

GULF BRIEFS

Bush shrugs off Iraqi reform promise

President Bush turned a cold shoulder Sunday to a promise by Saddam Hussein for democratic reforms in war-devastated Iraq.

Senator favors economic sanctions

U.S. Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., said economic sanctions, not a continued American occupation of southern Iraq, should be used to pressure Saddam Hussein to comply with allied cease-fire demands.

MIA listed as killed in action

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Peace talks continue, air movement banned

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — In a second round of cease-fire talks, allied commanders met with Iraqi military commanders Sunday and told them they cannot move their warplanes inside Iraq for any reason, a top U.S. official said.

Meanwhile, the secretary of the Army, Michael Stone, said American forces will remain in the Persian Gulf beyond the July 4 date set by President Bush as "a special day of celebration for our returning troops."

In another development Sunday, 500 Iraqi prisoners of war were returned to their country through a remote Saudi Arabian border outpost, bringing to about 1,900 the number repatriated since hostilities ended.

The Central Command said a delegation headed by Maj. Gen. Robert B. Johnston, the chief of staff, met with 10 Iraqi military

officers at 1 p.m. (4 a.m. CST) in U.S.-occupied Safwan in southern Iraq.

"The talks centered on cease-fire agreements," the command said in a communique. "This meeting was a continuation of previous military discussions. In the past several days, the U.S. has learned that the Iraqis have flown some of their military airplanes."

The command said this was clearly a violation of the terms of a temporary cease-fire set by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the U.S. commander in the Gulf, at the first round of peace talks two weeks ago in Safwan.

"Now, the Iraqi military has indicated that it intends to fly more airplanes, to move them around within Iraq," the command said. "This, too, would vi-

olate the terms of the temporary cease-fire."

The meeting was held to hear why the Iraqis want to fly some of their aircraft, U.S. officials said. The command said it would consider the request and respond appropriately. Its communique on the meeting Sunday gave no details of what took place or what the U.S. response was.

However, Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Sunday the U.S. government had refused Iraq's request to move the warplanes. He said the denial came in the past 24 hours but would not say how it was communicated.

"That's something that was agreed to at the very time operations were suspended," Baker said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

Rebels charge Iraqi forces use napalm on thousands of civilians

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Rebels claimed on Sunday that government forces massacred thousands of people in napalm attacks that left the burned bodies of women and children strewn along a highway in southern Iraq.

State-run newspapers in Baghdad also reported horrific scenes of destruction in two southern cities, saying the bodies of hundreds of people killed by anti-government rioters were on the streets or stacked in hospitals.

None of the claims by the rebels or the newspapers could be verified because Western journalists have not been allowed to cover the fighting.

Baghdad Radio said Iraq's National Assembly would meet in a special session Wednesday. The agenda was not announced for the meeting of the rubber-stamp parliament. The session was called one day after President Saddam Hussein promised major political reforms once the rebellions are crushed.

The radio also said Izzat Ibrahim, deputy chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, met with army commanders in northern Tammim province. It referred to him for the first time as the deputy commander of the armed forces but did not indicate if that signaled changes in the command of Iraq's army, which was crushed in the Persian Gulf War.

On Saturday, in his first address since the Gulf War ended in an informal cease-fire, Saddam maintained that his forces had crushed the Shiite Muslim revolt in the south and would soon defeat Kurdish guerrillas in the north.

Rebel leaders in Damascus, however, claimed that fighting, which began as the Gulf War ended last month, was still raging across the country.

Brutal deaths raise doubts in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — A series of slayings and beatings of Palestinians, Iraqis, Kuwaitis and other people is rocking this newly-liberated country and raising questions about who is in control.

"Who is in charge?" asks a Kuwaiti army major. "I don't bloody well know."

Prior to Iraq's invasion in August, Kuwait was one of the most stable countries in the region. But the war disrupted every facet of life, and the recently returned government so far appears weak and unable to assert its authority.

Somebody is killing, beating and abducting Palestinians and other third country nationals.

Just who is responsible is difficult to tell.

Somebody else is gunning down Kuwaiti army and resistance fighters manning checkpoints throughout the city.

Davis resigns after season of turmoil

the best interest of his family to resign," Parnham said. "He is convinced the unsubstantiated clouds of speculation would plague him and his program if he fought to remain in his present position."

After a six-hour meeting Thursday, there was speculation about what kind of financial settlement Davis would receive.

Neither A&M officials nor Parnham commented on the matter, but KRIV, a Houston television station, reported that Davis will be paid only through time and receive \$36,600.

Davis signed a four-year deal last year and was making \$127,000 annually. A&M finished the season 8-21 this year, bringing Davis' career record to 77-53.

Parnham also addressed the issue of more trouble with the NCAA in the letter to Mobley.

He closed the eight-page rebuttal to A&M's report by adding, if not "for other problems and circumstances existing be-

Davis' Record table with columns: Yr., School, W-L, Pct. Rows include 1984-84, 1985-86, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, Overall Record, and Division I.

tween the University and NCAA, Davis is convinced he would have been treated differently, both in the investigation and its conclusion."

Should the NCAA declare any of the violations major, A&M could lose its basketball program for two years under the "death penalty rule."

The NCAA rule states that if a university's program is found guilty of a major rules violation within five years of a major violation involving any other program at the same school, the present program will receive the

penalty. A&M's football program was found guilty of 36 violations in 1988, when it was declared ineligible for bowl competition and placed on two years' probation.

A University statement said action is being initiated with respect to assistant basketball coaches, but Mobley said any action regarding those coaches would be completed this week.

The report listed 13 possible violations, eight concerning Davis' dealings with reported New York talent scout Rob Johnson and six with former A&M student Tony Scott.

Scott, who transferred to A&M from Syracuse, withdrew from school in February.

The report also stated that Davis and assistant coach Fletcher Cockrell acted unethically according to NCAA bylaws.

Davis lied to Smith four times about details of the investigation, according to the report. The report also charged that Cockrell

either gave Smith misleading information or attempted to influence others about what to say to investigators on three occasions.

News that Davis had let Johnson use a University phone card was one of the most damning violations.

In the investigation, however, it was found that Johnson had stolen the number and presently is repaying the school for the unauthorized calls.

Citing such instances, Mobley directed Crow to implement further institutional controls within the athletic department.

Mobley went on to defend the school's report and its decision.

"You need to understand the process of the report," Mobley said. "There were multiple interviews over an extended period of time, so there really weren't any surprises in the report."

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