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## U.S. officials in Egypt targeted in ambush

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Gunmen pulled alongside a U.S. Embassy station wagon Tuesday, tried to force it off the road and then opened fire, blowing out the windows and slightly wounding two of the three Americans inside.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the men escaped because embassy security chief Dennis L. Williams used "de-

fensive driving measures" to get away from the other car.

He did a sudden U-turn on the eight-lane highway along the Nile's east bank.

It was the first attack in memory on American officials in Egypt.

Several hours afterward, an anonymous telephone caller to a Western news agency said it was the work of Egypt's Revolution, a shadowy group which has taken credit for

three attacks on Israeli Embassy personnel that were responsible for the deaths of two people.

Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid's office said he asked U.S. Ambassador Frank G. Wisner to inform Secretary of State George P. Shultz of Egypt's regret and to assure him "that authorities are doing their utmost to apprehend the culprits."

A warning from the U.S. Embassy urged Americans "to exercise an extreme degree of caution" in the next four or five days, avoiding crowds and "inappropriate gatherings" in the country.

U.S. officials said "increased security is in effect for the embassy."

The embassy identified the injured men as Williams, the embassy's acting security chief, and his deputy, John Huckle. The third American was John Ford, an administrative official.

Huckle and Williams were cut on the head by flying glass, and the American official who spoke on condition of anonymity said it was possible both were creased by bullets in the shooting.

Williams, who had small bandages on his head, told reporters at the embassy that the weapon was automatic, but he did not know the exact type.

"It was unbelievable," he said of the attack, which occurred beside an overpass about 5 miles south of Cairo.

Egyptian officials said three men were in the other vehicle, but Williams said he did not know the number.

About 15,000 Americans live in Egypt, according to embassy estimates.

Included are 500 embassy officials and employees, their 600 dependents, and 700 contract workers engaged in projects for the U.S. Agency for International Development and their dependents. Most live in the Cairo area.

## U.S. team meets Iraqis; panel seeks interview with pilot about attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American investigators met with Iraqi officials Tuesday, but there was no word on whether they would be allowed to see the pilot who fired the missiles.

A diplomatic source said "everything seems to be going well" in the

and communication with Washington, diplomatic sources said.

Several of the Navy, Army and Air Force specialists shuttled between the embassy compound and the Iraqi Defense Ministry during the afternoon. Neither the Americans nor Iraqis would comment on the discussions.

One U.S. official said privately that initial sessions with the Iraqis were "primarily technical meetings."

The official did not elaborate, but a central question is why the lone pilot Iraq says attacked the Stark did not respond to two signals from the ship identifying it as American.

President Hussein has said the pilot of the French-built Mirage F-1 thought he was firing his Exocet missiles at an Iranian target.

Iraq and Iran have been at war since September 1980. Both attack commercial ships in the gulf in an effort to destroy the enemy's economy.

About 230 ships have been hit and more than 200 seamen killed. The attack on the Stark was the deadliest on a ship since the war began.



Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

## Going Up

This sign, on the site of what were the Physical Plant buildings, shows the direction the construction eventually will go. From the rubble the build-

ings are shaped from will come a six-story parking garage. The garage is expected to be completed sometime next year.

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joint investigation of the May 17 attack in the Persian Gulf, which killed 37 American sailors on the guided-missile frigate and wounded 21.

Unconfirmed reports in the Iraqi capital Tuesday said the pilot had been beheaded, apparently for embarrassing President Saddam Hussein's government. Information Ministry officials denied it.

The eight-man U.S. team led by Rear Adm. David Rogers, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spent several hours with senior Iraqi officials Tuesday.

Afterward, they drove in a motorcade to the fortified U.S. Embassy for meetings with American officials

## Saragosa buries dead, voices desire to rebuild

SARAGOSA (AP) — Thousands of people joined Tuesday with the residents of his little town as they buried 17 of the 29 who died in the tornado that destroyed the community.

The disaster prompted a declaration of federal aid Tuesday by President Reagan and an outpouring of almost half a million dollars in pledges of individual donations.

Scores of pallbearers carried 16 caskets and set them in two neat rows for the funeral Mass said by a Roman Catholic bishop. One by one, 12 caskets were lowered into the ground in the Saragosa cemetery; four were buried later in nearby Balmorhea.

"Today we bid farewell to men and women who loved Jesus and his church and

who loved their family and would die for their children... they will be missed," said Bishop Raymond Pena of the El Paso diocese, who said Mass from the back of a flatbed truck.

Pena reminded the mourners that while their church had been destroyed in the storm, its foundation was intact.

"The foundation of your faith is equally intact," Pena said. "On that we will build the new community of Saragosa."

But the town has more to rebuild on than faith now.

An American Red Cross spokesman said the tornado that killed 29, including six children, had prompted pledges of \$470,000 from 12,700 people through the

Red Cross' toll-free telephone number.

"I was just overwhelmed," said Susan Clowe, an official at the Red Cross disaster relief station in Balmorhea.

In addition, relief from other sources has continued to pour into the town, which suffered an estimated \$6.4 million in damage.

Meanwhile Tuesday, President Reagan declared the Mexican-American farming community of 350 eligible for federal disaster aid. That means some residents are eligible for low-interest home loans and other housing assistance plus grants of up to \$5,000 for those with low incomes, said Jack DeVore, an aide to Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

Gov. Bill Clements, who visited the town, said, "While it will be difficult and painful

for the people of Saragosa to literally rebuild their lives, I hope news of this declaration from the president will somehow comfort survivors."

With little warning the tornado swept through Friday night, destroying almost every building. Officials said Tuesday an updated injury list showed 162 were injured, with 35 still hospitalized.

Damage to the community, which included the destruction of four businesses, 70 homes and 10 mobile homes, was estimated at \$6.4 million by Reeves County Judge W.O. "Bill" Pigman in his request for disaster aid.

Clowe said the Red Cross had interviewed 43 families by Tuesday afternoon,

and most said they want to rebuild.

Meanwhile, private donations are growing.

Golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez donated \$10,000 of his \$37,500 first-place winnings from the Silver Pages Classic seniors' tournament in Oklahoma City this weekend, Dewanna Florez, the sheriff's wife, said.

At a convention in Odessa on Saturday night, American Legionnaires auctioned a gold-plated eagle and raised \$3,000 to send to the victims.

Red Cross volunteer Margaret Burton said, "One little girl brought down her piggy bank and gave 89 cents. One man brought in pennies in a paper bag. People are digging deep and helping."

## High court rules threats to safety cut need for bail

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that people accused of crimes may be jailed without bail while awaiting trial if a judge decides they are a threat to public safety.

In a 6-3 ruling hailed as a major victory by law enforcement officials, the court said jailing someone deemed dangerous does not violate the person's rights or the presumption that all are innocent until proved guilty.

Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia deny bail based on a defendant's dangerousness, but those laws are not as sweeping as the federal law upheld Tuesday.

The justices used the case of two reputed Mafia leaders in New York City to reinstate a 1984 federal preventive detention law backed by the Reagan administration and attacked by civil libertarians.

"We have repeatedly held that the government's regulatory interest in community safety can, in appropriate circumstances, outweigh an individual's liberty interest," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

Rehnquist said holding someone without bail is not unlawful

punishment but rather a legitimate attempt to protect citizens.

In a bitter dissent, Justice Thurgood Marshall called the ruling "an ominous exercise in demolition" of constitutional rights.

Marshall said that the court, in the interest of expediency, sacrificed the principle that all citizens are presumed innocent until proved otherwise.

"At the end of the day the presumption of innocence protects the innocent," Marshall said.

"The shortcuts we take with those whom we believe to be guilty injure only those wrongfully accused and, ultimately, ourselves."

Justices William J. Brennan and John Paul Stevens also dissented.

In other action, the court:

- Ruled that federal judges should consider community safety before ordering the release of a defendant whose state court conviction they overturn.

- Killed a lawsuit by federal employees challenging the president's power to order annual pay raises for them smaller than those recommended to keep pace with private businesses.

## New hospital will help expand services in B-CS, supporters say

Opponents warn competition will foster facility duplication

By Clark Miller  
Reporter

When the new Humana Hospital opened in College Station on April 8, its supporters proclaimed the importance of expanding the area medical facilities while others argued that the new hospital was a needless duplication of existing facilities.

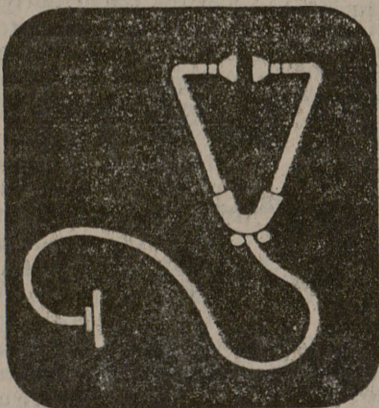
The new hospital is located in south College Station near the Southwood Athletic Complex and the Highway-6 bypass.

Marsha Herring, public relations director at the Brazos Valley Humana Hospital, said the new hospital was built to provide service to more people and to make space for new programs, such as an expanded emergency room and an obstetrics department.

The new hospital will attract people from nearby communities and people who normally migrate to Houston, Austin or Temple for their medical needs, rather than rob patients from St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, Herring said.

The old Humana Hospital, which was located near St. Joseph, had 65 beds while the new Humana has 100 beds.

However, Bonnie Browne, associate professor of political science at Texas A&M, said she isn't convinced



that the area needs the additions the new hospital brings.

"When it comes to health care, you have to have a certain level of demand to justify the facility," Browne said.

She also said that with two hospitals in the area, neither one will attain the top level of available resources because they will split the demand for those resources.

"It's like having four McDonald's in town or one very nice restaurant," Browne said.

But Dr. David Hackethorne, medical director at the Bryan-College Station Scott & White Clinic, disagrees.

Browne served on a committee of the Central Texas Health Systems Agency, an agency that was required by federal law to make recommendations regarding the building of medical facilities.

The committee was considering the proposal of the new Humana building when the agency was cut in 1978.

Browne said she doesn't think the new facility will attract people who usually go to another city for their medical care.

"That would be true if they (Humana) were offering services that are not offered in Houston, but they aren't," she said.

"With two hospitals you have competition and hopefully, competition results in improvement," Hackethorne said. "Humana needed a larger and more attractive facility. They certainly have it now."

Donald Sweeney, interim dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at A&M, agrees with Hackethorne.

"Competition will make both better," Sweeney said.

Sweeney also served on the state agency committee that studied the building proposal of the new hospital.

Alice Luttbeg, vice president of patient services at St. Joseph, also

said the competition will improve both facilities.

"I think that both will be trying to keep up with each other," Luttbeg said.

Sweeney said there are relatively few medical facilities in the area for a community the size of Bryan-College Station, which may be attributed to the many people who go to other communities for their medical needs, but he sees improvement in that area.

"The medical community in this area has not had a good reputation in the past," Sweeney said, "but that is changing quickly."

Hackethorne said that the Scott & White Clinic, which opened last October, has increased its number of clients every month, which is a further indication that the area medical services are improving.

The Scott & White Clinic is an outpatient clinic that has several specialists as well as family practitioners and internists and does everything from surgery to physical checkups.

Browne also agrees that service is becoming better in the area.

"I think things have changed a lot in the past few years," she said. "There are a lot more specialists."

"I used to go to Houston to the

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