President Yasser Arafat -- should be empowered to take control of Gaza. Arafat "is not able to act in this manner," Powell said Wednesday. Israel and the United States are boycotting Arafat, the head of the Palestinian Authority.

Sharon also hinted that Israel might one day assassinate Arafat, as it did with two leaders of the Islamic militant group **Hamas** responsible for scores of suicide bombings.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group with ties to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for Wednesday's bombing, but it was unclear what would trigger an Israeli move to assassinate Arafat. Israel has not carried out earlier threats despite attacks with dozens of casualties.

The blast at a busy intersection in the French Hill neighbourhood of northern Jerusalem destroyed a nearby police post, leaving shards of glass in the road as the smell of burning rubber wafted in the air.

The Al Aqsa Brigades identified the bomber as Zainab Abu Salem, 19, from the Askar refugee camp near the West Bank city of Nablus.

A group member in Nablus told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that Zainab volunteered for a suicide attack, saying she wanted to avenge Palestinian militants killed recently in Nablus.

## Female Palestinian suicide bomber kills two officers

"She said that if we refused, she would attack an army post with a knife," the Al Aqsa member said. "So we organized quickly. We set up the attack within 17 hours and we chose this site in Jerusalem because we know it."

Her father, Ali Abu Salem, 48, collapsed and his wife, Sahar, wailed at the news of their daughter's attack.

"Why? Why is this happening to us?," Sahar asked.

Police said two border guards at the bus stop spotted the young woman carrying a bag and asked her to open it. She refused, then detonated as much as five kilograms of explosives inside.

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Photo: ASSOCIATED PRESS; Israeli security forces gather evidence at the site of a bombing in Jerusalem yesterday after a **female** Palestinian suicide bomber blew herself up near a bus stop, killing two people and wounding at least 16 others.; Photo: Zainab Abu Salem, 19, blew herself up yesterday in a suicide bombing in Jerusalem.

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**Suicide bombers kill at least 16; Bombings of two Israeli buses end calm;  
militant group claiming responsibility**

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Palestinian suicide bombers blew up two buses almost simultaneously in this southern city yesterday, killing at least 16 passengers and wounding more than 80 in the first major attack inside Israel in nearly six months.

The explosions, for which the Hamas militant group claimed responsibility, ended a period of relative calm. Israel has attributed the lull to its crackdown on Palestinian militants and continued construction of a separation barrier in the West Bank. Palestinian militants have acknowledged they have faced increasing difficulties carrying out attacks. Associated Press

The two buses blew up 15 seconds apart, about 100 metres from a busy intersection in the centre of Beersheba. "People were screaming and yelling. Everybody was running," said witness Tzika Schreter, 50, a college lecturer.

Rescue workers scoured the scene, cleaning up body parts and scattered pieces of the wreckage as dozens of onlookers gathered nearby. A hand with a ring lay on a charred seat, and blood was splattered on the walls of the mangled buses.

The blasts came hours after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon presented to his Likud party the most detailed timetable yet for Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and warned party rebels the plan "will be implemented, period."

After the attacks, Sharon met with top security officials to plan a response, and more talks were scheduled later in the evening. Israel has historically struck hard at militant targets after suicide bombings.

"Israel will continue fighting terror with all its might," Sharon said, adding that he would push forward with the Gaza pullout. "This has no connection to disengagement," he said.

Police said the devastation at the scene was complicating the recovery of bodies and warned the death toll could rise. They said the 16 people did not include the bombers.

Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said 30 of the wounded were in serious or moderate condition.

Authorities stepped up security throughout Beersheba after the attacks, placing checkpoints on major roads and snarling traffic in and out of the city.

In Gaza, Muslim leaders praised the "heroic operation" over mosque loudspeakers.

Suicide bombers kill at least 16; Bombings of two Israeli buses end calm; militant group claiming responsibility

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Pierre Pettigrew expressed "deepest sympathies" to Israel and condemned yesterday's bombing.

"Resorting to terrorism not only is inhuman and criminal, but it is holding back all Palestinians from their aspirations to peace and statehood," Pettigrew said in a statement. "I call on every Palestinian to reject terrorism and to seek an end to the conflict through a negotiated settlement."

"The Palestinian Authority has condemned the bombing, but this is not enough. It must immediately take meaningful steps to prevent violent acts against Israeli civilians, to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism and to restore law and order in the territories under its control."

The attack was the deadliest since a female suicide bomber killed 21 people nearly a year ago in the northern city of Haifa. Militants hadn't carried out a suicide bombing in Israel since March 14, when 11 people were killed in the port of Ashdod.

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Photo: ASSOCIATED PRESS; Rescue and recovery volunteers work at the scene of a double-bombing in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba yesterday. Two buses blew up, killing at least 15 people and wounding more than 80 in what appeared to be the first Palestinian suicide bombings inside Israel in six months.

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## *Suicide blasts shatter calm in Israel*

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AT least 12 people were killed and more than 80 wounded last night in a twin suicide bomb attack on two buses in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba, the first Palestinian suicide bombings inside Israel in six months.

Ten of those being treated in hospital were in either serious or critical condition, said sources from Magen David Adom, the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross.

Police sources said one bomber had boarded each of the buses several moments before the explosions in the centre of the city, which is 15km from the West Bank and 40km east of the Gaza Strip.

AFP, AP

"This attack was carried out by two suicide bombers who carried their charges for three minutes on the buses before blowing themselves up," one source said.

The explosions went off shortly before 3pm near the city hall, destroying one of the buses and setting the second on fire. The two buses were 100m apart when the blasts occurred. Several charred bodies wrapped in plastic were still seen lying next to the remains of one of the vehicles.

Police spokesman Gil Kleiman said no specific warnings had been received prior to the blasts, but he said there had been "general warnings".

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was quoted by army radio as saying his Government would not relax in its "fight against terror".

"We have to fight terror: that is what my Government is doing. The struggle against terror will be pursued to the fullest extent," he said.

Hezbollah's al-Manar television station in Lebanon quoted Palestinian sources as saying they had carried out "martyrdom operations", a phrase used to describe suicide bombings. **Hamas** later claimed responsibility.

Israeli officials accuse the Lebanese guerilla group of aiding Palestinian militants.

Negotiations Minister Saeb Erekat said the Palestinian Authority condemned any attack that hit civilians.

"The Palestinian Authority condemns attacks which target civilians, whether they be Israeli or Palestinian," Mr Erekat said.

## Suicide blasts shatter calm in Israel

The blasts came hours after Israeli guards manning the main crossing point between Israel and the Gaza Strip thwarted a suicide attack when they detained a man who had been carrying an explosives belt.

The last Palestinian attack in Israel was on July 11, when one young **female** soldier was killed in a blast at a bus stop.

Israel has said the lull was due to its success in fighting militants, not a lack of effort by the armed groups. Israel has arrested or killed dozens of militants in recent months.

Israel also says its contentious West Bank barrier has prevented numerous attacks.

The barrier, about one-quarter complete, has not reached the area near Hebron, the closest Palestinian city to Beersheba. Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman David Saranga said the attack was proof of the Palestinian Government's failure to crack down on militant organisations as laid down in the troubled road map peace plan.

"While Israel is trying to move forward by implementing the disengagement plan (which involves a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip), the answer of the Palestinian terror organisations is more attacks," he said.

"We call on the (Palestinian Authority), once again, to dismantle the terror infrastructure, to collect illegal weapons and to carry out their obligations under the road map."

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## **28 Palestinians killed as Israel targets refugee camp: Operation aims to root out militants; army 'sorry' children hurt in crossfire**

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JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip - Israeli troops struck deep inside the largest Palestinian refugee camp yesterday, battling masked gunmen in an unprecedented campaign to stop deadly rocket fire on Israeli towns.

Twenty-eight Palestinians were killed and 131 wounded, the bloodiest single-day toll in fighting in 30 months.

Three Israelis -- two soldiers and a **female** jogger -- were killed in two Palestinian shooting attacks in northern Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon approved a large-scale military operation in the northern Gaza Strip after meeting with advisers late yesterday, an Israeli official said. The plan was a response to the killing of two Israeli children, ages two and four, by a **Hamas** rocket attack on an Israeli border town on Wednesday. However, he stopped short of ordering a callup of reserves.

The plan has the backing of Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz. Under the plan, troops would focus on the Jebaliya refugee camp and the nearby town of Beit Hanoun.

The army's push yesterday into the centre of Jebaliya -- a first in four years of fighting -- signalled a change in military tactics. Since fighting erupted in 2000, the military has refrained from reoccupying large areas of crowded Gaza for long periods, for fear of being bogged down in urban combat.

Armoured vehicles rolled into squalid Jebaliya, a militant stronghold with 106,000 residents, yesterday morning. Throughout the day, masked Palestinians taking cover in camp alleys fired assault rifles -- and occasionally anti-tank missiles and grenades -- at tanks, which responded with machine-guns. Militants were seen laying explosive charges and unravelling detonation wire.

In the bloodiest incident, a tank fired a shell toward a group of gunmen, killing seven Palestinians and seriously wounding 23, including gunmen and civilians. Many of the wounded lost limbs, and at least four were under age 14, doctors said.



28 Palestinians killed as Israel targets refugee camp: Operation aims to root out militants; army 'sorry' children hurt in crossfire

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan expressed grave concern at the escalation of violence and "especially mourns the death and injuries of children," UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Kamal Adwan Hospital was overwhelmed by the influx, and doctors had to treat some patients on the blood-soaked floor and on cafeteria tables.

Ahmed Salem, 10, said the shell was fired from a tank at a UN school near Jebaliya's market. "I was hit and fell to the ground. The man lying next to me had no head," said the boy, who was wounded by shrapnel in the leg.

Maj.-Gen. Dan Harel, the army commander in Gaza, said the shell was aimed at militants who had fired an anti-tank shell at an armoured personnel carrier, lightly wounding three soldiers. He said several Palestinian children were apparently nearby.

"We are very sorry that civilians are being hurt," Maj.-Gen. Harel said, but accused gunmen of using civilians as a shield.

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Photo: Adel Hana, The Associated Press; Palestinians run for cover from Israeli army fire at the Jebaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Armoured vehicles rolled in to the squalid camp yesterday morning. Ahmed Salem, 10, said a shell was fired from a tank at a UN school near Jebaliya's market. 'I was hit and fell to the ground. The man lying next to me had no head,' said the boy, who was wounded in the leg by shrapnel.

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An out-of-town friend asked me why they wanted to change the airport's name to Hartsfield-Jackson. I told him it was to honor the Jackson Five, Michael, Janet, Maynard, Jesse and Phil.

New Hampshire's motto is "Live Free or Die," but you can't smoke in any of their bars or restaurants. They should change their motto to "Live Free By Our Rules."

For the Journal-Constitution

For some strange reason, every time I hear Patsy Cline sing, I want to eat waffles and grits.

I just returned from a visit to New Jersey, and I'm suggesting a new state motto: "Not as Bad as Imagined."

Since he just retired, Herman Russell's name should be added to the airport. After all, he built the thing. And while you're at it, please add my name to it because I'm there once a week.

Some blacks seem to be embarrassed by the blues in the same way that fundamentalist Christians are embarrassed by snake-handlers.

With three major fires in the last few years at UGA, whenever I think of the Red and Black, I think of fire and smoke.

Rush doesn't spew hate. You've just been swilling bilgewater supplied by the mainstream media for so long you're no longer able to recognize the truth.

I still have a problem with chicken having fingers and buffalo having wings.

My Siamese cat was accidentally locked in the laundry room without a litter box. He clawed open a bag of cat litter, scooped out some and did his business.

I didn't realize how important that comics survey was until someone joked about canceling "Get Fuzzy" and "Overboard."

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You think you've seen it all with scented slippers? How about scented bowling balls, one chocolate, the other blueberry? Why would you need a scented bowling ball?

Who needs SAT scores? You can properly judge the intellect of the average Georgian by the way they perform at a four-way stop.

Why didn't they track down all the women who grabbed and fondled Arnold's buns when he was a competing bodybuilder?

My wife misunderstood our wedding vows. She thinks the minister said "love, honor and eBay."

Osama bin Laden, al Qaida, Saddam Hussein, Baathists, Islamic Jihad, Hamas . . . You know, I sort of miss the Soviets.

This'll make you feel old: John Lennon didn't know about compact discs.

You have to assume that all Californians who have no problem with groping must be men and lonely women.

I hate driving a new car because it's so confusing. I'm never sure if the men I pass on the road are checking me out or my new vehicle.

Now that Schwarzenegger has been elected governor of California, can we expect Mickey Mouse to run in Florida?

I'm hoping to be the very first Nobel Prize winner for venting.

Need to Vent? Call 404-222-8338; e-[vent@ajc.com](mailto:vent@ajc.com)

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## **ROAD TO PEACE REQUIRES WORK FROM ALL PARTIES**

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After last week's deadly bus bombing and Israel's retaliatory attacks on militant leaders, efforts to achieve peace between Israelis and Palestinians appear doomed without major shifts in the Middle East conflict.

While experts differ on who is to blame for the resumption of violence, they agree that things will only get worse unless all parties take drastic action soon.

Four themes emerge from interviews with those highly experienced in the area:

- \* Whatever the political risk, Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas must crack down on extremist groups and reassure Israelis who fear for their country's survival both now and even after a settlement.
- \* Israeli leader Ariel Sharon has to once and for all remove settlements in disputed areas and give Palestinians reason to think that negotiations will improve their lives.
- \* The United States has to put a team in place in the region that will closely monitor events and state loudly and clearly when one side or the other violates agreements.
- \* The best-designed peace plan won't succeed unless both sides build trust with the other and allay long-standing and deeply felt concerns.

"The fundamental problem is that Israelis and Palestinians each feel the other side is really trying to kill them, wipe them off the face of the Earth," said Jon Alterman, who directs the Middle East project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "And as long as that's your feeling, if you give the other side concessions it'll only strengthen their ability to kill you later."

While the administration's road map for peace lists specific steps to end the conflict, not enough has been done to build confidence between the two adversaries, said Alterman, a former State Department policy planner.

Anthony Cordesman, former director of intelligence assessment for the secretary of defense, said that since the current Palestinian uprising began three years ago, "we have seen a slowly escalating tragedy," one that the plan put forward by President George W. Bush has not stopped.

"The road map basically depended for its success on the ability of both sides to reverse the process, and it looks that once again we are involved in a war process, rather than a peace process," Cordesman said.

## ROAD TO PEACE REQUIRES WORK FROM ALL PARTIES

"It looks as though the tragedy is that we will not get real movement until both sides get so exhausted that they realize they cannot go on fighting," Cordesman said. "And the practical problem is that it could take years more and breed another generation of hatred, another generation of terrorism and another generation of reprisal."

## U.S. role

Judith Kipper, who heads the Middle East Forum for the Council on Foreign Relations, says that nothing good will happen without a more assertive American role on the ground in the form of a "large, permanent team with enough experts who have the authority to make things happen."

"I don't think the situation is hopeless, but it's clearly going to take the full persuasive powers of the United States. Both sides have to know that there can be no stalling, no delays, and if so there will be consequences. Neither side can afford to be blamed by the president of the United States as the side not wanting peace," Kipper said.

"You need a team on the ground so the Israelis and Palestinians know if they give trouble, the phone call goes straight to the president."

Bush is the type of leader who could make that happen, she said. "Once he's made a decision, he expects the parties to move forward, and that's a good trait for this problem. But it's going to take a lot of tough love."

White House national security spokesman Sean McCormack said that U.S. Envoy John Wolf has been sent to monitor the situation and move the two sides toward the goals.

"Ultimately, however, it is up to the parties, the Israelis and Palestinians, to resolve these issues and problems before them," McCormack said. "There is no substitute for that."

But Kipper says the United States has to get more involved.

"Some things have to happen fast," she said. "Otherwise, things are going to get out of control, and everybody will let the murderers, the killers, set the agenda."

## Terrorism

Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick sees ending terrorism, such as last week's bombing, as the key to progress in the Middle East.

"I presume that the Hamas bombers who undertook this understood what they were doing, that they were really blasting the possibilities of the peace process over the horizon," said Kirkpatrick, now director of foreign and defense policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute. "This was so bad, so powerful; it's one of the worst terrorist attacks that they've seen in a very long time. I simply think they are determined to prevent the development of peace."

A truce is not sufficient, she said. Rather, the Palestinian political leadership must decide to dismantle terrorist groups.

There was much hope that Abbas "would turn out not only to be well-intentioned but reasonably strong," Kirkpatrick said. But it appears that he may lack the strength to take on terrorist organizations as promised, especially given the obstacle posed by Yasser Arafat, she said.

"One of the big issues is whether they have a leader who will permit them to in fact make some real moves toward peace," Kirkpatrick said. Rather than waiting for Arafat's approval or trying to avoid conflict with terrorist groups, Abbas must "take greater risks" if he hopes for any progress toward a Palestinian state, she said.

## Settlements

## ROAD TO PEACE REQUIRES WORK FROM ALL PARTIES

Henry Siegman, who heads the Council on Foreign Relations' U.S.-Middle East project, is a past president of the American Jewish Congress. He was interviewed last week from Jerusalem, where he has spent the past two weeks and saw the bus bombing from a block away.

As Siegman sees it, the major obstacle to peace is Israeli leader Ariel Sharon's refusal to stop settlements and stop building a wall separating Israelis and Palestinians.

"Whether the peace process flies or not depends not so much on compliance with the details but on one critical point. That is whether Israel stops building settlements, whether Israel stops stealing Palestinian land in the West Bank and Gaza," he said.

Expecting Palestinians to believe that negotiating the road map will lead to a state for them even as they are losing land every day is "an insult to their intelligence," Siegman said. "The activities of the terrorists won't be stopped by anyone, including Israel, if Israel doesn't offer a nonviolent approach to the Palestinians to the achievement of their legitimate objectives, and that's a viable and contiguous Palestinian state."

Sharon is undermining Abbas' ability to crack down on Palestinian terrorists, and thereby plays right into the hands of extremists who want to sabotage the peace process, Siegman said.

"Is it hopeless? Yes, it is hopeless if there is an Israeli government that insists on extending its hold on territory in the West Bank and Gaza instead of reversing the process, and unless there is an American government intent on being even-handed."

Cordesman agrees that Israel needs to act, but he added that "when you are killing innocent women and children and indeed you are sacrificing your own children as suicide bombers, there is a moral difference - and killing is simply worse than settlements."

Trust

Alterman thinks that curtailing terrorism has become Abbas' "moment of truth." "Unless he can do that, he becomes irrelevant," Alterman said.

But accomplishing this is extremely difficult, he said, because many Palestinians blame Israel for the spiraling violence with its targeting of militant leaders, and fear that Israel will never let them achieve statehood. Meanwhile, Israelis worry about Palestinian intentions.

"What the Sharon government is doing is the reflection of a deep Israeli consensus that there's no partner on the other side with whom to make peace. So Israeli actions and reactions are guided by that principle, feeling the other side does not want to share the land," Alterman said. "Palestinians feel the same way about Israelis. Not all Palestinians, and not all Israelis, but the voices that are arguing against compromise have been coming to the fore."

Aside from the actions called for in the road map, both sides need to do more to reassure each other about their long-term intentions, he maintains. A good starting place would be the Saudi Arabian initiative of some 18 months ago, which Alterman said "basically reflected what's been an evolving Arab consensus that Arabs accept Israel within the 1967 borders, that they don't want to eliminate Israel but achieve co-existence."

"There's not a lot of Israelis who take that seriously. I think it's incumbent on the Arabs to talk about that more, and ultimately to convince Israelis that that's really the Arab bottom line. Washington can't convince Israel of Arabs' bottom line; only Arabs can," Alterman said.

"I think a sense on Israel's side that this isn't a battle to the death, but over whether it's the 1967 boundaries or something beyond that, would totally change Israeli politics."

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## ROAD TO PEACE REQUIRES WORK FROM ALL PARTIES

NEWS: A deadly Palestinian bus bombing and Israeli retaliation last week delivered a blow to those seeking peace in the Middle East.

ANALYSIS: Experts agree that Sharon must dismantle settlements, Abbas must reign in militants and the United States must step up its involvement if the parties are to get back on the "road map" for peace.

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The war in Iraq

Before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, U.S. officials fiercely debated whether the war would help or hinder efforts to settle conflict in the Middle East. The hawks won, but some now question their conclusions. B6

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MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT; Reporter Philip Dine; E-mail: [pdine@post-dispatch.com](mailto:pdine@post-dispatch.com); Phone: 202-298-6880; Reporter Philip Dine of the Post-Dispatch Washington bureau covers the Defense Department and foreign policy.

## Graphic

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PHOTO; (1) Color photo by JAAFAR ASHTIYEH/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE - Israeli soldiers patrol the streets of Nablus in the West Bank, where clashes occurred Saturday between the army and Palestinians. The Palestinian leadership blamed Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for the death of the 7-week-old truce and warned Palestinians not to gratify Israeli "designs" for more violence.; (2) Color photo by DAVID SILVERMAN / GETTY IMAGES - Palestinian mourners shout anti-Israel slogans as relatives and others carry the body of senior Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab to his family home during his funeral on Friday in Gaza City. The leader and his two bodyguards died in an Israeli missile attack, leading to Hamas declaring an end to their temporary truce that had been in place since June 29.; (3) Photo headshot - (Mahmoud)Abbas, Must control militants, experts say; (4) Photo headshot - (Ariel) Sharon, Must remove settlements, experts say; (5) Color photo by ABID KATIB / GETTY IMAGES - An Israeli army officer takes protective measures as he runs across an exposed street as other Israeli troops search for Palestinian militants in the West Bank town of Nablus on Thursday. Israel raided the West Bank after a suicide bomber struck a bus last week.; (This color photo appeared in the 3-Star Edition)

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## SHORTCUTS PEOPLE

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TIGER Woods has come out swinging against the founder of a South African game reserve who spilled the beans about his engagement to Elin Nordegren and, horrors, used photos he took to promote the reserve's website. "It was such a great moment in our lives and he cheapened the experience because he was so self-serving," Woods said in the monthly newsletter he emails to fans. "The only positive out of the whole trip is that Elin didn't say no." Woods said the founder of the Shamwari Game Reserve had promised to protect the golfer's privacy during a four-day stay after the Presidents Cup. Along with telling the media about his November 25 engagement, Woods said the owner invited the mayor and local children to the airport, then detained the couple so they could pose for pictures.

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KEITH Richards has criticised his old friend and fellow Rolling Stone Mick Jagger for accepting a knighthood. In an interview published in the December issue of music magazine Uncut, the Stones' guitarist was quoted as saying: "I thought it was ludicrous to take one of those gongs awards from the establishment when they did their very best to throw us in jail" -- a reference to his and Jagger's 1967 conviction on drug offences, later overturned on appeal.

THERE is no doubt Russians are sweet on their president, Vladimir Putin -- so much so that one confectionary company is offering 30cm by 48cm portraits of the leader made of chocolate. A salesgirl named only as Katya revealed to Russian radio that the \$700 portraits inspire mixed reactions. "Girls want to kiss it," she explains. And men say they would like to hang it in their offices." But it's the mums that seem to be the worry. "Middle-aged women for some reason dream of eating an ear," she said.

A BABY born in Bethlehem is again drawing crowds, reported Reuters. Palestinians in the West Bank town revered by Christians as Jesus's birthplace have been thronging to the adjacent Aida refugee camp for a glimpse of an 11-day-old boy with a birthmark across his cheek that roughly forms in Arabic letters the name of his uncle, Ala, a Hamas militant killed by Israelis after he was suspected of having planned a suicide bombing. The family, devout Muslims, believe it is a divine message of support for the Palestinians against Israel.

IT seems the natural progression these days -- movie star to politician. The latest screen actor to follow the career path is the Philippines' "John Wayne", Fernando Poe Jr, who is running for president. Recent polling has shown he would have unseated President Gloria Arroyo if elections were held last week.

OSCAR-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow is pregnant and she and British rocker boyfriend Chris Martin will become parents next year, the entertainment program Extra reported. The movie star and Coldplay's frontman, who have been dating since July last year, were expecting, but Extra did not say whether the pair planned to wed.



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## **Suicide bombers blow up two buses in Israel, killing 16**

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Palestinian suicide bombers blew up two buses almost simultaneously in this southern city Tuesday, killing at least 16 passengers and wounding more than 80 in the first major attack inside Israel in nearly six months.

The explosions, for which the **Hamas** militant group claimed responsibility, ended a period of relative calm. Israel has attributed the lull to its crackdown on Palestinian militants and continued construction of a separation barrier in the West Bank. Palestinian militants have acknowledged they have faced increasing difficulties carrying out attacks.

The two buses blew up 15 seconds apart, about 100 metres from a busy intersection in the centre of Beersheba. "People were screaming and yelling. Everybody was running," said witness Tzika Schreter, 50, a college lecturer.

Rescue workers scoured the scene, cleaning up body parts and scattered pieces of the wreckage as dozens of onlookers gathered nearby. A hand with a ring lay on a charred seat, and blood was splattered on the walls of the mangled buses.

The blasts came hours after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon presented to his Likud party the most detailed timetable yet for Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and warned party rebels the plan "will be implemented, period."

After the attacks, Sharon met with top security officials to plan a response, and more talks were scheduled later in the evening. Israel has historically struck hard at militant targets after suicide bombings.

"Israel will continue fighting terror with all its might," Sharon said, adding that he would push forward with the Gaza pullout. "This has no connection to disengagement," he said.

Police said the devastation at the scene was complicating the recovery of bodies and warned the death toll could rise. They said the 16 people did not include the bombers.

Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said 30 of the wounded were in serious or moderate condition.

Authorities stepped up security throughout Beersheba after the attacks, placing checkpoints on major roads and snarling traffic in and out of the city.

In Gaza, Muslim leaders praised the "heroic operation" over mosque loudspeakers.

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Pierre Pettigrew expressed "deepest sympathies" to Israel and condemned Tuesday's bombing.

## Suicide bombers blow up two buses in Israel , killing 16

"Resorting to terrorism not only is inhuman and criminal, but it is holding back all Palestinians from their aspirations to peace and statehood," Pettigrew said in a statement. "I call on every Palestinian to reject terrorism and to seek an end to the conflict through a negotiated settlement."

"The Palestinian Authority has condemned the bombing, but this is not enough. It must immediately take meaningful steps to prevent violent acts against Israeli civilians, to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism and to restore law and order in the territories under its control."

The attack was the deadliest since a female suicide bomber killed 21 people nearly a year ago in the northern city of Haifa. Militants hadn't carried out a suicide bombing in Israel since March 14, when 11 people were killed in the port of Ashdod.

## Graphic

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An Israeli Zaka rescue and recovery volunteer gathers body parts for burial on a destroyed bus at the scene of a double- bombing in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba, Tuesday. Two buses blew up in the southern Israeli city on Tuesday, killing at least 15 people and wounding 44, in what appeared to be the first Palestinian suicide bombings inside Israel in six months, rescue officials said.

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6 found violently slain in home

Four men and two **women** were found slain in a home Friday after one of them failed to show up for an early morning shift at a nearby Burger King, and authorities said the killer apparently was at large.

"It appears that we have a murderer on the loose," Volusia County Sheriff's spokesman Gary Davidson said.

Sheriff Ben Johnson did not offer a possible motive or specify how the victims died. "There was an extreme level of violence," he said.

Greyhound bus runs into truck, 3 die

JACKSON, Tenn. - A Greyhound bus rammed into a tractor-trailer just before dawn Friday as the truck moved from the breakdown lane onto Interstate 40, killing two passengers and the bus driver.

Seventeen other bus passengers, including two who were seriously injured, were sent to hospitals, officials said.

The impact crushed the nose of the bus back to a few rows behind the driver's seat, said Capt. Lynn Allen of the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Deputies subpoenaed for Columbine grand jury

DENVER - Current and former employees of the sheriff's office began appearing Friday before a state grand jury trying to determine if police documents connected to the Columbine High shooting attack were stolen or destroyed.

Witnesses refused to comment and jurors would only say they were told to expect a long day at the Denver City and County Building.

Former Chechen official granted asylum

MONTPELIER, Vt. - A former Chechen official accused of having terrorist ties by Russian authorities has been granted asylum in the United States over Moscow's protests.

## National Briefs

Ilyas Akhmadov was appointed foreign minister by separatist leader Aslan Maskhadov, now denounced by Russian authorities as a terrorist.

An investigation determined Akhamadov had no connection to terrorism, and Homeland Security withdrew its appeal, said Russ Knocke, a spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

3 charged in Muslim charity case released

DALLAS - Three men indicted last week on charges of using a Muslim charity to finance terrorists were released from jail Friday while they await trial, but were ordered to wear electronic monitors.

A federal magistrate ordered the release of the men, including the president and chairman of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, which prosecutors say was a financial supporter of the militant group **Hamas**.

'Tigger' allowed to go back to work

ORLANDO, Fla. - A Walt Disney World employee acquitted of charges he fondled a 13-year-old girl while dressed as Tigger can return to work, company officials said Friday.

Michael Chartrand had been on unpaid administrative leave since his arrest. A jury found him not guilty of lewd and lascivious molestation earlier this week.

Chartrand was reinstated after meeting with Disney entertainment officials Friday, said Donna-Lynne Dalton, an official of the union that represents the park's costumed workers.

Trial might determine Terri Schiavo's wishes

TAMPA, Fla. - Attorneys for Gov. Jeb Bush argued Friday a trial is needed to determine the wishes of a severely brain-damaged woman at the center of a contentious right-to-die case.

The governor's arguments respond to those made by attorneys for Michael Schiavo, who is suing Bush over the constitutionality of a law that blocked the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube last October.

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## *US hoaxter hijacks news to get ahead*

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WHAT kind of person fakes his own beheading at the hands of the most brutal Islamic terrorist operating in Iraq, tapes it, shows it to the world over the internet and then admits it was all a hoax when his mum blows the whistle on him?

Benjamin Vanderford is a 22-year-old musician and computer geek and thought the stunt would get him enough publicity to secure his election into the exciting world of San Francisco municipal politics. When the news broke yesterday morning that the terror group run by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had beheaded another American, the world reacted in horror. Zarqawi, an al-Qaeda affiliate, had previously beheaded the American Nick Berg as well as hostages from South Korea and Bulgaria.

The video, given the no-nonsense title Abu Musab al-Zarqawi Slaughters an American, showed Vanderford sitting on a chair, his hands tied behind him, trembling and rocking backwards and forwards, while dressed in a T-shirt. Zarqawi's victims are usually clad in US prison-style orange jumpsuits.

In the video, Vanderford says: "I have been offered in exchange for prisoners here in Iraq. We need to leave this country alone. We need to stop this occupation."

Just before his "beheading" is shown, Vanderford gives his name and says: "I am from San Francisco, California. We need to leave this country right now. If we don't, everyone is gonna be killed in this way." A hand holding a large knife then slices through the neck of a limp body.

The footage was alternated with photographs of mutilated Iraqi men, women and children. The sound-track was the chanting of verses from the Koran. Reuters, AP and other wire news agencies and broadcasters all carried the details of the apparent execution.

Vanderford's beheading stunt knocked some real news on the Iraq war off the agenda such as the kidnapping of a Turkish truck driver who was threatened with beheading unless the company he works for quits the country.

The story of Vanderford's death rumbled on until early afternoon yesterday when his mum, Theresa, came out and said: "It's a hoax. He's very computer savvy and stuff."

Vanderford then emerged to give an interview in his kitchen, stripped to the waist, sipping a fizzy drink and noticeably hairy.

## US hoaxer hijacks news to get ahead

"It was part of a stunt" he said, "I did this for a couple of reasons. One is to attract attention. But two is to just make a statement on these types of videos and how easily they can be faked."

Vanderford spliced the faked up death scenes with footage taken from a **Hamas** website. He then used production software to downgrade the film quality to make it look like other execution tapes by Zargawi's organisation.

Apart from pretending to have his head cut off in occupied Iraq, Vanderford has done little to drum up support for his campaign for the low-level political office of district supervisor.

Although, he has appeared at the Canibus Club in San Francisco's legendary Haight Ashbury area to give a 'spoken word' performance billing himself as the 'Great White Hype'.

## Graphic

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Benjamin Vanderford, left, appeared at his home in San Francisco on Saturday to explain why he had faked his own beheading, above Main photograph: AP

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## **ISRAEL ISOLATES CAMP IN GAZA; AIRSTRIKES KILL 11, RESIDENTS SAY**

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Israeli tanks and bulldozers moved into a Gaza refugee camp early today, hours after panicked residents fled amid fears of an incursion. Helicopters fired missiles at the camp, killing at least 11 and wounding 30, residents said.

As the bulk of Israeli forces deployed around the shantytown in preparation for a major operation, bulldozers and troops moved into an area known as the Tel Sultan neighborhood, digging a trench to separate it from the rest of the camp, witnesses said. Soldiers backed by dozens of military vehicles searched house to house.

The moves early today appeared to start a major effort to widen a military patrol road between Rafah and the Egyptian border to stop arms smuggling, arrest militants and widen a buffer zone. The decision came after Palestinians blew up an armored vehicle there last week, killing five soldiers assigned to destroy arms-smuggling tunnels.

The gunships attacked twice after midnight. Palestinians said that around dawn, two missiles killed at least eight people as they left a mosque after prayers. They said 23 others were wounded and part of the mosque set on fire. **Hamas** said that three of the dead were members of the militant group.

A few hours earlier, a helicopter fired three missiles, killing three people and wounding seven. Doctors said at least two of the dead were militants.

The Israeli military said both airstrikes were aimed at groups of armed militants.

Frantic residents loaded belongings onto trucks and donkey carts Monday and headed to the neighboring town, also named Rafah. The U.N. Relief and Works Agency set up shelters in schools and pitched a tent camp.

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Raouf Abu Jazar said dozens of people crowded his store, stocking up on rice, bottled water and baby food. "Many had no money to pay, but I gave them what they want, because we all are brothers," he said.

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PHOTO; Color Photo by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - An Israeli riot police officer falls from his horse Monday as police try to remove some of the hundreds of Jewish settlers protesting the dismantling of Mitzpeh Yitzhar, an unauthorized outpost in the West Bank.

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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has proposed a unilateral pullout of soldiers and settlers from Gaza, but his party rejected the plan.

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## **BLACK FLAGS AND VEILS AS RELIGION RETURNS TO CAMPUSES OF IRAQ**

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THE BLACK flags of Muharram are draped over the front of the School of Arts, banners of mourning erected by Shias at the vast campus of the University of Baghdad. The words praise Imam Hussein's revolution in the seventh century against the Omayyads and they seek to draw all students - Christian as well as Sunni - into their tears of martyrdom.

"Yes, yes for the Army of Mehdi," says one. There are other, more political emotions displayed; posters of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the Hamas leader assassinated by Israel last Monday, wishing his soul a swift path to paradise, condemnation of American killing of civilians in the Sunni city of Fallujah.

Religion is now being established on the campus. Before the American invasion, about half the female students would wear the veil. Today, almost 75 per cent of the girls wear head scarves. Not necessarily a bad thing if this is their choice, but lecturers are reporting an unhappy phenomenon: students who demand to leave class to take part in demonstrations, suggestions that lecturers are not sufficiently sympathetic to religious students, claims that God deserves a large part in class. Another poster notes ruefully: "When Danger is Past, God is Forgotten."

On the other side of town, at the ancient University of Mustanseriya, the dean removed pictures of Ayatollah Ali Sistani and other Iraqi Shia leaders from walls. Shia students closed the university for two days, preventing those of other sects from entering the building and objecting to the dean, Dr Abdul-Samia al-Janabi.

You would think there were more pressing problems. The library of Baghdad University was gutted by arsonists a year ago, although a Japanese donor has offered to rebuild it. But one lecturer made the remarkable observation that the occupation, though widely hated among students, has ignited an interest in American drama. Tennessee Williams, Eugene O'Neill and Arthur Miller are now set books. Who would have thought American tanks could promote Death of a Salesman?

One teacher invited me to his drama lecture yesterday morning and to ask his students anything I wished. Of the 19 women, I noticed, 15 wore the veil. One of them spoke first - but hers were not the prepared words of the Saddam era. "I want to tell you that we are suffering and you should care more about us," she said. "We don't have enough books and we live in insecurity ... and we as a people are being humiliated by your American and British occupation." Then she smiled sadly and added: "You do not care about us." All the girls and about half the 10 male students nodded.

## BLACK FLAGS AND VEILS AS RELIGION RETURNS TO CAMPUSES OF IRAQ

But surely, I said - "but surely" has become the occupier's all-purpose get-out phrase in Iraq - but surely you can now speak freely. Just over a year ago, I said, Iraqi secret policemen would have been listening to our conversation - which would not have been a conversation at all. There was laughter. "But now we have freedom without law," another girl said.

So I asked about Saddam. At this point something almost palpable drifted darkly through the room, a silence so acute that we could hear the voice of the lecturer in the next room. My host leant towards me. "This is one taboo I don't think they have got over yet," he muttered.

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Three men believed to be responsible for the Madrid train bombings blew themselves up inside an apartment house in Leganes, a working-class district of Madrid, as the police prepared to assault the building Saturday night, officials said. One officer was killed and at least 11 others were wounded. 1

##### Arafat Responds to Sharon

The Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat, said that he was not troubled by warnings from Israel that it could act against him. Meanwhile, Hamas claimed responsibility for the gunman who killed an Israeli man at a West Bank settlement. 12

##### Syria Jails Rights Advocates

A Syrian military court sentenced 14 human rights advocates to jail for belonging to a banned group after they attended a lecture condemning the country's emergency law. 3

##### Thousands March in Baghdad

Thousands of supporters of Iraq's virulently anti-American Shiite cleric, Moqtada Sadr, left, marched through the streets of Baghdad in a show of strength punctuated by anti-occupation speeches. 16

##### Brazil Leader's Backing Wanes

A widening corruption scandal that began in mid-February in Brazil has all but immobilized the government of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, whose support was already eroding because of the weak performance of the economy during his first year in office. 12

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##### Sri Lanka Elections Uncertain

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An earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale rocked the Los Angeles area 10 years ago today, in 1994. The quake buckled highways, flattened buildings, ruptured gas lines and sparked fires. At least 61 people were killed. Damage was estimated at \$30 billion.

Also on this date in:

1972 -- Canadian air traffic controllers went on strike, grounding most commercial flights for the 10 days of the walkout.

TOMORROW IN HISTORY

CRTC regulations governing Canadian content in radio music programming took effect 33 years ago today, in 1971. The regulations stated that 30 per cent of music broadcast between 6 a.m. and midnight had to be by Canadians.

Also on this date in:

1912 -- Capt. Robert Scott's expedition reached the South Pole, but never returned.

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## **AN AMORAL DISTINCTION**

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A nugget of information buried deep inside a recent news story could be something significant -- something that, if correctly understood and applied, would really further the evolutionary progress of humankind.

This particular item may have been widely overlooked because of its barbaric context. It appeared near the end of a graphic account of the first mother to become a suicide bomber in the un-ending Middle East conflict.

Reem al-Reyashi, 22, the mother of a 3-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter, blew herself up at a Gaza Strip security inspection center earlier this month, killing four Israeli security personnel and wounding seven people. In a video that **Hamas** leaders released after the attack, the young Palestinian mom had stated: "It was always my wish to turn my body into deadly shrapnel against the Zionists and to knock on the doors of heaven with the skulls of Zionists."

Now that is certainly interesting from both an anatomical and moral viewpoint. Since Reyashi made her wish about being shrapnel come true, it's likely that she had neither a skull nor hands to grab someone else's as she exited this world, making it exceedingly difficult, therefore, to knock on the gates of heaven. Perhaps the gatekeeper would overlook this problem since Reyashi left earth in a powerful hurry, you know.

Although this scenario is quite interesting, a more important moral issue is the current theological debate reportedly taking place among Islamic militants. After noting that **women** were not used as suicide bombers when the current Palestinian uprising began three years ago, the article noted that "some Islamic groups [have] raised questions as to whether it was permitted under Islamic law."

In other words, some believe suicide bombing is OK with Allah, but not if the bomber's a chick. File this one under "Human beings, moral evolution of."

But don't stop with filing. What if we were to bring this fineness of moral distinction to other problems of our time? Could real, if incremental, progress be made?

If so, here are some steps that might be taken, both here and around the world:

\* We would not execute mentally-retarded criminals without first providing sufficient social and educational services to ensure that they could understand their impending punishment.

\* Crazy pro-life gunmen would assassinate only abortion providers whose own children are already grown and out of the house.

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\* Abortion providers would give second-trimester fetuses pain-killers before inserting surgical scissors into them, vacuuming them out and crushing their skulls.

\* Political activists whose Web site posted a video comparing this nation's president to the author of the Holocaust would defend themselves by stating that their posting of such a video does not constitute an endorsement of it. (Oh, wait -- that bit of moral progress has already been achieved).

\* CEOs relaxing at estates purchased with their golden parachutes would find part-time gardening and handy-man work for all the retirees whose pensions they plundered.

\* International industrialists would put dehumidifiers in their sweat shops.

We have to encourage this kind of hair-splitting, this willingness to parse and parry on the slippery slope to destruction, because if we didn't find some crumb of hope somewhere, we'd have to cry.

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## **TEN DEAD IN POLICE SUICIDE BOMBING**

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A Palestinian policeman swapped his uniform for a suicide bomber's outfit yesterday and blew himself up on a crowded bus outside Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's residence killing ten passengers and wounding 50 bystanders.

It was the deadliest attack in four months but did not stop a long planned prisoner exchange between Israel and Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah.

The Jerusalem blast sent body parts flying into nearby houses. Shaken survivors crawled out of broken bus windows. A chunk of the bus' roof landed on top of a two-storey building, and witnesses said there was an overpowering smell of blood and smoke.

Sharon was not home at the time of the attack, claimed by the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant group close to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

The bomber, identified as Ali Jaara, 24, a Palestinian policeman from the Aida refugee camp on the outskirts of Bethlehem, left a note saying that he wanted to avenge eight Palestinians killed in fighting with Israeli troops in the Gaza Strip the day before.

The attack marked another setback for stalled peace efforts. It came at a time when senior US State Department officials were in the region to try to revive the road map plan.

Washington has criticised the Palestinian Authority for not doing enough to stop militants, and the bomber's ties to the security forces was particularly embarrassing. Bethlehem is one of only a few Palestinian towns not under Israeli military control.

Jaara, who lived in a two-storey home in the West Bank with his parents and nine siblings, was described by relatives as quiet and a devout Muslim who showed little interest in politics.

Distraught relatives filled the house, as Jaara's mother sat on a mattress on the floor, crying uncontrollably.

She carried a picture of her son in a police uniform carrying his police-issued Kalashnikov rifle. Many family members said they opposed attacks against Israelis.

'These operations are really bad for us. They only hurt us,' said his 26-year-old sister, Ola.

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Police spokesman Gil Kleiman said the bomber had been carrying about 15 pounds of explosives in a bag and detonated them on the bus just 15 yards from Sharon's official residence.

The green bus was charred, with wires dangling everywhere. One side of the bus had been blown out and the back half of the roof was blown off.

Eli Beer, a paramedic, said victims had been scattered over a wide area.

'There were a lot of heavy injuries, a lot of the people were in bad condition, a lot had missing limbs,' he said.

It was the deadliest attack since a female suicide bomber killed 21 people at a seaside restaurant in Haifa in October.

In response, Sharon and his foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, cancelled a planned meeting on the humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian areas that was to include the Americans, Palestinians and international donors.

In a statement, they said 'it is not the time' to discuss the easing of restrictions on Palestinians 'when innocent Israeli citizens are murdered in the streets.'

Abdel Aziz Rantissi, a Hamas leader in Gaza, praised the attack. 'It's not important who carried out this operation.

'The only thing which is very important is that we are resisting occupiers who occupy our land and kill our people,' he said.

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(Editors' choices of other recent books of particular interest)

TERROR IN THE NAME OF GOD: Why Religious Militants Kill, by Jessica Stern. (Ecco/HarperCollins, \$27.95.) By talking over four years to hard-line haters around the globe, from Hamas to American Identity Christians to Jews who think the United States conspires against Israel, Stern finds many invincible convictions held by groups that differ chiefly in who they think God is.

YELLOW DOG, by Martin Amis. (Miramax, \$24.95.) The awful people in Amis's current excursion include an actor and writer who becomes an antifeminist because of a brain injury; a vicious journalist who hates women and excuses rape, apparently genitally underendowed himself; and a king of England, Henry IX, who suffers from job boredom and a shocking invasion of his daughter's privacy.

PUSHKIN: A Biography, by T. J. Binyon. (Knopf, \$35.) An informed study by a lecturer in Russian literature at Oxford, presenting a man tormented by irrational fits, mood swings, delusional jealousy, huge debts and general disorganization, with few redeeming factors besides his genius as a poet.

VERNON GOD LITTLE, by DBC Pierre. (Canongate, \$23.) A first novel that is smart, ridiculous and funny even though it is nourished chiefly by the Columbine High massacre of 1999; its 15-year-old protagonist, whose best friend has killed 16 classmates, is the focus of the town's lust for retribution.

THE SHADOW KING, by Jane Stevenson. (Houghton Mifflin, \$24.) The second novel in what will be a historical trilogy; in this installment, Balthasar (son of a black father and cousin, by some fatal arrangement, of Charles I of England) and Aphra Behn, British proto-novelist and spy, encounter each other in a modern drama of displacement and self-invention set in the later 17th century.

TESTAMENT: A Soldier's Story of the Civil War, by Benson Bobrick. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.) A versatile historian constructs this portrait of one of his own great-grandfathers, who served the Union in the Civil War; based on a collection of his letters from 1861 to 1864, it shows a likable, brave, selfless young man worn weary by time and family casualties.



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STILL HOLDING, by Bruce Wagner. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) Third of a series in what Wagner calls his "cellphone trilogy," this hip, angry, funny and humane novel set in Hollywood employs the clinical apparatus that dissects the lives of major stars on nobodies as well -- for example, a 25-year-old aspirant who looks like Drew Barrymore and whose major breakthrough is being cast as a cadaver.

LIVING TO TELL THE TALE, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Knopf, \$26.95.) A sort of magic-realism memoir by the illustrious Colombian novelist that opens in 1950, with the author living from hand to mouth as an apathetic journalist. He is rescued by his mother, who compels him to go with her on a trip to his childhood hometown. Once there, he encounters, in "a windstorm of fatality," people from his early past who seem neither alive nor dead but are going to show up in novels he writes later.

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## WORLD REPORT

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Pope urges Iran to help with nuclear inspections

Rome

The Vatican issued a stern message on nuclear weapons during the visit of a top Iranian official Thursday, with Pope John Paul urging Tehran to continue co-operating with UN inspectors and his foreign minister warning that the pursuit of such weapons only multiplies conflicts.

The message was delivered to Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi, who denied Tehran had any nuclear weapons ambitions and played down the discovery by UN inspectors of drawings of equipment that can be used to make weapons-grade uranium.

"We do not have anything to hide and we are ready to be inspected more (seriously) by IAEA inspectors," Kharrazi said.

Iran agreed last year to end nearly two decades of nuclear secrecy by opening its facilities to inspections by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency.

Wife jailed for killing man, faking sex game

London

A woman who stabbed her husband to death with a cheese knife, then tied him up to disguise the killing as a sex game that went wrong, was imprisoned for 15 years for murder Thursday.

Compiled from Star News Services

Carol Croydon blamed several other people before finally admitting to killing her husband Philip.

The prosecution told court that Philip Croydon had arranged to meet his wife at a hotel in a bid to boost their "flagging" marriage.

Within 40 minutes of meeting at the hotel, Carol Croydon had stabbed her husband 22 times in the neck and chest, Spencer said.

She then tied neckties around each of his wrists, one around his neck and left him naked at the foot of the bed.

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When arrested, Croydon told police she had left her husband in the hotel room with a couple of "swingers," couples who like to swap partners for sex.

## Ex-U.S. Marine pleads guilty to girl's abduction

London

An American man pleaded guilty Thursday to abducting a 12-year-old British girl he met on the Internet.

Toby Studabaker, 32, changed his earlier not guilty plea in a hearing at Manchester Crown Court in northern England, admitting charges of abduction and incitement to gross indecency.

Studabaker, a former U.S. Marine whom prosecutors said had travelled to France and Germany with a schoolgirl he met in an Internet chat room, was extradited to Britain in August from Germany, where he was arrested July 16.

Studabaker, from Constantine, Mich., told a court in Frankfurt he did not have sex with the girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons and maintained that he thought she was 18.

## British Airways cancels Washington, Riyadh flights

London

A much-disrupted British Airways flight from London to Washington, D.C. has been cancelled again over security fears, the airline said Thursday.

British Airways said Flight 223 from Heathrow to Washington's Dulles Airport would not fly this coming Sunday. Monday's Flight 263 from London to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, also was scrapped.

The airline said the decision "follows government advice to cancel those flights for security reasons."

Flight 223 has been delayed or cancelled eight previous times this year due to security threats.

## Aristide militants force opponents to cancel rally

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

Militants crushed a rally against Haiti's president before it began on Thursday, setting up flaming barricades along the route of a protest march and hurling stones as demonstrators tried to gather in the capital.

Opposition leaders accused President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of orchestrating the suppression Thursday, following a week of violence in the Caribbean country that has killed 49 people and blocked food and fuel supplies to Haiti's north.

In the capital, Port-au-Prince, which is in the south and has not been affected by the uprising, about 100 Aristide supporters began lobbing rocks as protesters tried to gather. Protest organizers said one person was hit by a bullet and three were injured by rocks.

Associated Press Television News footage showed Aristide loyalists chasing an opponent and stoning him as he fled, then stumbled and fell. His condition was unknown.

## Bin Laden's driver detained at Cuban prison

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Osama bin Laden's driver is being held at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp, but the man had no connection to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network, his defence lawyer said Thursday.

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Salim Ahmed Salim Hamdan, 34, left Yemen in 1996 for Afghanistan. He planned to continue on to Tajikistan to join Muslims fighting against former Soviet communists but was forced to take a job to support his family, said his lawyer, navy Lt.-Cmdr. Charles Swift.

Hamdan began working for bin Laden in 1997 on his farm earning about \$200 US a month driving a truck and moving farm workers to the fields.

Neither Hamdan nor any of the other 660 some detainees at the camp have been charged. He is the first detainee at Guantanamo publicly identified as having a link to bin Laden.

Anti-bird flu measures showcased internationally

Dingdang, China

Trying to reassure a worried world, Chinese authorities have been showcasing anti-bird flu efforts, busing foreign reporters from farm to farm in the area of the first confirmed outbreak.

Pang Jijun, an administrator at a farm in the southern province of Guangxi, said he inoculates his birds frequently and quarantines newborn chicks. Many experts in China and abroad say poultry diseases are endemic to this country -- but Pang scoffed at that notion.

"I had never even heard of bird flu and I've been raising chickens longer than some of you have been alive," he told visiting reporters from news organizations in the United States, Britain, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong.

The reporters also were taken on Thursday to villages that had been cleared of chickens and other poultry.

WHO says no sign hybrid may spread to people

Bangkok, Thailand

Thailand confirmed three new human bird flu cases Thursday as health officials warned it could take two years to conquer Asia's outbreak. The World Health Organization said the latest tests show no sign of a killer hybrid virus that may pass between people.

Fears of an outbreak prompted Singapore, which is believed free of bird flu, to gas healthy chickens to death to prepare for any infection.

Tens of millions of chickens across Asia have been killed by infections or slaughtered in containment efforts as bird flu spread across half the continent, jumping to people in Vietnam and Thailand. The human death toll stood Thursday at 19.

Two of the three people labelled as new human cases in Thailand have recovered, officials said. The additions bring to eight the number known to have bird flu in the country. Five have died.

Palestinians mourn 15 killed in Israeli raids

Gaza City, Gaza Strip

Tens of thousands of Palestinians packed the streets in Gaza City for funeral processions Thursday, accompanied by the popping beat of gunfire and threats from militants to avenge 15 Palestinians killed in Israeli raids a day earlier.

In violence Thursday, an activist of the Islamic militant group **Hamas** was killed by Israeli army fire during an arrest raid in the West Bank.

**Hamas**, meanwhile, fired a rocket at the Israeli town of Sderot, just outside Gaza, causing no casualties or damage.

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**Hamas** said the rocket fire was just the beginning and was issuing appeals to all its cells in the West Bank and Gaza to attack Israelis.

Israeli soldier faces manslaughter charge

Jerusalem

An Israeli soldier has been charged with manslaughter in the shooting of a British activist who died nine months later without regaining consciousness, the military said Thursday.

The activist, 22-year-old Tom Hurndall, was shot in the head April 11 while in southern Gaza Strip.

The soldier was arrested in December and charged with intent to cause injury. Because Hurndall has died, the charges were upgraded to manslaughter, the Israeli military said.

Commander of U.S. forces unharmed during attack

Fallujah, Iraq

Insurgents launched a brazen attack Thursday on an Iraqi civil defence outpost visited by Gen. John Abizaid, commander of all U.S. forces in the Middle East. Abizaid and his party escaped injury in the gun battle.

Just moments after a convoy carrying Abizaid and his party pulled inside the headquarters of the Iraqi Civil Defence Corp, an explosion rang out. Seconds later, two more explosions were heard.

Anti-bomb turnstiles for buses to thwart attackers

Ramat Hasharon, Israel

A bus security system involving explosives sensors and a remote-controlled turnstile designed to thwart suicide bombers is being rushed into service in Israel amid a heightened terrorist threat.

Four buses fitted with the new system will be part of a three-week trial starting this month. Passengers will be faced with a turnstile that will emerge through the door of the vehicle when it arrives at a bus stop.

Only when a sensor has established that the passenger is not carrying explosives and the driver is satisfied that there is nothing suspicious will a red light turn to green and the turnstile be unlocked.

Poll shows public trust in Bush at lowest level

Washington

The public's trust in President George W. Bush is at the lowest point of his presidency, with about one-half of those surveyed saying he is honest and trustworthy and almost that many saying he is not, a poll released Thursday indicated.

The ABC News-Washington Post poll found 52 per cent said Bush is trustworthy, while 42 per cent did not. The poll found public support for the war in Iraq slipping and people were about evenly split on whether they approve of the job Bush is doing as president or not.

For the first time in this poll, support for the war dipped below one-half, 48 per cent, with an equal share, 50 per cent, saying it is not worth fighting.

U.S. Air Force probing rape reports at base

Wichita Falls, Texas

## WORLD REPORT

The U.S. Air Force is sending an official to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas to investigate about two dozen rapes of military women in the last year, a legislator said Thursday.

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison sent a letter to Air Force Secretary James Roche on Wednesday calling for the investigation "with emphasis on how commanders concluded each of these cases to the satisfaction of both the air force and the alleged victims."

In fiscal year 2002-03, between 20 and 25 Sheppard base women reported being raped, said First Step, a civilian rape-crisis centre in Wichita Falls.

Two 'busy rovers' back to work on Mars

Pasadena, Calif.

The Mars rover Spirit got moving again Thursday after an interruption caused by cold and controllers figured out how to drive its twin, Opportunity, so that it won't slip on the sloping Martian terrain.

NASA had been unable to send commands to Spirit through its high-gain antenna Tuesday after the rover's mast unexpectedly cast a frigid shadow over the motors that are used to position the lollipop-shaped antenna and keep it oriented toward Earth. The cold disabled the motors. As a result, Spirit remained parked for a day instead of continuing its journey toward a crater.

Man discovers turkey carnage in barn

Fountain Green, Utah

Jason Sunderland sensed he was walking into something alarming, but he didn't expect the carnage in his barn -- 1,198 bludgeoned turkeys.

Sanpete County Sheriff's Capt. Gary Larsen said there are no suspects in the attack, but investigators are following several leads. Since the attack, about 60 more turkeys have died from stress or injuries.

## Graphic

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Riot police battle protesters: Riot police try to stop activists of Bangladesh's main opposition, the Awami League, during a demonstration Thursday in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Riot police used tear gas and batons to disperse thousands of protesters during an anti-government general strike injuring at least 30 people. Associated Press photo: Pavel Rahman

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## *Elmasry hanged by his own words*

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"... hateful, inflammatory and unworthy of a respected large circulation daily newspaper..."

These were the words of Mohamed Elmasry, president of the Canadian Islamic Congress, in a complaint filed with the Ontario Press Council earlier this year.

The complaint was directed towards a column in the Toronto Star - which I wrote - after Israel's targeted assassination last March of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, spiritual leader of Hamas, the terrorist organization he co-founded at the start of the first Palestinian intifada in 1987, as an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood.

And these are Elmasry's words, during a discussion of terrorism on The Michael Coren Show last week, wherein he declared that all adult Israeli civilians (over 18), regardless of gender, are fair targets, ostensibly because a term of military service is mandatory for nearly all Israelis. "They are not innocent if they are part of a population which is ... (the) total population of Israel is part of the army ... even if they have civilian clothes ... The same if they are women in the army ... anybody above 18 is a part of the Israeli popular army."

Coren gave Elmasry ample opportunity to reconsider or qualify his statement. Elmasry did not modify his view. He never indicated - far from it - that he didn't personally share the view he'd just espoused.

In a later interview with The Globe and Mail, Elmasry amplified his position on the legitimacy of targeting Israeli civilians: "Israel has a people's army and a draft and therefore they should be considered legitimate targets. They are part of the occupying power, and Palestinians consider them targets for suicide bombers as well as other means."

Only in this interview did Elmasry begin to back off any personal endorsement of terrorism aimed at civilians. "Suicide bombings is a technique they are using out of desperation. It's not for me to say if it's okay or not. In the final analysis, it has done more harm than good."

It was a feeble clarification and most certainly not an apology for a position that palpably justified terrorism against civilians, a view swiftly denounced by other Muslim and Arab organizations in Canada.

Over the weekend, the CIC issued a statement in which it sought to convince that Elmasry was articulating the beliefs of some Palestinians rather than asserting his own views.

This is disingenuous because Elmasry was quite emphatic - his comments not susceptible to interpretation - on Coren's show. The CIC further added that Elmasry regretted his remarks, but there has been no apology, even as other Muslim community leaders have called for him to resign.

## Elmasry hanged by his own words

I began this column with an excerpt from Elmasry's complaint (along with one other individual) against the Star for two reasons: First, to be candid about my history with him. The Press Council - an agency that enjoys precisely the degree of professional respect within my industry that it deserves - upheld the complaint. That complaint focused on a paragraph in which I expressed no regret about Yassin's assassination.

Yassin, committed to the annihilation of Israel, fell victim precisely to the tactics that he'd extolled. The council focused on one phrase in particular, wherein I described how hatred is "bred in the bone" in some societies. In a future column, I will lay out that case more quantifiably, citing from some Arab school textbooks and widely disseminated preachings from various Muslim religious personages that not only promote virulent hatred of Jews (and Christians) but clearly incite the faithful to violent jihad. It's a lesson taught in some societies from the most tender age, as even Saudi Arabia's education ministry - largely responsible for exporting these objectionable textbooks to Muslim countries - has belatedly acknowledged and vowed to amend.

Whenever terrorism is justified as a matter of political course or tactical expediency, no matter who's doing it, is not hatred bred in the bone - or planted in the soul, however you wish to express it?

Second, and more to the point, I use Elmasry's own words to illustrate his own professed objection to inflammatory opinions and how they are expressed. What can be more inflammatory than justifying the killing of all Israelis? Oh, pardon me, only those over the age of 18.

I can find no evidence that Canadian Muslims or Arabs have ever been polled on the righteousness of killing all adult Israelis. But I will accept, without qualms, that they are opposed to the concept that Elmasry postured on behalf of Palestinians (many of whom are not Muslim; this is a dispute about land and sovereignty, not religion).

Elmasry - as head of the CIC - has done a grave disservice to Canadian Muslims by justifying terrorism against civilians (or even military members in Israel, where service is mandatory).

His comments will further stoke the suspicions of those who view Muslims as somehow more intrinsically disposed toward violence, no matter how many times we're reminded that Islam is a great religion of peace and tolerance, despite the corruption of its core tenets by some jihadist elements.

More specifically, Elmasry's argument will undermine public support of the Palestinian cause by yoking it, favourably - in his own words - with indiscriminate terrorism.

It is hardly a stretch to accuse Elmasry of promoting hatred not just against Israelis but against Palestinians. His words were no less unclear than the messages draped across ballistic missiles showcased at an Iranian military parade recently: "Crush America" and "Wipe Israel Off The Map."

It would be instructive, I think, to more closely evaluate the thrust of Elmasry's commentary, even within the revisionist context that he was merely expressing a view held by Palestinians.

Is Elmasry correct in his characterization of Palestinian society, and their support/justification of violence against Israeli civilians to rid themselves of Occupation?

This is an area that has been extensively polled in the region.

A survey taken last month - the fourth anniversary of beginning of the second intifada - by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip found that 59 per cent of Palestinians polled supported suicide bombings in Israel, and 41 per cent were opposed. That might seem to support Elmasry's assertion, but what I see in the numbers is a significant divide in public opinion.

And that divide, the internal conflict over the means and effectiveness of the intifada, is more palpably illustrated in the survey's other findings:



## Elmasry hanged by his own words

Sixty-four per cent of Palestinians believe armed attacks will help achieve an independent and sovereign Palestine, yet an overwhelming majority, 86 per cent, want the mutual cessation of violence, and 59 per cent said they would support measures to prevent attacks in Israel when a political agreement to halt the violence is reached.

According to the survey, total support for all "Islamists" (Hamas, Islamic Jihad, etc.) had dropped to 32 per cent. Eighty-six per cent of Palestinians felt a loss of personal security and safety after the intifada.

Significantly, the largest group (44 per cent) responded that they viewed unemployment and the spread of poverty as the most important problems confronting Palestinians today, followed by the continuation of occupation (35 per cent), and the spread of corruption and lack of internal reform (15 per cent).

The survey also found doubts about the "seriousness" of the Palestinian Authority in holding elections, implementing reform and dealing with corruption.

Palestinians are not stupid people. They can see the tremendous losses that have accrued to them from the intifada and the repercussions of violence aimed at Israel, which always comes back with even more destructive force: 2,800 Palestinians killed in the past four years, every accord and roadmap for peace derailed.

Israel remains the enemy. But Palestinians increasingly take a more discerning view of their own leaders and those who profess to speak on their behalf.

People like Mohamed Elmasry, even though I doubt most Palestinians have ever heard of him. Hung - in this country - by his own words.

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## *Palestinian cause suffers from lack of true leadership*

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"If you will it, it is no dream."

Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism, wrote those words in 1902 regarding his hope for the creation of a Jewish state. He died two years later, at age 44, witnessing neither the Nazi horror that exterminated six million Jews, nor the glory of his vision realized.

Herzl knew his dream would one day become reality. His will even requested that he be temporarily buried next to his father in Vienna, "to remain there until the Jewish people carry my remains to Palestine."

I have been thinking a lot about Herzl, and other Zionist leaders like Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion, who helped build a democratic, Jewish state against all odds. I have tried to imagine how different the history between Israelis and Palestinians could have been if the Palestinians had statesmen like Ben-Gurion, Israel's George Washington, instead of Yasser Arafat and **Hamas**' Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

The road map suffered perhaps a mortal wound last week when an Islamic cleric from Hebron - an educator with two young children and another on the way - blew himself up on a bus returning from the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and murdered 21 men, **women** and children, injuring more than 100.

Which leads me to a difficult, yet necessary, question: Do the Palestinian people deserve a state of their own? Even in the wake of the atrocity in Jerusalem, my answer remains the same. Yes, they do. Israel has no interest in controlling the lives of 3.5 million hostile people. Even Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon publicly stated his support for a Palestinian state.

Israel does have an interest, however, in ensuring that any final settlement with the Palestinians will leave it safer, not at more risk. It is more legitimate than ever to nervously ponder just what sort of state Palestine will be. Who is going to run this country? Will moderates be in charge? Will a Palestinian state stabilize the region? Will it be a democracy? Or will it be a state that produces religious leaders who blow up babies on buses? A state that uses its mosques, its mass media, even its summer camps, to indoctrinate the population in the glories of martyrdom?

Which brings me back to the issue of leadership, and the very different strategic decisions taken by Jewish and Palestinian leaders as they struggled for statehood. From the beginning, the Zionist leadership accepted that the territory formerly under the British Mandate should be divided into Jewish and Arab states.

For the Palestinians, violence has always been their main tool of diplomacy. In the name of their cause, they initiated some of the most infamous terrorist attacks in history - they basically invented hijacking airplanes; the

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massacre at the 1972 Olympics forever stained the Games; and the never-ending strategy of purposely targeting civilians has made Israelis wary of ever truly trusting them.

In the midst of one of the worst crises to hit the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat reappeared - consolidating his power and frustrating his political rival, Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas. As one BBC commentator stated, "once again Mr. Arafat appeared to be sacrificing his people's aspirations for a better future in order to secure his own political future."

Until the Palestinian people get a leadership committed to peaceful relations with Israel, their dream of statehood will sadly remain just that - a dream.

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Various "castellers" begin to fall after forming a human tower in Villafranca del Penedes in Catalunya, eastern Spain on Saturday. The human tower is built on a base that is formed by about a hundred volunteers who form a foundation for the structure by pushing inwards with their arms. No injuries were reported.

AP photo

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Should people really care that they digest potatoes faster than carrots? Yes, say some of the country's top-tier nutritional experts. They are convinced that carbohydrates should be labeled good or bad, just the way fats are. No, contend other equally respected nutritional experts. Potatoes and other starchy standbys are perfectly respectable. A carb is a carb is a carb. Story/9A

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Back when Iraq was allowed to sell its oil solely to buy food, medicine and other essentials, Saddam Hussein perfected a variety of ploys for using crude to buy friends and enrich himself, Iraqi and international experts say. The former Iraqi dictator paid bribes of cheap crude to more than 500 foreigners "from the United States to Japan," cultivating a network of sympathizers that he hoped would help overturn U.N. economic sanctions against Iraq, a senior oil ministry official says. Story/15A

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The bodies of Laci Peterson and her son, Conner, were buried together in a private ceremony, four months after they washed ashore in San Francisco Bay, a family spokeswoman said Saturday. About 250 relatives and friends attended the 30-minute service Friday at a quiet cemetery in California's Central Valley. Mourners released a pair of doves, representing Laci and Conner, and then 20 more, representing angels. Peterson, 27, was eight months pregnant when she disappeared from her Modesto home Christmas Eve.

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In the quest for the perfect computer seat, mankind has risen to new heights. Designers have spent so much time and money studying the modern office worker's seating positions and daily habits that many don't even call workstation chairs "furniture." Story/6D

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Today's News August 31, 2003, Sunday

Israeli helicopters fired four missiles at a van traveling in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, killing a **Hamas** field commander and his assistant, hospital officials said. The van had been moving slowly in heavy traffic when it was hit and burst into flames. Israeli troops, meanwhile, killed an 8-year-old girl and wounded seven other Palestinians with submachine gun fire in the Gaza Strip's Khan Younis refugee camp.

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The wage gap may not be for **women** only - but also for managers who work with **women**. Research has long found that **women**, overall, earn less than men in similar circumstances. A new study suggests that whatever forces underlie that gap might additionally depress pay for male or **female** managers who supervise, report to or otherwise work with **women**. Story/5D

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They've been running for months. But the candidates for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination are just now getting to the starting line. The campaign will kick into higher gear in the next several weeks, with a rapid-fire series of events that could determine who will win the nomination - and whether that person will have a chance against Republican President Bush in November 2004. Story/11A

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**Nonprofit denies funing terrorists;  
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Herndon, Va. --- The leaders of an intricate web of nonprofit groups and companies in this quiet suburb in Virginia allegedly have conspired to support several Islamic terrorist groups, says an affidavit filed in federal court.

For simplicity, federal investigators, in the affidavit, call the more than 100 charities, educational organizations and companies targeted in their probe the "Safa Group." But there is nothing simple about the operations of these alleged terror financiers.

On one hand, members of Safa, which means purity or truth in Arabic, appear to be hardworking first-generation immigrants who want to promote Islamic education through charity. Through their attorney, they deny any connections to terrorists.

Cox Washington Bureau

"It is a lot like what I would call McCarthyism," said Nancy Luque, legal counsel for all the Virginia entities. "There isn't one cent that can be traced to a terrorist."

But federal investigators allege that the Safa Group has been using charities to "transmit money internationally for the purpose of promoting offenses against foreign nations involving murder or the destruction of property by means of explosives, fire, kidnapping or extortion," according to the 132-page affidavit.

"I have seen evidence of the transfer of large amounts of funds from the Safa Group organizations directly to terrorist front organizations since the early 1990s," David Kane, an investigator with the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, wrote in his affidavit.

Kane filed the sworn affidavit to support a government request for a warrant to search 29 properties in Virginia, a Georgia poultry business and other undisclosed locations on March 20 and 21, 2002.

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The federal raid of the Safa Group offices and homes of eight leaders was well publicized. But details of the probe, conducted jointly by the FBI, the customs agency and the Internal Revenue Service, were not revealed until a federal judge unsealed Kane's affidavit last month.

None of the men whose homes were searched in the raids has been charged with terrorism offenses 18 months later, prompting Luque to say there is "no there there to the government's investigation."

Officials say the inquiry is widespread and touches on other terrorism probes.

"It's an ongoing investigation," said Dennis Lormel, chief of the FBI's terrorist finance section.

One person alleged in court filings to be connected to the Safa Group has been indicted in an unrelated money laundering investigation involving Libya. In another case, prosecutors argued that a man convicted of a minor immigration charge should be given an unusually long sentence, in part because of his alleged connections to people described by prosecutors as members of the Safa Group.

The affidavit states that there is probable cause to believe the individuals controlling the Safa Group sent money to the now shuttered Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development in Richardson, Texas, and to the alleged American leader of the Palestine Islamic Jihad-Shikaki Faction in South Florida to support suicide bombings in Israel by that terrorist group and by Hamas.

Some targets of the probe are prominent in the American Muslim community.

Taha Al-Alwani, a naturalized American citizen, runs an Islamic graduate school influential in selecting who will serve in the U.S. military as a Muslim chaplain. The chaplain program is the subject of an unrelated probe.

Abdurahman M. Alamoudi, Muslim activist, was welcomed at the White House by President Bush, as he had been by Bill Clinton, for his work for Muslim causes.

Alamoudi recently pleaded not guilty in an 18-count federal indictment alleging he laundered money and violated immigration and customs laws by taking \$340,000 from Libya, a federally designated state sponsor of terrorism.

In court documents, the government alleges that Alamoudi, founder of the American Muslim Council, a Washington-based anti-discrimination group, is connected to the Safa Group through another charity he directs in Virginia. In recent court filings, prosecutors have also connected him to Hamas, al-Qaida and seven known terrorists whose identities were found in his Palm Pilot.

"Mr. Alamoudi denies any connection to terrorists," said May Kheder, legal counsel to Alamoudi, who is jailed in Alexandria. "It's unfair. When you take an Arab-American and put the T-word in front of his name, he will be eyed with suspicion for the rest of his life."

Luque, who represents Al-Alwani, says her clients have nothing to do with Alamoudi.

"I will tell you, one of the biggest problems with the affidavit is, there is no such thing as the Safa Group," Luque said. Customs agent Kane "has taken Safa, which is a trust that my clients are involved with, and enlarged it to include every terrorist in the Western Hemisphere. He has Alamoudi in there, and Alamoudi has nothing to do with Safa."

Kane's affidavit states he has probable cause to suspect that the Safa Group is used to support Palestine Islamic Jihad, Hamas and other terrorists. But it also states that the money trail grows cold on the Isle of Man, a self-governing kingdom in the Irish Sea that is a known tax haven, which "makes it difficult to verify whether these funds were used for terrorist financing."

Saudi link alleged

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At least three of the alleged principals of the Safa Group live in a subdivision in Fairfax County, a quiet, tree-lined enclave with generous lots and large houses.

A customs report cited in the Kane affidavit states that Safa Group member Ibrahim Hassaballa came to the United States in 1980 with \$3.4 million in cash. The money made it possible for members to set up charities and companies, the affidavit says.

Their first charity, the now-defunct SAAR Foundation, was named for Sulaiman Abdul Aziz al-Rajhi, the head of the wealthy al-Rajhi banking family in Saudi Arabia. This is the same family that the federal government is investigating for possibly supporting Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network.

Nearly all of the entities are headquartered in two nondescript office buildings across the street from each other in downtown Herndon, not far from where the rest of the principals live in Fairfax County. The alleged leaders of the Safa Group sit on multiple boards of the group's corporations and nonprofits.

For example, two of Alwani's neighbors on Safa Court, Jamal Barzinji and M. Yacub Mirza, are named as directors of at least nine overlapping Safa Group companies and charities.

In addition, they run a poultry company in Gainesville, Ga. Mar-Jac Poultry has allegedly provided millions of dollars to Safa Group charities, Kane's affidavit said.

## 'Phantom entities'

Buddy Parker, a Georgia attorney representing Mar-Jac Poultry, denies his clients have any ties to terrorism and recently filed a court document disputing Kane's affidavit.

"There is not probable cause for money laundering and the support of terrorism, period," Parker said in an interview in which he compared the case to a Hans Christian Andersen fable: "The Emperor Has No Clothes."

Mirza has authority over 27 bank accounts associated with 15 organizations in the Safa Group, including five charities, Kane's affidavit states. Barzinji has the same power over 18 other bank accounts associated with nine Safa entities, including three charities, the affidavit says.

"Many of the organizations of the Safa Group are phantom entities with no physical presence," Kane wrote.

Safa Group organizations routinely transfer thousands of dollars among themselves, the affidavit says. The money typically rests for a short time before being passed out of an account into another location, Kane's affidavit says.

The money in the Safa Group is directed through a maze of for-profit companies to its own charities and then, Kane suspects, ultimately ends up in the hands of terrorists via offshore bank accounts on the Isle of Man.

The island is a known haven for drug dealers, mafia types and terrorists because of its secretive banking laws, terror finance experts say.

Terrorists often use such charities and legitimate businesses, these experts say, to avoid suspicion and gain credibility in the community.

Between 1996 and 2000, nearly 72 percent of contributions to Safa Group charities came from members, according to Kane's affidavit.

Safa Group charities reported to the IRS that they raised \$54 million during those four years. Almost half of that sum was transferred to entities in the Isle of Man, Kane's affidavit states.

The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Studies, a small college with mostly female students in Leesburg, Va., also finds itself mired in the investigation surrounding the Safa Group.

Al-Alwani, its director, is named by Kane as a target in the probe.



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Al-Alwani has several connections to Sami Al-Arian, a former professor at the University of South Florida who is awaiting trial on charges of financing and managing a U.S.-based operation for the Palestine Islamic Jihad.

The Safa group gave \$50,000 to Al-Arian's World Islamic Studies Enterprise in Florida, according to the affidavit. In a Nov. 19, 1991, letter, Al-Alwani refers to the donation, saying that it is offered "regardless of the side or the facade you use" it for.

According to excerpts of the letter cited in Kane's affidavit, Al-Alwani groups Al-Arian with several Palestine Islamic Jihad officials and says they are all "part of us and an extension of us." Kane said Al-Alwani was speaking for Safa Group members.

The affidavit also states that various documents and videotapes obtained in the search of Al-Arian's home and businesses reveal that Al-Alwani attended and spoke at conferences throughout the country in the early 1990s with Al-Arian and other suspected or convicted terrorists. One of them is Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, who is serving a life term in prison for conspiring to blow up tunnels in New York City and United Nations headquarters in October 1995.

The conferences were intended to spread the word of radical Islam, Kane said.

The document also states that in October 1999 a "confidential asset" of the FBI gave the bureau a copy of a fatwa, or decree, signed by Al-Alwani. The declaration says: "The truth by the powers invested in us by Allah, that jihad is the only way to liberate Palestine." But the affidavit cites only a portion of the declaration, making it difficult to put the statement in context.

Al-Alwani said in an interview that the statement was taken completely out of context from one of his speeches and that he never signed a fatwa.

In addition, he said the word "jihad" has different meanings in Islam and that his statement was misrepresented to help the government's case. People who don't know Arabic and don't know Semitic languages don't understand the word, he added.

"Jihad is . . . when you struggle to adopt values, conscience, to control yourself from evil things, to discipline yourself, to fulfill your commitment to God," he said.

Asked about the letter from Al-Alwani to Al-Arian, Luque said it was "disingenuous" for Kane's affidavit to include it because the letter was written more than a decade ago. "Did anyone know that he [Al-Arian] was an alleged front for a terrorist organization then? How does anyone know?"

## Graphic

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Photo: At least three of the alleged principals of the Safa Group live on Safa Street and Safa Court in a Fairfax County, Va., a subdivision of large houses on generous lots./ RICK McKAY / Cox Washington Bureau; Photo: Most of the nonprofits and companies were based at 500 Grove St. (above) and a site across the street in Herndon, Va./ RICK McKAY / Cox Washington Bureau

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**Israel okays limited prisoner release: Prime Minister Sharon insists on continued crackdown on groups that carry out attacks**

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Israel took a step toward meeting a key Palestinian demand and agreed yesterday to release some of the 5,000 prisoners it holds, but Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the move will be limited and conditioned on the Palestinians cracking down on militant groups that have carried out attacks.

It was not clear how many prisoners would be released, but earlier Sharon met Avi Dichter, the head of the Shin Bet security service, who presented him with a list of several hundred prisoners slated for release. Israel's Channel 2 TV said 400 would be released.

AP

Palestinian security officials said early today that police arrested a woman who was planning a suicide bombing attack against Israelis. They said she was in her 20s and was arrested after parents reported to police that she had left behind a note. They said she was questioned and released into her parents' custody, and the investigation would continue.

The prisoner release is aimed at strengthening Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, who has pledged to back the internationally-backed "road map" peace plan.

A top Palestinian official, however, expressed disappointment at the limited release. Radical groups, whose members are not slated for release, immediately condemned it.

The United States and Israel are strongly backing Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, as an alternative to Yasser Arafat and as a Palestinian leader they feel can crack down against radical groups and help bring peace.

"All professional assessments which were submitted to Prime Minister Sharon indicated that releasing prisoners is likely to significantly contribute to the strengthening of Palestinian Prime Minister Abu Mazen, with whom we are negotiating," Israel's cabinet said in a statement. "A strong Palestinian administration will be able to act more effectively against terror, and therefore, Israel has a strong interest."

The cabinet decision calls for the release of prisoners excluding members of militant groups like ***Hamas*** and Islamic Jihad that oppose peace with Israel and Palestinians who carried out or planned violent attacks against Israelis.

In Israel, the arrest of militants has been credited with helping to reduce terror attacks, and the vote in the cabinet was controversial. The ministers first deadlocked 10 to 10 and only confirmed the measure by a 13-9 vote after the

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cabinet agreed to set up a committee that would monitor Palestinian compliance with the road map, Tourism Minister Benny Elon said. Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu abstained.

"The release would be carried out in tightly supervised, small and measured doses in relation to proven Palestinian actions in the security sphere; in other words, if terror continues and there is no genuine Palestinian effort to fight and eliminate it, the releases will stop," Sharon said after the cabinet meeting.

Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz said that releases will not begin immediately.

Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan said he was disappointed that the release was so limited. "We have discussed with the Israelis our disappointment after Israel's selective policy of releasing prisoners," Dahlan said after meeting Mofaz.

Most of the prisoners who will be released will be people who have been detained without trial and have only a few months to serve, people under the age of 18 or over 60 or women, an Israeli official said.

Palestinian Information Minister Nabil Amr said the Palestinian Authority will "continue working for the release of all prisoners regardless of their political affiliations."

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## *A very deadly duo;*

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IT IS hardly surprising that, when British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his US mate George W Bush appear on the diplomatic horizon, strong men tremble and strong women quake.

The deadly duo are rapidly building a reputation in international politics that makes Typhoid Mary look like Florence Nightingale.

Afghanistan, the subject of their interest not so long ago, is still in a state of anarchy and barely concealed war, with the Taliban still popping up here, there and everywhere.

No shock there, with US puppet Hamid Karzai barely able to collect taxes in the country and control the local warlords - not to mention that he has been reliant on US protection from his own countrymen since the assassination of Vice President Haji Abdul Qadir.

In Iraq, the US-British coalition isn't even bothering to conceal its state of war. No weapons of mass destruction, no Saddam Hussein and no attempt by the occupying powers to assume their Geneva convention responsibilities for civil order and maintenance of the country's infrastructure either.

The US is loudly insistent that Islamic rule will not happen and to the devil with democracy if that should appear to make it a possibility.

The rubbish is being collected from the streets of Baghdad by the United Nations Children's Fund Unicef, with no effort from the occupying powers to halt the spread of lifethreatening disease.

At the same time, the soldiers of those powers are still fighting pitched battles with forces that they claim are either terrorists or sections of the army loyal to Saddam Hussein - although local people claim that the resistance to occupation has more to do with the arrogance and insensitivity of the invading soldiery.

The result is, as in Afghanistan, chaos and anarchy - and the war continues.

And in Israel, the appearance of the so-called road map and US pressure to circumvent Yasser Arafat has resulted in the appearance of Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas - who seems, however, to have disappointed those who applauded his appointment by not being willing to start a civil war among the Palestinians.

One wonders what they were expecting.

A very deadly duo;

And, as in Afghanistan and Iraq, the appearance of the terrible two has resulted in a huge intensification of the clashes between the heavily armed Israeli army - helicopter missile assassinations now becoming a daily occurrence - and **Hamas** suicide bombers sacrificing themselves to murder Israeli civilians in reprisal. Rather than a road to peace, this map is leading nowhere.

In Ireland, Mr Blair's complete inability to abandon his self-proclaimed unionism has led to a peace process stalled to save the political life of David Trimble and the unionist veto. Direct rule continues, temporary or not and the forces for peace in Ireland remain stymied.

The huge political strides made by Sinn Fein go unanswered as the unionist rearguard action continues.

If all this should inform us of anything it is that imperialism will not and cannot bring peace and justice. People must and will forge their own road to their own liberation and bigpower force majeure, no matter in what guise it is dressed will always fail - all the more so when it is as partial, as self-interested and as blatantly directed toward world domination as is that of Batman Bush and the Boy Blunder.

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## *Your say*

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Intelligence downgraded

ALLEGATIONS of political interference in defence and intelligence agencies only make sense if we keep in mind what has happened to the public service, of which intelligence and defence are an important part.

Successive Labor and Liberal governments have all played a role in weakening independence in these important areas.

The Public Service Board was abolished in the early 1990s and the Howard Government abolished the public service exam for recruiting junior officers.

State governments have done similar things with their police and public services.

The message seemed to be that merit no longer counted and that it was who you knew and not what you knew that got you a job.

In times of stress, such as the present war on terror, this nation needs the best people in key jobs, not yes men who only report information that is comforting to our political leaders.

Steve Shepherd, Doveton

Labor lopped off ASIO's arm

I STILL recall the smile on the face of former Attorney-General Lionel Murphy as he raided ASIO's offices in 1973.

Gough Whitlam set up a royal commission into ASIO's powers and function and, from that date, ASIO has worked with one arm amputated because of either lack of consensus or fortitude by government.

Various state Labor governments continued the assault on internal intelligence gathering services and disbanded special branch units.

Now, with internal intelligence gathering services in disarray, one thing is clear.

We have lost this battle against religious extremists and others who want to harm Australia and its people.

Let us hope that the Federal Government does not let us lose the war. Give the internal services the power to act for the wellbeing of the people.

Your say

A.W. Love, Highett

Nature v nurture

FOR those who have studied psychology, the case of the 13-year-old girl only brings up the nature v nurture debate.

Does the girl have natural, inborn, lesbian tendencies, or is it the way she has been brought up that has caused her to act in the way she does?

If there is no psychological answer, should she have the right to have an operation or

is it her maturity that everyone doubts?

Eli Yarrow, Caulfield

Latham a Sydney man

MARK Latham once again holds court in Sydney's western suburbs. At least Prime Minister John Howard talks to Victorians about a state Labor government hell-bent on ignoring its constituents.

Heaven help us if we get a Sydney-centric Prime Minister Latham in the Lodge. Victoria will never get a look in.

Mary Aldred, Upper Beaconsfield

Republic plan waste of time

MARK Latham's suggestion that voters be asked whether they want a republic and later what kind of head of state they prefer is costly, unnecessary and counterproductive.

This can all be rolled into one composite plebiscite. Why stuff around with this for years?

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach, NSW

NSW schools as bad as Victoria's

STUDENTS have to endure poor facilities in the Victorian state school system, but as a NSW teacher I can tell you the same problem exists here.

But no mention is made of the teachers who have to work in these inadequate and archaic conditions, many for far longer than the children.

At least both state governments are achieving parity in their schools, poor salaries and poor conditions.

Gerard Fitzpatrick, Eastwood, NSW

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Ticket to ride in comfort

THERE is uproar about the appalling behaviour of ticket inspectors on our trams and trains and their unethical and violent behaviour.

But would there be a problem if the idiots making these claims just bought a ticket?

I've never copped a bruising, been abused or felt the need to jump from a moving train because of the ticket inspectors.

Why not? I've got a Met card.

## Your say

Rachael Ryan, Taylors Lakes

### Caught in cruel trap

I HAVE had the horrific experience of seeing my beloved dog caught in the rubber-jawed traps used by the Department of Primary Industry.

These barbaric devices are nothing more than old-fashioned steel traps with the teeth flattened and a thin veneer of rubber. They are only marginally less cruel than the original traps.

Wild dogs must be killed, but they ought not to be tortured. They are only wild because their owners have dumped them or their parents.

Needless to say, native animals are also killed in these traps, which are used for economic reasons, rather than employ trained hunters.

We could never tolerate the spectacle of an animal writhing in pain in a trap in a public park.

Why allow our taxes to pay for this to happen behind our backs?

Margaret Baker, Yellingbo

### Land sale objection

AS a ratepayer of Greater Dandenong I object to the proposed sale of Department of Defence land as a prime private development site.

Selling it is a great disservice to the people of this region.

The property is in the heart of Dandenong Park and it is crucial to retain whatever parkland remains.

I sincerely hope our state and local governments will do whatever is necessary to make sure that ownership of this land remains with all Victorians and ratepaying residents of Greater Dandenong.

Geraldine Gonsalvez, Dandenong

### UN debates wrong subject

THE UN Security Council called an emergency session to debate the killing of **Hamas** leader Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi but has never moved to condemn the Palestinian terror orchestrated by Rantissi.

Nor has it demanded that Palestinian leaders accused of murder turn themselves over to authorities.

Nor has it demanded that **Hamas** leaders, who have openly declared war on Israel, set themselves apart from their civilian population, as required under the Geneva convention.

Effectively, Israel is expected to allow its citizens to be killed and is prohibited by international opinion from taking any action to prevent it.

The Palestinians are being oppressed by their own leaders who deny them freedom.

Robbie Friedman, Caulfield

### Territory for security

MOST observers agree that UN Security Council resolution 242 is pivotal to the Arab/Israel conflict. It requires Israel to withdraw from "territories" in exchange for "secure and recognisable" boundaries.



## Your say

The UN was deliberate in drafting the resolution not to specify all the territories because it was realised that Israel would have to retain some territory in the West Bank to guarantee its security.

Paul Rozental, St Kilda

The Cooks' new neighbour

SHIFTING Governor La Trobe's cottage from the Domain to the Fitzroy Gardens to complement Cooks' Cottage is well overdue.

The cottage is tucked behind the Shrine and is extremely hard to find. The sooner it is moved, the better.

It is laden with history and will add to the tourist attractions of the Commonwealth Games in 2006.

Rex Condon, Ashwood

Beck's genes the best

RE "Becks shows there is a beast in us all" (April 19): I congratulate Matthew Pinkney on his article.

Let's accept it, humans are animals and are subject to the same rules of natural selection and survival as other species.

Our ability to manipulate some of the forces of natural selection has given us an enormous advantage, and created enormous problems.

Nevertheless, the fittest organisms are the ones that spread their genes around the most and produce the most offspring for selection.

David Beckham is healthy, strong, has good physical features and is virile and successful.

Why wouldn't the female of the species not want his genes? I suggest people watch television programs that show animal behaviour and reproduction and try to understand what life and survival in the animal world is all about.

Sumner Berg, Beechworth

Poo, what a thief

HOW will I ever convince my children, aged 10 and 8, that the world is not full of evil and dishonest people?

Over Easter, a horse-poo thief removed nine of 11 bags of manure they had collected to be sold on the roadside.

Payment was by means of an honesty box. May the thief's garden grow many nettles.

Bronwyn Jeffery, Molesworth

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## *Children on Both Sides Killed on Northern Border of Gaza Strip*

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A Palestinian rocket attack killed two Israeli children, ages 2 and 4, and Israeli soldiers killed five Palestinians on Wednesday in bloodshed that claimed young lives on both sides of the Gaza Strip's northern border.

Israeli troops also shot dead two people suspected of being militants who were trying to evade arrest in the West Bank, the army said.

In response to the Israeli deaths, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel would probably broaden the scope of an already large invasion in northern Gaza aimed at halting the rocket attacks.

"This is a very severe act of terror and Israel will respond with full force," said the spokesman, Raanan Gissin. "One can expect a widening of our military operation in Gaza over the next few days."

Dozens of Israeli tanks, bulldozers and other armored vehicles charged into northern Gaza late on Tuesday after Palestinian rocket salvos earlier in the day.

On Wednesday, Israeli soldiers clashed repeatedly with Palestinian gunmen and stone-throwing youths on the outskirts of the Jabaliya refugee camp, a leading source of the rocket fire, the military said.

The Palestinian dead included three boys, ages 13, 16 and 17, who were among the stone throwers, Palestinian witnesses said. Two were killed in Jabaliya, and the third in a separate incident outside the Jewish settlement of Netzarim, farther to the south, Palestinian hospital officials said.

One Palestinian gunman was fatally shot and another Palestinian was killed in a missile strike. More than 20 Palestinians were wounded, several of them teenagers wearing school uniforms, said Dr. Mahmoud al-Asali, the head of Kamal Adwan Hospital.

Despite the large Israeli military presence, Palestinians unleashed a rocket on Wednesday night that came crashing down on a pathway between two residential buildings in Sederot, an Israeli town just beyond Gaza's perimeter fence.

The blast killed the children, Dorit Anisso, a 2-year-old girl, and Yuval Anisso, a 4-year-old boy, the Israeli media reported. The two were related, but it was not clear whether they were cousins or siblings.

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The attack came as Jews prepared for the holiday of Sukkot, the fall harvest celebration, which began at sundown. About a dozen people were wounded.

At the site, several women collapsed to the ground in grief. A shredded pair of children's sandals remained in a puddle of blood. A trail of blood led up a set of steps and into a house where one victim had been taken before an ambulance arrived.

The Islamic faction Hamas claimed responsibility.

The crude, homemade Qassam rockets are wildly inaccurate, but are a constant threat to Sederot's residents. Palestinians have fired several hundred in recent years, and the Wednesday incident was the second time Israelis were killed. A man and a boy were killed by shrapnel in an attack in Sederot in June. The Palestinians also stage frequent mortar attacks, and an Israeli-American woman was killed at a Jewish settlement in Gaza on Sept. 24.

In Jabaliya, Said Abu Eish, 13, left his home on Wednesday morning carrying his school bag, with instructions to go directly to the classroom because he had exams, his mother said.

But a short while later, another son returned home with Said's bag, she said. The boys had gone to throw stones at Israeli tanks, and Said was shot and killed, his mother said as she wept at her home.

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*In the global war, Islam isn't the enemy; Islamism is*

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## *An unholy war*

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## *Sharon vows to expand military effort in Gaza*

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Jerusalem --- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed Sunday to expand the military operation under way in the Gaza Strip, an invasion he said was necessary to ensure his long-term plan to withdraw Jewish settlers and Israeli soldiers from the territory.

At least 59 Palestinians have died, including seven on Sunday, in the five-day-old Israeli incursion. Two Israeli soldiers also have been killed.

Cox International Correspondent

Israel on Wednesday moved nearly 200 tanks and an estimated 2,000 soldiers into Gaza, marking one of the deadliest flare-ups in four years. The operation came in response to a rocket attack by Palestinian militants. Two toddlers in Sderot, an Israeli town bordering Gaza, were hit by the homemade rocket. Also Wednesday, a female jogger was shot at her Jewish settlement inside Gaza.

Sharon said Sunday that the army would stay in Gaza until the threat of Palestinian rocket attacks was gone. The Israeli casualties have intensified an already sticky political situation for Sharon, who is facing sharp criticism from the right-wing over his plan to quit the Gaza settlements and withdraw soldiers before September 2005.

Seeking to appear tough to critics who believe a withdrawal will make Israeli border towns more vulnerable to Palestinian attacks, Sharon told Israel's Army Radio the Gaza operation "is not a short thing. The forces will have to remain there as long as this danger exists."

Israel has killed militant operatives in its campaign, but as many as 20 of the dead have been civilians, including three kindergartners and at least eight other children, according to Gaza human rights and hospital workers.

Sharon gave no details about how to end the threat posed by the rockets, highly mobile and relatively crude weapons that Israel's army has struggled to counter. We must "operate to stop the shelling of Israeli communities in Gaza now and during the evacuation," he said.



## Sharon vows to expand military effort in Gaza

The Palestinians militant group **Hamas**, which is based in Gaza, developed homemade pipe-launched rockets as a way to bypass fortifications Israel has built around the territory.

Militants lob the Qassam missiles by the dozens into Jewish settlements in Gaza and into nearby Israeli towns. But because they have no guidance system and only a rudimentary explosive nose cone, the rockets usually cause minimal damage. Only two of the hundreds of rockets launched have ever caused fatalities.

Israeli army officials said the offensive, dubbed "Operation Days of Penitence," now controls a 3-square-mile area in northeastern Gaza.

Army officials said the operation was designed to destroy cover used for firing rockets into Israeli territory. Palestinians, however, call it collective punishment.

On Sunday, Israel opened a second front. The army said it moved tanks and bulldozers from a settlement in the south-central section of Gaza to a refugee camp in Khan Younis, apparently to destroy Palestinian homes there.

Multiple news reports indicated a worsening situation for tens of thousands of Palestinian residents trapped in the area of conflict.

Armored bulldozers were deployed during the weekend in the Jabaliya refugee camp, a township of around 100,000. The army vehicles demolished homes, citrus orchards, a clothing factory and a kindergarten, according to residents.

About 15,000 people living in the area of the raid have been without water and electricity for days, according to human rights workers.

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Photo: A Palestinian woman looks out Sunday from the doorway of her house, damaged in an ongoing Israeli army operation in the Jebaliya refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip. / HATEM MOUSSA / Associated Press

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***Comment & Analysis: Inside the resistance: Popular anger is forging an alliance between diverse strands of Iraq's guerrilla movement***

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The suicide bomber who yesterday attacked the US-frequented Baghdad Hotel was the fourth member of the Iraqi resistance to kill themselves for the cause. The bombing came only three days after last week's suicide attack on a Baghdad police station that left at least eight people dead. From the meetings I have had with resistance fighters in different parts of Iraq, there is no doubt that there will be many more such attacks to come.

The use of suicide bombing in Iraq - the first announced target was the UN in August - signals a clear change of tactics by the growing resistance movement. The US-led coalition forces, frustrated by their inability to control the situation, blame foreign infiltrators for these attacks, emphasising the similarity between these new tactics and those of al-Qaida and other militant groups in the Middle East. Few seem to grasp the fact that Iraqis, who are well-trained militarily, have simply learned from others' experiences, and carried out the attacks themselves.

I first met Iraqi resistance fighters at a farm in the suburbs of Ramadi, north of Baghdad. It was several months after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, and on that day the people of Ramadi were gathering at a mosque to grieve the death of a young Iraqi killed by US forces. The man - unarmed, and driving a civilian car - had failed to stop at a checkpoint. There had been no signs warning him or other drivers of the danger they were approaching. I was taken aback by the strength of the anger felt by the local people - such deaths (this young man was not the first to die at the checkpoint, nor the last) were clearly galvanising local people to fight back against the occupation forces.

After the funeral, with the dreaded 10pm curfew fast approaching, my new Iraqi companions invited me to go with them to a nearby place of safety. As we made the dangerous journey along the road from Ramadi to Baghdad - the site of daily attacks by the resistance and street gangs - the conversation turned to the nature of the Iraqi resistance movement. I was very keen to find out why it was spreading throughout Iraq so quickly, and what motivated its members. My companions - ordinary Iraqis - immediately offered to introduce me to the fighters they knew.

The fighters wore civilian clothes but their faces were covered, and they held a range of small arms and light weapons - AK-47s, RPG-7s to shoulder-mounted rocket propellers and hand grenades.

What struck me most, though, was their intense commitment to their cause: the liberation of Iraq from its current occupiers. These were no "Ba'athist remnants". On the contrary, they blamed Saddam Hussein for bringing the Americans into Iraq. They went so far as to say the capture of Saddam by allied forces would sever the links between Saddam and the resistance movement once and for all. They defined themselves as nationalists. One said: "We do not want to see our country occupied by forces clearly pursuing their own interests, rather than being poised to return Iraq to the Iraqis."

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Later, I met members of a different strand of the resistance: Saddam Hussein loyalists in Tikrit. We were filming in the main street there when two young, well-built Iraqis approached us. While they were asking us who we were working for, a US convoy passed by and the two men shouted abuse at the American soldiers, threatening to turn Iraq into their graveyard.

Then they turned to us, boasting that they had attacked the Americans the night before at Saddam's palace in the town, and would carry out daily attacks until the Americans were driven out of the country. One of the two men introduced himself as Nabil, and declared that there was no support locally for the Americans, who would never be safe, even in their thousands.

These were not empty threats. I spent that night with an Iraqi family in the town. While sitting in the back garden, we witnessed eight explosions within minutes of each other. My host, a university professor, explained that they were mortar attacks targeting the US headquarters in Tikrit.

In Mosul and Falluja, the resistance groups are different again. Here, most identify themselves with Islamist organisations such as the Muslim Brotherhood. Recently, there have been reports of meetings in the Jordanian capital between high-ranking members of Hamas and this section of the resistance, which has sought to learn from the experience of Hamas and its military wing, well-known for its suicide bomb attacks against Israeli targets.

This development was entirely predictable. When Mosul fell to American forces on April 11, terror and chaos spread over the city. The Pentagon promised that thousands of its soldiers would secure Mosul and prevent mass looting. I entered the city that day. By the time praying started, dozens of worshippers had gathered to hear one of Mosul's leading Sunni clerics calling for patience, but warning that if peace and security were not restored, then "the inhabitants of Mosul still have the means to resist, as this is not the promised liberation but an occupation. We will never accept Iraq becoming a second Palestine."

Iraq is a country which has faced more than 20 years of war, and more than a decade of sanctions. The motivations of each strand of Iraqi resistance vary: the loyalists are driven by the loss of power; the nationalists by the desire to establish independence and security; the Islamists by their dream of returning political Islam to the Iraqi nation. These aspirations may be incompatible, but the focus of each group now is to fight together against the common enemy of Iraq - the occupying forces.

In some areas at least, this common interest has a structural expression. In the back streets of Mosul, soon after the fall of the city, I came face to face with a group of armed men, shouting and firing shots in different directions. I asked who they were: some introduced themselves as former Ba'athists, others said they belonged to Islamist organisations. Though ideologically worlds apart, they explained that they all took their orders from the same committee in the city, which was headed by a group of religious leaders. I later found there were similar relationships in Falluja and Samarra.

The resolve and ferocity of the Iraqi resistance has been amplified by the blunders of the American soldiers in Iraq. Coalition commanders have dealt ineptly with ground operations, and neither the British nor the Americans have come up with a clear road map for the political reconstruction of Iraq that would enable Iraqis to rule themselves.

Random road checks and house-to-house searches, often based on inaccurate information, make a bad situation worse. Culturally inappropriate behaviour - male soldiers body-searching women, for example - and collective punishments have further alienated the population and helped entrench popular support for resistance.

Given the growing number of Iraqis joining the resistance, there is a strong need for Washington and London to revise their military and political plans for post-conflict Iraq. The occupation forces are in a fragile position. If they strengthen their military presence in the face of increasing resistance, they will only alienate Iraqis yet further from their attempts to redraw the political future of Iraq - and the resistance will continue to spread. Unless there is an early withdrawal, the currently sporadic attacks in the Shia-dominated south can be expected to mushroom.

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Britain and the US are currently setting the stage for a new phase of Iraqi resistance. Its members are learning fast from the experience of the region, and are already adopting new tactics. The latest of these is suicide bombing - a weapon which even the strongest counter-terrorism forces struggle to cope with.

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## LEADER COLUMN; BRITAIN AND THE US MUST LEAD THE WAR AGAINST TERROR

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THE bloody siege in the Russian school must serve as a wake-up call to us all. There is a growing network of extremist militant Islamic groups throughout the world who do not wage war on soldiers but who slaughter the innocent without compunction.

And in this war there is no room for compromise. Either they win or we do. Islamofascists want nothing from us.

They simply want our destruction. They who have corrupted the peaceful message of the Koran hate us and all we stand for. In their eyes we are infidels.

Now local hostilities between Muslims and non-Muslims are being hijacked by extremists and are becoming part of the big war between them and us.

The war had begun before we realised it. Not until September 11 did we start to see acts of terrorism by Islamic extremists, not as isolated events, but as part of a wider attack on the West and Western values. Since then we have had the Bali, Turkey and Madrid bombs. Now world news is dominated by terrorism. An Italian journalist is murdered by terrorists. Two French journalists are held by terrorists in Iraq. Twelve Nepalese workers are murdered by militants. In Russia, 89 people die in what is believed to be bombings of two planes. In Moscow a **female** suicide bomber kills 10 and injures 51. In Israel a double suicide attack by Palestinian group **Hamas** kills 16 and injures 100. Refugees are starving in Darfur in the Sudan because they have been being terrorised out of their villages by Arab militia. Now children are targets.

The escalation of terrorism has enormous implications for international politics, underlining the desperate need for a new world order. Britain and America must take the lead in bringing all freedom-loving nations to the table to work out a clear global strategy to deal with the threat.

Conflict in Israel fans flames of terrorism that must be doused. Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon must be told that peace between the Israelis and Palestinians must be his long-term aim. Similarly, stability must be brought to Iraq. Pressure must also be applied on states that sponsor and support terrorism to force them to stop.

We are living in complex times when statesmanship is required but, sadly, Prime Minister Tony Blair is not up to the job. Neither is President Bush. Indeed we cannot think of any politician capable of pulling off this miracle.

All democracies must ready themselves as if for war. In Britain that means the Government must reverse the cuts in our military capability.

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And right-thinking Muslims everywhere must distance themselves from those with hate in their heart. If they are not with us they are against us.

We applaud the patriotism of the Muslims in France who led the show of unity with their government over the kidnap of the two French journalists. The kidnappers have demanded that France rescind its new ban on Muslim schoolgirls wearing headscarves, a move intended to defend the principle that France is a secular state.

Although many French Muslims hate the ban they have put their country first.

We want to see Muslims here showing the same degree of fidelity to the country that has nurtured them.

It is a chilling thought, but the unimaginable horrors that happened in Russia could happen anywhere. And every day we are getting less safe. We cannot cut down the leaders of terrorism and hope it will wither on the vine for it needs no leaders. It feeds on warped ideology.

But there is hope. The best way for civilised countries to defeat terrorism is to defend their own culture.

In Britain, we must abandon the aim of a multicultural society and reassert our identity while retaining tolerance of differences between people. Only then will we become strong enough to beat the enemy.

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## LETTERS

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#### U.S. Culpability

I could not have agreed more with the main theme of Jeff Jacoby's column "The War On Us Didn't Begin On 9/11" (Other Views, Sept. 11). I do, however, disagree with how he got there.

The root of 9/11 was not the fall of the Shah and the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Iran. No, the seeds of 9/11 occurred years earlier, during the Eisenhower administration, when CIA operative Brig. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf led a coup that toppled Premier Mohammed Mossadegh. Why would the CIA do such a thing? Because the British asked us to.

Mossadegh was on the verge of nationalizing Iran's oil industry, something that sent the British petroleum companies into a panic. The CIA overthrew Mossadegh and installed the Shah (who treated his people only slightly better than Saddam), who went on to allow the Brits to safely pump away. After 25 years of brutality, the people revolted, striking back at the source of their pain: the Shah and the government that installed him.

Our president tells us that the reason these people hate us is that they hate freedom, yet in all of the tapes and communiques released to date, I have yet to hear this given as a reason to wage jihad. Is the freedom that we have to put cheap gas into our SUVs causing people elsewhere to suffer? I do not know the answer, but should not the question be asked?

Why do we, as a country, refuse to examine our side of this?

I abhor the actions of the terrorists of 9/11 and the violence in Iraq and the Mideast, but I have a question. Is there anything that we did or are currently doing that contributes to the hatred against us? Do we have the moral clarity to see what must be done and the strength of will to do it?

STUART SMITH

Riverview

#### Inherited Problems

This Sept. 11, I started my day reading the columns by Jeff Jacoby and Ellen Goodman, reflecting on this tragic date in our history (Other Views). Normally I pass over Goodman's work, but the title, "As We Mark The Date, Politicians Give It A Spin," encouraged me to explore further. I should have known that the final sentence, "The White House has sent Sept. 11 spinning," was her take on things. Forget that the nine contenders for President Bush's job have beaten this horse relentlessly; this goes unnoticed in her article.

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Florida's own candidate for the presidency, Bob Graham, spent seven years on the Senate Intelligence Committee during the Clinton administration and barely nodded at the mention of terrorism. During that time, we had a series of attacks on American interests, beginning with the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993 and ending with the USS Cole attack in 2000. Since 9/11, Graham has railed incessantly about what should have been done to avert what he calls an obvious threat. Excuse me, but to put it bluntly, if terrorists were female and wore short skirts, several of these aspiring politicians would have bragging rights about what had been accomplished when their party was in power.

It is easy for people who earn big bucks writing for a living to cast aspersions on the current administration. It is also incumbent on some of us who bang away on home computers to point out that several of Bush's problems were inherited.

HAROLD MOORE

Tampa

#### Domestic Protection

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 terrorists armed with box cutters and our woefully inadequate intelligence and security system murdered thousands of innocent people.

On Sept. 10, 2003, a man placed himself in a shipping crate, passed security, was loaded onto the air freight carrier's flight, traveled for 15 hours, got in and out of the crate twice on the plane and was delivered to his parents' front door. This crate could have contained a bomb to be delivered to a mall or a terrorist who could have commandeered the plane, creating another 9/11.

Our borders and ports are still wide open, and there are still thousands of terrorists in the United States and millions of people who are here either illegally or with expired visas. After the war in Afghanistan, our "whatever it takes" strategy should have been to protect us internally rather than to go to war with Iraq.

Maybe if we had, the "crate" never would have gotten on the plane.

BOB LAWRENCE

Gibson

#### Reinstate The Draft

My son, a first lieutenant and West Point graduate, is deployed in Iraq. He has expressed pride and privilege serving in a noble and successful effort.

The Army recently announced there may be only 90 days in between future deployments instead of the standard 180 days. This is because of the limited numbers of soldiers on active and reserve duty. If we're truly at war, why hasn't the draft been reinstated? Our current commitments and the potential for more demand long-range force retention and replenishment planning exceeding the current all-volunteer policy. The success of the war on terror will depend upon well-trained and committed, career-oriented soldiers. Is it reasonable to expect our present force to willingly and effectively serve in an environment of constant deployment rotations?

The draft was initiated only a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor; perhaps on this second anniversary of 9/11, serious consideration should be given to supporting and supplementing our armed forces by reinstating the draft.

BOB STANTON

Valrico

"Blame The Maniacs"



## LETTERS

I was once again outraged at the sickening and perpetual litigiousness of this society when I read "Ruling Allows Sept. 11 Lawsuits" (Nation/World, Sept. 10). Using specious reasoning at best, U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein essentially argues that the fault of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the White House/U.S. Capitol (Flight 93) lies with American and United airlines, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Boeing Co.

American, United and the Port Authority should have foreseen that razor blades could lead to a hijack-crash. Yes, and prior to that time, they should have banned ballpoint pens, pencils and long fingernails and killed anyone who made a verbal threat. Shame on you, Port Authority, for not building the WTC 40 stories below ground, where such an attack could not have threatened. And boo to Boeing for not constructing its aircraft to automatically disarm terrorists and leap tall buildings in a single bound.

All sarcasm aside, if I'm driving on Interstate 275 and some maniac deliberately crashes his Ford into my Volkswagen and kills us both, does it make sense that we lay blame with the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Highway Patrol, Ford and Volkswagen? Of course not. Any rational person would blame the maniac. The real question is, why wouldn't Hellerstein?

MICHAEL S. VAN ALSBURG

St. Petersburg

## Actions Of Terrorists

I must protest the media's misuse of the term "militants" when describing Hamas homicide bombings in Israel.

As Americans, we cannot think of the 9/11 terrorists as noble militants merely aggressively pursuing their cause. Indeed, a culture that espouses such obscene tactics must be from another planet. The argument that they were so desperate because of their terrible conditions does not apply, as many of the homicide bombers are members of the elite class.

Furthermore, our president and government have clearly labeled Hamas as a terrorist organization. The bombers of the United Nations in Iraq were clearly denounced as terrorists. To call them militants when they bomb a bus that had children and infants on it is offensive.

We call on the media to be more responsible in their use of terms. A terrorist is a terrorist!

NORMAN N. GROSS

Palm Harbor

The writer is president of Promoting Responsibility in Middle East. Reporting and chair of the Anti-Hate Committee, Greater Florida B'nai B'rith.

## Notes

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## LETTERS

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## *Five life sentences for leader of the intifada*

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**Byline:** Stephen Farrell in Tel Aviv

### **Body**

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THE manacled hands went up in the familiar victory salute, but to no avail.

Two years after his arrest in Ramallah, Marwan Barghouti, the charismatic leader of the intifada, yesterday became the most senior Palestinian Authority figure to be jailed by an Israeli court.

Barghouti, seen as a potential successor to Yassir Arafat, was sentenced to five life terms and 40 years in jail -all consecutive -for murder, attempted murder and membership of a terrorist organisation.

After a series of hearings lasting 18 months Barghouti, 44, denounced the three-judge Israeli panel who found him guilty of organising attacks against Israelis and heading the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades.

"You judged me before the trial started," shouted the bearded intifada leader as he was led away from the Tel Aviv courtroom, where for months he had proclaimed himself victim of a court which had no jurisdiction to try him.

"You are like the pilots who drop bombs on the Palestinian cities. You are just the same."

The Israeli judges, however, accepted the prosecution's case that while serving as general secretary of Mr Arafat's Fatah movement on the West Bank, Barghouti organised, instigated, funded and motivated armed Palestinian militants. He was convicted of killing a Greek Orthodox monk in the West Bank in 2001, an Israeli at the Jewish settlement of Givat Zeev in 2002 and three people at a Tel Aviv restaurant in 2002. He was also convicted on one charge of attempted murder.

Daniel Taub, an Israeli Foreign Ministry official, praised the court for taking a "courageous" decision in the face of Palestinian efforts to make the trial a political forum.

"I think this court again and again has proved that it does have jurisdiction in this case. The offences took place in Israel, the victims were Israelis and the goal was to try to (create) an atmosphere of panic in Israel."

To most Israelis, Barghouti is a murderer, a key figure who helped to persuade Mr Arafat that Fatah's al-Aqsa Brigades should join **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad in launching attacks inside Israel during the early years of the intifada.

To most Palestinians he represents a wasted opportunity: a fluent Hebrew speaking politician dedicated to a two-state solution who became increasingly disillusioned with Israel's continued settlement building and military occupation after the Oslo peace accords.

## Five life sentences for leader of the intifada

They believe he will be one of the first Palestinians released in any peace deal.

In Ramallah, where he was captured in April 2002 at the height of fighting between Palestinian militants and Israeli tanks reoccupying West Bank cities, Barghouti's supporters gathered in a huge tent adorned with posters.

When the court's decision was announced over a loudspeaker, women began weeping and ululating, but his wife, Fadwa, who has raised their children during his frequent absences in jail and exile, said that the sentence would not stop the intifada.

"This is an oppressive decision like the occupation. It is null and void," she said.

"The court wanted to say by sentencing Marwan it is dealing a deadly blow to the intifada. But the crowds gathering here in Ramallah and throughout Palestine are telling Marwan, 'We support you'."

Outside the court Israeli protesters, waving banners and holding up a huge mosaic bearing the names and pictures of Israeli victims, chanted through loudspeakers: "Peace will come when the terrorism stops."

Barghouti's Palestinian supporters inverted the slogan, shouting back: "Peace will come when the occupation ends."

A Palestinian legislator, Hatem Abdul Khader, said: "It is an illegal decision. An Israeli court has no jurisdiction over Marwan Barghouti. He is an elected member of the Palestinian Legislative Council."

**Load-Date:** June 7, 2004

## *Fighting rages as Israelis bulldoze refugee camp*

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**Byline:** Tamer Ziara

**Dateline:** RAFAH, GAZA STRIP

### **Body**

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According to the army and witnesses, heavy fighting raged in this refugee camp yesterday, killing two Israeli soldiers and a Palestinian man and trapping frightened residents in their homes.

Troops seized several houses and army bulldozers knocked down at least nine buildings in the camp, trying to secure the area for soldiers searching for the remains of five others killed in a blast earlier in the week.

Military officials said once this search was over, the army could launch a wide-scale move to expand a military patrol road between the camp and the Egyptian border -- a move that would see hundreds of houses in Rafah flattened.

The Associated Press

During yesterday's clashes, gunmen moved through the narrow alleys of the camp, firing homemade rockets and rifles at the troops. The Israelis responded with missiles launched from helicopter gunships and heavy machine-gun fire.

One soldier was shot as he escorted a Palestinian woman into a house troops had commandeered, the army said. A force who tried to evacuate him was hit by sniper fire that killed another soldier and wounded two others, the army said. Helicopters airlifted the wounded soldiers to hospital in Israel.

The Islamic group **Hamas** claimed responsibility for the shooting and said it would release footage of the attack.

On the Palestinian side, one man was killed in a missile strike and a second died when an explosive device blew up prematurely. Eight Palestinians were wounded, two seriously.

Residents were trapped in their homes by the heavy fighting. Hisham Mohammed, 35, said he was stuck on the third floor of his apartment building and the rest of his family on the ground floor.

Local officials in Rafah said bulldozers tore down nine homes yesterday close to the patrol road that runs between Rafah and the Egyptian border.

In the wake of the deadly attack that killed five soldiers on Wednesday, military officials said the army wanted to widen the patrol road, a move that would destroy hundreds of homes that border the road.

## Fighting rages as Israelis bulldoze refugee camp

Since the outbreak of fighting in September 2000, the Israeli military has razed 1,026 houses in Rafah and damaged 767, according to local officials. The destruction has left more than 10,000 Palestinians homeless.

Israel does not confirm those numbers, but says houses were targeted because they provided cover for gunmen or for weapons-smuggling tunnels. In the past three years, Israeli troops have uncovered 80 tunnels running between Egypt and Rafah, the army said.

Palestinian cabinet minister Saeb Erekat called for U.S. intervention to halt the destruction.

"This is a catastrophe. At a time when the Israelis are speaking of disengaging from Gaza, this is really re-engaging," he said. "I hope that President (George W.) Bush, who says he is encouraged by disengagement, will interfere to stop the demolitions."

The latest violence -- a total of 13 soldiers have died in Gaza this week -- has triggered hot debate over Israel's presence in the area, which is home to 7,500 Jewish settlers and 1.3 million Palestinians.

The Gaza fighting has claimed the lives of 29 Palestinians since Tuesday and about 250 have been wounded.

Also in Gaza yesterday, Israeli troops shot at a car travelling near the northern settlement of Netzarim, medics said. A Palestinian women, 27, was seriously wounded by a bullet and her three small children were lightly wounded by flying glass, hospital officials said.

Violence also continued in the West Bank. In the Tulkarem refugee camp, soldiers wounded three Palestinians who threw firebombs at the troops, the army said.

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## **WHEN ADULTS PUT CHILDREN IN THE PATH OF DANGER**

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ITOTALLY AGREE with Michael Smerconish's column on children in peril, like Delimar Vera and Erica Pratt.

What leaves me scratching my head is how the adults involved have so little regard for their children that they put them in extremely perilous or even life-threatening situations. Yet they're in shock when the tragedies occur and so quick to jump in front of the TV cameras and exonerate themselves from blame.

Don't they realize that the authorities do extensive investigations into cases that show elements of foul play - and the truth will eventually come out? Which is what I hope happens in the Delimar case because of the reputations that got smeared in the early stages of this supposed feel-good

story/movie of the week. The questions raised by the Daily News follow-up article still need to be answered.

Sam DuMond, Philadelphia

Terrorist musings

As I watched the clips of the recent anti-war rallies (aka anti-Bush/America rallies), I could not help thinking what might be going through the minds of the terrorists watching them.

I suspect they must be saying to each other, "We kill thousands of their citizens, and they blame it on Bush and America."

Jerry Komar, Collingswood, N.J.

Mayor No-Show

Warrant Officer Joseph LeClaire died in the line of duty, doing a job that for many would seem too dangerous for too little pay.

He did this job for me and you, getting people off of the street who didn't belong there. He did his part in trying to make Philadelphia a little better for you and me. He was a Marine and protected our country.

## WHEN ADULTS PUT CHILDREN IN THE PATH OF DANGER

For the years he put in, did his boss, the mayor, show any concern? I don't think so. He could not bother to show his face on Tuesday night nor for Wednesday's funeral. Was MTV's "Real World" more important than Philadelphia's Real World?

Mayor Street had time to support a street party for a drug dealer- but not the officer who tried to get drug dealers off the streets of Philadelphia. I am glad I left this city three years ago.

Kim Heckrote, Blackwood, N.J.

Shame on you, Mayor Street!

Does Mayor Street know that Officer LeClaire lost his life working for this city? I don't think he does.

It's pretty pathetic that he could make it to a building being imploded - and not to an officer's funeral.

Bernadine Weaver

Philadelphia

Why Yassin was killed

Sheik Yassin and the Hamas fighters he commanded have been responsible for dozens of massacres of Israelis and hundreds of deaths. This is a war that has gone on for decades to destroy Israel, a war the world has never been prepared to let Israel win.

Most recently, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat rejected a state in 2000 and chose more war instead. It was not that Israel's offer at Camp David was too limited. Rather, it was too good. That threat of an enduring peace scared Arafat, Yassin and their followers, who rejoice in the murder of Israel's men, women and children, because their goal has always been the destruction of Israel, not a state living alongside Israel.

If an American president failed to order an attack on Osama bin Laden, instead allowing him to orchestrate an unending string of murderous assaults on our cities, we would demand his resignation or impeachment. Israelis have a right to expect no less from their leaders.

John R. Cohn

Philadelphia

## Notes

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*Arab democracy summit is canceled ;  
Tunis, the host, cites lack of commitment*

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**Dateline:** TUNIS:

## **Body**

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The summit meeting of Arab leaders billed as the first serious effort to make a collective commitment to democratic reforms has ended before it began, with the host country, Tunisia, insisting that it be postponed indefinitely.

A statement issued on Saturday by the Tunisian government said it felt that the commitment of Arab states toward reforms -- from human rights to a greater role for women -- was insufficient for the 22 foreign ministers gathered here to reach an agreement on common goals that the heads of state would endorse.

"It became clear that there was a variance of positions on proposals related to fundamental issues on modernization, democratic reform, human rights, the rights of women and the role of civil society," the statement said.

Some foreign ministers had refused to include certain words like "democracy" and "parliament" and "civil society," said Oussama Romdhani, an official spokesman for the Tunisian government. Officials who had taken part in the meeting said the very idea of supporting nongovernmental organizations as the building block for civil society had dragged on for four hours.

The New York Times

Even by the erratic standards of Arab summit meetings, long marked by public displays of anger and mutual insults, the sudden cancellation of such an important gathering just before it was to begin seemed to come as a surprise.

"They thought the issues were so serious that we cannot finalize a resolution in a hasty way for the heads of state to sign," said Sheik Muhammad Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah, the foreign minister of Kuwait.

Most ministers were tight-lipped, refusing to even comment on a decision that they said had been made by Tunis in the absence of any consultation with them. Some rejected the idea that there had been no agreement on the various issues, saying the Tunisians seemed to have some unspecified reason of their own for wanting to cancel.

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But the United States got off on the wrong foot when its Middle East proposal, which laid out a blueprint it hoped the Arab states would follow, was leaked before any Arab leader was aware of its contents.

Many Arab governments had objected to opening a discussion about reform under such direct pressure from the United States. That was particularly true after Israel killed Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of **Hamas**, in Gaza days before the summit meeting started.

Some Arab states thought it would send the wrong signal to emphasize reform at the meeting at a time when the Middle East peace effort was in disarray.

"We spent almost the entire first day just over the order of items on the agenda, and it was such an acrimonious debate," a participant said.

Another important factor was the absence of Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, who had said he would not attend. No official reason was given, but Al Riyadh, a Saudi daily that often reflects official thinking, published an editorial on Saturday saying the meeting was doomed to failure.

Among the reasons cited was the fact that too many small states were pushing their own initiatives on reform, rather than letting the larger states come up with an overarching plan that all could support. Saudi Arabia had been working together with Syria and Egypt on a plan.

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## QUICK NEWS

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#### Holocaust victim payouts

CHEQUES for about \$1000 are being sent to 266 British survivors of the Holocaust or their heirs as a token payout on Nazi-era insurance. For decades, insurance firms refused payments because victims' policies had been lost or destroyed by the Nazis but set up a fund in the face of bad publicity. Payouts will be made to 15,890 families in 62 countries.

#### Hong Kong poll reaction

CHINA has slammed the United States for raising concerns about its decision to set election laws in Hong Kong. Beijing's move is seen as an attempt to stifle the former British territory's democratic aspirations. A government document on Hong Kong's political future describes democracy as "a goal".

#### Forum focus on turtle danger

A ZOOLOGIST forum has been told most turtle and tortoise species are found in southeast Asia and half of them are listed as being critically endangered, yet at least 15 million are victims each year of a lucrative trade in food and pets. Zoologists from Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Burma, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka are in Singapore to discuss ways to protect turtles and tortoises.

#### God's decree simply insanity

A WOMAN in Texas who claimed God ordered her to bash in the heads of her sons was acquitted of all charges by reason of insanity after a jury found she did not know right from wrong during the killings. Deanna Laney, 39, was deemed legally insane when she killed her two older sons, ages 6 and 8, in the front yard and left the youngest, now 2, maimed in his crib last may. Laney is expected to be committed to a maximum security state hospital.

#### China out of tune with lyrics

TWO Tibetan musicians have been detained in western China over perceived political content in some of their songs. Namkha, a singer, and Bakocha, a composer, were arrested in Qinghai province, which adjoins Tibet. The Chinese Government is sensitive to issues regarding Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. Debate raged in Tibet yesterday over whether the song lyrics were political or merely an over-reaction by Beijing.

#### Israel bulldozes family's house

## QUICK NEWS

ISRAELI forces have demolished the family house of a **Hamas** militant who killed an Israeli in a weekend attack at a Jewish settlement, the army said yesterday. The troops entered the Tulkarem refugee camp overnight and demolished the home of Zohair Arda, 18, who was shot dead during the attack. Arda, who was released last week from an Israeli prison, infiltrated the West Bank settlement of Avnei Hefetz and opened fire on a house, killing an Israeli man and wounding his 14-year-old daughter.

Curt theory on Kurt's killing

THEORIES persist that the violent death 10 years ago today of Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain was a murder, not suicide. A new book, *In Love and Death: The Murder of Kurt Cobain*, by Max Wallace and Ian Halperin, says it was impossible for Cobain to shoot up with heroin, pen a suicide note then kill himself with a shotgun. There were no fingerprints found on the shotgun nor the pen with which Cobain wrote his suicide note. "Dead men don't wipe fingerprints off their own guns," Wallace said yesterday. Cobain's wife, singer Courtney Love, was listed as a suspect.

Arnie gets help on sex claims

ARNOLD Schwarzenegger has taken a training course on steering clear of sexual harassment claims. The actor-turned-politician's campaign to become governor of California was almost derailed by allegations he had groped and molested 16 **women**. After he took office in October, he quickly dropped his pledge to investigate the abuse claims but volunteered to take the training course.

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## *Arab Summit Meeting Collapses Over Reforms*

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**WHEN TERROR BITES INTO YOUR SANDWICH;  
FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR STEVE BIRD OVER A RESTAURANT SNACK**

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## **Body**

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Sitting in a fried chicken fast-food restaurant yesterday, perusing the morning papers, including the Birmingham Post, it suddenly occurred to me how radically the world had changed since September 11, 2001. I'm not sure why it had taken so long for me to appreciate this fully (presumably most people have absorbed this already) but while wincing at an awful picture of the shattered remains of the wheelchair of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, spiritual leader of Hamas, I suddenly found myself looking around the restaurant for discarded and suspicious bags or parcels.

I know it was a Israeli missile that killed him, but for some reason, suddenly, grabbing a quick lunch in an American junk food bar, in the middle of the nation's second city, had taken on dark and worrying connotations.

Giving a shudder and getting a grip of myself -tutting for having too vivid an imagination -I returned to the news.

Needless to say the report went on to detail the threatened backlash from the Palestinians and, despite condemnation from around the world, the dogged determination of Israel not to change their policies regarding the Palestinian question.

Meanwhile, in Pakistan government soldiers, along with American and British troops on the Afghan side of the border, continue to hunt down al Qaida terrorists after a hundred suspected members had been rounded up.

In Iraq terrorists, suspected to have al Qaida connections, continue to kill and maim at will in order to do anything they can to destabilise the transition to a fully elected democracy. A demonstration about conditions in Basra had erupted on the news of Yassin's killing leaving several British soldiers injured.

In Madrid, with a new government in place, citizens still mourn the rail massacre victims and police are hunting down the increasing likely al Qaida culprits.

In Indonesia, needless to say, I doubt whether holiday revellers revel quite so easily in the bars and clubs any more.

The French, who you would have assumed would be safe, after their refusal to join the coalition to sort out Iraq, suddenly find that they have to reassess their security as threats materialise regarding the headscarves in schools controversy.

## WHEN TERROR BITES INTO YOUR SANDWICH; FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR STEVE BIRD OVER A RESTAURANT SNACK

In Britain David Blunkett is busily revising security measures along with European counterparts and in America the upcoming presidential election seems to hang on how the war on terror is being handled.

And here I sit, literally yards from the newly-opened European shopping capital, the Bullring, wondering if that Harvey Nicks bag actually belongs to the women devouring the triple chicken burger.

What to do? How will this growing threat be defeated -for defeated it surely must be. You can't negotiate with hundreds of bearded chaps with rucksacks full of semtex.

George Bush, not renowned for his grip on international affairs -or for having a cranium stuffed with brain cells for that matter -was right about one thing. The world is at war with terrorists.

And climbing Big Ben will not appease them. Nor marching through the streets of London.

This is a war where all of us in this multi-racial country of ours have to be counted. We have to darken our thoughts and start to think about the kind of atrocities they commit and look out for the danger signs.

We've been here before and not that long ago. Birmingham is not a stranger to the terrorist outrage. For anyone who remembers the pub bombings of 1974, there's a sinister feeling of deja vu.

But we should not panic, for then they are winning, but just keep an eye out for the obvious during the course of our routine days. Not alarmed but alert, as David Blunkett has frequently suggested recently.

Diligence could be our saviour in the weeks and months to come.

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## **ISRAELI RAIDS TURN INTO DEADLY FIREFIGHTS**

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### **Body**

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Israeli armored forces raided the outskirts of two neighboring refugee camps in the Gaza Strip yesterday, igniting a gun-and-grenade battle that lasted for hours and left 14 Palestinians dead.

At least 10 of the dead were gunmen, but Palestinians said three were unarmed youths. These included a 9-year-old boy who had told his mother he was going to school but apparently went to watch the fighting instead. No Israelis were wounded.

It was the deadliest single Israeli raid in more than a year. Witnesses and the army described a bedlam of gunfire and explosions of grenades and firebombs after Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships moved on the camps and mosque loudspeakers summoned gunmen to jihad.

After dawn, hundreds of children and teenagers, some of them flinging stones from improvised slings, swarmed the uncertain edges of the congested battlefield, a mix of orange orchards in fragrant bloom and fetid, sandy camp lanes.

Eighty-three people were injured, including 40 under the age of 18, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.

The Israeli army said soldiers were searching for weapons and for militants responsible for firing mortar bombs and antitank missiles at nearby Jewish settlements.

The Israeli forces eventually withdrew under what the army described as extraordinarily heavy Palestinian fire, including antitank missiles, mortar bombs and rocket-propelled grenades. They did not make any arrests or seize any weapons.

The raid came a day after a brazen suicidal Palestinian assault on an Israeli-controlled boundary crossing from Gaza. That attack on Saturday killed the four assailants and two Palestinian policemen without harming any Israelis.

It suggested a new daring by militants as the governing Palestinian Authority crumbles and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon speaks of an eventual, unilateral withdrawal from most or all of the Gaza Strip.



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Raanan Gissin, spokesman for Sharon, said of the raid yesterday, "This is a signal to show that even though there are talks about disengagement, we are not going to let them use these camps to launch their attacks."

He said soldiers tried to avoid hurting civilians. He expressed regret for the deaths of the children but said, "The children flock to the gunmen. No doubt the gunmen are using them."

Palestinians accused Israel of conducting the attack in hopes of drawing out and killing militants.

In a statement, the Islamic militant group **Hamas** identified nine of the dead as members of its violent wing. Two were known to be particularly active in firing mortar bombs and rockets at Israeli targets.

Nusseirat and the neighboring Bureij camp held a ritual yesterday that is grimly familiar to the residents. Middle-aged and elderly men gathered to sit quietly on plastic chairs outside the homes of the dead, **women** gathered to sit on the floors inside, and young men and boys lofted the bodies through the streets in roiling crowds, shouting that God is great.

The Israeli army frequently enters Palestinian cities in the West Bank in what it says are searches for wanted men, and gunmen now seldom resist those raids. But in Gaza, militants continue to fight back. An Israeli raid into Gaza City on Feb. 11 left 12 Palestinians dead, and another on Jan. 28 left eight dead. In both cases, most of the dead were gunmen.

The army said the fight here was unusual in that the Palestinians responded so quickly, and with considerable firepower. The Palestinian fire actually intensified during the withdrawal, the army said. At least one armored vehicle was partly disabled and had to be rescued.

## Graphic

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PHOTO: Mohammed Abed/Agence France-Presse/Getty Images: Palestinians run to take cover from Israeli fire during clashes yesterday in the Nusseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

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## **Angry women protest hijab ban**

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### **Body**

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**Women** outraged by France's plan to ban the wearing of the hijab in public schools demonstrated in Toronto and around the world yesterday.

More than 100 people, mostly **women**, crowded outside the French consulate on Bloor St. W. near Avenue Rd.

"It's important to expose it as the racism it is because if people think it's about defending secularism in schools they might be swayed by it, but it's clear they're only targeting Muslims," local activist Michelle Robidoux of the Toronto Coalition to Stop the War said in an interview.

The group was founded to protest last year's war in Iraq, and was one of a number that helped organize the protest.

"This is part of how many Muslim **women** dress, a part of their religious expression," she said of the headscarf.

About a dozen police officers guided pedestrian traffic and watched the peaceful demonstration. A parade of activists and organizers spoke out against France's proposed ban which also includes yarmulkes and large crosses. If passed, the ban could be extended to political symbols like kaffiyehs and anti-war pins.

According to Robidoux, the ban was ostensibly put forward to protect secularism in French schools. But she sees it more as a means of dividing and conquering the student population.

"How is secularism defended by excluding Muslim **women** from school?"

The hijab, controversial to some because it partly symbolizes Muslim **women**'s subservience to men, could be seen on the heads of many at the protest.

Tarek Fatah, host of the weekly television show Muslim Chronicles, came to show his support. While he feels it's wrong that laws exist that force **women** to wear the hijab, he finds a ban "equally despicable."

"I'm here to show solidarity with Muslim **women** who choose to wear hijab," Fatah said. "My wife and daughter don't but that's their choice."

## Angry women protest hijab ban

Amima Juma, 18, stood with a group of friends, all of whom wore the hijab. "I think the thing they're doing in France is completely ridiculous for the fact that they say they're about liberty and fraternity and pluralism in the country, but they're really not when you're basically trying to pass a law that forbids us from wearing what we want to wear."

In Paris, about 10,000 marched for four hours and urged French legislators to scrap the bill that will go before parliament next month. In London, 2,400 people demonstrated near the French embassy in upscale Knightsbridge. Waving placards, they chanted: "If this is democracy, we say 'No, merci!'"

Across the Middle East, protesters denounced the French ban. The largest turnout was in the Lebanese capital of Beirut, where some 2,500 people marched. Smaller rallies drew up to 100 people each in the Jordanian capital of Amman, in Cairo and in Kuwait.

Some 300 Palestinian women protested in the West Bank city of Nablus.

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MOHAMMED SALEM/reuters A Hamas supporter holds a copy of the Qur'an as she attends a demonstration in Gaza City yesterday against plans by the French government to ban the Islamic headscarf from schools. MICHEL SPINGLER/ap Women chant during a demonstration in Lille, in northern France, yesterday. The proposed ban would also include yarmulkes and large crosses at public schools. Tannis Toohey/toronto star Muslims protest at the French consulate in Toronto. About a dozen police officers were on hand. MICHEL SPINGLER/ap Women chant during a demonstration in Lille, in northern France, yesterday. The proposed ban would also include yarmulkes and large crosses at public schools. Tannis Toohey/toronto star Muslims protest at the French consulate in Toronto. About a dozen police officers were on hand.

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## *Iran Opportunity*

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With more than 25,000 bodies retrieved since the earthquake struck Bam, Iran, on Friday, a spokesman for the American State Department yesterday filled reporters in on what we've been doing to help. The spokesman, Adam Ereli, spoke of 84 Americans arriving in Iran yesterday. They included 11 members of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team and 66 medical experts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Mr. Ereli said. Eight U.S. Air Force C-130 cargo planes have landed in Iran as part of the relief effort, the Associated Press reports.

Mr. Ereli told reporters in Washington about a phone call that the deputy secretary of state, Richard Armitage, made from Washington Friday night to the Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, who was in Tehran. "He noted that this was a humanitarian tragedy that transcended political considerations," Mr. Ereli said.

We can only hope that Mr. Armitage was trying to live up to the famous definition of a diplomat as someone who is sent abroad to lie for their country. For if Mr. Armitage or his bosses, Secretary of State Powell and President Bush, genuinely believe that the earthquake at Bam transcends political considerations, they are so naive as to be incompetent.

Iran is by the State Department's own account the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, at a time in which America is engaged in what it purports to be a global war on terrorism. "Iran remained the most active state sponsor of terrorism in 2002. Its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Ministry of Intelligence and Security were involved in the planning of and support for terrorist acts and continued to exhort a variety of groups that use terrorism to pursue their goals," the State Department wrote in its most recent report to Congress on patterns of global terrorism. "Iran provided Lebanese Hizballah and Palestinian rejectionist groups - notably HAMAS, the Palestine Islamic Ji had, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command - with funding, safe haven, training, and weapons. Tehran also encouraged Hizballah and the Palestinian rejectionist groups to coordinate their planning and to escalate their terrorist activities against Israel."

Iran is also a country teetering on the brink of social and economic collapse. This can be gathered even by reading the Islamic Republic's official press. The Islamic Republic News Agency, for example, reported on December 3 that the government was considering gasoline rationing. If Iran, which sits on some of the world's largest petroleum reserves, is even thinking about rationing gas to its citizens, it must be in rough shape. Other press accounts speak of rising numbers of deaths owing to malnutrition, and of women and girls turning to prostitution in an effort to support themselves.

The need of Iran to seek international aid for earthquake recovery only underscores for Iranian citizens the regime's failure to provide adequately for them. By providing aid that is clearly labeled as coming from America to the Iranian

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people, Washington has an opportunity to win friends in Iran and build a distribution network that could be used in the future for delivering supplies essential to spreading freedom - things like copy machines, laptop computers, cell phones. The relief organizations will no doubt shriek about endangering all aid workers by politicizing humanitarian work. But they are ignoring the humanitarian crises in Iran, in Israel, in the West Bank, and in Gaza that result from the persistence in power of the Iranian regime, a charter member of the axis of evil. Mr. Armitage famously told a Senate committee that it wasn't American policy to seek a change in regime in Tehran. If America ignores the opportunity the Bam earthquake presents to advance our political objectives of spreading freedom and fighting terrorism, it will be one step further along in implementing the Armitage policy.

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BMW is known for sedans that feel like roadsters and sport utility vehicles that feel like sedans. The 2005 X5 SUV looks much like its predecessors, but under the skin has much that's new.

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## INSIDE TODAY'S PAPER; News &amp; Views in Record time

If Shakespeare had to go on an author tour to promote Romeo and Juliet, he never would have written Macbeth.

Dr. Joyce Brothers

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Queen Elizabeth I was crowned 445 years ago today, in 1559. The only child of King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth took England through one of its greatest eras. Her 45-year reign marked the growth of commerce, the defeat of the Spanish Armada and the flourishing of art, music and literature.

Also on this date in:

1535 -- Henry VIII declared himself head of English Church.

1831 -- The first U.S.-built locomotive to pull a passenger train made its first run.

1895 -- Tchaikovsky's ballet Swan Lake opened in St. Petersburg, Russia.

1919 -- Twenty-one people drowned and 150 were injured when more than 75,000 hectolitres (2 million U.S. gallons) of molasses flooded a section of Boston. The accident in a north-end industrial area occurred when the giant tank containing the crude molasses ruptured, and its entire contents spilled within seconds.

1976 -- Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to a life term for trying to assassinate U.S. President Gerald Ford.

1986 -- Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev proposed eliminating nuclear weapons by the year 2000.

## STATISTICS CANADA

Recent production data suggest that by the end of 2003, Canada had been producing almost 15 per cent of the world's supply of diamonds, making it the third largest producer, behind Botswana and Russia.

## TODAY'S CHUCKLE

It was so cold today I saw a lawyer with his hands in his own pockets.

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### *Latest expulsion decried as 'war crime'*

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Israel expelled a Palestinian from the West Bank to Gaza yesterday in the first such expulsion in a year, alleging he was involved in attacks against Israelis and renewing a policy that has been criticized by human rights groups.

The Israeli military sent Kamal Idris to Gaza, saying he was a member of a Palestinian cell that carried out attacks in the Hebron area. The military said the expulsion was meant to prevent his involvement in further attacks.

Associated Press

Last year the military tried to expel 21 relatives of convicted militants from the West Bank to Gaza as a deterrent measure, but the Israeli Supreme Court rejected that, limiting expulsion only to three people it ruled were involved directly in violence.

The military statement said the court had rejected Idris' appeal against the expulsion order.

On Oct. 14, the Israeli military issued expulsion orders against 18 Palestinians. The orders are in the appeals process.

The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights condemned Idris' expulsion, calling it a violation of international law and a war crime.

Several human rights groups have criticized the policy in the past. To many Palestinians, expulsion from their land, even to an area under Palestinian control, is a punishment more severe than imprisonment.

After meeting a top Palestinian security commander, Idris, 25, told reporters that his expulsion was "part of the aggression against my people. It is an unjust and unfair policy, while the world watches silently."

Meanwhile, Palestinian legislators warned that Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia's new government would face stiff opposition in parliament, because it looks similar to earlier ones.

Qureia's cabinet is expected to win parliamentary approval tomorrow, but then its problems would only begin. Alongside internal dissatisfaction over the cabinet's makeup, Israel and the United States are unhappy with Yasser Arafat's continued control over security forces, throwing Mideast peace moves into disarray.

Arafat vetoed Qureia's choice for interior minister, Gen. Nasser Yousef, who was supposed to command security forces. Instead, Arafat succeeded in installing Hakam Balawi, a close confidant, while minimizing the importance of the post. Most security forces, in turn, would report to the National Security Council -- headed by Arafat.

## Latest expulsion decried as 'war crime'

Israel and the United States had demanded that the myriad forces be united under the command of an empowered interior minister answering to Qureia, to enable a crackdown on violent Palestinian groups, like the Islamic **Hamas**, responsible for hundreds of attacks against Israelis in three years of conflict. The U.S.-backed "road map" plan calls for "dismantlement" of such groups.

However, Qureia has said he will not order a confrontation with the violent groups, preferring to negotiate an end to the attacks.

Israel-Palestinian contacts were expected to resume as soon as Qureia's government is installed, but now Israeli officials complain that essentially, Arafat remains in charge, and Israel is resolved not to deal with him.

"We are ready to continue with negotiations," Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said yesterday, while setting a key condition: starting the process of dismantling violent groups. "On this there can be no compromise," Sharon told visiting French Jewish leaders.

Qureia's new cabinet looks essentially like the one of his predecessor, Mahmoud Abbas -- dominated by old-time PLO figures, associates of Arafat from the days of exile before the Palestinian Authority was created in 1994.

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Photo: ASSOCIATED PRESS; A Palestinian woman throws a rock at the Palestinian Monetary Authority building yesterday, during a protest in Gaza City. A group of **women** was protesting the authority's decision to freeze the money of Islamic charities in Gaza and the West Bank.

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## **BARRIER WOULD ENCIRCLE THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIANS, ISRAELI MAP SHOWS**

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\* Up to 70,000 would be cut off from the rest of the West Bank, say officials.

For the first time, Israel published a detailed map Friday of its planned security barrier for the West Bank. The barrier would encircle tens of thousands of Palestinians, cutting them off from the rest of the West Bank, while keeping about 80 percent of Jewish settlers on the Israeli side of the fence.

The fence's snaking path, sloping from flat land up into mountains, cuts deep into the West Bank and will likely enflame already fierce international opposition.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the military also was planning a final section of the barrier in the eastern West Bank and would soon present it to the Cabinet. That section, which would cut Palestinians off from the Jordan Valley, would likely pass a few miles from the Jordan River, he said in a TV interview.

"The route is being planned now. The moment it will be completed, it will be presented to the government," Sharon said.

Palestinians are strongly opposed to the barrier, saying Israel is using it to create a de facto border that infringes on West Bank land they claim for a future state. Israel says the barrier is intended to keep Palestinian militants from entering the country to carry out attacks.

Sleeping soldiers slain

Early Friday, two Islamic militants cut through a fence around the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip and broke into the barracks of soldiers guarding the area. They went from room to room shooting sleeping soldiers, killing three and wounding two, according to the army and media reports.

Troops shot and killed one Palestinian, who was armed with an assault rifle, but failed to find the second attacker, the army said.

The Israeli Defense Forces identified the slain soldiers as sergeants Sarit Shneor and Adi Osman, both 19-year-old women, and Staff Sgt. Alon Avrahami, 20.

## BARRIER WOULD ENCIRCLE THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIANS, ISRAELI MAP SHOWS

The militant group **Hamas** later released surveillance video of Netzarim taken before the attack, suggesting an increase in the militant group's ability to plan and carry out such raids.

### Central section

Gaza is surrounded by a security fence of its own, and none of the more than 100 suicide bombers who have attacked Israelis over the past three years made it past the fence. Israel says it is seeking to replicate that success with the West Bank barrier. It has already built 90 miles of fences, walls and trenches around the northern part of that territory.

But where that section hugs fairly close to the border before the 1967 Middle East war, the central section would extend deep into the West Bank.

The map of the unconstructed sections outlines a series of double fences in some areas to protect Israel's international airport from rocket attacks and a planned ringed road around Jerusalem.

Those barriers will surround several West Bank towns, including Qibya, Beit Sira and Bir Nabala, isolating an estimated 70,000 Palestinians, according to some Israeli officials.

Defense Ministry spokeswoman Rachel Niedek-Ashkenazi said defense officials had not finished their estimate of how many Palestinians would be affected, but said 70,000 was much higher than their current assessments.

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PHOTO, GRAPHIC, MAP(2) Graphic / Map by the Associated Press - Israel plan another barrier extension

Despite international pressure to stop construction, Israel's Defense Ministry has formulated a plan to extend its security barrier into a new area of the West Bank. The new segment would cut off the Jordan Valley, where Israel has a number of settlements.

### NEWLY PROPOSED FENCE SEGEMENT

Sources: Israel Defense Ministry, B'tselem ; (1) Photo by NIR KAFRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - A child watches as a Palestinian woman sits in her back yard Thursday near a concrete barrier between Israel and the West Bank village of Masha.

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**Intifada leader uses courtroom to point to one-state solution: Barghouti defiant during closing speech**

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Marwan Barghouti, the highest ranking Palestinian on trial in Israel for terrorism, defended the past three years of violent intifada yesterday by warning that if Israel failed to deliver independence to the Palestinians it would have to accept Arabs as equal citizens.

The man considered to be Yasser Arafat's natural successor also accused members of the Israeli government of murdering the former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1996 to kill peace.

Mr Barghouti used his final address to the judges in his trial on 26 counts of murder to defend the past three years of resistance to occupation. The intifada has cost more than 3,000 Israeli and Palestinian lives.

"I am proud of the intifada. I am proud of the resistance to Israeli occupation," he said.

"To die is better than living under occupation. I am standing here because I resisted Israeli occupation."

Mr Barghouti, who led the Tanzim - the military wing of the Fatah movement - said: "I hope the Israelis have learned that the Palestinian people can not be brought to yield with force. If an occupation does not end unilaterally or through negotiations then there is only one solution, one state for two people.

"How can the Jews who suffered and survived the Holocaust allow themselves to resort to such insufferable and unacceptable means against another people?"

Mr Barghouti, who is accused of organising suicide bombings and gun attacks, was ambivalent in his rejection of violence against civilians.

"I am against killing innocent people, against murdering innocent women and children. All the time I said I was against military operations but one must fight Israeli occupation in the territories. We are a people like all other people. We want freedom and a state just like the Israelis," he said.

During his testimony he was given leeway by the judges, who helped him with Hebrew words.

He touched a raw nerve with the Israeli right by accusing it of setting the stage for the murder of Yitzhak Rabin by a Jewish extremist opposed to territorial concessions to the Palestinians.

"The brave man Yitzhak Rabin was murdered. Who murdered Rabin? Those who sit in government now," he said.

Intifada leader uses courtroom to point to one-state solution: Barghouti defiant during closing speech

"When Rabin was murdered we also paid the price for the murder."

Mr Barghouti said Mr Sharon was mistaken if he believed the Israeli cabinet's threat to exile, or even kill, Mr Arafat would end resistance.

"The Palestinian people will choose its leaders. Yasser Arafat is the leader of the Palestinians and if not Arafat then (the **Hamas** spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed)) Yassin and if not Yassin then (Yassin's deputy, Abdel-Aziz) Rantissi. And if not Rantissi then Barghouti," he said.

Mr Barghouti, who denounced the court as illegitimate and did not take part in most of his trial, taunted the judges and prosecutors by saying that, whatever the verdict, he would walk free as part of a political deal.

The Lebanese Shia group Hizbullah has demanded Mr Barghouti's release in return for the release of an Israeli businessman held captive and the bodies of three soldiers.

"Put together a commemorative book, because this is history," he told the prosecutor. "I'll be out soon enough."

In marked contrast to Mr Barghouti's attitude, the former Palestinian security minister Mohammed Dahlan has denounced suicide attacks and other violence against Israeli civilians as "detrimental to our national struggle".

Mr Dahlan has been sacked from the cabinet of the new Palestinian prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, which is packed with Arafat loyalists. The cabinet is due to be sworn in later this week.

\*A civil service strike against the government's austerity budget closed most public services yesterday and caused long delays at Tel Aviv airport.

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## *Goal of terrorism is same worldwide*

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Anyone attempting to bask in summer's final days has been jolted back to reality by this week's terrorist attacks in Iraq and Israel. By themselves, the attacks are horrible. Worse, they imply that violence may be escalating in the region.

A cement truck packed with powerful explosives blew up outside United Nations offices in Baghdad Tuesday. The explosion blew a 6-foot-deep crater into the ground, destroyed the building's facade and killed at least 20 people and injured 100.

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Among the dead is Sergio Vieira de Mello of Brazil, the chief U.N. official in Iraq. Preliminary indications are that Vieira de Mello was targeted by a suicide bomber who detonated the blast near his office

Meanwhile, a Palestinian suicide attacker detonated a bomb packed with bits of metal on a Jerusalem bus carrying Jewish families returning from evening prayers. That blast killed at least 20 people, including five children. Five Americans died in the blast &tstr; the 100th suicide bombing against Israelis in the past three years.

No one has claimed responsibility for the Baghdad bombing, although experts believe it was the work of followers of ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein or foreign terrorists. The explosion bears many of the markings of al-Qaida operations.

In an ominous development, both **Hamas** and Islamic Jihad have claimed responsibility for the Jerusalem bombing. When terrorist organizations vie for recognition for having killed **women** and children who have just said their prayers, a serious situation has turned dramatically worse.

The one thing everyone in the West must understand about these and similar bombings &tstr; including the car explosion two weeks ago that killed 19 people at the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad &tstr; is that terrorism is terrorism.

The individuals and organizations involved in these atrocities are all cold-blooded murderers who seek to influence events by cowardly acts of terror against civilians. They are all cousins of the killers who struck America on Sept. 11, 2001, and they are determined to strike again.

Appeasers who believe these attacks would end if only the United States pulled out of Iraq or if only Israel granted all Palestinian demands do more than delude themselves. They suggest to the enemies of the West that continued terrorism will achieve its intended result.

## Goal of terrorism is same worldwide

If the United Nations or the United States or Israel back away from these threats, no nation outside the world of militant Islam will be safe. Bombings in Jerusalem will become even more brutal. And terrorists will be encouraged to return to American soil.

Nor would Israel and America be the only targeted nations. Just as al-Qaida operatives killed people from many nations on Sept. 11, the bombers of the United Nations office in Baghdad killed people from around the world. Besides the Brazilian Vieira de Mello, victims in the UN building included employees from the Philippines, Egypt, Britain, Canada and the United States.

Terrorists worldwide have proved over and over that they are determined to kill people who want to help preserve peace. In recent years, UN workers have been killed in Angola, Bosnia, Cambodia, the Congo, Chechnya, Liberia, Somalia and many other countries.

As for Palestinian terrorists, they have proved again they are determined to undermine the U.S.-backed and Israeli-supported peace plan for the region. How can Israelis and Palestinians talk peace when terrorists kill innocent children and vow to kill more?

In the wake of Tuesday's atrocities, world leaders expressed resolve to

carry on. President Bush responded most directly: "The civilized world will not be intimidated."

Finding the perpetrators of Tuesday's crimes will not be easy. Combating Islamic fanaticism will continue to put all free nations to the test. No one said the war against terror would end anytime soon. Those who appreciate the stakes know there is no alternative but to stay the course.

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## *Israel agrees to free 300 Palestinians*

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After much debate and a close vote, Israel's cabinet has agreed to release 300 or more Palestinian prisoners in the coming days. The move addressed, but fell far short of meeting, a major Palestinian demand in peace negotiations.

The prisoner issue is a highly emotional one on both sides. The climate for peace talks could improve if increasing numbers of prisoners are allowed to go home and if the level of violence remains low.

The New York Times

After Sunday's initial debate on releasing prisoners, the cabinet voted 10 to 10 with two abstentions. At that point, some ministers proposed a monitoring committee to review the releases and determine whether the Palestinians were working to halt violence. The ministers then passed the measure 13 to 9, according to an official who briefed reporters.

While Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's ministers were thrashing out the issue in Jerusalem, Israelis and Palestinians were protesting in the streets.

Outside the prime minister's office, Israelis who had lost family members in terror attacks held up posters of those killed and demanded that Sharon's government keep holding Palestinians convicted of violence. Sharon told his cabinet, "There is no way prisoners with blood on their hands will be released," according to an official at the meeting.

In Gaza City, Palestinians marched and held signs with pictures of some of the roughly 5,500 prisoners seized by Israel since the current uprising began in September 2000. The Palestinians insist that all must be released, and some officials and factions say that failure to free them could threaten a week-old truce.

In another development, Shaul Mofaz, Israel's hawkish defense minister, said that talks with Muhammad Dahlan, the Palestinian security chief, had been "very positive" and that the number of Palestinian attacks had fallen.

The Palestinians are demanding more Israeli troop withdrawals from West Bank towns after last week's pullout from Bethlehem and much of the Gaza Strip.

"We are ready to continue to hand over other cities," Mofaz said. "It will be done gradually."

## Israel agrees to free 300 Palestinians

The Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, has made the release of prisoners a priority, and it is one of the quickest and most tangible ways he can demonstrate to Palestinians that he is winning concessions in talks with Israel. Abbas has met with Sharon four times in recent weeks; another session is expected this week.

"We have an interest in seeing that the new Palestinian government is strong," Avraham Poraz, Israel's interior minister, said after the cabinet meeting. "Those being released now are not murderers. We have to look to the future, and if we want less killing and less terrorism, we will have to be flexible on this issue."

"The Israeli government should not make these decisions unilaterally," said Qadoura Fares, a Palestinian legislator and president of the Palestinian Prisoners' Club, which assists inmates.

"What we are demanding is a joint Palestinian-Israeli committee that negotiates the criteria and approves the names of those to be released."

At the cabinet meeting on Sunday, Israel's security chief, Avi Dichter, was questioned about the list he had drawn up of potential candidates for release.

The government did not give precise figures, but Poraz said he expected the releases to total about 300 over the next two weeks. The Israeli news media said the number could reach 350.

Israel has freed about 300 prisoners in the past few weeks.

Most of those to be freed are being held under "administrative detention," which allows suspects to be held for renewable six-month stretches without charges being filed.

Prisoners younger than 18, older than 60 and women will be given priority for release. On the other hand, prisoners who are members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, militant groups that oppose negotiations with Israel, will not be freed.

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## *Arafat orders the arrests of 17 militants*

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Jerusalem --- Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, eager to strike a deal with Israel that would end his longtime confinement in a compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah, on Saturday ordered the arrests of 17 Palestinian militants accused by Israeli authorities of perpetrating terrorist attacks.

However, a dozen of the militants, longtime loyalists of the Palestinian president whom he has sheltered at his Ramallah headquarters, refused to be moved to jail and declared a hunger strike.

One of the detainees, a senior official of the armed al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, warned that any attempt by Arafat to force the dozen men to leave the compound and risk Israeli arrest would end a cease-fire brokered among Palestinian militant groups last month and lead to a resumption of attacks against Israelis.

For the Journal-Constitution

"If they force us to leave, we will break the truce," said Kamel Ghanam, head of the brigades' Ramallah chapter and one of the detainees. He said he and 11 others were being held by members of Arafat's presidential guard.

Partly at stake in the dispute is Arafat's freedom. Since the start of the Palestinian uprising in September 2001, Arafat has been holed up in his compound, unable to move freely without fear of Israeli arrest or deportation.

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Also Saturday, a Palestinian teenager was killed and six other people were injured in two explosions in Gaza, Palestinian security said. One blast destroyed a house in Khan Younis, injuring two men.

In Deir el-Balah, a 14-year-old was killed and four other teenagers were injured when explosives went off in their hands. Officials said the explosives were being stored in houses, and they appealed to Palestinians "to fight this phenomenon."

## Graphic

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Photo: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (center) receives a women's delegation Saturday at his office in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Arafat has been confined to his compound by the Israelis. / Associated Press

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## *Arafat orders the arrests of 17 militants*

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### **Body**

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Jerusalem --- Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, eager to strike a deal with Israel that would end his longtime confinement in a compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah, on Saturday ordered the arrest of 17 Palestinian militants accused by Israeli authorities of perpetrating terrorist attacks.

However, a dozen of the militants, longtime loyalists of the Palestinian president whom he has sheltered at his Ramallah headquarters, refused to be moved to jail and declared a hunger strike.

One of the detainees, a senior official of the armed al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, warned that any attempt by Arafat to force the dozen men to leave the blockwide compound and risk Israel arrest would end a cease-fire brokered among Palestinian militant groups last month and lead to a resumption of attacks against Israelis.

For the Journal-Constitution

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More striking still was that among those detained Saturday were members of the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a branch of Arafat's own Fatah movement.

Ghanam voiced outrage at the decision. "Arafat is surrounded by thieves and collaborators who give him bad advice," he said.

According to Ghanam, Arafat told the detainees they were being transferred to Jericho because "the world has changed" and he was under intense pressure to cease providing sanctuary to fugitives.

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## **PALESTINIAN ENVISIONS ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER IF ISRAELIS LEAVE CITIES**

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### **Body**

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\* But one legislator calls such a timetable ambitious. Arafat probably would have little opposition for president.

Palestinians could have general elections by October if Israel withdraws from major population centers, with Yasser Arafat likely to be the only major candidate for president, the Palestinian foreign minister said Friday.

Arafat's re-election would likely frustrate Washington's moves to sideline him and nurture an alternative Palestinian leadership. It remains unclear what would happen to the post of prime minister, created under intense U.S. pressure to reduce Arafat's role.

With a cease-fire agreement holding, Israeli soldiers withdrew from parts of Gaza and the West Bank town of Bethlehem in the past week. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas are scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss further pullbacks.

The pullbacks are part of a U.S.-backed peace plan that calls on Israel to withdraw to positions held before fighting began in September 2000. In turn, Palestinians must dismantle militant groups that have attacked Israelis. But Abbas has rejected fighting the militants because he fears a civil war.

Although fighting has decreased dramatically since the cease-fire began Sunday, there still were scattered incidents.

A rocket fired from the Gaza Strip landed in a small Israeli farming village and Palestinians fired an anti-tank missile at an Israeli army post in Gaza, but there were no injuries in either incident, the military said.

Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan has promised that his forces will pursue militants who break the truce.

That promise was tested after several dozen militants rallied in Gaza late Thursday, firing their guns into the air to protest the arrests of seven militants by Palestinian security forces. The seven were detained apparently for firing rockets at a Jewish settlement, an attack that wounded four Israelis.

There were no clashes with police.

## PALESTINIAN ENVISIONS ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER IF ISRAELIS LEAVE CITIES

A senior Israeli official said Friday that the rate and the scope of further Israeli withdrawals depend on how quickly the Palestinians disarm militant groups.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath called on Israel to leave the remaining West Bank cities by the end of next month and added that Palestinians would then prepare to hold presidential and parliamentary elections.

"We can conduct elections by October," Shaath said. "We have told all the parties that Israel should conclude its withdrawal from Palestinian cities within six weeks."

Shaath said Arafat would be the candidate for president from the ruling Fatah movement. Because **Hamas**, the other major faction, has been boycotting elections, Arafat would be the only major contender.

But Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi said Shaath's timetable was too optimistic. She said it would take at least six months to prepare elections officials, register voters and set up election places after an Israeli withdrawal.

On another point of contention, Palestinian militants urged Israel on Friday to free all Palestinian prisoners.

But the militants have signaled a possible flexibility. Mohammed al-Hindi, an Islamic Jihad leader, said after talks with Abbas that a list would be compiled of prisoners whose release is considered a top priority, including those who have already served out long sentences, **women**, minors and the elderly.

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PHOTO; Color photo by the ASSOCIATED PRESS - Israeli riot police scuffle with a man who tried to enter the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City on Friday. Police denied access to the Al-Aqsa mosque to men under 40 in an attempt to avert unrest.

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## *Sharon's backing for settlements*

Sydney Morning Herald (Australia)

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### **Body**

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Hopes for the Middle East "road map" dwindled further after the Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, told his ministers to ignore Israel's obligation to freeze the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

According to widespread reports, Mr Sharon told a cabinet meeting on Sunday that Israel did not accept the road map's requirement for it to halt all new construction in its settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

"It is possible to build in the settlements, but people should not talk about it and dance around every time a building permit is given," the newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth quoted him as saying. "They should build without talking."

Mr Sharon's comments raise fresh questions over his commitment to the road map, launched three weeks ago at a summit in Aqaba, Jordan, with the United States President, George Bush, and the Palestinian Prime Minister, Mahmoud Abbas.

Mr Sharon's closing address at the summit avoided explicit acceptance of the road map.

The latest peace plan envisages the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza by the end of 2005, in return for an end to Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israel.

As part of the first phase of the plan Israel is required to freeze settlement activity on land seized from Arabs in 1967 and dismantle new settlements established in the past two years.

Since the road map was signed the Israeli Army and police have dismantled 11 "outposts", only one of them inhabited.

The Israeli rights group, Peace Now, says that at least eight of these have been replaced by the ultra-nationalist Jewish settler movement, which ultimately aims to drive all non-Jews from what it regards as the biblical land of Israel.

However, Mr Sharon's reported comments on Sunday refer not to these "unauthorised" settlements, but to larger, "official" settlements sponsored and protected by the state of Israel.

While Israel wavers on its settlement commitments there is little sign of agreement on the Palestinians' reciprocal obligation to halt attacks on Israel.

## Sharon's backing for settlements

Sunday's Israeli cabinet meeting again rejected attempts by Mr Abbas to obtain a ceasefire from the main Islamic militant groups, demanding instead that he should "accept the responsibility to carry out serious counter-terrorist actions against the

terrorist organisations, the terrorists and their infrastructure".

A weak leader with no military support of his own, Mr Abbas has repeatedly said that rather than start a "civil war" with the militants he will ask them to agree to a hudna, or Islamic truce.

Israel's official position is that a truce will allow militants to regroup for further violence and it has refused to agree to halt its assassination campaign against them so a ceasefire can be agreed.

With the US increasingly involved in efforts to rescue the peace process, the National Security Adviser, Condoleezza Rice, is expected to arrive in the region later this week.

The Secretary of State, Colin Powell, visited Israel on Friday before flying to Jordan for talks with the road map's other sponsors.

Mr Powell, issuing an apparent rebuke to Israel, said the killing of a senior **Hamas** militant, Abdullah Kawasme, in Hebron by undercover army commandos on Saturday could impede progress on the road map. Reuters reports that the Israeli army has charged a **female** soldier with forcing a Palestinian woman at a checkpoint to drink the cleaning fluid she was carrying, a military spokesman said yesterday . The incident occurred four months ago in the Gaza Strip.

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## *Settlers resist as Israeli troops demolish outpost*

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### **Body**

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A PHALANX of Israeli police and soldiers cleared burning barricades and exchanged blows with angry young Jewish settlers yesterday as they moved in to dismantle an illegal outpost in the West Bank.

The rocky hilltop of Mitzpeh Yitzhar became the scene of the first real confrontation between angry ultranationalist Jewish settlers and Ariel Sharon's Government since it agreed, under huge US pressure, to dismantle some outposts. It came after a week of violence prompted by the Israeli Army's failed assassination attempt on the Hamas leader Dr Abdel Aziz Rantisi.

The operation began to the mournful tones of the Albinoni Adagio blaring from a settler's house in nearby Yitzhar, a settlement proper that, like the 150 others in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that house 250,000 Israelis, faces no such threat of closure.

As the bulldozers and armoured personnel carriers approached the tiny cluster of three tents and two huts, one settler drew cheers with an impersonation of the Prime Minister. "I am Sharon. I am a senile grandfather," he shouted through a loudhailer. "Five years ago I told you to come up to the hills and now I am telling you to leave. It is an exchange - two tents for Rantisi. But Powell is coming and I need to give him a present."

The operation has been dismissed by Palestinians and the Israeli Left as a publicity stunt cynically timed for the eve of the arrival of Colin Powell, the US Secretary of State. The right-wing settlers accused Mr Sharon, a long-time champion of settlements, of betrayal.

Israeli soldiers and police linked arms and charged towards the white marquee in the centre of the outpost, no bigger than a football pitch. As the hilltop youths screamed abuse, the military removed sofas, chairs and ovens and threw settlers to the ground. Injured soldiers were carried away on stretchers, and settlers staggered back along the track with bloody faces. Hundreds of settler reinforcements flocked from nearby settlements.

That army advance proved to be a diversion. As the youths' attention was distracted at the tents, armoured personnel carriers and a bulldozer moved down the dirt track towards one of the huts, past pregnant Orthodox women hurling abuse. They did not get far; the bulldozer was blocked for hours by a cluster of bearded men in prayer shawls. The settlers got into the shovel of the bulldozer, and shared lemon and strawberry ice lollies with soldiers.

Having been given the all-clear by Israel's Supreme Court to demolish the one stone structure, soldiers moved in with sledgehammers.

### Settlers resist as Israeli troops demolish outpost

Itamar Ben Kvir, one of the settlers, said: "I am very sad that even as Jews are being killed by the Arabs, the Israeli Defence Forces are evicting

us because of the pressure from Bush and Blair. Israel should have the right to do

at least what America

and Britain did to Saddam Hussein."

Some Israelis believe that the state must eventually trade large areas of the West Bank and Gaza so that its citizens can live in peace. Others argue that a small country cannot give territory or concessions to hostile Arab neighbours.

Some soldiers were uncomfortable about the confrontation with the settlers. "It's heartbreaking," one said. "It's the worst job I have ever had to do in my life. I know it is our orders but these are not Palestinians. Look at them. We are fighting in there and drinking water together out here." Another had very different feelings. "I hate them," he said angrily, wiping his brow. "They are barbarians."

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## Letters to the Editor

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### **Body**

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Judge him by the company he keeps

Columnist Michael Duffy would have us spare a thought for that 21-year-old Sydney "kid", Izhar ul-Haque, so sadly locked up in solitary confinement in Goulburn jail when all he really wants to do is become a doctor and help the community. ("Defendant who just wants to be a GP," Daily Telegraph, May 1). I'm touched.

After all, the argument goes, Mr ul-Haque was hardly intending to hurt Australians (who he refers to as "animals") when he allegedly joined Lashkar-e-Toiba for terrorist training.

He was more interested in becoming a martyr by freeing faraway Kashmir.  
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As I shed a tear, I'll spare a thought, too, for victims of the recently deceased head of Hamas, paediatrician Abdel Aziz Rantisi, who only wanted to become a doctor but ended up sending children strapped in bombs to kill other innocent victims.

I'll also spare a thought for the eye-specialist President of Syria, Dr Bashar al-Asaad, who only wanted to become a doctor but today runs a country notorious for nourishing worldwide terrorism.

How folksy Michael Duffy makes it all sound: a despondent Mr ul-Haque, having failed his second-year medical exams, decides on a new career with

the Kashmir liberation "folk". Perhaps while the police do their job before the courts decide what role (if any) Mr ul-Haque planned to play through his alleged terrorist training, Duffy can usefully update himself on the records of the goodly folk of Hamas and the Baathist regimes.

Ralph Cohen, Dover Heights

Stealth stopped in its tracks

As a Blue Mountains resident, it was with joy that I read that Stealth would not be filmed in our pristine wilderness area. David Penberthy's belief that lining the pockets of film companies is more important than our flora and fauna beggars belief, particularly when there are 30 other areas where filming would not be as destructive as in this Grose Valley pocket ("Will film industry die to save a dragonfly," Daily Telegraph, May 1).

## Letters to the Editor

Judy Sweeney, Woodford

## Woeful Waratahs

The Waratahs were disappointing in the Super 12 match against the Highlanders on Saturday. They are merely a franchise team full of well-paid contracted players but have no heart and, indeed, appear to have no pulse.

They let down their 38,000 loyal paying fans with a traditional belly-up performance. And what are we to make of the tactics in kicking away possession and then not even contesting the lineouts? Coach Ewen McKenzie, please explain.

Chris Seage, Berowra

## Inhumanity unconfined

The reported cowardly attacks against Iraqi prisoners have been described by their respective leaders as un-American and un-British.

This is yet another example of the arrogance of such powers suggesting that their citizens are somehow above such barbarity.

Irrespective of the perpetrators' nationality, such acts are inhumane and in contravention of the Geneva Convention.

Throughout the centuries, invading armies have inflicted atrocities on the vanquished; their ethnicity does not make them immune from such acts.

Ian De Landelles,

Hawker, ACT

## Lost fare

On Wednesday, April 28, about 7.30am, my friend and I went to the taxi rank at Chatswood railway station. Five Legion cabs were on the rank and one from Combined. We were the only two people at the rank.

We got into the first taxi and gave our destination to the driver. We wanted to go to Bayview. But not only did the driver not know where the suburb was, he could not read a street directory and he asked us to try the next taxi.

We did this, but not one of the other Legion taxis would take us to Bayview. The driver of the other, Combined, taxi said he was not sure of the destination but he would take us if I looked in the street directory for him.

I honestly could not believe that five drivers from one company did not know how to get to Bayview. I tried to explain this to Legion but the company was not interested because I could not provide the taxis' licence numbers.

Lyn Smede,

Hornsby

## Innocent until proved otherwise

The facts of the Bulldogs matter remain that the police, despite intensive and prolonged investigations and forensic tests, have been unable to verify the complainant's version of events and to establish evidence of criminality.

The call now seems to be that the Bulldogs "got away with it", without any possibility that the claims made were perhaps confused or lacked veracity.

## Letters to the Editor

If the players have been guilty of a criminal offence, they should be prosecuted with vigour. They are entitled to the presumption of innocence until such prosecution is successfully concluded. Any other conclusion is grossly unfair.

Paul Ford, Bonnells Bay

## Step on it

Further to Dr Doug Stewart's excellent article in The Daily Telegraph on April 30, in which he asks whether exercise should be made compulsory, I would draw your readers' attention to an innovative exercise program called "Stepping On".

It is designed for the over-75s, and results from a partnership between the Central Sydney Health Service, Sydney University, Leichhardt Council and Balmain Leagues Club. The course consists of exercises designed to improve strength and balance, and presentations aimed at avoidance of accidents in the home and community.

Research attests to its effectiveness. "Stepping On" is being taken up by other local authorities and has attracted international interest.

The demographic time bomb that will increase the over-65s to 25 per cent of the population by 2050 makes it imperative that we act to promote healthy exercise. "Stepping On" is a shining example of how it can be achieved. Dependence is our fear; independence is our hope.

Keith Pulham, Rozelle

## Waiting for workplace reform

As your report said, it is six months since Industrial Relations Minister John Della Bosca promised tougher laws to prevent workplace deaths ("Memorial not law," Daily Telegraph, April 29).

Joel Exner, aged 16, was killed last October and Mr Della Bosca was to set up an expert panel to advise on reform of offences and penalties.

How long does it take for this to be done? Do we wait for the next death?

Bill Cremen, Illawong

## Safety first

Before even discussing funding a trial of a Families Tribunal ("Joint custody trial planned," Daily Telegraph, April 27), other more fundamental and pressing findings contained in the child custody inquiry report must be addressed first. The report clearly identified the frightening number of claims of domestic violence and child abuse that are not being investigated.

This was attributed to systemic problems in the interface between the state-based child protection agencies and the federal Family Law Court.

The recent case of two children being murdered by their father (Daily Telegraph, April 27) is an example of the tragedy that occurs as a result of the lack of investigation of domestic violence. According to newspaper reports, Jayson Dalton had been arrested twice for breaches of a domestic violence order. He had also, reportedly, threatened to kill his family and to end it all.

If this was the case, we are left to wonder why the children remained in his custody at all after he was denied primary care. Safety, surely, is fundamental to the best interests of the child and should therefore be funded before another layer of bureaucracy.

Catherine Gander,

## Letters to the Editor

NSW Women's Refuge Resource Centre, Redfern

To the point

Never mind weapons of mass destruction: the blatant abuse and mistreatment of prisoners of war by American and British forces has given their enemies a far more powerful weapon, the weapon of propaganda. I pray that our Australian soldiers have the professionalism and discipline not to imitate such behaviour.

Scott Davis, Tweed Heads

All those Australians who have been retrenched or are unable to find suitable work through no fault of their own since the Liberal Government came to power can only be dismayed with the money being showered on cane farmers. If it's good enough for them, then everyone who is unable to work because of economic trends should receive \$100,000 to find a new trade.

Trevor Smith, Chippendale

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## Letters from readers

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Israel's Bin Laden

Sheik Ahmed Yassin was the founder of and leader of Hamas.

Those who think he somehow should have been treated with kid gloves because he was "just an old man in a wheelchair" should remember that he founded and directed Hamas from that chair. He oversaw the murder of hundreds of people and the maiming of thousands more from that chair.

The real question is, how many Israelis did Yassin put in wheelchairs?

Nathan M. Hansen, North St. Paul.

Did not the United States set the precedent for assassinating political and military leaders when Japanese Admiral Yamamoto was shot down in 1943 during World War II? Most analysts have seen this as an effective blow to Japanese morale that saved American lives. Should we not have ambushed him in the air?

Stephen Feinstein, Minneapolis.

Since your March 24 editorial "Why kill Yassin? / How does it make Israel safer?" raises the questions, here are the answers:

- Sheik Ahmed Yassin was a murderer and a terrorist. He was committed to the destruction of the Jewish people and the Jewish state. Punishing murderers and terrorists is a constructive policy for any nation, including Israel. Including ours.

- The elimination of Yassin demonstrates to the enemies of Israel and their fellow travelers that unilateral withdrawal from Gaza and portions of Judea and Samaria and constructing a security fence are not signs of weakness. Israel will continue to take the fight to terrorism proactively and not wait to be murdered by terrorists. The United States pursues the same policy, and has the same critics, like the editorial staff of the Star Tribune.

Dan Cohen, Minneapolis.

Who is a terrorist?

I read the letters and articles defending the Israeli strike on Sheik Yassin. The deceit is in pretending Israel is fighting terrorism, as though Israel were created by peaceniks and not terrorists.

Letters from readers

Who defines who is a terrorist? Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was directly responsible for the Sabra and Shatila massacre, which killed hundreds if not thousands of Palestinian civilians, and he also provoked this latest 3 1/2 years' violent uprising, which has killed thousands - mainly Palestinian civilians.

President Bush called for a war on Iraq, an illegal war that killed more than 10,000, mainly Iraqi civilians.

In defense of Yassin, he was fighting an illegal, brutal occupation using terror, whereas Bush and Sharon were not. They were using terror to oppress Iraqis and Palestinians and occupy their lands.

Fedwa Wazwaz, Brooklyn Park.

Where was Bush?

Richard Clarke said that on Sept. 12, 2001, in the White House Situation Room, George Bush told him to "See if Saddam did this."

White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan responded to that by saying, "There's no record of the president being in the Situation Room on that day."

It was the day after the biggest terrorist attack in U.S. history. The Situation Room was likely filled with the country's top military and intelligence people dealing with a huge crisis. And Bush wasn't there at all that day?

Erik Kosberg, Minneapolis.

Protecting our fabric

After attending the rally supporting a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage at the State Capitol on Monday, I was truly encouraged by the number of people wanting to preserve the basic foundation of society.

I realized that people of all ages and faiths realize that this is the basic "fabric" of our nation and redefining an absolute truth is not something we should dare experiment with.

Andrea Rohne, St. Louis Park.

What percentage a citizen

Gov. Tim Pawlenty and many of his supporters have conveniently discarded cornerstones of American society such as "justice for all" and "all men [sic] are created equal."

As a gay Minnesota citizen, I am legally denied the choice to marry. Can the governor and Legislature please quantify my citizenship? Am I three-fourths of a citizen? Or a half? Less?

Please inform me by April 15 so that I may pay my taxes accordingly.

Wendi Storhoff, Minneapolis.

Sharing the joy

Why does the right wing focus only on the negative and never the positive aspects of marriage? I've been happily married for more than 15 years and would never think of talking, or forcing, someone out of the same happiness I've experienced.

Bob Pollard, Prior Lake.

Not in the top 10

A March 24 letter writer to this newspaper claimed that gay marriage is "the most critical issue facing voters this year."

## Letters from readers

A curious comment, considering our unprecedented national debt, a deteriorating economy, the degradation of our environment and falsehoods routinely spun out of Bush administration "leadership."

Chris Trevis, Lake Elmo.

## Evolution of liberty

Over the course of 30 years (1860-1890), women gradually won the right to control their own earnings, to equal guardianship of children after divorce, to control and maintain property, to share in a deceased husband's estate and to enter into any occupation or profession. In 1919 Congress finally passed a law stating that a woman could vote. That was 85 years ago.

Less than 50 years ago, this country was divided over interracial marriages. Court decisions, civil disobedience and protests thrust the issue upon a nation still grappling with desegregation. People claimed it was morally and scripturally wrong to mix the races. An abomination, they proclaimed. Sound familiar?

Now, it's recent court decisions paving the way for gay marriages.

Once again the self-proclaimed "land of the free" is struggling to give another group of citizens their due rights. Must we keep fighting the same battles over and over again? Maybe one day this country will finally accept the fact that the phrase "liberty and justice for all" means all.

Jeb Brown, Mankato.

## Not its role

Whatever one thinks about gay marriage, the idea of amending the Constitution to ban such unions profoundly misunderstands one of the primary purposes of our Constitution, which is to protect minorities from the possible tyranny of the majority.

Thomas Fisher, Minneapolis.

## Apologizing for prayer

I am a Christian who attended the "Minnesota for Marriage Rally." As I read the March 23 article on the rally, I was angry, disheartened and saddened to read of a prayer that Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson heard - a prayer condemning all homosexuals to hell.

On behalf of all Christians, I want to ask forgiveness for this prayer (and for the rallygoers who said it). It is not a prayer that Jesus would have uttered.

I want all gays and lesbians to know that we love them. I attended this rally because I cannot find a place in scripture that affirms marriage other than between a man and a woman, so I cannot support them in wanting that privilege.

Barb Berggren, New Brighton.

## Whalen's play

Star Tribune columnist Patrick Reusse almost got it right when he compared Lindsey Whalen's performance against UCLA to that of Bobby Jackson's in 1997 (Star Tribune, March 22).

However, Jackson was not playing after a five-week layoff due to a broken hand.

Whalen's performance against UCLA, against Kansas State on Tuesday and all year long has been a showcase of talent, teamwork and respect for the game of basketball.

## Letters from readers

As a testimony to her impact as a player, please note that even Sid Hartman had to finally recognize what Whalen has accomplished in the world of women's and men's athletics at the University of Minnesota.

You go, girl!

Bruce Crawford, Orono.

What they deserve

A March 22 letter writer states that "The bus strikers have disrupted the lives of thousands of people."

Shouldn't people that important to society have access to decent health care and wages?

Jim Aspholm, Minneapolis.

Don't count out Hubble

NASA is not giving up on Hubble! In fact, our Hubble team is working on other options to save this great scientific instrument. These actions contradict the assertions in your March 22 editorial "Stellar photos / Hubble captures the first stars."

NASA is working to develop other options besides a manned shuttle servicing mission to extend Hubble's service life. Since there are 3-4 years before Hubble's support systems give out, we have the time and the resident engineering talent to examine other options. Meanwhile, as we continue operations, while seeking to extend Hubble's service life, the capabilities of the Chandra, Spitzer and upcoming Kepler and James Webb space telescopes, combined with an array of ground instruments, will keep the astronomy observations flowing for a long time to come.

Glenn Mahone, Washington, D.C.;

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## LETTERS

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#### Our Lawless World

Columnist Kathleen Peratis presents a typically Western perspective on human rights and law in an age of terrorism ("Rule of Law, or the Law of the Jungle," March 26). Missing totally, however, is the view of the adversary. From al-Qaeda to Hamas to Saddam Hussein, the intent, language and actions of these foes are consistent only with war.

Several wars are being conducted simultaneously on different fronts. Islamists are fighting global, total war against the West, while totalitarian states are fighting brutal wars against their own populations and the international system. The inadequacy of the fragile tissue of law as constraint or remedy is seen in the piles of newly dead, atop the previous mountains of the murdered. The incalculable threat posed by states like Iran or North Korea, not even laughably constrained by the United Nations and its inept organs, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency, promises to raise the stakes, and possibly the death toll, still higher.

Legal recourse is only possible in a world where law reigns. The secondary but unstated implications of Peratis's column, and NGO culture as a whole, are that Western legal concepts must be imperialistically extended to the world. Ironically, this might be accomplished in Iraq. But until we somehow overcome the aggression and perhaps evil inherent in our very beings and achieve the much-sought-after utopia where law reigns supreme, we must recognize we are engaged in a war. Refusing to do so does no justice to our adversaries and their stated goals and means.

Alexander H. Joffe

Alexandria, Va.

#### It's Not Greek To Me

In "Culture War, Take Two" (March 26), columnist David Klinghoffer compares liberals and supporters of gay marriage to those "progressive" Syrian-Greeks and their Jewish lackeys who oppressed our Judean ancestors.

This may be news to him, but those Greeks were slave-owning imperialists. And, did those "progressive" Greeks form trade unions, sponsor health insurance, have social security and support equal rights for women, too?

The Maccabees fought the good fight because the ancient Greeks tried to force their religion down the throats of our ancestors. In modern terms, their First Amendment rights were being violated. Who is forcing you to marry a man, Mr. Klinghoffer?

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Sheldon Ranz

Merrick, N.Y.

A Win-Win Situation

Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and the other **Hamas**-niks claim to want to be martyrs ("The Killing of the Sheikh," March 26). So, they want to die; Israel wants to kill them. It's a win-win situation.

Paul Kujawsky

Valley Village, Calif.

A Struggle, But Not His

Your article on Ariel Foxman, the editor-in-chief of the new Cargo magazine, makes reference to Foxman's position as editor-in-chief of his high school paper, The Struggle ("Metrosexy' Son Takes the Helm of Condé Nast's Cargo," March 26).

More than 25 years ago, I was faculty adviser to the very first issue of Frisch High School's fledgling newspaper. When students frequently complained about their heavy workload of study, exams and homework, then-principal Rabbi Menahem Meier often said to them, "High school is a struggle!" Thus, in semi-jest the name of our newspaper was born and has remained with us to this day.

Contrary to your article's statement that "bizarrely" the name of our school's newspaper was inspired by Hitler's ideological manifesto "Mein Kampf," The Struggle never had any connotative or other relationship either to Hitler or "Mein Kampf."

We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our alumnus Ariel Foxman, for whom high school was decidedly not a struggle.

Phoebe B. Weisbrot

Director, College Guidance

The Frisch School

Paramus, N.J.

Facing Uzbek Realities

As someone who has worked in Uzbekistan for international agencies, it was gratifying to read Stephen Schwartz's corrective "Letter From Uzbekistan" ("Ex-Soviet Republic Counts Many Critics, Few Friends," March 19).

Much needs to be done in Uzbekistan to secure civil rights, transparency and democracy, but the situation is not hellish nor it is deteriorating as some human rights groups would have us believe. After all, their mission, which is valuable and sometimes even courageous, as well as their funding require defense of victims of Islam Karimov's authoritarian regime - not nuanced reporting of the situation in this key Central Asian ally of the United States.

Like the other Central Asian countries, Uzbekistan practices a tolerant and relaxed form of Islam, which tolerates alcohol, **female** equality and birth control. Few **women** are veiled. As for Jews, they are regarded as a treasured and traditional part of Uzbek culture. The Tashkent Jewish community center, Chesed, works effectively and openly, as do the other dozen such centers in the country. The Lubavitch synagogue requires no guards, unlike many in Western Europe. The prominent Israeli embassy in Tashkent works to help Uzbeks develop their agricultural economy and occasionally to help out Russian-speaking Israelis trying to do business in the country. Israeli athletes compete proudly in Tashkent's annual tennis tournaments.

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There are thousands of Muslims in Uzbekistan's prisons, but many of them have been associated with such organizations as Hizb-ut-Tahrir, illegal throughout the region, which is struggling to transform all these countries into a new caliphate. While not openly violent in their tactics, Hizb-ut-Tahrir is antisemitic and anti-Western, like the apparently defunct Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. Generally speaking, worshippers at mosques and peaceful Muslims are not bothered, though doubtless there have been unjust arrests and rough treatment. No one can say how many. Torture is now illegal but may still go on.

If Uzbekistan were judged by the standards we apply to Pakistan or Saudi Arabia or Egypt, it would look a lot better than it often does in the pages of The Washington Post.

Martin C. Spechler

Bloomington, Ind.

The writer is a professor of economics and faculty affiliate of the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center at Indiana University.

Seeing Near and Far

It is a pleasant surprise to find myself writing to the Forward, not about the travails of Zionism, but rather to say "Bravo!" on your editorial endorsing the saving of the Hubble telescope "Postcards From Creation," March 19).

You correctly noted that Hubble can see farther than any Earth-based telescope. In fact, it can also see more of that which is closer. In particular, Hubble can measure starlight at wavelengths in the ultraviolet, which the atmosphere filters out from Earth-based telescopes. This light provides fundamental insight into the structure and evolution of stars. My own doctoral dissertation in astrophysics more than 30 years ago involved the laboratory measurement and the calculation of those properties that determined how a star's brightness in the ultraviolet could be related to the abundance of various atoms in the star. The Hubble telescope made the first measurements of these brightnesses, thus confirming not only the laboratory experiments, but the fundamental quantum theory that undergirded the calculations.

I do not endorse any and all space initiatives, because they are often political, and because their costs must be balanced against expenditures for critical societal problems. But Hubble is a proven success, and, as the Forward notes, society also runs on ambitions and dreams.

Jeffrey V. Mallow

Professor of Physics

Loyola University Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

The writer is the immediate past president of the Labor Zionist Alliance.

Fixing Mideast Studies

H.R.3077, the International Studies in Higher Education Act, would establish an advisory board for the Title VI subsidies program for area studies (including Middle Eastern studies) in our universities. Your article "Groups Back Bill To Monitor Universities" (March 12) exaggerates the role of Jewish groups in the birth of the legislation by suggesting that they "initiated the bill."

In fact, Rep. Peter Hoekstra of Michigan initiated the bill as part of the reauthorization process of the Higher Education Act. Jack Kemp and William Bennett's organization Empower America played the leading role in lobbying for the bill's provision for an advisory board. Most of the Jewish organizations that are now urging the Senate to adopt similar legislation endorsed the effort only months after the bill passed the House.

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H.R.3077 is not about the Arab-Israeli conflict or academic freedom. It is about the role of universities in meeting new challenges facing the United States in the world. Title VI subsidies to universities are the tax dollars of all Americans, and all Americans have a stake in improved Middle Eastern studies.

Martin Kramer

Tel Aviv, Israel

The writer is the author of "Ivory Towers on Sand: The Failure of Middle Eastern Studies in America" (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2001).

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## *War's Full Fury Is Suddenly Everywhere*

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JUST the other day, on the outskirts of town, clouds of black smoke boiled up from the highway. A fuel truck was on fire, engulfed in flames.

Another day in Baghdad. Another hit on a military convoy.

But when a photographer and I stepped out of our car to take pictures, it was clear we were stepping into another Iraq.

Insurgents flooded onto the roadway, masks over their faces, machine guns in their hands. They began to fire at approaching Humvees. The neighborhood around us scattered into a mosaic of panic. Women slammed gates behind them. Cars shot gravel from their tires as they raced away. And we were just 20 minutes outside the city center in a place that up until the last few days was as safe as any.

In Kufa, a palm-lined town on the Euphrates, bearded Shiite militiamen who swear their allegiance to a rebel cleric are driving around in police cars. American officials had just bought those police cars. American soldiers had just trained the policemen who had been riding in them.

In the Khadamiya neighborhood, one of the prettiest spots in Baghdad, men passed out grenades where just days ago children sat under umbrellas, licking ice cream. It was stunning how natural it looked, how quickly armed men seemed the norm, how nobody seemed to bat an eye, even though the heart of Baghdad now looked like the heart of Kabul.

The atmosphere in Iraq has completely changed. In just a week, a fading guerrilla war has exploded into a popular uprising. "Six months of work is completely gone," said a State Department official working in southern Iraq. "There is nothing to show for it."

It was as if the clock had been set back to the early days of occupation. Again tanks are blasting apart targets in Baghdad neighborhoods. Cities like Falluja and Ramadi are under siege or, more accurately, re-siege.

But there is a difference. Back then, last April, when I was a reporter embedded with the United States Army, Iraq seemed as if it was slowly coming under control. Now, after three months on my current stint here, that nascent sense of order is collapsing into chaos.

## War's Full Fury Is Suddenly Everywhere

This past week, a photographer (yes, the same one) and I headed to Ramadi, 50 miles west of Baghdad and the scene of a fierce battle that claimed the lives of 12 marines. The trip was supposed to take two hours. We had to take back roads.

The fields glowed green with rice, the palm trees swayed, and children splashed in rivers. We saw women in the doorways of mud huts squinting at us. We saw a slice of life in Iraq that was quiet and simple.

But just as I was admiring the scenery, a minivan zoomed in front of our car and blocked the road. A dozen gunmen with scarves tied over their faces jumped out. Some had heavy machine guns. Some had rocket-propelled grenades. We were surrounded. "Out! Out!" the men shouted. We were in a bulletproof car. Or allegedly bulletproof. Who really knew? The insurgents banged on the inch-thick glass with the tips of their Kalashnikovs. I didn't want to open my door.

But with the fatigue of one who is thoroughly defeated, I got out. I stood in the dust and watched the men level their guns at my chest. I thought about my mother. I was hoping it wouldn't hurt.

The translator and driver, usually so cool, even joking, under fire, looked terrified. One insurgent swung the safety off his gun, making a very deliberate metallic sound I hope never to hear again, and unloaded half a clip into the sky.

"Move!" he shouted.

We stepped over the hot brass bullet casings that had just been spat into the dirt and got into the minivan. We had no options. We had driven into the heart of the Sunni resistance, into a little town between Baghdad and Ramadi completely overrun by mujahedeen fighters, right now one of the most anti-American places on the planet. We later learned that we had arrived just at the time of an attack.

Our captors were not sure if we were journalists or spies. Eventually, they satisfied themselves that they could trust us. The critical moment came when a man with aviator sunglasses brought us a bowl of water.

"Drink," he said.

My mouth was so parched from fear that no sip ever tasted so wet.

"Now," he said, "you are our friends."

Later someone told me that if you are offered water -- or tea, or anything in such a situation -- take it. The gesture means you are a guest. And hospitality in the Arab world can spell the difference between making it out of a sticky situation or not. The man with the aviator sunglasses wasn't just giving me water. He was giving me life.

Eventually, we were allowed to drive away from the village. As we left, the insurgents launched an attack on the marines. Rockets flashed. The insurgents cheered. The last we saw of them their fists were in the air.

And I was left with the question: Why now?

Why did the Shiites, who had been patient for a year, suddenly pour into the streets to kill Americans? Why are at least some Shiite and Sunni groups, who used to be rivals, now cooperating? How did the slaughter and mutilation of four American civilians in Falluja set off a chain reaction that reverberated beyond the Sunni Triangle and jolted the entire country?

I punched out an e-mail message to Kenneth W. Stein, a Middle East historian at Emory University, who suggested in response that the killing of four American contract workers in Falluja on March 31, and the macabre celebration afterward made extreme violence possible and even invigorating.

"These examples whip up emotions, show to the public just how successful the struggle is against the foreigner, the occupier, the alien," Mr. Stein wrote. "Pack mentality can overcome reason and propriety."

## War's Full Fury Is Suddenly Everywhere

But before Falluja two things happened -- clear in retrospect -- that helped unravel what little hope was here.

The first was hundreds of miles away. On March 22, in the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces assassinated Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the leader of **Hamas** and a hero to Palestinians. Outraged Arabs hit the streets in Baghdad and other Middle Eastern capitals. Many Americans in Iraq braced for reprisals.

A few days after Sheik Yassin was killed, American authorities shut down the Hawza newspaper, the mouthpiece of Moktada al-Sadr, a radical Shiite cleric. The paper had been accused of printing lies. But closing it only played into Mr. Sadr's hand, fueling huge protests by his followers.

Then Falluja happened. The group that took responsibility said it was avenging Sheik Yassin.

The sheik's ghost returned to Iraq once more, on April 2, when Mr. Sadr announced that he was opening the Iraqi chapters of Hezbollah and **Hamas**, pro-Palestinian groups responsible for attacks on Israel.

The next day American authorities announced arrest warrants for several of Mr. Sadr's followers. His was soon to follow. Last Sunday, Iraq erupted. Mr. Sadr ordered his followers to take over government offices in Shiite areas across the country. In just days, the fighting pulled in thousands of people who weren't fighters before, and who took on a new identity. Until then, the insurgency had been a mysterious force behind a red and white checkered scarf. It had no uniform, no ideology, no face.

But Mr. Sadr provided that. Posters of him are everywhere now, even in Sunni strongholds like Falluja, something unthinkable before this crisis.

Mr. Sadr is only 31 years old. In the world of holy men, he is considered a religious lightweight. Compared with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the more moderate Shiite cleric whose decrees carry the force of law, Mr. Sadr's voice is just a suggestion.

But Mr. Sadr seemed to tap into a Shiite backlash percolating for some time.

Many Shiites have suffered the same humiliations as the Sunnis. They complain about soldiers bursting into their homes and harassing them at checkpoints, and all the other grievances experienced by those living under an occupation by foreigners from thousands of miles away. And as the anniversary of Baghdad's fall approached, the Shiites, who greeted American tanks with roses one year ago, had little to celebrate.

"When I wake up, I know this day is going to be a little worse than the last one," said Haider al-Kabi, a 29-year-old laborer from Najaf who said he was joining the resistance. "I got sick of it."

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Photos: Outside Falluja last week, Sunni Muslim insurgents celebrating after setting vehicles on fire. They had just attacked an American military convoy. (Photo by Karim Sahim/Agence France-Presse -- Getty Images)(pg. 1)

A follower of Moktada al-Sadr. (Photo by Patrick Baz/Agence France-Presse -- Getty Images)(pg. 4)

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### Reinstated cops

The citizens of Minneapolis should be very proud of their government. Their mayor and City Council hired a police chief who is probably going to cost the citizens at least a few million dollars when the city loses the defamation of character lawsuit likely to be filed by the three senior police officers falsely accused of wrongdoing in public.

If I were on the City Council I would ask Chief William McManus why he had to publicly slander these officers before a prosecutor had reviewed the situation. It was unnecessary, unprofessional and ill-advised, and it's going to cost the city some serious money.

The mayor and the council made a great choice. Perhaps Mayor R.T. Rybak, McManus and City Council members should give up their salaries for a few years to cover part of the bill.

Jay A. Huyck, Maple Grove.

That three highly esteemed Minneapolis police officers have been cleared of any criminal wrongdoing brings neither relief nor glee to anyone in the loop.

Calling a cop "criminal" is like calling a judge crooked or a scientist stupid: It is a devastating libel.

I suspect that the unmerited damage to these officers' reputations will now find redress in court, and at taxpayer expense.

Chief William McManus has wielded a type of autocratic power which may have worked fine in Dayton, but is unusual and unwelcome in Minneapolis, where tough decisions are typically made by process, deliberation and consensus.

Frederic Bruno, Minneapolis.

Police Chief William McManus' irresponsible and reckless behavior in regard to police officers Lucy Gerold, Mike Martin and Mike Carlson is insupportable. Minneapolis will be ill-served if this person remains as our police chief.

Gretchen Vander Weide,

Minneapolis.

## Letters from readers

## Enough with Strom

Regarding the March 19 profile of David Strom, when will the Star Tribune do a profile of a policy mover and shaker who is actually seeking to benefit all Minnesotans?

I'll look forward to a profile on Marcia Avner, public policy director for the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, on the front page of this coming Friday's paper. She has done more to promote sound (and honest) policy change than almost anyone in this state. She deserves the profile, not the hired gun for some of the wealthiest business owners in Minnesota.

Rachel Callanan, St. Louis Park.

## Truly Golden Gophers

Thank you to the Gopher women's basketball team for the most exciting sports performance I've ever seen (Star Tribune, March 22). It goes without saying that what Lindsey Whalen did was nothing short of spectacular. But it was a team effort, and it was that effort that kept the more than 12,000 fans on their feet for almost the entire game. Thanks for an unforgettable memory!

Susan Glinsek, Lino Lakes.

## Go after the big guns

Rep. Mark Buesgens describes the cost of health care benefits for striking bus drivers as "out of control" (Letters from readers, March 22). He thinks they should join the race to the bottom and accept less.

Has he ever made the same request of the executives of giant health care "nonprofits" who receive enormous compensation packages? How do they rate such pay if they cannot do a better job of keeping everyone's costs under control?

John D. Farrell, Minneapolis.

## Israeli terrorism

Israel again flouts international law as it kills an old man it labels a terrorist - Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin - although Palestinian leaders deny that he was involved in terrorism.

European and Middle East leaders condemn it as "reckless" and "illegal." If Yassin was involved in terrorist activities, then he should have been arrested and tried in a court of law.

Israel kills civilians every day - usually Palestinians, but also Americans and Europeans. These are also acts of terrorism, but the media refuse to condemn Israel for these acts, and the United States provides political support for Israel every time it kills innocents.

Double standards like these are why the world considers the United States and Israel to be the most dangerous countries in the world - and why Americans will never be safe from terrorism.

Michael Madden, Minneapolis.

## A blow to peace effort

What a stroke of genius! Israel has finally murdered the blind, paraplegic Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. Even though he was confined to a wheelchair for the greater part of his life, Israel recognized his attitude embracing resistance and respect among Gaza inhabitants had to be addressed. By this act of bravery and military acumen, the Israeli Defense Force has proved beyond a doubt that its advanced military weaponry, coupled with superior military intelligence, can defeat even an occupied and enslaved people.

## Letters from readers

Now there will surely be peace in Gaza and the West Bank!

Harry Greenberg, Minneapolis.

A concurring opinion

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia wrote that "the nation is in deeper trouble than I had imagined" if anyone thinks a Supreme Court justice can be bought for a hunting trip and a free plane ride. He's right. It is.

Clayton Bennett, Minneapolis.

Why trust them?

As damning as former Bush administration counterterrorist adviser Richard Clarke's statements on "60 Minutes" were, he didn't make the most damaging comment.

Stephen Hadley, deputy national security adviser, did when he said, "Iraq, as the president has said, is at the center of the war on terror. We have narrowed the ground available to Al-Qaida and to the terrorists. Their sanctuary in Afghanistan is gone; their sanctuary in Iraq is gone."

The connection between Iraq and Al-Qaida has now been completely discredited, and yet this high-level administration official still can't give up the lie that Iraq was a "sanctuary" for Al-Qaida.

Tell me again why we should trust the Bush administration.

Jon Kortebein, Minneapolis.

A critic with credibility

Even the Bush team must find it difficult to attack the credibility of Richard Clarke, its former chief counterterrorism expert, who has also served in the administrations of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

Clarke has pulled no punches in exposing the abject failure of the Bush administration in preventing the 9/11 attacks. Clarke's urgent and repeated warnings of an "imminent Al-Qaida threat" as far back as January of 2001 tragically fell on the deaf ears of an administration already afflicted by an obsession with Iraq.

He believes that Bush's subsequent misguided invasion of Iraq has only served as a perfect recruiting tool for countless more Al-Qaida terrorists. In a word, he describes Bush's job on terror as "terrible."

I used to wonder why this president, who bills himself as strong on terror, has had to be dragged kicking and screaming before the commission investigating 9/11. Now I think I understand.

Dave Dvorak, Minneapolis.

Bud in Baghdad

I found Sid Hartman's March 21 column on Bud Grant's visit to Iraq interesting. The troops were very positive and upbeat, and they felt they had a real purpose for being there and were accomplishing good things.

This is in contrast to the media's version, showing doom and gloom and problems everywhere you turn. To think I had to get the real facts from a sports columnist. Our troops deserve better.

Wayne Sanderson, Glencoe, Minn.

The comments of Bud Grant after his return from visiting our troops in Iraq are refreshing! Grant said that "the troops wanted to convey that the situation in Iraq is not like it is portrayed by the media in this country." He goes on to say that "so much is good, and nobody wants to report that."

Letters from readers

Why doesn't the Star Tribune dispatch its legions to report on some of the positive things happening in Iraq?

Bruce Talso, Brooklyn Park.

Biased coverage

The Star Tribune's coverage of the March 20 antiwar/propeace demonstration held in St. Paul missed and distorted the story.

How about a headline and lead that state the facts: "Two thousand people showed up in St. Paul to protest the U.S. war and subsequent occupation of Iraq, marching to the State Capitol on a cold, blustery day. The multigenerational crowd reflects the broad-based dissent that has grown up around the issue of the Iraq occupation."

Yet the article focused on a handful of people who showed up to support the war.

The type of "balanced reporting" in your report is seriously imbalanced.

Shelley Sherman, St. Paul.

The law according to John

In response to the gay marriage issue, what if our nation starts passing amendments based on other scripture in the Bible? It could be against the law to covet our neighbor's house, and it could be a felony to skip church on Sunday.

Jerry T. Johnson, Bloomington.

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