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Iraqi bombers resume attacks on Iranian-owned oil terminal

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraqi fighter-bombers hit Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal for a second day Sunday in an escalating offensive in the Persian Gulf as a new convoy of U.S.-escorted Kuwaiti tankers sailed toward the battle zone.

Iraq said it resumed the attacks Saturday after a 45-day lull to keep Iran from using increased oil revenues to continue the 7-year-old war and force it to accept a United Nations cease-fire.

Parts of the Kharg oil terminal were in flames, according to Iraqi communiques.

Iraq's Tehran radio, monitored in London, said that in retaliation to Iraqi "atrocities" Iranian artillery shelled industrial targets in Basra, Iraq's second largest city and military targets in the port of Um Qasr.

It added that Iraqi artillery shells struck the Iranian border cities of Abadan and Khoramshahr.

The official Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said two civilians were killed and 15 others, mainly women and children, were wounded by the Iranian shelling of the southern city of Basra.

In Washington, U.S. Undersecretary of State Michael H. Armacost called the resumption of the Iraqi air

raids "deplorable," but said it was understandable in view of Iran's delay in accepting the cease-fire resolution passed by the U.N. Security Council last month.

Iraq's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Revolutionary Guard Minister Mohsen Rafiqdoust as saying Iran could fire several long-range missiles a day into Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, and "level it to the ground if the Iraqi regime resumes bombing Iranian cities."

The previous day, Iran had vowed to retaliate with "a crushing response" if its oil exports were threatened and said no targets would be immune, including the re-flagged Kuwaiti tankers and the U.S. warships escorting them.

Iraq also claimed to have hit three "large maritime targets," a term usually meaning tankers or other big ships, including one off Kharg Island.

Neither Iraq nor independent sources identified the ships allegedly attacked.

A convoy of two tankers and at least six U.S. warships was about a third of the way along its 550-mile voyage to Kuwait.

Kuwait asked the United States to give 11 of its 21 tankers U.S. flags

and escorts to protect them from Iranian attack. Iran had accused Kuwait of backing Iraq and began attacking Kuwaiti tankers last September.

The convoy entered the Persian Gulf after passing through the Strait of Hormuz, at the gulf's southern tip, and within range of Iran's Chinese-made anti-ship Silkworm missiles.

No indication emerged whether the United States had been informed in advance of the Iraqi raids or whether its ships were on a special alert status against possible Iranian retaliation.

Iraq and Iran had not attacked each other's commerce in the gulf since the Security Council passed the cease-fire resolution on July 20.

Iraq said its aircraft hit at least three Iranian oil installations about 300 miles apart in the gulf on Saturday, then attacked Kharg and three land targets on Sunday.

Iraq's news agency, monitored in Cyprus, said Saturday's raids "martyred" and wounded several people.

Kharg, in the far northern gulf, accounts for 90 percent of Iran's oil exports, all of which go through the gulf. Iraqi oil is sent by pipelines to Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

Gulf-based shipping sources said Lavan Island, a coastal refinery and terminal to the south, was burning and Rakhsh, an oil platform in the southern gulf, was severely damaged after Saturday's attacks.

The sources spoke on the condition they were not identified.

Iraqi war communiques, also monitored in Cyprus, said the land raids hit Iran's international satellite communications center in the southwestern city of Asadabad, near Kharg, and power stations in Tabriz, 60 miles from the Soviet border, and Hamadan in central Iran.

Iran said it shot down two Iraqi aircraft over the gulf. Baghdad said all of its planes returned safely.

The U.S.-escorted convoy, the fourth northbound and sixth overall since the operation began July 20, included the 81,238-ton Surf City and the 79,999-ton Chesapeake City, according to witnesses who observed it from helicopters and other vessels.

The U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., confirmed that the convoy entered the Persian Gulf early Sunday and that it included the guided missile cruiser USS Reeves and guided missile frigate USS Hawes.

Boston sniper kills 5, injures 2 others in family dispute before shooting self

BOSTON (AP) — A man opened fire with an automatic weapon in a Boston neighborhood Sunday, killing four relatives and another woman and critically wounding two other relatives before taking his own life, authorities said.

A Vietnamese interpreter called to the scene by police said the gunman was a Vietnamese refugee involved in a dispute with family members over money, but police said they had no information about a possible motive.

The 23-year-old man shot four people outside a home in the city's Dorchester section before running into the dwelling, witnesses and police said. He shot three people inside the house before committing suicide after a two-hour standoff with police, Deputy Police Superintendent Robert O'Toole said.

The sniper's identity was not immediately released and those of the victims were being withheld.

But police spokesman Jane Sheehan said the gunman killed his 52-year-old uncle, 48-year-old aunt, two female cousins, ages 23 and 26, and a 24-year-old woman visiting the family.

During the standoff, police gave conflicting reports about the victims and their relations to each other. But Sheehan said another cousin of the gunman who was not injured in the shooting identified the victims for police.

She said police did not know who owned the house or whether the gunman was living there with the relatives.

The driver of a tow truck parked on the street jumped out of the vehicle, picked up a 3-year-old girl who was shot and ran through gunfire to hand the girl to his sister, who carried her to rescuers, Nichols said.

When police arrived about 3:30 p.m., they found paramedics treating a man, a woman and the 3-year-old shot on a street around the corner from the house into which the sniper fled, O'Toole said.

An Asian woman was found shot on a porch across the street from the house, O'Toole said.

Inside, police found a woman shot in a stairwell, the uncle shot in a hallway and a third woman shot in a bedroom of the apartment in which the sniper apparently shot himself in the head, O'Toole said.

A 9mm gun was found next to his body.

A 19-year-old man was in critical condition at Boston City Hospital, said Sheehan. The 3-year-old girl was in critical condition at New England Medical Center, a spokesman said.

DiWanna Salmons, 14, who lives across the street from the three-story, six-apartment building used by the sniper, said she was returning home and thought she heard firecrackers exploding when she saw the gunman, wearing a trench coat with a rifle barrel protruding from one of the sleeves.

"He came running at me," she said. "He chased me into my yard, but he slipped on a piece of board. He shot at me, but nothing came out of the gun."

Two other neighbors, Nancy Feeney and a registered nurse said they rushed to aid the woman who was shot outside the house.

The woman "had a lot of blood coming from her mouth and nose," the nurse said.

Feeney said the gunman fired several shots at the woman's head after she had been felled by the first shot.

After the sniper rushed into the house, Feeney and the nurse said they heard windows breaking and people yelling, "Get back, Get back." The man then fired additional shots into the street, they said.

Residents of nearby homes crowded onto porches as police swarmed into the neighborhood. Police evacuated several residents from buildings adjacent to the one from which the sniper fired the shots.

The shooting was New England's second multiple slaying of the weekend by a suspect who committed suicide.

Police said a Providence, R.I., woman fatally shot her sleeping boyfriend, sister and son at home before traveling to Skeekonk, Mass., where she killed herself early Saturday after agreeing to surrender.

Aquino says mutineers tried to kill her family in overthrow attempt

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino said Sunday that mutinous troops tried not only to topple her government but sought out to assassinate her and her family.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said he was not involved in Friday's coup attempt by up to 1,200 rebel troops led by his former aide.

The daylong battle left at least 25 people dead and 275 wounded.

Enrile, fired as defense minister last November after a failed coup attempt, said he refused a request by a U.S. diplomat to use his influence with mutiny leaders to halt the attacks.

Loyal troops searched northern provinces Sunday for remnants of the rebel force, including Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan and five other ringleaders.

Aquino laid a wreath Sunday at a Fort Bonifacio military cemetery on National Heroes' Day.

Dozens of guards with Uzi sub-machine guns and M-16 rifles maintained tight security for her first public appearance since the rebellion.

"The aim of the rebels was clearly to kill the president and her family," the president said in prepared statements.

"The size and ruthlessness of the attack, the treachery that marked it, the brutality of the rebels who fired on civilians, and the timing . . . proves beyond a doubt their murderous intentions," Aquino said.

Her only son, Benigno Aquino III, was wounded and three of his bodyguards killed as they returned to the presidential palace early Friday.

He later said the rebels fired on their car after he identified himself as the president's son.

The rebellion was the gravest of several attempts to overthrow Aquino since she was swept to power

in a February 1986 civilian-military revolt that deposed President Ferdinand Marcos.

The mutineers in Friday's attempt had said they were unhappy over government failure to end the nation's 18-year-old communist insurgency.

The coup attempt came while many of the 500-member Presidential Security Guard force were in nearby provinces as advance security for a planned tour.

The tour was later canceled by Aquino.

Military spokesman Col. Honesto Iseta said 816 mutineers had surrendered or been captured and were being held aboard two navy ships in Manila Bay.

He said 12 loyal soldiers were killed in the revolt and 61 wounded, and six mutineers died and 24 were wounded.

Civilians caught in the crossfires also were killed.

Sex does not dominate thoughts of college students, study shows

NEW YORK (AP) — What's on a college student's mind right now? Probably other people or a task at hand rather than sex, a new study suggests.

When researchers sampled the immediate thoughts of 39 college students and five older people through the day, they found that more than 27 percent of the thoughts concerned other people while only 1 percent concerned sex.

"This may be surprising given the large density of undergraduate students in this sample," said Eric Klingler, psychology professor at the University of Minnesota at Morris.

But the results probably hold true for college students in general, Klingler said after describing the research Friday at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

Men and women in the study wore beepers for an average of four days, each day in a different week. They recorded what they were thinking about at the time the beeper went off, which happened 10 to 12 times a day.

Besides other people, other top subjects for thoughts were a task at hand, which showed up in 20 percent of thoughts, and just looking at or listening to something, 14 percent of thoughts.

Problem-solving appeared in 6 percent, self-evaluation in 3 percent, telling oneself what to do in 2 percent, and sex and anger in 1 percent apiece.

The results are "a fairly solid finding," said Marlin Hoover, chairman of the psychology department at St. Xavier College in Chicago, who has done thought-sampling research.

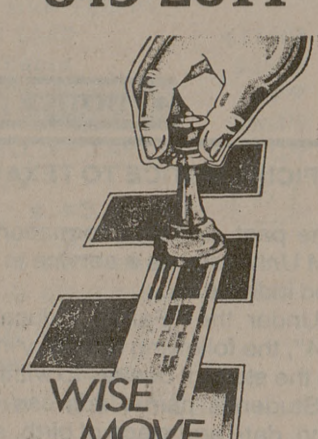
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Man braves sniper's shots to rescue child

BOSTON (AP) — A tow truck driver who had been taking his family on an outing braved gunfire Sunday to pull a critically wounded 3-year-old girl from the porch of a house at the scene of a shooting that left six people dead.

"I was a little scared but to me that little girl's life was worth a lot more than my life," said Joe Munroe, 27, visibly shaken after his brush with the gunman who kept police at bay for two hours.

Munroe said he may have been motivated by the thought of his own daughter, who is about the same age as the girl he saved. He also has an 8-year-old son.

"I know I'm going to have bad nightmares about this, but the thought of seeing a baby killed — it does things to people's minds," he said.

As he drove his truck to his brother's house, in the neighborhood of the shooting, Munroe saw a man get shot and a woman lying on the ground.

He continued down the street and saw the girl and a woman shot as they ran across the street from the house where the gunman fired. Both reached the house across the street.

"The 3-year old baby, I saw the back of her head being blown open," he said.

Munroe says jumped from the passenger side of the truck and ran to the porch.


When he reached the child and turned her over, he saw she was crying. "I don't know what language she was speaking," Munroe said. "To me she was saying 'Help.'"

The injured girl was reported in critical but stable condition Sunday evening at New England Medical Center.

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