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Troop withdrawals suspended by Israel

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP) — Stung by an attack on an Israeli soldier, the government announced Wednesday it was suspending troop withdrawals until Palestinians comply with a list of demands — including abandoning plans to declare a state in May.

The government said its decision was prompted in part by the attack on the soldier and a civilian earlier in the day by a Palestinian mob in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

The decision came only 10 days before President Clinton was to arrive in the region to usher in the second stage of the Wye River land-for-security agreement he helped negotiate in October.

The Israeli announcement raised questions about whether the Clinton trip could take place while Israel was holding up the peace agreement.

In the ambush in Ramallah, Palestinian university students waited at a traffic circle, screening cars. Once they found what they wanted, a hail of stones hit the vehicle, smashing its windows.

A young Israeli soldier was dragged out of the car and, as he cowered on the pavement, was struck on the head with rocks.

Captured by cameras, the attack was shown over and over on Israeli television, making some Israelis wonder if the Palestinian Authority really was trying to control violence like it pledged to do in the land-for-peace agreement.

The ambush overshadowed the stabbing death earlier Wednesday of an Arab street-cleaner in Jerusalem, apparently by an Israeli extremist. During the funeral procession for Osama Natche, a 41-year-old father of six, mourners torched an Israeli car and stoned Israeli police who fired rubber bullets.

Hours later, rioting throughout traditionally Arab east Jerusalem continued, with masked Palestinians throwing stones at cars and blocking roads with burning tires. Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben Ruby said five Palestinians were arrested for throwing stones that shattered a bus window and injured the driver.

Israel and the Palestine blamed each other for the violence.

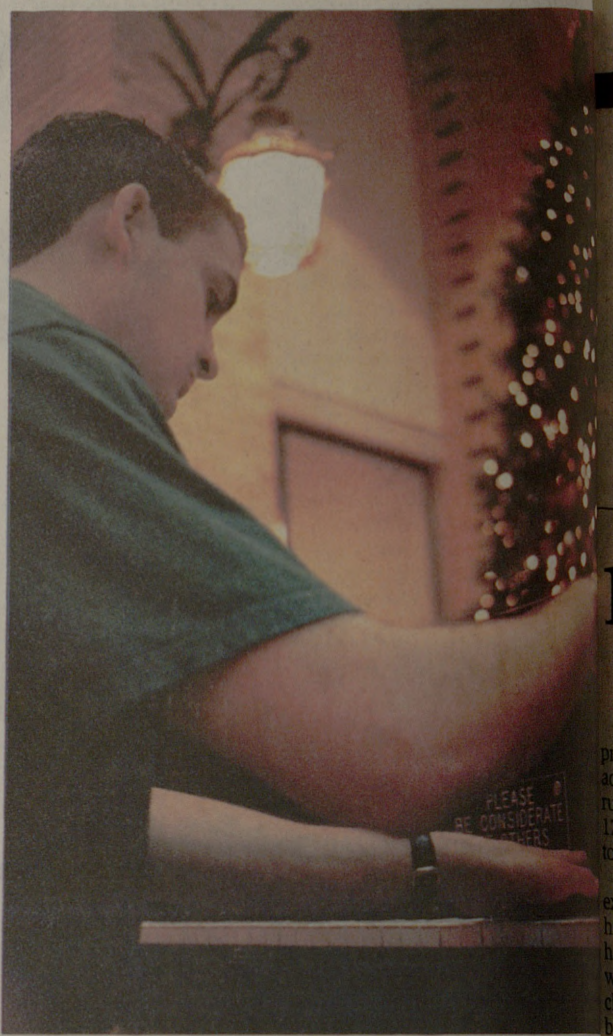
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's senior adviser, David Bar-Illan, said the Palestinian Authority has incited residents against Israel in the dispute over the release of Palestinian prisoners.

"The bottom line is that there will be no further withdrawals unless the Palestinian Authority lives up to all its commitments," he said.



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Iraq blames U.S. bombs for cancer cases

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq presented a former American soldier at a medical conference Wednesday to back its claim that U.S. shelling during the 1991 Gulf War unleashed a radioactive substance that is causing widespread cancer among Iraqi civilians.

Her voice wavering and her hands shaking, former Sgt. 1st Class Carol Picou urged about 600 Iraqi scientists and doctors to help explain what she said were ailments relating to her wartime service.

"I have numerous illnesses, brain damage, neurological disorders," said Picou, a 42-year-old native of Toccoa, Ga., who served as a nurse and truck driver in the U.S. Army.

Iraq also sponsored two former British soldiers to attend the two-day conference. They stood in a row with five Iraqi officers. All claim they suffer from similar neurological illnesses.

Picou and the Britons, Raymond Bristow and Colin Dursell-Lee, said they had defied their governments' orders to attend the conference.

The meeting will address what Iraq says is the high incidence of cancer among southern Iraq who were exposed to uranium from shells fired by U.S. forces during the Gulf War.

Depleted uranium is a metal that is used in armor plating and armor of tanks. On impact, the armor shells and bombs designed to penetrate armor release an airborne dust, which if inhaled can be poisonous.

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CHEM 101	8-10 PM	Part I	Part II	Part III
PHYS 218	10PM-MID	Part I	Part II	Part III
PHYS 208	10PM-MID	Part I	Part II	Part III

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CHEM 101	8-10 PM	Part I	Part II	Part III	Part IV

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FINC 341	8-9 PM	Part I	Part II	Part III	Part IV	Part V

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CHEM 107	4-6 PM	Part I	Part II	Part III
CHEM 101	6-8 PM	Part I	Part II	Part III
MATH 151	8-10 PM	Part I	Part II	Part III
PHYS 201	10PM-MID	Part I	Part II	Part III
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ATTENTION: UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Students who will either complete all of the following requirements after the Fall '98 semester final grades are posted, or after commencement, may order their rings beginning approximately January 20, 1999. Please visit the Aggie Ring Office beginning December 14 to complete an audit request and to receive order information. In the event you will not be in the College Station area between January 20 and February 10 to place your order in person, please pick up a mail order form and be sized for your ring between December 14 & 21.

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