

NASA officials reveal fire on space shuttle landing

There apparently was a hydrogen fuel leak from the APUs, and the landing crew was in danger," Nesbit said.

Moments after the Dec. 8 touchdown at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Shaw reported a premature shutdown of one of the auxiliary power units. Within minutes, a second valve of the power units, located near the fuel control cabinet, began to leak.

Engineers believe the fire, located near the fuel control cabinet, occurred after the power units automatically shut down.

"Once the APUs shut down and sealed off the flow of fuel, the remaining hydrazine (fuel) burned itself out," Nesbit said. "There was nothing back there to support any combustion and it went out."

"We did not discover it until the next day when they (technicians) opened the compartment," Shaw said.

Shaw said he was aware of the problem, but he knew nothing about the problems.

"It's a good thing John and I didn't know at the time," Shaw said jokingly.

A spokesman for the manufacturer of the auxiliary power unit, Sundstrand Corp., of Rockford, Ill., refused to comment on NASA's report of a fire.

A third auxiliary power unit, located across the tail from the other units, was unaffected by the problem and officials said only one was needed for landing.

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Elizabeth Taylor begins rehabilitation for drugs

Elizabeth Taylor, 51, said in a prepared statement that she entered the facility at Eisenhower Medical Center near Palm Springs on Dec. 5 because of a drug problem.

Taylor said through a spokesman she chose the center because she "has great admiration for Betty Ford and believes her problems to be very similar to that experienced by Mrs. Ford in that much of her trouble stems from prescription drugs administered over a period of years to combat her various medical problems."

"Once she commits herself and takes a step and is not worried about what is printed, she will continue to get back during a patient's rehabilitation program at the facility," Millrany said.

During a patient's rehabilitation program, she will receive individual and group therapy, and membership in Alcoholics Anonymous or a similar organization. The program is based on six months to a year of treatment on an outpatient basis. Taylor's family members are expected to be involved in the program.

"Private Lives," said Taylor's producer, center spokesman Zev Butman, producer of "Private Lives," said Taylor's family members are expected to be involved in the program.

"Treatment at the facility has been fully supportive of the problem for her handling of the problem," Taylor said. "This is a new beginning for me. Her children are directing her from New York."

Butman said in a telephone interview that Taylor's physical condition is "stable" and that she is "doing well."

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Kamikaze truck driver identified as pro-Iranian

Islamic fundamentalist group was the worst of six coordinated bombing attacks on U.S., French and Kuwait installations.

No Americans were among the four dead.

The sources said the investigators matched the prints on the fingers with those on file with Kuwaiti authorities and tentatively identified the assailant as Raed Mukbil, an Iraqi auto-mechanic who lived in Kuwait and was a member of Hezb Al Dawa, a fundamentalist Iraqi Shiite Muslim group based in Iran.

Other official sources following the progress of the investigation said they were informed that some of the driver's fingerprints were found near the three-story annex building that collapsed in the bombing.

Foreign nationals are required to file a set of their fingerprints with Kuwaiti authorities before being given work permits.

Hezb Al Dawa is dedicated to overthrowing the regime of Iraq's President Saddam Hussein and replacing it with an Iranian-led Islamic state.

The attacker blew up the annex building by driving a Mercedes truck laden with explosives over the past nine months.

American in the Middle East attacks killed more than 250 people after similar suicide bombings in Beirut, Lebanon and other Western missions following the attacks on the U.S. compound and five other locations.

A U.S. Embassy official said the attack came even as work was under way to improve embassy security after similar suicide bombings in the Middle East.

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Defendant accused of child abuse fails to appear in District court

Lubbock — State District Judge Robert Wright started a murder trial Tuesday even though a defendant charged with abusing a 2-year-old boy failed to appear.

Authorities were ordered to find and arrest Lee Orana Licon. Wright said Licon's \$7,500 bond would be forfeited, until he died in September last year.

Linda Rubalcado told the court Ms. Hernandez came to court since Monday.

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