

# World and Nation

## Iraqi air attack ends lull in war before U.N. starts peace mission

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraq said its warplanes attacked two ships Tuesday night near Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal, ending a brief lull in the Persian Gulf tanker war before a U.N. peace mission to the region.

The official Iraqi News Agency said two "large maritime targets," which usually means tankers, were hit at 9 p.m. east of Kharg. It did not identify the vessels and there was no independent confirmation of attacks near the terminal in the northern gulf.

Iraq's announcement raised to 25 the number of ships reported hit since Aug. 29 by either Iran or Iraq.

Before the latest round, there was a six-week period after passage of a U.N. cease-fire resolution during

which few raids on commercial shipping occurred and Iran increased its oil exports by about 20 percent.

In its report of the raids Tuesday, the Iraqi agency quoted a military spokesman in Baghdad as saying: "Iraq will continue its attacks against Iran until the Iranian regime accepts to live with the people of the region in peace and puts an end to the war according to U.N. Security Council Resolution 598." The resolution was passed July 20.

Diplomats said privately the brief respite was directly related to the peace initiative of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. He made a suspension of hostilities a pre-condition for his mission, which begins in Tehran on Thursday and will take him to Baghdad later.

A dispute between Iran and Kuwait escalated, with claims by Iran that officials in Kuwait were harassing Iranian immigrants there and had ordered the expulsion of a sixth Iranian diplomat.

In the gulf, shipping sources said there appeared to be more vessel movements than usual as companies took advantage of the pause in the 3½-year-old raids on shipping.

Iraq, at war with Iran since September 1980, strikes at ships carrying Iranian oil to hurt Iran economically and force it to the peace table. Iran strikes at other shipping, saying if the gulf is not safe for its vessels it will be safe for nobody's ships.

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze and Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov urged

an immediate end to the gulf war and criticized the U.S. presence there during meetings Tuesday with Iran's deputy foreign minister, Mohammed Larjani, Tass said. The Soviet news agency quoted Shevardnadze and Ryzhkov as saying U.N. resolutions should be a starting point for an agreement to end the war.

Twelve Japanese or Japanese-manned tankers and petroleum gas carriers sailed into the gulf during a two-hour period early Tuesday, ending a five-day suspension of such traffic ordered by Japan's Shipowners Association and Maritime Union.

U.S. naval forces in the gulf reportedly were in a temporary stand-down as the diplomatic maneuvering continued.

## Aides claim to have kept Bush in dark on efforts to resupply Contra rebels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aides to Vice President George Bush received a stream of clues indicating Lt. Col. Oliver L. North was "chairman of the board" of a secret effort to resupply Contra rebels in Nicaragua but they never told Bush, according to depositions and documents made public Tuesday.

One Bush associate, Army Col. Samuel J. Watson, said the vice president was not told of allegations that a group of corrupt profiteers with unsavory connections was overcharging the Contras for weapons and supplies because the information was unproven and "not mature."

The words "resupply of the Contras" appear in a memo prepared for Bush by his staff to describe the purpose of a meeting he and his aides were to have with former CIA agent Felix Rodriguez seven months before the Iran-Contra affair became public last year.

But Watson and Donald Gregg, Bush's national security adviser, told the congressional Iran-Contra investigating committees, in sworn statements taken last May and June, it is a mystery to them how the words got into the document, which was released Tuesday along with transcripts of their testimony.

The memo, dated April 30, 1986, identifies Rodriguez as "a counterin-

ter-surgency expert who is visiting from El Salvador." It says he would brief Bush "on the status of the war in El Salvador and resupply of the Contras." It raises the question whether Bush knew about the resupply effort earlier than he has acknowledged.

Bush, a former director of the CIA and now the frontrunner for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination, has acknowledged knowing Rodriguez. But he denies he was aware of private efforts to arm the Nicaraguan rebels at a time Congress had banned U.S. assistance.

Steve Hart, Bush's acting press secretary, said Watson and Gregg did not tell Bush their suspicions about the Contra resupply operation because they "felt that the vice president didn't need to know."

Hart said that Gregg often only told the vice president what he felt he "needed to know."

Phyllis M. Byrne, a secretary in the vice president's office who typed the memo, said in a deposition the language was given her by Watson. Watson said he cannot recall doing that.

It was not known whether Bush ever saw the document. Congressional investigators, to the surprise of many officials, have not questioned him.

Watson said he was "almost posi-

tive" the subject of the Contras never came up at the May 1 session with Bush. Gregg said there was no intention to discuss that issue nor was it raised.

Watson said that when the investigation began to focus on the memo, Gregg asked him where the words "resupply of the Contras" had come from.

"I said, 'beats me,' or words to that effect," Gregg testified.

But the resupply operation was raised at a later meeting on Aug. 8, 1986, as Rodriguez complained about the people North had recruited for the effort.

Gregg and Watson said Rodriguez was worried that the group, led by retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord, might be "making immoral profits" from dealings with the Contras.

Watson said he came away from the meeting with the impression that North was "chairman of the board" of the resupply operation and Secord the "chief operating officer."

Rodriguez told the vice president's men he was concerned that several of those involved had ties to Edwin Wilson, another former CIA agent, who had been jailed for selling explosives to Libya.

He said Rodriguez mentioned Se-

cord and former CIA official Thomas Clines and said, "These people are running such a corrupt, shoddy, unsafe operation down there, the U.S. government should not get involved with them."

Nonetheless, Gregg said he was stunned last December when Rodriguez told him that he had been under North's orders to assist in the resupply operation and had been instructed to tell no one, especially not Gregg.

The Iran-Contra affair recently had been exposed and Gregg said that Rodriguez, "very emotionally upset," called "to indicate that he was terribly sorry that this might cause some difficulty for the vice president or me."

"And at that point was the first time that he had told me in any sense — that I recognized — that he had been formally asked by Ollie to help and then asked by Ollie not to tell me about it," Gregg said.

Gregg was asked if he had understood why North didn't want him to be informed.

"I would say it is a consistent pattern of Ollie's to keep things very heavily compartmented," he said.

Gregg added that he assumed North feared Gregg might raise "the question of possible illegality."

## Congressmen unable to draw conclusions about treaty violations of Soviet radar unit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three congressmen who visited a Soviet radar system said Tuesday they were unable to conclude if the unit violates the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty but they praised the Soviets for permitting access to the secret facility.

"This was an extraordinary step in confidence-building, an extraordinary visit for arms control," said Rep. Thomas Downey, D-N.Y., in a statement echoed by Reps. Jim Moody, D-Wis., and Bob Carr, D-Mich.

They spent a day last week inspecting the Soviet radar system at Krasnoyarsk, a facility in the central Soviet Union which has been the focus of a superpower dispute.

The Reagan administration contends the radar is designed to track incoming enemy nuclear missiles, a purpose known as battle management, and thus is banned by the 1972 treaty limiting such systems.

The Soviets argue that the radar is for tracking

of objects in deep space, which would not be a violation.

At the State Department, spokesman Charles Redman said, "We see no evidence in the information available now which would alter our conclusion that the radar under construction at Krasnoyarsk constitutes a violation of the ABM treaty."

In a report to House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, the three congressmen concluded, "based on what we saw, we judge the probability of Krasnoyarsk functioning as a battle-management radar to be extremely low."

But they also said, "We are unable to form a clear judgment on the question of early-warning vs. spacetrack."

"Whether the installation is early-warning or spacetrack, it clearly is not deployed," the report said. "Thus, we judge it to be not a violation of the ABM treaty at this time."

The three legislators are critics of President

Reagan's arms control policies. In their report, they said U.S. national security would be well served by the House insisting on its arms control positions, stands which are opposed by the White House.

The congressmen said westerners previously had not been permitted to visit the Krasnoyarsk facility, which includes an 11-story transmitter and an 80-story radar receiver.

Anthony Battista, a member of the committee staff and an expert on Soviet military systems, said the group was permitted to take more than 1,000 pictures.

The report said, "our access to Krasnoyarsk was dramatic and extensive."

"At no point were our notes, tapes or photographs censored or even examined by Soviet officials in any way," it said.

But it continued, "nevertheless, access was not absolutely unfettered . . . internal examination may have been subject to some restrictions."

**BRYAN DRIVE TRAIN INC.**  
Specialists in  
Transmission, Clutch, Driveshaft & Differential  
Diagnosis and Repair Center  
Electronic Engine Performance Analysis  
provides State-of-the-Art Tune up  
for Top Engine Performance  
MasterCard VISA  
Domestic & Foreign Auto Repair  
4x4 Specialists  
3605-C South College 268-AUTO

**WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE FOR NOT LOSING WEIGHT?**

Joyce Nimetz  
Area Director

**Excuse #3:**  
"It costs too much."

**Excuse #14:**  
"Summer vacation ruined my diet."

There's still hope! With Weight Watchers Quick Start® Plus you can trim off as much as eight pounds in the first two weeks. You'll be impressed with the support and encouragement you'll get from our leaders and other members just like yourself.

**JOIN WEIGHT WATCHERS® NOW ONLY... \$7**

Regular Fees  
Registration . . . . \$18.00  
First Meeting . . . \$ 7.00  
Regular Price . . . \$25.00  
**YOU SAVE . . \$18.00**  
Offer Ends October 4, 1987.

**Come to the Weight Watchers meeting nearest you.**

BRYAN (409) 846-7793  
Bryan Center  
4202 E. 29th at Rosemary  
Mon: 9:30 am 5:15 pm  
Tue: 9:30 am 6:30 pm  
Wed: 11:30 am 5:00 pm  
Thur: 9:30 am 5:15 pm  
Fri: 10:00 am  
Sat: 10:00 am

**NOTHING WORKS LIKE WEIGHT WATCHERS!**  
Offer valid September 6 through October 4, 1987. Offer valid at locations listed (Area 37, 38, 107) only. Offer valid for new and renewing members only. Offer not valid with any other offer or special rate. Weight Watchers and Quick Start are trademarks of WEIGHT WATCHERS INTERNATIONAL, INC. ©WEIGHT WATCHERS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 1987.  
**1-800-692-4329**

**A&M employees, don't lose your right to choose!**

Traditional medical insurance offers one key advantage no clinic-based HMO can match — freedom of choice.

Joining an HMO means surrendering the right to choose your own doctor from among all the physicians in an area. Since clinic-based HMOs pay only for visits to physicians employed by the HMO, joining such a health plan significantly restricts your access to the community's full spectrum of health care providers.

The same is true of hospitals. Clinic-based HMOs pay for hospitalization only at participating hospitals. So your ability to seek cancer therapy at Houston's M.D. Anderson Hospital, or cardiac surgery at St. Luke's, is similarly restricted.

Add to those limitations the loss of all dental coverage and most psychiatric benefits, and the true cost of HMO participation becomes apparent.

Before you abandon your proven medical insurance for the latest trend in health care delivery, be sure you know all the facts.

*A message in the public interest from your*  
**Brazos Independent Physician**

**Wickes Lumber**

**BUILD YOUR OWN 11x7 LOFT**  
\$70 Complete With Plans And Assembly Instructions  
Some Cutting & Drilling Required

**NEED SPARE KEYS WE CUT 'EM 88¢ EA.**

**CONCRETE BLOCKS 99¢ 8"x8"x16"**

**TELEPHONE HOOKUP ACCESSORIES**  
Check Our Line

**BRASS SHELVING CLIPS 49¢ EA.**  
CREATE A SHELF DESIGN WITH CLIPS

**REDI TO ASSEMBLE DESK 19<sup>88</sup> Each**  
54"x30"

**REDI TO ASSEMBLE SHELVES**  
48"-4 shelf 18<sup>99</sup> 60"-5 shelf 21<sup>99</sup>

**WE CUT LUMBER-DOESN'T COST MUCH-SAVES YOU TIME**

**693-1300**  
STORE OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-6 SATURDAY 8-4  
JUST SOUTH OF A&M ON WELLBORN RD.

MasterCard VISA Wickes Lumber