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Iraq wants freeze on inspecting; U.N. to go ahead

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Ending three days of unsuccessful talks, Iraq called Wednesday for inspections of presidential sites to be delayed, while the chief U.N. weapons monitor insisted they would go ahead as needed.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, said he asked the chief inspector, Richard Butler, to postpone discussion of the matter until April, after technical experts review the inspectors' findings.

In Bahrain, where he traveled after the meetings, Butler said his mandate from the U.N.

Security Council was to obtain "full access." As for delaying visits to presidential sites, he said he told Aziz "the council would decide on that matter, and not me."

If inspectors feel it is necessary to search a sensitive site and "it makes sense, then I will authorize it," Butler said.

"If it transpires that Iraq says that is a building within a presidential site, I assume that they will

block us," Butler said. "This is what is completely unsatisfactory."

The U.N. Special Commission, which Butler heads, must certify that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction before punishing economic sanctions can be lifted.

The two sides have sparred for weeks over access by U.N. weapons teams to so-called "sensitive sites," including dozens of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's palaces. Iraq says such inspections violate its sovereignty.

The U.N. Security Council imposed the sanctions, which ban the sale of oil and other trade deals, after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which sparked the 1991 Gulf War.

Iraq insists it has fulfilled the requirements, but U.N. inspectors maintain

Saddam's government is continuing to hide weapons and the means to manufacture more.

Baghdad wants to put off discussion of the sensitive sites until after a series of U.N. meetings that it believes will go in its favor.

Technical committees are to meet starting Feb. 1 to review what the inspectors have found so far on biological and chemical weapons and missile warheads.

Butler and Aziz are to confer again in March,

before Butler submits his next major report to United Nations.

Aziz, attempting to discredit the findings, charged that most were diplomats or military officers who were not qualified to make statements about biological and chemical weapons technology.

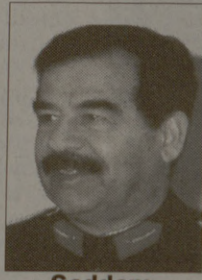
And he repeated allegations that the teams — especially the American, British and French — were spying, and called for the scope to be broadened.

Given that Aziz said Iraq would provide new information to the technical committee, Butler said, "I will have to doubt that the final evaluation meeting on any subject will close the file."

In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the initial reports by Butler's mission were not encouraging.

"It appears that Iraq has ignored the recommendations of the Security Council and, instead, has proposed new and unacceptable conditions for U.N.'s operations there," he said.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Richard Richardson, said in New York that the Security Council would wait for Butler's report before adding "the early news is quite disturbing



Saddam

Employees steal fossils from Moscow museum

MOSCOW (AP) — Employees have stolen \$1 million worth of rare dinosaur bones and other fossils from Moscow's Paleontological Institute, a newspaper said Wednesday.

The thefts began shortly after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, when 240-million-year-old amphibian skulls disappeared from the institute, the daily Vechernyaya Moskva said.

It quoted Interpol as saying the skulls alone were worth \$500,000. Also missing is a pair of mammoth tusks weighing 220 pounds and considered to be the largest in the world, the newspaper said.

Some of the pieces later were seized from a German dealer who claimed he had permission to take them out of Russia, it said.

Curators at the Paleontological Institute acknowledged that some exhibits were missing, but strongly denied the paper's claims that staff were involved in

the thefts.

"These allegations are sheer nonsense," the institute's deputy director, Tatyana Leonova, told The Associated Press.

She said the newspaper article was inspired by a group of scientists who were facing dismissal because the cash-strapped institute has to cut staff.

Leonova also said the newspaper exaggerated the extent of the losses, but refused to say how many pieces were missing or what they were worth.

The newspaper said most of the institute sent them abroad for display. It said thieves replaced the exhibition items with other bones and customs officials lacked the expertise to detect the swaps.

An international group of paleontologists who investigated the thefts found no signs of any burglaries, the newspaper said. It gave no details about the group.

Ship carrying nuclear waste departs from French port

PARIS (AP) — Despite protests from Greenpeace, a ship loaded with highly radioactive nuclear waste left a French port for Japan on Wednesday, the first such voyage routed through the Caribbean and the Panama Canal.

The environmental group argues the waste could spill into the sea or be seized by terrorists.

"The threat posed by this shipment of high-level waste to the environment and to people's health is unacceptable," Rousselot said.

The State Department said earlier this week that the Clinton administration wouldn't intervene in the shipment.

The United States has the authority to block any shipments of weapons-grade plutonium through the canal, but cannot directly block shipments of nuclear waste from reprocessing.

The ship is carrying 60 containers of waste from the reprocessing of used Japanese reactor fuel.

The reprocessing, at France's COGEMA plant, separates pluto-

onium from the spent fuel. The waste is then encased in concrete and put into canisters for the trip to Japan.

France's plans to send the shipment through the Panama Canal were revealed by

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peace and the Nuclear Energy Agency, a nuclear anti-proliferation advocacy group.

While spent reactor fuel frequently has been shipped to reprocessing, the current shipment would be only the third of the more highly radioactive waste from reprocessing and such shipment through

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Date	Event	Time
Fri. Jan. 23	Rush Tables at MSC BBQ at ATΩ House Kickoff at Rodeo 2000	9 - 3 pm 4 - 6 pm
Sat. Jan. 24	IFC Seminar	5 - 7:30 pm (subject to change)
Sun. Jan. 25	Formal Smoker @ Fox & Hound	8:30 - 10:30
Mon. Jan. 26	Super Bowl Party @ Blarney Stone	3 - 5 pm
Mon. Jan. 26	Dinner with the ATΩ's @ Dixie Cafe	7 - 9 pm
Tue. Jan. 27	Bowling @ Triangle Bowl	7 - 9 pm
Wed. Jan. 28	Hockey Night @ Houston Aeros Game*	TBA
Thurs. Jan. 29	What is ATΩ at ATΩ House	7 - 9 pm
Fri. Jan. 30	Date Party*†	

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