



Forty Winks

Kim Connor (l) and Trisha Dublin (r), from Northwest Academy in Houston, take advantage of the couches in the Memorial Student

Center to catch up on their shut-eye. The girls are taking part in the Showtime Drill Team camps being given on campus this summer.

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Week of deadly global terrorism

Hijacking one of many acts

Associated Press

The TWA skyjacking over the Mediterranean last Friday was the opening act of a long, deadly week of global terror — kidnappings, shootings and bombings on five continents, carried out in the name of a world of causes.

Blood was shed not just in well-known capitals of terrorism, such as Beirut, San Salvador and Belfast, but also in the quiet backwater of Nepal and on the pleasant beachfront of Durban, South Africa.

At least 82 people died and 227 others were wounded in the terrorist attacks of the past seven days. The victims included Australian children and Lebanese holiday-makers, Nepalese politicians and five American servicemen.

Here is a chronology of a week of terror, as compiled from reports by Associated Press bureaus around the world:

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Two Arab gunmen commandeered a TWA Boeing 727 jetliner midway through a flight from Athens to Rome, took it on a hopscotch journey over the Mediterranean, killed one hostage, a U.S. Navy diver, and on Sunday landed for a third and final time in Beirut, Lebanon.

In exchange for three dozen American hostages, they demanded release of 700 Lebanese Shiite Muslim prisoners from Israel.

While world attention focused on the skyjacker, other terrorists were also at work Friday.

In Beirut itself, two bearded men in an explosives-filled automobile detonated the suicide car inside a Lebanese army post, killing 23 people.

In downtown Belfast, Northern Ireland, a bomb planted by the outlawed Irish Republican Army wounded eight people.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

The Philippines' lingering insurgency turned terrorist in a village on the southern island of Mindanao, where authorities reported that Communist guerrillas "executed"

Off-duty U.S. Marines killed in El Salvador

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Gunmen dressed as members of the Salvadoran armed forces opened fire on a crowd at an outdoor cafe Wednesday night, killing 13 people including four off-duty U.S. Marine guards, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

Two Marines escaped injury and the assailants fled in blue Datsun automobile, the spokesman said.

Four Guatemalans and five Salvadorans were killed in the spray of gunfire, along with the four Marines, the spokesman said. He said the shooting occurred about 8:45 p.m.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Charles Smith, said of the four slain Marines: "They were embassy guards and they were off duty."

A U.S. State Department spokeswoman, Vivienne Ascher, said: "A van with eight to 12 men opened fire on a group of people at

a restaurant near the ambassador's residence, hitting two to three dozen people. Four Marines were killed."

The United States has U.S. Marine guards at all its embassies worldwide.

The embassy spokesman, who did not want to be identified because of security reasons, said the Marines were dressed in civilian clothes. He said they were assigned to the embassy as guards.

The names of the dead were not immediately available, he said.

"At this point it appears to have been an act of random terrorism," the spokesman said. He characterized the gunmen as "a squad of guerrillas dressed as though they were members of the Salvadoran armed forces."

He said the Marines were seated at a sidewalk table when the gunmen "pulled up in automobiles, hopped out and began spraying" patrons of the cafe located in Zona Rosa, an area of nightclubs and restaurants in the capital.

the sister of a provincial governor and seriously wounded her husband.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

As an off-duty policeman sat in an automobile in the small town of Killa, Northern Ireland, a gunman walked up and shot him dead. Again, suspicion centered on the IRA.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Bombings were reported on three continents.

Two explosions rocked Jerusalem's suburbs, and one woman was

reported slightly injured. Two other bombs were safely dismantled in Tel Aviv. Israeli police detained several dozen Arab suspects for questioning.

In Colombia, a series of explosions began late Tuesday and continued into Thursday in Bogota and at least three other cities, apparently in connection with a call for a national strike by Communist-controlled unions. Public buses, a power plant and other government installations were damaged.

Back in Northern Ireland, the IRA exploded a land mine under an unmarked police car on a country road, killing one officer and seriously wounding his partner.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

In India, gunmen assassinated a Moslem leader of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's party as he rode in a rickshaw in Meerut, near New Delhi.

At mid-afternoon 6,500 miles away, in a bustling departure hall at West Germany's Frankfurt airport, a suitcase bomb blew up, leaving carnage for which no one took responsibility.

The three people killed included two identified as small Australian children. Forty-two others were injured.

The week's bloodiest attack occurred Wednesday evening in Tripoli, Lebanon, when a car bomb devastated a candy shop where Moslems were buying sweets to celebrate the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

At least 33 were killed and 95 wounded, many of them women and children. Again, no claim of responsibility.

And, as this day drew to a close, a half-dozen or more gunmen stepped from automobiles outside a row of cafes in El Salvador's capital of San Salvador.

The gunmen sprayed the outdoor crowd with automatic-weapons fire, killing 13 people, including four off-duty U.S. Marines and two other Americans. The U.S. Embassy blamed the attack on leftist guerrillas.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

In racially troubled South Africa, a black man hurled a grenade at three police officers near Cape Town, slightly wounding all three. In Durban, two bombs exploded late Wednesday and early Thursday, one of them injuring two patrons of a beachfront cafe.

On Thursday afternoon, the usual calm of Nepal's Himalayan capital of Katmandu was shattered by five bomb blasts — at the national assembly and another government building, the royal palace, and a hotel.

Five people were killed, including an assembly member, and 23 injured. No one immediately claimed responsibility.

Over thirty nations on United States travel advisory list

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's warning to travelers to avoid Athens International Airport in Greece, where two hijackers boarded a TWA airliner a week ago, is the latest of more than 30 travel advisories about nations where security and terrorism pose problems.

The State Department says there are only four countries that Americans should avoid entirely. They are Lebanon, Libya, Iran and Afghanistan. The United States does not maintain diplomatic relations with Libya and Iran.

In the other cases, the advisories are meant to pinpoint specific problems and areas to avoid, as well as offer suggestions for those who must travel to those areas.

Travel advisories are in effect for 98 countries for reasons ranging from a shortage of hotel rooms to cautions against taking photographs at train stations. About 32 of those are because of terrorism and security problems.

The president, at his news conference Tuesday night, cautioned Americans against using the Athens airport, where security is considered lax.

Although the State Department does not publish a comprehensive travel advisory list, it does maintain a citizens' emergency center, which answers inquiries about places

Americans may be planning travel.

In Libya's case, a U.S. passport is not valid. In Iran, the advisory travel is "extremely hazardous" because of the continued anti-American atmosphere, the virtual American stance of the Iranian government and the present conflict between Iran and Iraq.

In Lebanon, the advisory Beirut International Airport is considered safe for Americans because of hijackings and kidnappings. It adds that "terrorist acts against individual Americans continue in other parts of Beirut."

There is a travel advisory against traveling to Cuba, with which the United States has no diplomatic relations but it concerns a prohibition on some commercial business actions rather than any other problems.

The department advises against traveling in the northern area of Nicaragua, which is under military control, and warns travelers may be subject to searches. In addition, fighting along the southern border has made the area hazardous in southern Nicaragua east of Lake Nicaragua.

Jim Callahan, a spokesman for the department's consular affairs bureau, said there also were advisories on travel in El Salvador, Guinea, Mozambique, Angola, Somalia, Zimbabwe.

AIDS

1,600 donors expected to show exposure to virus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — About 1,600 blood donors will be notified during the next 12 months that their blood indicates prior exposure to the suspected AIDS virus, if current screening trends continue, an American Red Cross official says.

More donors will get that news if the Red Cross finds a better laboratory test for confirming its suspicions about their blood, said Dr. S. Gerald Sandler, associate vice president for medical operations. In the two-step screening procedure, only a quarter of samples that test positive initially are being confirmed positive, and a more sensitive second test should confirm a higher percentage, Sandler said.

Red Cross blood banks are to start notifying donors of confirmed positive test results by July 1. Sandler said Wednesday that he was aware of only one notification program in operation, part of an experiment in Atlanta.

The Red Cross, which provides half the nation's blood supply, began screening donated blood in March to keep the AIDS virus from spreading through blood transfusions. Federal authorities blame transfusions for 172 of the 11,010 AIDS cases counted as of Monday by the Centers for Disease Control.

The tests do not diagnose AIDS. They are aimed at finding blood that has been exposed to the virus suspected of causing acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Blood that initially tests positive is

removed from transfusion and put through a confirmation test. If the finding is confirmed, the donor is to be notified. If no confirmation is found, results are considered inconclusive. The donor is notified of any test results, and the blood is not used for transfusion.

The main reason for notifying donors is to let them avoid notifying other people, Sandler said. It has been reported primarily among homosexuals, abusers of drugs and hemophiliacs, and spread by sexual contact and contaminated needles. Health officials and homosexual organizations urged high-risk people to avoid giving blood.

Another reason for notifying donors is to warn the donor that he is at risk of developing AIDS, "but we have enough information about what that risk is," Sandler said.

Initial testing of 1 million samples has found suspicious cases in 1.7 per 1,000 units. The confirmatory test, performed on more than 1,000 samples of suspicious blood, affirmed the initial finding in 22 percent of the units, Sandler said. Since 4 million people give blood to the Red Cross every year, an estimated total of about 1,600 donor transfusions can be projected, Sandler said.

Noting that about three-quarters of initial positive results are confirmed, Sandler said the Red Cross is looking for a more sensitive firmatory test.

"We don't have a reliable way of figuring out which are false positives and which aren't," he said.

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