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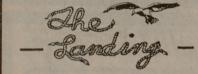
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Israeli leaders deny funneling arms sale funds to Nicaragua

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli leaders Tuesday denied new assertions that their country siphoned funds from arms deals with Iran to Nicaraguan rebels. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called the reports "complete falsehood.

Denials from top government officials put Israel in apparent conflict with President Reagan, who was quoted in Time magazine as saying a third country channeled money to the rebels from inflated prices Iran paid for weapons.

Newspapers quoted American officials as say ing Reagan meant Israel, which has acknowl-edged secretly shipping U.S. arms to Iran but has denied handling payments to the Contras.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Parlia-ment during a 45-minute debate, "The Israeli government doesn't maintain contact or ties or supply weapons from here to the rebels in Nicaragua. It has not given approval for any Israeli to assist, supply know-how or weapons from Israel

He was replying to opposition demands for

parliamentary supervision of Israel's extensive arms business

The U.S Justice Department informally has told Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government that it will seek to question some Israelis in an investigation of the Iranian arms deal, officials said privately.

They said Israel has promised to cooperate with U.S. investigators.

Israel seeks clarification from Washington on the Reagan remarks published in Time, an Israeli legislator said. He spoke on condition of anonymity and would not elaborate.

The magazine quoted Reagan as saying: "Another country was facilitating those sales of weapons systems. They then were overcharging and were apparently putting the money into bank accounts of the leaders of the Contras. It wasn't us funneling money to them. This was another country

Israel radio said U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III told Ambassador Meir Rosenne in Washington that the United States was not accusing Israel of routing funds to the Contra Rosenne telephoned Meese to repeat Isra sition that it had no connection with the rel

Shamir said on Israel radio Tuesday whatever Reagan said, Israel would not d its declaration that it had nothing to do wi rebels "because that is the truth.

Peres professed to be "shocked" by thea tions of Israeli involvement in transf funds, which he called "complete falsehood

The arms sales to Iran caused much less Parliament than in the U.S. Congress, bu wing legislators have demanded an expla of the alleged Contra connection.

A report in Haaretz newspaper said S cabled Secretary of State George P. Shult peating his statement of last week that passed no money to the Contras."

Other Israeli officials refused to discussi sue and indicated they were awaiting an exp tion of Reagan's remarks. "We're trying to him a way to quietly step out of it," one condition that his name not be used.

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City becomes battleground Index pos 0.6% rise as Hindus fight Sikhs in India in Octobe

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Mobs of Hindus angered by Sikh terrorism rampaged through the capital Tuesday and battled Sikhs outside their temples. Police reported 1,500 arrests as they struggled to control the 16,000 Hindu rioters.

Bloodied protesters were seen at several confrontations with clubswinging police, but there was no im-mediate figure on the total number of injured.

The rioting erupted during a gen-eral strike called by a Hindu party to express "anger and anguish" over the massacre Sunday of 24 Hindus in Punjab state by assailants described by police as Sikh terrorists.

"The situation is very tense," area police chief R. Mohan said Tuesday evening in densely populated old Delhi, where the major sectarian battle erupted at the historic Sisganj Sikh temple. "We can't say what we are going to do.

Police fired shots in the air, burst tear gas shells and made repeated charges with steel-tipped bamboo clubs to break up the melee.

"They challenged us," temple spokeman Hardeep Singh said to explain why 150 Sikhs came out of the shrine with ceremonial swords to confront 8,000 Hindu protesters.

The street in front of the temple was littered with rocks and broken bricks after the battle and a curfew was declared in the area Tuesday night.

Sikhs and Hindus also battled outside a Sikh temple in east Delhi, and police fought battles in other areas with Hindu rioters who threw stones, blocked roads and set fires.

meeting of military and government stay inside.

General strikes or other protests were declared in six Indian states Tuesday, but widespread violence developed only in New Delhi, where 7,000 extra police and paramilitary troops were called in.

In Parliament, lawmakers shouted protests for a second day against the

terrorist actions of Sikhs who de mand an independent nation in Punjab.

Home Minister Buta Singh was government said Tuesday its n jeered by opposition members as he ity posted its best advance int tried to explain that Punjab's police were ill-equipped to fight terrorists months, but private analysts and "aided by Pakistan." The neighbor- 0.6 percent October increases ing nation has denied claims it is beenough to sway them from thele that economic prospects rem sluggish. hind the violence.

Sikhs make up about 2 percent of India's 780 million people but form a majority in Punjab, a rich farming

The militants demand an independent Sikh nation they call "Khalistan," which means "land of the pure" in the Punjabi language. Many moderate Sikhs also want more autonomy.

The persistent Punjab attacks have embarrassed Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who signed an accord with moderate Sikhs intended to quell the violence.

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Actor Desi Arnaz dies

Hospital costs increase, but length of stay is down

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hospital charges jumped 7.5 percent last year despite cost-containment efforts and a decline in the average stay from 6.6 days to 6.4 days, according to a private study released Tuesday.

ciency have all contributed to the overall decline in the length of hospital stays.

"While the decreasing length of stay is having a significant impact on containment of overall health care

of lung cancer at 69 HOLLYWOOD (AP) - Desi Arnaz, the Cuban-born singerbandleader beloved by generations of TV viewers as Lucille Ball's harassed husband Ricky Ridied of lung cancer Tuesday. He in her arms last night. was 69.

dren and we were always friends. always very friendly and close, Ball said. "I was down there as week. We've talked all the tir through the years. Lucie,

state The army was put on alert after a

officials, and police cars with loudspeakers cruised the city's neighborhoods at nightfall warning people to

increased from \$3,571 in 1984 to \$3,840 last year, according to the study by Equicor, a joint venture of the Hospital Corporation of Amer-ica and the Equitable Group and Health Insurance Company.

Joseph C. Hutts, chief operating officer of Equicor explained the findings. "Greater movement of patients to outpatient treatment facilities, the growing use of home care, care, hospitals are paid according to new medical technologies and procedures, and increasing hospital effi-nesses regardless of length of stay.

are still sharply increasing," Hutts said in a statement.

The study showed wide variations in hospital costs, from a 34 percent increase in Louisiana to a 26.8 per-cent decline in South Dakota.

Shorter patient stays results from changes in reimbursement under Medicare that began in 1983. Under the system being phased in by Media schedule of fees to treat specific ill-

Arnaz, who was married to Ball for 20 years before their divorce in 1960 and became one of television's most successful producers, died at his home in San Diego County just after midnight. Daughter Lucie Arnaz Luckinbill was at his side, reading prayers, publicist Charlie Pomerantz said. "He was the father of my chil-

"(We are) very elated that he out of his misery. He suffered lot. We have prayed for his being free of pain.

Arnaz pioneered the three camera technique, widespreadu day, in which three cameras s multaneously filmed the "Lor show from different angles, with a final program combined lat

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