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MIDEAST PEACE

Arafat ready to seek PLO approval of plan

The Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia — Yasser Arafat prepared on Wednesday to ask the PLO's ruling body to approve his peace deal with Israel, amid indications that mutual recognition between the Palestinians and the Jewish state was imminent.

The Executive Committee's approval is the key hurdle before the groundbreaking peace accord for Palestinian self-rule in the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho can be signed.

Arafat's meeting with the ruling committee promised to be stormy because of strong opposition to the deal from radical PLO factions. He is expected to win the backing of a majority of the panel.

Arafat arrived in Tunisia after a brief stopover in Cairo, en route from Oman, where Sultan Qaboos welcomed the peace accord. The trip was Arafat's first to an oil-rich gulf Arab nation since they broke with the PLO chief three years ago over his support for Iraq during the Persian Gulf War.

In Tunis, a senior PLO official said the PLO and Israel had agreed on a draft declaration of mutual recognition, a major sticking point holding up the accord.

The official, a member of the PLO committee supervising the Palestinian delegation at Mideast peace talks, said the PLO would recognize Israel and its right to exist, renounce terrorism and promise to call a meeting of the 468-member Palestine National Council, or parliament-in-exile, to formally endorse his statements.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Arafat was expected to make these commitments in a news conference soon after the Executive Committee meeting, and in a letter addressed to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel.

The agreement for self-rule in Gaza and Jericho could then be signed later this month, probably before Sept. 20, the official said.

In Jerusalem, Rabin's government faced strident opposition to the deal from an estimated 50,000 protesters who camped out near his office Tuesday night. Before dawn, police moved in with water cannon and clubs to disperse hundreds who had remained through the night. Forty-five people were injured and 33 arrested.

Israel's Supreme Court issued a ruling that clouded the future of the Mideast peace talks. The court recommended that Rabin fire two ministers under investigation for corruption. Interior Minister Arieh Deri said he will resign on Sunday, but his six-member party, Shas, has threatened to bolt Rabin's frail coalition government over the investigation.

Rabin's government would still be able to stay afloat with the support of five Arab legislators outside his coalition. Shas' departure would deprive him of the Jewish majority in parliament he needs to make concessions in the peace talks.

Arafat said in an interview with the Israeli magazine Haolam Hazeh that Israel has agreed to a two-stage withdrawal plan from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria. There was no immediate comment from Damascus or Jerusalem.

Gunmen kill 21 commuters in South Africa

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Gunmen firing automatic rifles killed at least 21 black commuters and wounded 25 others in two separate attacks Wednesday night, police said.

Attackers in two mini-vans pulled up alongside a line of hundreds of commuters and began firing wildly, leaving dead and wounded the length of a 70-yard parking lot.

Three hours later and a few miles away, gunmen standing on a street corner fired on a passing taxi-van. Police gave conflicting reports on the casualties at each site but said at least 21 people died and 25 were wounded in both incidents.

The attacks followed a landmark agreement reached Tuesday by black and white groups that will end white-minority rule. Political violence has soared as negotiations on reform proceed, and Wednesday's attack was similar to several others that coincided with major steps forward.

Broken glass and blood covered the parking lot outside the small shopping mall in the Wadeville industrial area outside Johannesburg.

Police Brig. T.J. Koekemoer said all the victims were black and were attacked by several gunmen, also black, who then fled in their vehicles.

"This is absolutely senseless," he said, noting the victims were from various townships and did not represent any particular political group.

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