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World and Nation

Iraq threatens to counterattack Iran's cities after missile strikes

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraq threatened on Tuesday to answer the latest Iranian missile attacks on Baghdad by blitzing Iranian cities with air raids, artillery and new long-range missiles that can reach Tehran.

Later in the day, Iraq said its jets raided a "large naval target," usually meaning a ship.

Two missiles hit the Iraqi capital Monday night and early Tuesday, killing or wounding an unspecified number of people. Iran had fired two dozen Soviet-made Scud-B missiles into Baghdad beginning late last year, but these were the first attacks since Feb. 13.

A Cypriot vessel was burning out of control Tuesday off Iran in the Persian Gulf, where Iran

and Iraq have been at war since September 1980. Iraqi warplanes set it ablaze Monday during raids on two Iranian oil terminals in which four other tankers were damaged.

Maritime salvage executives in the gulf area said 15 tugboats tried to extinguish the fire, but finally gave up and the crew abandoned ship.

Government newspapers in Baghdad said the military would make the first use of a new type of Iraqi-manufactured missile to attack Iranian cities, indicating Tehran would be the main target.

They said the missile's range was just over 400 miles, which means it could reach the Iranian capital of 6 million people from Iraqi territory.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency quoted

the Revolutionary Guards minister, Mohsen Fiqdoust, as saying Iran had improved the performance of surface-to-surface missiles since those that exploded in Baghdad, whose population is 5 million.

The "war of the cities" has flared several times during the long war. Thousands of civilians both sides have been reported killed in deadly cycles of air raids, missile attacks and artillery bombardment.

Al-Qadissiya, newspaper of the Iraqi forces, said Tuesday: "Iraq has the capability to pound them with thousands of artillery guns more than a hundred warplanes."

Chinese arrest 60 marchers, prepare for unrest on occupation anniversary

LHASA, Tibet (AP) — About 60 people shouting the name of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled god-king, marched Tuesday to a government office, where armed Chinese security forces quickly arrested them, herded them into trucks and drove them away.

The marchers, believed to be Buddhist monks in street clothes, did not resist arrest. About 2,000 bystanders made no attempt to help them or four monks who were arrested at about the same time in the Jokhang Temple square, where pro-independence protests last week left at least 14 people dead.

The Chinese government has sent 1,000 armed police to Lhasa, capital

of the remote Himalayan region of 2 million people, said a source in the local Public Security Bureau.

The troops are to guard against further unrest today, the 37th anniversary of the day China occupied Tibet, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Tibetans and Chinese questioned on the street said they expected the anniversary to be quiet because of fears that police would fire on protesters.

Western witnesses said police fired Thursday on demonstrators who burned a police station and vehicles in the temple square.

Western doctors in Lhasa said eight Tibetans were shot to death

and one unidentified Chinese was stoned to death. Authorities said six Chinese police were killed.

There was a smaller, less violent protest on Sept. 27 that resulted in about two dozen arrests.

About 100 marchers raised their fists and chanted the name of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's former civil and religious leader, who fled to exile in India after a 1959 uprising against Chinese rule. China annexed Tibet in 1950.

The marchers did not wear the saffron robes usually worn by monks, but they came from the direction of the Drepung monastery, one of three leading monasteries whose members led the independence demonstrations last

Sessions suffers relapse from bleeding ulcer

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director-designate William S. Sessions, suffering from a bleeding ulcer, suffered a relapse that sent him back to the hospital Tuesday and forced indefinite postponement of his swearing-in, FBI officials said.

Sessions, a former federal judge, was hospitalized for observation and treatment in San Antonio, where he had returned after being released from the George Washington University Medical Center there last Saturday.

"Judge Sessions is believed to have

experienced more bleeding, which is not uncommon in these cases," Dr. Richard Rubio, Sessions' private physician, reported in an FBI statement.

Rubio said his patient was in stable condition at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. He said he does not consider the illness life-threatening and said surgery is not anticipated, FBI officials said.

Sessions, 57, became ill and fainted in the aisle of a jetliner last Wednesday night on the way to Washington for his swearing-in cere-

mony at FBI headquarters which had been scheduled for the next day.

Doctors in Washington discovered a previously undiagnosed bleeding ulcer in the upper portion of his small intestine.

On Monday, the FBI re-scheduled the swearing-in ceremony for Thursday, but the oath of office now "has been postponed indefinitely," the bureau's acting director, John Otto, said in the FBI statement.

On his release from the hospital Saturday, Sessions told reporters he

Census Bureau shows black vote increased during 1986 election

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the share of young blacks who voted surged significantly ahead of the percentage of young whites who went to the polls, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday in a study of turnout for the 1986 election.

Turnout of people aged 18 to 24 has grown steadily among blacks in recent years, with increasing numbers of blacks seeking public office and campaigns being conducted to get blacks to register in larger numbers.

"The result of the recent increases for black youth and the 1986 drop for white youth was that for the first time... turnout among young blacks in 1986 exceeded that of young whites," the Census Bureau's report said.

Black registration and voting has

grown significantly in the South, the study added, and it is in that region that politicians agree that blacks have had a significant effect.

Indeed, black voters are credited with helping return Democrats to power in the U.S. Senate in the 1986 election, by helping unseat incumbents in such states as Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina and fending off the GOP in Louisiana.

The report compared turnout among people aged 18 to 24 in non-presidential elections in recent years.

In 1986, turnout for both groups edged down slightly, but rounded off to 25 percent for young blacks, while falling to 22 percent for whites, the report found.

By comparison, whites 18 to 24 outvoted blacks 42 percent to 41 percent in the 1984 presidential campaign, a year that showed black

participation rising sharply at a time that the campaign of Jesse Jackson drew considerable attention to the black community.

Historically, voter turnout by this age group has been the lowest of all ages, the bureau noted.

On a national basis for all age groups, whites turned out in larger shares than blacks, 47 percent to 43 percent, in 1986. Four years earlier, whites had led 50 percent to 43 percent.

The report is based on a survey of about 55,000 households and provides detailed information on who voted by age group, race, sex and other criteria. However, surveys asking people about their voting patterns always result in higher numbers reporting voting than actually did so.

Market plunges sets record for 1-day fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices plunged Tuesday, setting a new record for a 1-day fall in the Dow Jones industrial average as investors reacted to a sharp drop in interest rates and a handful of pessimistic forecasts.

The Dow Jones average tracks the movement of 30 blue-chip stocks, plummeted 100.43 points to 2,548.63. The drop wiped out the previous record of a one-day point fall in the Dow Jones average, set in 1929. The average fell 86.61 points Tuesday, a record for a 1-day fall.

Two Republican members of the House of Representatives, Sen. James Exon of Nebraska and Sen. James B. Buckley Jr. of New York, were among those who criticized the rate cuts.

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