

PLO deaths Police arrest Palestinians in slayings of officials

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Police arrested several Palestinians, including a PLO bodyguard with links to terrorist Abu Nidal, after the assassinations of three PLO officials. But many Arabs blamed Israel.

Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories poured into the streets to protest the assassinations, waving black mourning flags and the tricolor banner of Palestine. Israeli army gunfire killed three people and wounded 74.

Israel flatly denied involvement. "We had nothing to do with it," Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens told ABC-TV.

Killed Monday night were Salah Khalaf, second in command to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat; Hayel Abdel-Hamid, the PLO's security chief; and Abu Mohammed al-Omari, Khalaf's chief bodyguard.

Arafat returned Tuesday from Baghdad to

the Tunis headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization, canceling a trip to Paris. The PLO eulogized Khalaf and Abdel-Hamid as leaders who symbolized the Palestinian cause and lauded al-Omari as a PLO fighter.

A statement from Fatah, the main branch of the PLO, said the gunman, identified by the PLO and Tunisian officials as Hamza Abu Zid, was a "planted agent who undertook dealing with traitorous parties."

"This crime will never be left without punishment," the statement said.

However, the statement dropped earlier PLO accusations that the killings were sponsored by Israel, and gave weight to reports the gunman was allied with Abu Nidal, Arafat's sworn enemy.

There was no statement from Abu Nidal.

PLO security sources said Abu Zid split from Abu Nidal, head of the Fatah-Revolutionary

Council, during a mutiny in Libya. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Abu Zid came to Tunis six months ago and was hired as Abdel-Hamid's bodyguard.

Palestinian sources said one gunman killed the three PLO officials. The Tunisian police report indicated there was one gunman, but Tunisian officials said other Palestinians were arrested.

"All people implicated in this attack were arrested," the official TAP news agency reported, adding all are "Palestinians known to the PLO." Israeli army radio said as many as a dozen people were arrested.

The police report made public Tuesday said the three men were killed with two Kalashnikov automatic rifles. Initial reports said the gunman used an AK-47 assault rifle.

Shevardnadze replaced Diplomat named to position

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev sought to put U.S.-Soviet relations back on track Tuesday by replacing Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze with the Soviet ambassador to Washington.

Gorbachev nominated veteran diplomat Alexander A. Bessmertnykh, one of the country's top specialists on the United States, to take charge of Soviet foreign policy. The Supreme Soviet legislature quickly approved his choice.

In Washington, White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater welcomed Bessmertnykh's appointment, which was effective immediately.

"The president has known him for a number of years," Fitzwater said. "And he's been very instrumental in shaping U.S.-Soviet relations. We know him well, respect him. We can work with him."

The legislature was nearly unanimous in ratifying Gorbachev's choice. As the vote of 421-3 was announced, Gorbachev turned and smiled at Bessmertnykh, who had flown back from Washington to attend the legislative session. Lawmakers broke into applause.

"The policy of new thinking ... will be preserved and developed," he told lawmakers.

Bessmertnykh, 57, becomes the first Soviet foreign minister with a diplomatic background rather than one in the Communist Party or government bureaucracy.

"It is a good choice," Nikolajs Neilands, a former deputy Latvian foreign minister, told reporters. "He is intelligent and a professional. ... He is one of the best experts about the United States."

Marshal Sergei F. Akhromeyev, who joined Bessmertnykh in superpower arms talks and is an adviser to Gorbachev, called him "a very capable diplomat."

IRS answers tax questions over phone

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service spends a lot of effort to make its forms and instructions more understandable but a glance at your 1990 tax package might lead you to believe the job is still not complete.

If, after getting down to work on your return, you run into questions that do not seem to be answered in the instructions, the IRS offers several forms of assistance.

You may take your questions to your local IRS office or use the toll-free telephone number for your area that is listed in the instructions. The process will work best if you make your questions as specific as possible and have available records that will help you respond to queries from the IRS person.

IRS telephone assistants gave the correct answer 77 percent of the time last year, an improvement from 64 percent the previous year. But if you don't trust them, consider using Tele-Tax. This is a system of tape-recorded answers to questions on 140 different tax topics, ranging from how to claim the earned-income credit to what you should do when you receive an IRS notice of tax due.

The toll-free number for Tele-Tax in your area is in the back of your tax package, along with a list of tax topics.

If you start work on your tax return early enough, you should have time to order specialized IRS publications.

Greyhound strike enters court

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The government and striking bus drivers began presenting evidence Tuesday on whether Greyhound Lines Inc. used illegal bargaining tactics that forced a bitter strike 10 months ago.

About 100 protesters chanted "Scabs out, union in," and carried placards outside the federal building where the National Labor Relations Board began its hearing against the only nationwide intercity bus company.

"I'm here to see that justice is done," said Charles Randolph, 52, of Milwaukee, a bus Greyhound driver

for 21 years before he and 6,000 other drivers were fired for striking last March.

"It's about fair progress for the workers who helped make a name for the company," said Randolph, a father of three children. "We have kids we want to send to college."

Inside the building, Administrative Law Judge Robert Giannasi accepted the NLRB's 122-page complaint alleging Greyhound unfairly declared an impasse in negotiations and intimidated striking workers before firing them.

He must rule whether the com-

pany violated federal labor laws when it declared an impasse before talks broke down, implemented its own contract proposal without union consent and hired 3,000 replacement workers.

The government and Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions are seeking reinstatement of the 6,000 unionized drivers and back pay, NLRB attorney Phil Bloedorn said.

Greyhound officials have declined to discuss their defense for the hearing but have denied any wrongdoing, saving an impasse did exist.

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