

Indian army tries to round up Sikhs

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CHANDIGARH, India — The Indian army moved to round up Sikh army deserters Wednesday after thousands of rebellious soldiers mutinied against their officers in protest at the suppression of a Sikh uprising last week.
 Officials in Gujarat state, 450 miles southwest of New Delhi, reported the death of one deserter in a shootout with security forces conducting the mopping-up operations.
 The soldier had escaped from a fierce gun battle between deserters and loyal troops on Tuesday, the officials said. Fourteen soldiers in his group were killed and more than 30 seriously wounded in the fight.
 Two of the injured died in the hospital Wednesday, the officials said.
 The latest deaths raised the toll to at least 54 people, mostly army deserters of the Sikh religion, killed and more than 1,700 arrested in three days of clashes with security forces, according to police and Defense Ministry reports.
 Police and Defense Ministry officials said at least 51 people were killed and more than 1,700 arrested in three days of clashes with security forces, prompted by last week's army assault on Sikh extremists in the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

Lt. Gen. S. Oberoi told reporters his army rounded up deserters from a camp near the city of Pune, 900 miles southwest of New Delhi.
 Oberoi, who commands the vast southern army region, said the deserters represented only a small percentage of the 80,000 Sikh soldiers in his forces.
 A national security alert remained in place, with special precautions in force at airports, government offices and the homes of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and other officials.
 The army set up a control center in Uttar Pradesh state east of New Delhi to coordinate mopping-up operations in the area believed to contain most of the remaining mutineers.
 After two days without violence in Punjab state, where Sikhs hold a narrow majority, security was relaxed somewhat.
 The Sikh soldiers deserted in protest at the army's violent suppression of an uprising in Punjab last Wednesday of Sikh extremists who have waged a two-year terror campaign seeking religious privileges and political autonomy for the state.
 Curfews were eased throughout Punjab. Public bus service resumed for the first time since June 3 and about 4,000 travelers stranded in Chandigarh, the state capital, were allowed to leave.

Battles still jolt Lebanon

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's national unity Cabinet won a vote of confidence from Parliament Tuesday with new battles still jolting Beirut as it mourned 93 people killed in the worst factional strife in four months.
 Parliament also approved special powers for Prime Minister Rashid Karami's 6-week-old Cabinet that in effect enabled his government to rule by decree for nine months.
 The vote of confidence and approval of Karami's request for special powers followed the worst day of fighting in Beirut since the Feb. 6 Moslem revolt against President Amin Gemayel's Christian-dominated government.
 Schools, shops and businesses

closed amid religious observances for 93 people reported killed and another 328 wounded in a barrage of artillery, rocket and mortar fire around the capital Monday.
 Lebanon's Christian and Moslem factions accused each other of starting the shelling in hopes of influencing the outcome of the parliamentary debate.
 At least one army soldier was reported killed and two others wounded in the fighting between rival militias along the Green Line dividing Christian east Beirut from the capital's predominantly Moslem western half.
 Meeting at Villa Mansour near the Green Line, Parliament gave Karami's Cabinet a vote of confidence by a vote of 53 to 15.

The vote, the required formal approval of the new government, was a clear endorsement of the pro-Syrian Sunni Moslem prime minister's goals for steering Lebanon out of nine years of civil war.
 The prime minister formed his Cabinet of five Moslems and five Christians April 30 with a mandate to stop the civil war, enact political reforms grant equal power to the Moslem majority, rebuild the army and force some 10,000 Israeli troops out of Lebanon.
 Voice of Lebanon, the radio of the rightist Christian Phalange party, said three deputies abstained from voting in Parliament, where Christians maintain a 6-to-5 edge over Moslems.

Cease-fire in Gulf continues

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ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Iran and Iraq observed a limited cease-fire for a second day Wednesday as Saudi Arabia rejected Iranian charges that Gulf nations conspired with the United States to strike Iran's oil ports.
 "Saudi Arabia wants to affirm that all these allegations are unfounded," an unnamed Saudi Defense and Aviation Ministry official said in an official response to Tehran's claims.
 The Saudi official, quoted by the official Saudi news agency, also denied Iranian claims that Americans would pilot Saudi planes in an attack on its oil terminals.

"All pilots working for the Saudi air force are Saudi nationals. There are no foreign pilots among them," the official was quoted as saying.
 The statement came as Arab foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council held a second day of secret talks at Taif, a Saudi Arabian resort. The council members are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.
 A U.N.-negotiated cease-fire barring attacks on cities by Iran and Iraq held for a second day, although both sides reported inflicting casualties on each other's forces in ground fighting.

But the two-day respite failed to calm Gulf governments concerned about escalated attacks on shipping in the Persian Gulf. The states together export 7.7 million barrels daily.
 All six states in the Gulf Cooperation Council, a military and political integration pact, support Iraq. Tehran has warned it would retaliate unless the Gulf states stop aiding Iraq.
 Abdulla Bishara, secretary general of the council, said the ministers discussed building a pipeline to bypass the Gulf and open on the Arabian sea, and considered setting up sea corridors in the Gulf with protection from their joint military forces.

Israeli defendant: Jewish underground exists

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JERUSALEM — An Israeli defendant accused of being a member of an anti-Arab vigilante underground admitted publicly for the first time Wednesday the existence of a Jewish terrorist organization.
 In pretrial hearings, another Israeli defendant charged with attempted murder sought bail and im-

mediate release on the grounds he is a realtor on the occupied West Bank. He claimed his imprisonment was holding up settlement plans of his buyers.
 Israeli press criticism mounted over the release Tuesday of another defendant, also charged with attempted murder, to attend the wedding of his sister in the West Bank town of Hebron.

In the first public admission of the existence of a Jewish terrorist group, a suspect identified only as defendant No. 9 confessed his membership but not participation — a plea bargaining deal that could cut his sentence by 15 years. A court order forbids publication of the defendants names.
 In the agreement, the prosecution dropped the original charge of at-

tempted murder and participation in a terrorist organization that carries a 20-year-sentence, changing it to membership in a terror group.
 That lesser charge bears a five-year term.
 The indictment charged defendant No. 9 helped spy on Ibrahim Dakak, an East Jerusalem engineer, and Dr. Ahmed Hamzi Natshe, who were targeted for assass-

ination. Neither was attacked.
 The confession could be used as evidence against the other defendants to mete out harsh sentences.
 In all, 27 members have been arrested in connection with the underground. One, Yitzhak Anon, has been sentenced in a plea bargaining deal.

Dutch parliament debates deploying American missiles

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Parliament debated a government plan Wednesday on the deployment of American nuclear missiles in The Netherlands with the fate of the

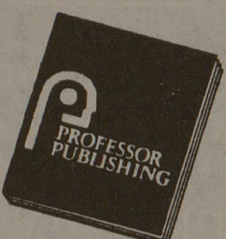
Dutch government hanging on its approval of the proposal.
 Some 2,500 anti-nuclear protesters demonstrated outside the Parliament building as the 150-member

legislature discussed the scheme for a second and final day.
 If a majority votes later Wednesday against the Cabinet's plan for the deployment of new cruise missiles, the government has said it will

resign and prospects of any deployment will be postponed indefinitely.
 NATO and the Reagan administration are not happy with the Dutch plan, which postpones a decision on deployment in November, 1985.

It linked the decision to developments in arms talks between Moscow and Washington and a possible increase in the Soviet arsenal of SS-20 missiles targeted on western Europe.

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