

# Six days of fighting in east Beirut lead to 210 deaths

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Rival Christian forces battled with tanks in burning east Beirut and fought with daggers and bayonets for control of a key coastal town Sunday. Police said 210 people have died in the savage battles during the six-day showdown.

Gen. Michel Aoun's forces claimed they captured the town of Dbaye, five miles north of Beirut, from Christian warlord Samir Geagea, and Aoun's Channel 5 TV station showed paratroopers occupying what it said was Geagea's Lebanese Forces base there.

But Geagea's militia said the defenders repulsed 10 tank-supported assaults by the paratroopers and forced them to retreat after hand-to-

## Appeals for cease-fire unheeded by warring Christian forces

hand battles with bayonets and daggers.

Aoun sent artillery, tanks and troops to seize the militia's headquarters in east Beirut, but the militiamen held off the fierce bid to solidify Aoun's control of the devastated Christian enclave in this ruined city.

Two oil tanks and scores of buildings set ablaze in the fighting burned out of control. Pillars of flame shot skywards and thick clouds of black smoke shrouded the area, adding to the confusion.

Police said 210 people have been

killed and 935 wounded, mostly civilians, in the deadly fighting that began Tuesday in the Christian enclave, where an estimated 1 million people live.

Both sides ignored appeals made by clergymen for an end to "the senseless, horrific massacre of the innocents."

An estimated 500,000 people cowered in basements and bomb shelters as shells — as many as one round each second — rained all night long from Aoun's mountaintop positions east of the city.

At dawn the next day, Aoun's

tanks advanced through the northern Dora industrial district and the northeastern Rummaneh quarter, police said.

The offensive was an apparent make-or-break attempt to crush Geagea's Lebanese Forces and become the undisputed leader of the Christian enclave north of Beirut.

In the cold, dank underground shelters, food, water and powdered milk supplies ran out, radio stations said. Electricity has been cut off for nearly a week.

Hundreds of shells and rockets have landed in Moslem west Beirut,

which has not been involved in the latest power struggle.

At least 25 people have been killed and 105 wounded in the Moslem sector since Tuesday.

To add to Beirut's woes, a four-hour gun battle broke out between rival Shiite Moslem factions in its southern slums Sunday.

Police said four people were killed and seven wounded before Syrian troops moved in to separate the Iranian-backed fundamentalist Hezbollah, or Party of God, and the Syrian-allied Amal militia.

They have been vying for control of Lebanon's 1.2 million Shiites, the country's largest sect, for more than two years.

Cease-fire appeals by the U.S. Cross, 16 Lebanese parliamentarians and the Vatican's representative in Lebanon, Papal Nuncio Jaime Ortega y Amador, were ignored.

France also appealed for a cease-fire and said it was prepared to send medical aid to Lebanon quickly.

Six earlier truce accords failed to stop the fighting, among them the 1982 UN ceasefire, the 1983 UN ceasefire, the 1984 UN ceasefire, the 1985 UN ceasefire, the 1986 UN ceasefire, and the 1987 UN ceasefire. Lebanon gained independence from France in 1943.

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No Entry Fee! Round #1 Begins: Wednesday, Feb 7

### Handball Doubles

No Entry Fee! Play Begins: Tuesday, Feb. 13

Entries Open: February 5 Entries Close: February 13

### Archery Doubles

No Entry Fee! Contest Date: Tuesday, Feb. 20

### Slam Dunk

No Entry Fee! Preliminaries: Thursday, Feb. 15

**Captains:** Get your softball teams together now! Entries open February 12th. Those interested in officiating softball will meet Feb. 12, 6 pm in 267 GRW.



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Sign up for the canoe day trip March 3! Entries open February 12.

## TAMU OUTDOORS

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Registration opens February 5th for:

	Date	Rating*	Fee**
Rock Climbing Clinic	Feb. 24	B	\$15/18
Mountain Bike Day Trip	Feb. 25	B/I	\$6
Rock Climbing, Hueco Tanks	March 10-18	B/I	TBA
River Rafting	March 10-18	B/I	TBA

Registration opens February 12th for:

Canoe Day Trip	March 3	B	\$25/30
Backpacking Trip	March 2-4	B	\$25/30

\*B=Beginner, I= Intermediate  
\*\*Second price is for non-A&M affiliates

Stop by the Rec Sports Office for more information on these and many other programs offered this semester by TAMU Outdoors.

All registration for TAMU Outdoors is taken in 159 Read. For more information, call Patsy Greiner at 845-7826.

## CHAMPIONS !!

Recreational Sports congratulates winners of the '89-'90 preseason basketball tournament!

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### Judo Team Wins Texas Senior Tourney

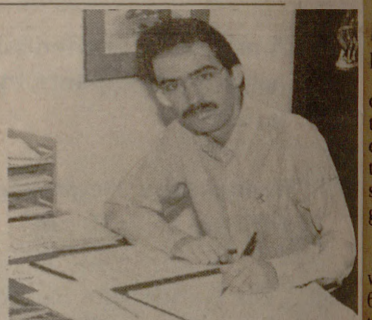
The Texas A&M Judo Team opened their spring season with a 1st place victory at the Texas Senior Tournament in Pasadena Texas! The Aggies captured eight medals and 26 points, while 2nd place U. of Southern Louisiana finished with 20 points. The University of Texas finished third with 13 points.

Placing for the Aggies were Justin Barger, 2nd in 140 lb. class; Hiram Hodges, 2nd in 160 lb class; Jack Long, 2nd in 200 lb. class; David Baker, 1st in 200 lb. class. The Aggies swept the 200+ lb. class with Mike Baker grabbing 1st, Roger Dubbs 2nd, and David Baker 3rd. John Hughes captured 2nd in the open division.

For more information about TAMU Judo, call Bobby Perez at 693-1891.

### Behind the Scenes

Tom Reber is Associate director of Recreational Sports. He schedules major team sports and was instrumental in computerizing intramural operations.



Exercise classes are still available for registration, but are filling up fast! Hurry and sign up before they're gone! Classes are open to all students, faculty and staff, and their spouses. Beginners' classes are designed for those just starting an exercise program, while the intermediate classes place more emphasis on cardiovascular endurance. Enroll in 159 Read or call 845-7826 for information.



The Rec Sports driving range is now open! Hours are 3-6 Monday through Thursday, 12-6 Friday and Sunday, and 10-6 Saturday.

The Department of Recreational Sports offers lockers for rent in Deware Fieldhouse, Read Building, and G. Rollie White. Fees are \$12 per semester. Rentals are taken in 159 Read Bldg, or call 845-7826 for info.

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# REC SPORTS WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY February 5	TUESDAY February 6	WEDNESDAY February 7	THURSDAY February 8	FRIDAY February 9	SATURDAY February 10	SUNDAY February 11
Entries Open: Archery Doubles Slam Dunk Wrestling Weigh-In 4:30-5:30, 173 Read (Entries Still being taken)	Entries Close: Wallyball 3 Point Shootout Handball Doubles Sport Club Meeting 7 pm, 167 Read	Triathlon Club Meeting 7:30 pm, 162 Read  HAPPY BIRTHDAY PJMILLER!	Wallyball Captains' Meeting 5 pm, 164 Read  Soccer Officials' Meetings 7:30 & 8:15, 164 Read	Handball Doubles Brackets Posted, 1 pm	Sailing Team Bryan Utilities Lake	Basketball Officials Meeting 8:15, 267 GRW