

Drug-slay fugitive caught in Mexico

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Body

A man accused of leading a drug ring and sought in the 1994 killing of an undercover federal drug agent was arrested by Mexican authorities, officials said Monday.

Augustin Vasquez Mendoza, who has been on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List for four years, was captured Sunday in Tehuacan in central **Mexico**. U.S. authorities, who had offered \$ 2.2-million for his capture, have agreed to waive the death penalty as a term of his extradition.

Extradition could take up to a year, Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley said.
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He said informers who helped authorities capture the **fugitive** will split the \$ 2.2-million.

Iranian ordered deported

to third country

WASHINGTON - An immigration judge on Monday ordered the deportation of an Iranian dissident who has been detained since April on suspicion of belonging to a group designated by the State Department as a sponsor of terrorist activities.

But as part of a settlement, Mahnaz Samadi, 35, who claims to have been tortured in Iran between 1982 and 1986, will be deported to a third country, not to Iran, an immigration spokesman said.

Her attorney, disputing that assertion, said Samadi will be allowed to remain indefinitely in the United States.

She was accused in immigration documents of preparing rebel units under her command for "coordinated attacks designed to liberate Iran." The settlement calls for her release from detention and the dropping of terrorism-related charges against her, said Russ Bergeron, a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In politics . . .

GORE: Vice President Al Gore said Monday that the failure of a test for a national missile defense system does not mean the idea is doomed, and he criticized the version supported by presidential foe George W. Bush as "more expensive and less likely to work."

Gore, typing his answers to questions on the Internet, said Bush's proposal is "calculated to destroy arms control agreements with Russia that have calmed down the old arms race for the last 28 years."

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The Democratic presidential contender answered the online questions before giving a speech at Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn., criticizing a "do-nothing-for-people" Republican Congress and saying the situation could get worse if Bush is elected.

REFORM PARTY: Pat Buchanan's campaign has forced the removal of Russell Verney as chairman of the Reform Party's convention credentials committee in an effort to prevent allies of Ross Perot from blocking Buchanan's nomination for president.

Also . . .

YOUTH HOCKEY GAME DEATH: Thomas Junta, 42, accused of beating another father to death in an argument over rough play at their youngsters' hockey game, pleaded innocent to manslaughter Monday in Woburn, Mass.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: The American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky filed a federal lawsuit Monday challenging a law requiring the placement of a Ten Commandments monument outside the Capitol.

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