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World and Nation

Statements by hostage denied by Washington

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Hos-tage American journalist Charles stronghold of Hezbollah, a radical Glass, his face drawn and unshaven, Shiite Moslem group supported by said on a videotape released Tuesday that he was working as a CIA agent when Moslem kidnappers seized him June 17. The United States denied it and

said statements by hostages "are always made under duress.

Glass choked up several times while reading on the five-minute videotape.

'I am Charles Glass," he said. "Many of you know me as a journalist, but few know the truth.

"I'm actually the CIA agent in the region and the Middle East. I made many secret missions to this area. I used the press as a cover for my main job with the CIA."

It was not clear if his kidnappers prepared the statement for the 36year-old former ABC television correspondent from Los Angeles, who went to Lebanon to work on a book about the Middle East.

Fourteen gunmen seized Glass and the son of Lebanon's defense minister together with their driver in abic, the kidnappers said "America was and still is trying to exploit us"

Hezbollah denied involvement in the kidnapping but is thought to be the umbrella organization for groups holding most of the 25 for-eigners who are missing in Lebanon and believed kidnapped. They in-clude pine Americane clude nine Americans

Glass was the first foreigner ab-ducted since Syria sent 7,500 sol-diers into Moslem west Beirut on Feb. 22 to stop factional warfare and lawlessness. His abduction embarrassed Syrian President Hafez Assad, who keeps 25,000 troops in north and east Lebanon and is the country's main power broker.

A source close to the Syrian mili-tary command in Lebanon said Tuesday it had established the "political identity" of the kidnappers and Hezbollah, which means Party of God, "is the only suspect.' In the nine-line statement re-

and they were revealing "som from the outcome of the preli interrogation of American harles Glass.

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ble deciphering the words. "I collect information for the efit of the CIA," he said. "Forth made secret missions. They ord me to do that.

"I'm not the only one to use press as a cover for those the Many people who work for agency used the same cover some of them were arrested ins countries and I am one of them

In Washington, White H spokesman Marlin Fitzwater "The history of those kinds of tapes suggests often that they done under coercion or even ture." He denied Glass had won for the CIA.

Sikhs kill 34 Hindus on buse bringing total to 72 in 2 day

CHANDIGARH, India (AP) - Sikh terrorists massacred 34 Hindus on two buses in Haryana state Tues-day night, the day after Sikh gunmen killed 38 Hindu passengers on a bus in neighboring Punjab, officials reported.

"The modus operandi of the killings is the same as the one we had inside Punjab," Munish Chandra Gupta, interior minister of Haryana, said.

He said an unknown number of Sikhs halted a staterun Haryana Roadways bus at about 8:30 p.m. on a bridge near Fatehabad, about 150 miles southwest of Chandigarh near the Punjab border, dragged four passengers out and killed them with automatic weapons

When a second bus happened along from the oppo-site direction, the gunmen stopped it and killed 30 of its occupants, Gupta said.

Eighteen people in the two buses were wounded, he said. The wounded in the Monday attack totaled 32.

Gupta quoted police as saying the Sikh attackers Tuesday were in a car and a jeep and that one bus was carrying 60 people. One bus was headed for Sisra, a grain center, and the other for New Delhi, about 135 miles to the southwest.

"There is no doubt that Sikh terrorists are bent upon creating as much trouble as possible in Haryana," the minister said.

Air traffic control system failures blamed for crash over California

Haryana, predominantly Hindu, lies between Delhi and Punjab, a rich northern agricultural where Sikhs form a slight majority. Militant memory the sect, which constitutes a small minority in all dia, are fighting for a separate Sikh nation in Punja Gupta said the gang responsible for the Tue

massacre used "the same modus operandi of killing that used inside Punjab."

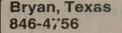
Monday night in Punjab, Sikh gunmen hijde bus crowded with Hindu pilgrims. They killed & cluding five women and four children, and dea that more Hindus would die in the fight for inde dence

It was the third bus attack in Punjab in a yearand worst yet in the state, where terrorists have killed at 500 people in 1987.

Army and police were put on full alert through northern India to prevent both more terrorism and venge attacks on Sikhs by Hindus, which have occur in the past after Sikh terrorist actions.

President Zail Singh, a Sikh, called the slaughter human and ghastly." He canceled a trip to Punja had scheduled for Wednesday.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said: "The inhum butchery of bus passengers should redouble ourres to fight the extremists and perpetrators."



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WASHINGTON (AP) — A fed-eral panel on Tuesday blamed failures in the air traffic control system for the collision last August of an Aeromexico DC-9 airliner and a private plane near Los Angeles that killed 82 people. The National Transportation

Safety Board also cited as key factors in the accident the unauthorized entry of the smaller plane into re-stricted airspace and the "limitations" of putting too much reliance on pilots scanning the skies for other aircraft.

The safety board, adopting its fi-nal report on the Aug. 31, 1986 acci-dent over Cerritos, Calif., sought to not specifically blame either the controller handling the plane or the pilots involved.

Instead, it sharply criticized the air traffic control system, which the board said has "limitations" that make it unable to "provide collision protection" for aircraft under its control.

In addition, the NTSB said, the longstanding philosophy that "see and avoid" is the pilot's primary pro-tection against other aircraft may be outdated in today's airspace in which fast-moving jetliners routinely mix with slower, smaller planes.

The board criticized standard Federal Aviation Administration policy that does not specifically require a controller to advise planes under air traffic control about planes flying under visual flight rules and not under controller direction

Under FAA rules, a controller is required to make advisories about planes not under direct control only as the workload permits. The NTSB investigatores suggested that at times, a "mindset" may keep a controller from doing so even when he is not busy

The FAA had no immediate com-ment on the safety board's findings.

NTSB Chairman Jim Burnett told reporters the board wants "a new philosophy" that would require the air traffic control system to provide broader protection for aircraft against aerial collisions.

He and board member John Lauber cited the "inherent weaknesses" of the see-and-avoid concept, arguing that it provides little protection in an airspace such as the Los Angeles basin where large numbers of small private planes share the skies with commercial jets.

The NTSB suggested that the controller who was handling the

Mexican jetliner should have the impending collision because electronic signal of the private — a single-engine Piper PA-28 rokee — was on his radar screen The controller, Walter White

insisted that he never saw the plane on his screen and has gested that a shortcoming in the dar might have been at fault Lauber called White "one of

most tragic characters" com with the accident because he shown to be a competent and scientous controller who may have never actually seen the plane even though its signal wa the screen.

While Burnett joined other b members in criticizing the seeavoid concept, he argued unsu fully that more emphasis be p on the failure of the Cherokee to detect the Aeromexico plant time to avoid a collision.

"He did have the opportun see and avoid the other air Burnett later told reporters. Other board members sugge however, that the pilot, W Kramer, might have been pres pied in trying to find markers ground that would keep him the restricted airspace.

Nissan will recall more than 180,000 cars in effort to repair unintended acceleration

DETROIT (AP) — Nissan Motor Corp. will ask owners to return more than 180,000 vehicles for addition of a device that is designed to prevent unintended acceleration, a company official says

The voluntary recall involves 1979-87 280ZX and 300ZX cars with automatic transmissions, said Richard T. Hartzell, vice president for service at Nissan's U.S. marketing arm in Carson, Calif.

The company will install an inter-lock free at Nissan dealerships so the car cannot be put into gear without depressing the brake, Hartzell said

on Monday. The recall involves 180,531 vehicles, he said.

Nissan has received reports of 180 incidents of unintended acceleration in the vehicles, company spokesman Bill Pauli said. He said he did not have figures on injuries.

Pauli acknowledged National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that the incidents involved five deaths, but said Nissan investigated the deaths and "we haven't been able to attribute them to unintended acceleration. Ron DeFore, an NHTSA spokesman in Washington, D.C., said in an

agency probe involving autor transmission 280ZX and 300ZX manufactured between 1980-8 vestigators reported complain 205 instances of unintended a ration, 152 of them involving re damage, 65 involving injuries five involving deaths.

Sam Cole, a spokesman for Center for Auto Safety, a Wat called the recall "a Band-Aid proach. They're going to pu shift lock on it and treat it driver error . . . (when) they sh be taking cars apart, trying to the duce it.

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