

Fighting breaks out on West Bank

KALANDIA REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank (AP) — In a scene reminiscent of the six-year intefadeh, Palestinians battered Israeli army jeeps with stones from rooftops today, and Israeli troops fired live rounds as they came to the rescue of a trapped soldier.

The clashes began after the army sealed off the main entrance to the Kalandia refugee camp north of Jerusalem, the site of frequent stone-throwing incidents in recent days.

Palestinian residents of the camp pelted army jeeps with stones, and Israeli soldiers responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. Some tear gas canisters landed near a girls' school in the camp.

The jeeps left after coming under a barrage of rocks, leaving behind one soldier who took refuge in a Palestinian shop. The soldier fired

live bullets at the rock-throwers, the shopkeeper said.

Several dozen soldiers returned, firing live bullets to keep back the crowd, and got the soldier out of the shop. The soldiers then took up positions on rooftops as the rock-throwing subsided.

Fistfights broke out, and there was sporadic shooting as the soldiers arrested five Palestinians.

One Palestinian fell to the ground after being beaten by several Israeli soldiers. His condition was not immediately known.

The army sealed the entrance to the camp on Tuesday night with nine-foot-high cement blocks.

"No one can get in or out — it is exactly like the days of the intefadeh," said Hamdi Shaheen, a 19-year-old resident.

"When they do this to us they are telling us they want the intefadeh back — and we are willing to give it to them."

Hurling stones at Israeli vehicles driving through the West Bank was a trademark of the six-year intefadeh, or uprising, against Israeli rule. After the 1993 autonomy accord, stone-throwing incidents decreased.

Earlier today, Israeli soldiers arrested six Palestinians in a sweep of three West Bank villages after a spate of stone-throwing at troops and Jewish settlers.

The army said the Palestinians



were detained in the villages of Kalandia and Jalazoun, north of the autonomous city of Ramallah, and in the village of El Aroub, north of Hebron.

The arrests seemed intended to show Palestinians that Israel does not intend to give up security control of the villages around Ramallah and Hebron in the next handover of West Bank territory.

Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations have stalled over the extent of next Israeli troop pullback. On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu renewed an offer to hold Camp David-style talks under U.S. auspices to try and reach a permanent peace agreement with the Palestinians.



AP/Wm. J. Castello

German brewer offers beer as bath water additive

NEUZELLE, Germany (AP) — Can't afford a champagne bath? Tired of floral-scented bubbles? A German brewer has the answer: bathing beer.

The Kloster brewery in Neuzelle, 60 miles southeast of Berlin, plans to begin selling three-quart bottles of dark beer concentrate next month. Mixed with water, four bottles, at \$22 each, are enough to fill the average 32-gallon tub.

The only difference between the beer concentrate and the normal drinking suds is that the yeast, normally filtered out, is left in, brewery owner Helmut Fritsche said Wednesday.

That makes the bath soothing to the skin and also a great treatment for eczema, he said.

"The usual foam baths are made of synthetic ingredients, while our beer is a purely natural product," he said. "You can bathe in it, or drink it. Whoever wants to can do both."

New Zealand city without electricity for sixth day, may return Monday

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — The only hum and throb in downtown Auckland these days is the sound of diesel generators battling the blackout. The only bustle is fuel trucks refilling them.

Otherwise the streets of New Zealand's largest city are nearly deserted, its shops and offices shuttered by a power failure now in Day 6 — and counting.

Indoors, New Zealanders fumble in the dark, drag themselves up the stairs of high-rises whose elevators are idled, turn up their noses at heat-soured milk — and blame the city officials who let growth outstrip the overworked electric company's ability to keep up.

"It's been very busy," said one diesel trucker, Ron Nolan, as he ran a greasy finger down a ledger and tallied 150 fuel stops in the past 24 hours.

Downtown Auckland is almost a ghost town, the victim of a self-inflicted disaster — all four underground power cables supplying electricity to downtown from a hydroelectric plant south of the city have been out of order since Friday.

This city of one million people has grown for years — but growth has outstripped infrastructure. When the strained cables started failing, power company Mercury Energy had no backup system. The first cable failed on Jan. 22, the second on Feb. 9, the third and fourth on Feb. 19 and 20.

The company's aging cables were stressed in a recent heat wave. Mercury's energy director John Collinge also said the company had recently halved its work force.

"All these factors don't say that

maintenance was at fault, but they point very strongly to that," Collinge said.

Partial service may be restored Monday — with rolling blackouts in downtown neighborhoods — if one cable is fixed. But full service is not expected until March 9 or later, company spokesman Richard Gibbons said.

The government has ordered an investigation.

Residents and businesses are struggling in the meantime.

In harborside office buildings — where generators are providing partial power — barefoot employ-

ees in short sleeves swelter as the sun blasts through windows that don't open. Generators are too weak to power air conditioners or more than one elevator at a time.

"We're lucky. At least we've got jobs," said Kate, a worker at Alan Smythe Special Events, in a harborfront office building. "My friend who works at a bar in Queen Street just lost her job. The beer is warm and the ice has melted."

About half the small businesses, bars and restaurants downtown

are closed. Many of bigger businesses have removed files, computer disks and relocated suburban branch offices or to the capital, Wellington.

American Express sent 18 employees to Wellington last week and plans to send more to the central library, bibliophiles through the darkness or used lights loaned to them by libraries to find books until frustration forced it to close Wednesday.

Hamish Haldine, who lives on the 14th floor of a building with power for elevators, said even a simple shopping trip for milk was a nightmare.

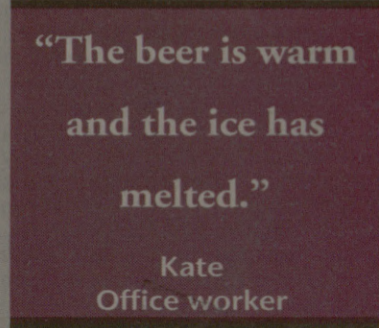
"The staircase is hot, enclosed and has no ventilation," he said. About 10 percent of the downtown power supply is generated through on the one remaining emergency services such as hospitals.

When the blackout first hit Friday night, Auckland Hospital was plunged into darkness as surgery was underway in three operating theaters.

Dr. David Sage, director of operation rooms, said it took 25 minutes for the hospital's generator to restore power. No one was hurt.

Most of downtown businesses which had meat, milk or other perishables have dumped them or sent it to other locations because they spoiled.

City officials told residents at a public meeting Wednesday that a contingency plan had been prepared to evacuate the about 100 people who live downtown if the situation gets worse.



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PHYS 202	10 PM-MID	CH 28	CH 29	CH 30A CH 30B
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