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Doctor for Nancy Reagan sees 'excellent' chance for recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors told President and Nancy Reagan on Sunday that the final tests from her breast cancer surgery show there has been no spread of her cancer and that the "prognosis for full recovery is excellent," a White House spokesman said.

Mrs. Reagan is recovering remarkably well from surgery, Reagan's physician John E. Hutton said in a statement. Hutton said Mrs. Reagan's 12-physician team is "completely satisfied with her progress in every respect."

The president traveled by helicopter to Bethesda Naval Medical Center early Sunday morning to await the final test results from Saturday's surgery.

Hutton's statement, distributed by White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, said the first lady "feels good and her vital signs are strong and stable." It said Mrs. Reagan was feeling "very little pain" and was re-

ceiving a mild analgesic medication to deal with it.

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"No further treatment is expected, other than normal routine examinations. Mrs. Reagan's prognosis for full recovery is excellent," the statement added.

The first couple received the news

about the final tests at midmorning, Fitzwater said.

Reagan, upon departure for Bethesda, carried a red, white and blue beribboned gift for the first lady, but steadfastly refused to divulge its contents, Fitzwater said.

As he left the White House to helicopter to the medical center in sub-

urban Washington, Reagan called out to reporters, "I've got a date with a girl out at Bethesda."

Doctors removed the first lady's left breast and several lymph nodes from under her arm Saturday in a 50-minute operation following a

needle biopsy that revealed a quarter-inch malignant tumor. The first indication of the lesion came Oct. 5 during her annual mammography.

Hutton's statement identified the cancer as a "non-invasive intraductal adenocarcinoma" that measured about 7 millimeters.

Fitzwater said it was a common form of breast cancer that had not spread through the tissues.

Hutton's statement said that while preliminary laboratory tests showed the cancer had not spread to the lymph nodes or surrounding tissue, final laboratory analysis would be completed on Sunday.

Such tests on frozen sections of the lymph nodes are crucial, because the lymph nodes act as the body's filters for foreign matter such as cancer cells, and physicians look to them to determine whether the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

Fitzwater said Reagan had told him that "the doctors say her recovery is ahead of schedule."

U.S. officials call Iranian missile strike 'lucky' shot; Reagan makes decision

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The Iranian missile that wrecked a U.S.-flagged tanker was "a lucky shot" that could have hit Kuwait's oil terminal complex or several other ships in the area, U.S. military sources said Sunday.

In Washington, President Reagan was asked whether he intended to make a decision this week about his "options" in the Persian Gulf and said reporters: "I've made it." Asked what the decision was, Reagan said, "I can't tell you."

Also Sunday, the U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain, Sam H. Zakhem, was recalled to Washington "for consultations," an Embassy official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he didn't know whether the summons was related to the Iranian attack.

Kuwaiti officials lodged a formal protest with

Tehran. Iran's foreign minister virtually acknowledged Iran launched the missile Friday and hinted at more attacks.

Four U.S. Navy warships passed through the Suez Canal on the way to the Persian Gulf area, canal officials reported.

In Tehran, Iranian officials accused U.S. forces of torturing four wounded Iranian sailors detained in a clash in the gulf this month. The four were repatriated to Iran Saturday.

The U.S. Navy began escorting 11 U.S.-registered Kuwaiti tankers in July to protect them from attack by Iran, which considers Kuwait an ally of Iraq in the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Salvage executives said it would cost up to \$10 million to repair the 81,283-ton Sea Isle City after the missile attack.

U.S. and Kuwaiti officials who inspected the ship Saturday concluded the missile was a Chinese-made Silkworm, U.S. military sources said. Officials said it was fired from Iran-held territory, 50 miles to the northeast from where the tanker sat in Kuwaiti waters.

The blast injured 18 crew members, blinding the American captain and a Filipino sailor, medical sources in Kuwait said. Six remained hospitalized Sunday, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"It was, from Iran's point of view, a lucky shot," said one military source who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The missile was fired in the general direction of the Kuwaiti terminal. It had to hit something. Its radar guidance system just happened to pick up the Sea Isle City."

Aquino: Martial law remains unnecessary despite coup attempt

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The government said it foiled a coup attempt Sunday after rebel soldiers stole an armored vehicle. President Corazon Aquino said martial law was "not yet necessary" despite continuing instability.

The rebels stole the personnel carrier from army headquarters and drove it undetected to Santo Tomas University despite a full military alert. The six-man crew abandoned the vehicle about a mile from the president's residence and escaped with a machine gun and ammunition.

Acting Manila Gov. Jejomar Binay said renegade Lt. Col. Reynaldo Cabautan had planned to launch an attack on the presidential compound from a campus staging area.

Cabautan, sought since a coup attempt in January, denied any role in the theft.

Presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno said the incident could have been staged to embarrass a government still seeking to restore public confidence after 53 people died in a coup attempt Aug. 28.

The August military mutiny was the gravest threat to Aquino since she was swept to power in a February 1986 civilian-military rebellion that ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

Another opposition source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said rebels planned to mount a "military operation" but it failed after someone tipped off pro-government forces.

Troops and tanks rushed to the presidential palace and the university area and security was increased at military installations in the capital.

During a radio broadcast,

Aquino said she was asked if she would declare martial law in the face of Communist insurgency and threats from opponents.

"I believe that during these times, those measures are not yet necessary," she said. "It is hard to go back to martial-law days where we saw so many abuses."

The comments were taped Saturday, before the latest incident, but were broadcast Sunday night over government radio.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Cabautan said the incident Sunday points to widespread military opposition to Aquino.

"I'm sure there are lots of small organizations in the armed forces as well as in the civilian sector that intend really to topple the government and establish a new, genuine, true democratic government that will be responsive to the people's interest," Cabautan said in a hideout in central Luzon, the island that includes Manila.

"So what happened this morning must be a group of individual soldiers whose sentiments could not be stopped any more," he said. "And I'm sure there are lots of this kind in the armed forces."

The incident began early Sunday when the V-150, a light, wheeled vehicle with a machine gun mounted on the turret, drove out of Fort Bonifacio, the headquarters of the Philippine army in suburban Makati.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, capital regional commander, said troops went on maximum alert late Saturday because of reports of an impending coup. But he said guards allowed the vehicle to leave with an unauthorized Marine driver and that they alerted commanders only after he had left.

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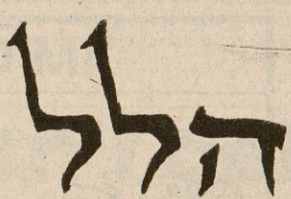
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