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Hundreds dead in Indian battle Warp GOOD AFTE TALKING ABOUT TH BOOM

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troops seized the Golden Temple of Amritsar Wednesday in a fierce battle with Sikh extremists that left

fighting that began late Tuesday rorists when troops launched an assault on the temple complex in Amritsar, 250 miles north of New Delhi.

holiest shrine in the Sikh religion marked the worst explosion of vio- three months. lence since the Sikhs began a campaign for autonomy in India's northeastern Punjab state in 1982. The Sikhs are a majority in Punjab but constitute only 1 percent of all Indians.

A military source said a batallion-sized unit was used in the assault. He said resistance was fierce because commander of army troops in Punmany of the extremists holed up in jab, said the fighting began when his

NEW DELHI, India — Indian knew how to handle weapons and late Tuesday. oops seized the Golden Temple of who had constructed elaborate forti- Dayal and o fications in the complex

The complex, including a main more than 300 dead and 240 gold-leafed temple on an island in machine guns, rockets and mortars mound in the 15 acre sanctuary the middle of a lake, had been in all directions from the main wounded in the 15-acre sanctuary, the middle of a lake, had been treated as off-limits to security forces government spokesmen said. They said 450 suspected Sikh ter-rorists were taken prisoner in the vided sanctuary to hundreds of tereven though authorities said it pro-

The decision to storm the temple grounds signaled a decision by Prime Minister Indira Ghandi to The bloodbath at the site of the break the back of a wave of unrest that claimed 328 lives in the past

> The unrest — including fighting between Sikhs and Hindus and between Sikh moderates and militants - was blamed on extremists who the government said had taken over the sect's autonomy movement.

Dayal and other government officials said fighting continued through Wednedsday, with extremists firing temple and from the basement of a building called the Akali Tahkt.

Finally, they said, extremists in the main temple straggled out waving white flags. Then, the 20-odd militants who had been in the basement of the Akali Tahkt building while soldiers held the upper levels also gave themselves up.

One official said there was no damage to the main temple, where the original copy of the Sikh holy book — the Granth Sahib — is stored. The Akal Takht, the seat of the Sikhs Supreme Religion Council, was slightly damaged, he said.

Daval, himself a Sikh, told report-Lt. Gen Ranjit Singh Dayal, the ers in the Punjabi capital of Chandi- launched against suspected Sil garh that the dead included 250 rorists in the town of Patiala lea Sikh extremists and 48 security one or two people dead.

the temple were former soldiers who troops stormed the temple grounds forces members, with another diers missing and presumed de He said 240 men were injur

the fighting, including 190 sold Dayal said he did not kn whereabouts of Sikh leader Singh Bhindranwale, who a ties say has masterminded a terrorism from the sanctuary temple complex.

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In New Delhi, a Home Ministry spokesman said who had surrounded the grounds Monday, were ord enter the complex "after the peated efforts to persuade the rorists to come out failed.

"Instead of responding to sistent appeals by security stop firing and come out, they sified firing, so the security had to take massive action," sa

official. portation Wednesd Dayal said raids also

Mosque demolished by shelling

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the Lebanese capital.

Iran, Iraq fighting across border

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ABU DHABI, United Arab Emiartillery fire across their common Iran reported 325 people were border Wednesday, battering a killed and 300 wounded. Greek ship in an Iraqi port and de-The Iraqi News Agency said Iramolishing homes, shops and a mosque in the Iranian city of Abadan, news agencies reported.

spection squads were ordered to Shatt al Arab waterway since the search ships for arms headed to Iraq start of the war. amid widening hostilities in the 31/2 year Persian Gulf War.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) - Snip-

observer and wounded another in a

neutral zone of Beirut Wednesday

and rival militias battled into the

night across the Lebanese capital

Three civilians were wounded,

two of them when Moslem gunners

shelled the hillside Christian neigh-

borhood of Hazmieh, east of the

city, a hospital spokesman said.

Iraqi air raid Tuesday on the north- day between Saudi and Iranian war- mitted to defending the Guita rates - Iran and Iraq traded heavy ern border town of Baneh where planes.

> Basra, killing 21 residents, wounding 116 others and battering a Greek

Persian Gulf states called a meet-

followed Tehran's vow to avenge an which saw the first clash ever Tues- tar and Oman. The six are

killed and 300 wounded. The Iraqi News Agency said Ira-nian shells crashed into the port of two Iranian F-4s, according to diplomatic sources in Washington.

The official Saudi news agency Shipping sources said Iranian in- ship that has been trapped in the said the Gulf Cooperation Council would meet Tuesday in Taif, Saudi Arabia.

The council is made up of six Gulf nations, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the Thursday searched the Singar ar Persian Gulf War. The cross-border bombardments council to discuss the war's escalation United Arab Emirates. Bahrain, Qa- registered Werra Express.

navigation in the waterway, Two Saudi F-14s, guided by U.S.- since 1980, to supporting Iraq

In the Gulf, shipping source Iranian naval teams were sop ships entering the Gulf to search arms bound for Iraq. Tehranha formally announced the operation

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and its suburbs.

A woman was wounded as fight-ers in mostly Moslem west Beirut tholemew also met with powerful fired an anti-aircraft gun into the Christian leader and Finance Min-Christian half of the capital in fightister Camille Chamoun and offered ing that raged into the night. American assistance to end disputes

but no details of the talks were re-

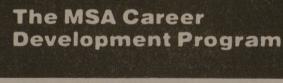
The killing of the French observer among the Lebanese people, Chris- eastern edge of the capital, BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Snip-ers shot and killed a French truce was the first casualty among the 81-man Casques Blancs unit since it was As the leaders and diplomats met, sources said Moslem gunners opened u

sent by the French government battles flared up throughout the city Moslem gunners opened a 120 mm mortar shells on the March 30 to help restore security to and its suburbs.

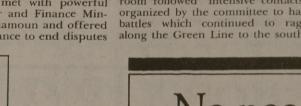
The four-man committee is made up of representatives of the Leb-anese Army, the Christian militia, Moslem Shiite and Druze fighters and is the only forum where militia

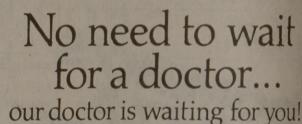
commanders can monitor clashes be- on Army positions at the sout tween rival factions and with the end on the Green Line, which army. The fighting near the operations room followed "intensive contacts" Security sources sai

Security sources said the organized by the committee to halt French observers were struckin battles which continued to rage neck at their positions outsi along the Green Line to the south- Banque de Syrie et du Liban



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French Ambassador Firnand Wibaux later discussed the attacks on the French force at a meeting with Christian President Amin Gemayel at his palace in the suburb of Baabda

Christian neighborhoo Hazmieh, east of the city, and

ral shells crashed into Chi areas in the heart of east Beinut Militiamen also launched at

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