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Tuesday, November 30, 1993

Kidnapped U.S. diplomat released

The Associated Press

SAN'A, Yemen — Kidnapped U.S. diplomat Haynes Mahoney III was released late Monday by Yemeni tribesmen who had held him hostage at their desert stronghold, Interior Minister Yehya al-Mutawakil said.

The minister told The Associated Press that Mahoney was released at 10:30 p.m. (2:30 p.m. EST). He was kidnapped Thursday on his way to a Thanksgiving dinner.

"We have met all the demands of the kidnappers. We pledge to carry them out," the minister said in a telephone interview. He said Mahoney already had been returned to the capital, San'a.

The demands included payment to the tribe for an oil-pumping station used by the U.S. Yemen Hunt Oil Co., back salaries for 150 tribesmen who were discharged

Yemeni tribesmen free hostage after Thanksgiving abduction

from the presidential guard, back salaries for a number of similarly discharged officers and an economic development plan for the tribe's region, said Saleh al-Tam, a provincial official of the Yemen Socialist Party, one of the country's main political groups.

Five gunmen abducted Mahoney, the head of the U.S. Information Service office, Thursday in San'a after he left a reception at the Taj Sheba hotel and headed to a friend's house for Thanksgiving dinner.

Al-Mutawakil and some influential tribal chiefs had negotiated with the tribe holding Mahoney in the desert stronghold at Gahm, 45 miles northeast of San'a.

The Saudi Arabian daily Asharq Al-Awsat reported Mon-

day that authorities had seized "a number of relatives" of the tribal leader, Sheik Mubarak Saleh al-Sa'idi, in an effort to speed the American's release.

Tribal sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the detained relatives included the sheik's son.

Government officials would not confirm or deny the reports.

Yemen is in the throes of a severe political crisis because of differences between President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Vice President Ali Salem al-Beidh over the pace of reforms, including the failure to rein in an unruly security situation in a nation of armed tribesmen.

Mahoney, a widely traveled diplomat in his 40s whose father,

retired diplomat Haynes Mahoney II lives in Boston, had sent his wife and Ambassador Arthur Hughes a stream of handwritten notes saying his kidnappers were treating him well.

The elder Mahoney was driving on Cape Cod when he heard the news of the release on the car radio. His reaction was "complete elation," he said. "I blew the horn."

Mahoney is the first foreign diplomat among 200 other foreigners said had been kidnapped over the past 18 months.

The news accounts said most of the kidnapped foreigners were released after a few days and that their abductors demands included employment for their men, the release of imprisoned relatives or improved living conditions in their regions.

The same tribe had seized Western tourists last month for a couple of days.

Germany denies entry to family of Colombian drug lord, plans to deport them

The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Four members of Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar's family arrived in Germany on Sunday but were refused entry, border police said.

Discussions were under way on how to send the four Colombians out of the country, the police said in a statement. The statement said the Interior Ministry had rejected an application from the family to enter Germany as tourists.

The four were believed to be Escobar's wife, son, daughter, and a woman who may be a sister of the fugitive drug chief or the son's girlfriend.

The family's departure from Colombia had been seen as an indication that Escobar, who escaped from prison in 1992, was planning to surrender and wanted to make sure his family was safe first.

But Colombian Attorney General Gustavo de Greiff denied that in an interview published Sunday in El Espectador of Bogota.

"This trip does not imply the imminent surrender of the fugitive," de Greiff said.

Escobar is leader of the Medellin cocaine cartel and one of the world's most hunted men. He has reportedly said he would surrender if his family could be safely relocated to another country.

On Saturday, at least 100 security agents escorted Escobar's wife Victoria and their two children, Juan Pablo and Manuela, from their apartment in Medellin to the airport. The family flew to Bogota, where they caught a Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt via Caracas, Venezuela.

Colombian authorities have tightened the search for Escobar, who surrendered in June 1991, then escaped in July 1992 while being moved to a more secure prison.

Three children kill homeless man after fight in vacant lot

French officials kept tragedy secret for a month

The Associated Press

VITRY-SUR-SEINE, France — A shopping cart, broken chairs and a fire-scattered shelter stand as eerie witnesses to a friendship that led to the killing of a homeless man, allegedly by three young children.

Cloaked in secrecy for a month because of the nature of the killing, the tragedy is only starting to reverberate in this working-class community outside Paris.

The children, aged between 8 and 10, apparently still don't realize that death is irrevocable.

When the Vitry children were brought in for questioning, "they didn't know what was happening," said a police officer involved in the case, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It was like they fell off the moon."

The killing of Pierre Boura, 45, occurred Oct. 29 as two British boys went to trial for the kidnapping and murder of two-year-old James Bulger. They were convicted and given indefinite prison sentences Nov. 24.

French authorities are clearly avoiding comparisons to the horrifying case across the Channel, and have admitted that they tried to keep it under wraps to protect the children.

The children, on school holidays, had befriended two homeless men who set up residence in a shrub-filled vacant lot. The youngsters brought food and supplies and helped arrange their lean-to.

Police sources say all was well until "Pierrot," as Pierre Boura was called, tried to join the group. He was rejected and set fire to the abode in revenge.

A fight broke out and Pierrot fell, hitting his head on a stone. One of the other home-

less men then told the children to go after him, according to police. The children allegedly kicked and struck him with fists and clubs, stripped him and dumped his body in a hole.

The children, whose names have not been released, were charged with inflicting "voluntary injuries that caused death, without intent to kill," judicial sources said.

They were released to the custody of their parents. Children in France are not considered responsible before the age of 13. One of the homeless men was charged with the same crime and jailed.

One of the children, the 10-year-old, did not appear to grasp the enormity of the crime. In an interview with weekly newspaper Le Journal du Dimanche, he was asked if he had the impression that he had done something bad.

"Yes," he answered with a slight smile. "I told myself this isn't good. I'm doing something stupid."

He said he went home and watched television after leaving the lot. "I like action movies and movies that scare you," he was quoted as saying.

Vitry, six miles south of Paris, is a town of 90,000 people living mainly in low-rent high-rises, part of the grim network of poor suburbs ringing the stylish French capital.

The walled-in lot near the center of town is a small paradise for children with a taste for adventure. Overgrown like a jungle, the brush conceals nooks and crannies that feed the fantasies of childhood.

Along one wall, a decrepit lean-to covered with tin and mattresses stands charred by fire. Four broken-down chairs, a pot and a bottle opener are all that remain of the household.

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