

# Lebanese village stormed, Syrians revenge murders

**United Press International**  
BEIRUT, Lebanon — A tank-supported Syrian contingent of the Arab peace-keeping force stormed a northern Lebanese village Wednesday and blew up homes in a search for the killers of the son of Lebanon's former president, reports reaching Beirut said.

Travelers from the region said a large Syrian force, supported by tanks, encircled the village of Deir al-Hamar, 15 miles from the scene of the killing Tuesday of Tony Franjeh, son of former president Suleiman Franjeh.

The younger Franjeh, his wife and 3-year-old daughter were killed in an attack on the Franjeh's villa in the northern mountain resort of Ehden, 15 miles southeast of Tripoli.

In all, more than three dozen people died in the surprise artillery and mortar attack.

Government sources had no immediate comment on the Syrian action Wednesday, but telephoned reports from the area confirmed the tank-supported sweep.

Local residents said the Syrians made a number of arrests and blew up the homes of gunmen believed to have taken part in the attack on Franjeh.

Newsmen on the scene said as many as 30 tanks and 1,500 soldiers were involved in the operation.

The Syrian action came as the Lebanese government pressed efforts to restore peace to the north — the main trouble spot in the country now that the Israelis have withdrawn from the southern border region.

The Ehden raid was the latest in a series of clashes between the rival groups in an apparent power struggle for control of the north.

"The Franjeh clan no longer cares about political alliances which

are a thing of the past," one diplomat said. "Revenge is the password and revenge they will have."

The elder Franjeh made no immediate public comment on the attack.

As news of the killing spread through north Lebanon, Franjeh supporters in several villages cut roads and manned barricades, travelers from the north reported.

Syrian units of the 30,000-man Arab League peace-keeping force quickly moved in and restored relative calm.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said in a cable of condolence to the elder Franjeh the Lebanon crisis posed a threat to the entire Arab world and offered Egypt's good services to solve it.

"This painful tragedy makes the heart of every Arab bleed," Sadat said. "This escalating crisis poses a threat not only to your country but to the entire Arab world."



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# Soviets arrest man in Moscow

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MOSCOW — Members of the American business community in Moscow, concerned by the arrest of a U.S. businessman on charges of currency violations, met at the U.S. embassy Wednesday to discuss their own safety.

Soviet authorities held F. Jay Crawford of Mobile, Ala., in Lefortovo Prison as they continued a pre-trial investigation.

Crawford, 38, is International Harvester Corp.'s Moscow representative. He was arrested Monday evening as he drove through central Moscow with his fiancée.

American embassy officials said they were informed Crawford was being held for "pre-trial investigation" in connection with section 78 of the Soviet criminal code, which covers smuggling.

Sources said the charge also involved currency violations. A conviction on a section 78 charge can lead to a 3-to-10 year prison sentence.

In Washington, officials said Wednesday Crawford told a State Department representative who visited him in prison Tuesday night that he was innocent.

Representatives of 24 American companies registered in Moscow met at the U.S. Embassy commercial office Wednesday for a briefing.

Some of the businessmen feared Crawford's arrest was only the beginning, anticipating further harassment of businessmen.

However, embassy sources said no information was relayed to the businessmen that would indicate Crawford's arrest was part of a campaign. "It was a factual briefing,"

one source said.

One business source who asked not to be identified said the members of the business community decided to contact their home offices to express concern for their safety, and for Crawford's.

Embassy sources said Crawford's fiancée and an embassy official went to Lefortovo Prison Wednesday to deliver toiletries and clothing.

They did not get to see Crawford. The embassy is expected to ask for another consular visit with Crawford "within the next few days," according to the sources.

## Carter foreign policy briefs opened

# Secret documents show Carter checked Cuban activities in Africa

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — President Jimmy Carter asked Venezuela and Brazil to help put pressure on Cuba to end its Soviet-supported military intervention in Africa, according to secret documents obtained by UPI.

Carter made the requests during his March 28-31 visits to the two South American countries. His secret foreign policy advisers asked the president to stress growing U.S. concern about Fidel Castro's African involvement, particularly in Ethiopia at that time.

The documents showed that Carter was advised to make his views clear to Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez who, they said, the president distrusts the Cubans because of their interventionist activity in Venezuela in the early 1960s.

The documents are foreign policy on request papers, some marked "separate sheet," prepared for Carter for the both trip that also took him to Nigeria and Liberia.

Carter was advised to tell Perez that Washington was interested in earlier help in ending Cuban military activities in Africa, presumably through diplomatic pressure.

Specifically, Carter was advised to seek Perez's views on whether unchecked Cuban intervention in Africa later could lead to new Cuban adventures in the Western Hemisphere.

For his talks in Brasilia with President Ernesto Geisel, Carter was advised to stress both Soviet and Cuban intervention in Africa. Carter was told to make it clear to Geisel that U.S.-Cuban reappraisal has come to a virtual standstill because of Africa.

Brazil — which has a growing interest in African affairs, particularly in the Portuguese-speaking nation of Angola where Cuban presence is highly visible — has no diplomatic relations with the Havana government. Brazilian pressure therefore would have to be applied through the United Nations or other countries.

The documents also showed the United States sent a joint FBI-State Department team to Caracas two weeks before Carter's arrival to give Perez "a high-level intelligence briefing" on the activities of anti-Castro Cuban terrorists, operating both in Venezuela and the United States.

The briefing was in line with a U.S.-Venezuelan agreement to exchange information on such activities and was designed to illustrate Washington's commitment to cooperate with Venezuela on anti-Castro terrorism, the documents said.

## Kissinger declares Soviet involvement 'unacceptable'

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — The American people should believe President Carter is telling the truth in statements that Cubans trained the Portuguese invaders of Zaire, former secretary of State Henry Kissinger said Wednesday.

Kissinger, appearing on the NBC-TV "Today" program, said doubts about the President's claims were part of the "legacy of the Vietnam War."

"I think we ought to assume when the President of the United States says something, he's telling the truth," Kissinger said.

"I think the Soviet Union has to be made to understand there cannot be proxy wars and detente at the same time," Kissinger said.

Soviet activities in Africa represent "unacceptable behavior," Kissinger said, although he did not directly link Soviet actions in Africa to the outcome of strategic arms limitation talks.

"I think if the Soviet Union wants a relaxation of tension, all we're asking is for them not to engage in foreign military intervention," Kissinger said. "That is not asking too much."

## Mexican farmers suspected

**United Press International**  
MEXICO CITY — Mexican ranchers have developed a contraband cattle trade with the United States, the leader of the Meat Industry Workers Union charged Wednesday.

Manuel Alvarez said hundreds of head of cattle have been smuggled across the U.S.-Mexico border in trailers with U.S. license plates.

Alvarez also claimed that many ranchers supplying the city have begun injecting cattle with a chemical fattening agent.

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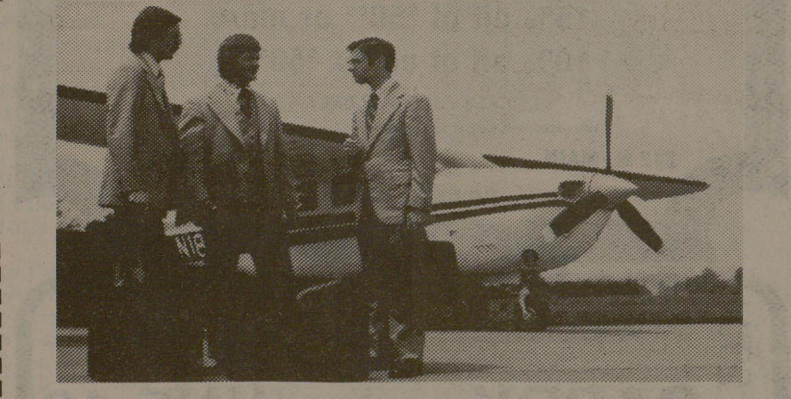
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