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Subjects mourn death of Morocco's Hassan

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — World leaders walked solemnly through screaming crowds in this ancient North African capital yesterday to honor Hassan II, the 38-year king of a poor, placid nation committed to peace in a tumultuous region.

Hundreds of thousands of Moroccans, wailing and chanting in the July sun, watched the royal cortege and its escort of Western, European, Middle Eastern, African and Asian heads of state, including President Clinton.

Hassan, who died Friday at 70, was seen as a persuasive broker of compromise, an Arab moderate who calmed waters much in the way of King Hussein of Jordan, who died less than six months earlier.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and President Ezer Weizman joined Arab leaders at the funeral, signaling confidence that Hassan's 35-year-old son, now King Mohamed VI, would follow his lead as peacemaker.

Hassan's coffin rolled slowly atop an army truck, under a rich green cloth embroidered in gold with verses from the Koran. Four white horses drew a symbolic empty carriage in front, flanked by the black-clad Royal Guard.

Family members, heads of state and guests walked slowly behind along the two-and-half-mile route from the Royal Palace to the mausoleum where Hassan's remains were laid to rest by those of his father, Mohamed V.

The new king, in flowing white robes and a red fez, moved imperceptibly forward despite the constant press of near-hysterical

Clinton pays respect to King

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — With a slight bow before a draped casket, President Clinton paid final respects yesterday to King Hassan II, for two generations a partner with the United States in Middle East peace efforts.

Later, under a hot sun, Clinton joined in a three-mile funeral procession, his silver-haired presence easily visible among the throngs of white-robed, fez-wearing Moroccans around him.

Moroccan television estimated the crowd at 2 million. Many fainted from the intense heat.

Clinton was among more than a score of foreign dignitaries paying tribute to the monarch, whose death Friday ended a 38-year reign.

Before viewing the casket, Clinton joined other foreign leaders in a room off the palace's marble courtyard. He engaged in an informal conversation with President Jacques Chirac, King Abdullah of Jordan, Israeli Prime Minister Ezer Weizman and former Israeli Prime Minister Yasser Arafat, and President Diouf of Senegal.

At another point, Clinton had similar encounters with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and British Prince Charles.

As he chatted, an Israeli woman approached and asked how the peace process was going. "I'm very optimistic," Clinton said. "We just have to give it more time."

mourners who surged against police lines. Clinton walked next to him along the route.

As the cortege passed, crowds chanted, "This is the hour of God."

Human tides had blocked the roads into Rabat, as mourners walked through the night from outlying cities and distant villages. Police estimated that more than a million people headed toward the capital in buses or on foot.

From the high-rise port of Casablanca to the old, walled cities of Fez and Marrakesh, to oases half lost in the Sahara Desert, Moroccans chanted their grief, waving portraits of Hassan and their new king.

In Rabat, volunteer teams were able to collect fainting victims and come by emotion and heat.

"It is worse than losing a father," Hafid Marroushe, 23, said, sitting under a palm tree by the palace with three friends who shared his thoughts.

As with most of Morocco's lion inhabitants, their saluting with anxiety over the hands of an untried successor.

The king died with the East and North Africa heading promising new paths. But it had tered Moroccan economy pressures, with debt, crippling underemployment

Shuttle fuel leak suspected

Photographs suggest possible hydrogen loss at launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle *Columbia* may have been leaking hydrogen fuel all the way to orbit last week from one of its main engines, NASA said yesterday.

If it proves to be a leak as photographs suggest, the engine could have shut down abruptly if more fuel had seeped out, resulting in a never-before-attempted emergency landing within minutes of launch, either in Florida or West Africa.

As it turned out, *Columbia* made it safely to orbit Friday under the control of Air Force Col. Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a U.S. spaceship.

The shuttle, carrying five astronauts and the world's biggest and most powerful X-ray telescope, fell seven miles short of its intended orbit. A fuel leak could explain why the engines shut down one second or so early.

NASA's mission operations representative, Wayne Hale, stressed there is no proof that one or two cooling tubes in the nozzle of the right engine were cracked and leaking hydrogen. Until the shuttle returns to Earth tomorrow night and the engine is examined, no one will know for sure, he said.

"Obviously, when you're dealing with main engines, and they have a lot of energy flowing through that system, you want them to operate exactly down the middle of the pike because bad things might happen," Hale said.

"We don't think this is a case that even exists that."

Hydrogen has leaked from cracked tubes and nozzles during a couple other shuttle launches at a smaller rate than appears to have happened this time, Hale said.

During a news conference, Hale showed a frame of *Columbia* 10 to 15 seconds after liftoff. A bright streak clearly visible on the inside of the right engine nozzle. The two engine nozzles were spotted outside the shuttle's cooling tubes, if they have begun leaking one or two seconds before liftoff and climb to orbit, Hale said.

Each engine nozzle has more than 1,000 of these slender tubes through which hydrogen is used to cool the bell-shaped nozzle before the super-heated hydrogen fuel is improved efficiency. The circulating hydrogen comes from the giant external tank strapped to the shuttle and flows directly into the engine combustion chamber.

The problem — whatever it was — was traced to the short circuit that occurred five seconds into *Columbia*'s flight. The prime controllers on two three main engines were knocked out by the short, and the backup controllers kicked in.

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— Wayne Hale
 NASA mission operations representative

Poll indicates Bush top choice

Voters support GOP candidate despite being unclear on stance

DALLAS (AP) — Although most Americans have no idea what Gov. George W. Bush thinks about gun control, education or any other political issue, the Texas Republican is the most popular choice for president, a new national poll indicates.

The governor would beat either of his Democratic opponents, Vice President Al Gore or former Sen. Bill Bradley, if the nation cast its votes today, according to *The Dallas Morning News/Belo* Poll.

Nationally, voters give Bush a 47 percent to 32 percent lead over Gore, and a 46 to 30 percent edge over Bradley, according to the poll released in the newspaper's Sunday editions.

The telephone survey, conducted July 12-14 by Blum & Weprin Associates Inc. of New York, questioned 501 registered voters in Texas and 502 registered voters across the United States. Both samples have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points, meaning the results can vary that much in either direction.


Only 17 percent of those ques-

tioned nationally believe they knew Bush's position on most issues. Seventy-five percent of those who answered the poll said they didn't know what Bush stands for.

But voters believe Bush, rather than Gore, can better handle the economy, foreign affairs and defense — even though the vice president has more experience in those areas.

When Bush supporters were questioned about the most important reason for backing him, 22 percent said he has the moral character to be president, 20 percent said he gives the GOP its best chance at winning the presidency and 15 percent said they do not

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GEORGE W. BUSH

want to vote for Gore. Bush percent said they agree with him on most issues, 10 percent said they disagree. Bush has been a good governor, 60 percent said they liked his former President George Bush.

Gore spokesperson Roger Ailes said he is unconcerned.

"This election is going to be determined by the American people based on who they feel the date is who has the best vision for the best ideas to lead this country into the 21st century," he said.

"Those are the types of things that will decide this election, not the details," Ailes said.

"During the course of the campaign, there is going to be time to flesh out positions on the issues," he said. "And by the time the campaign is over, they know where I stand."

Even in Texas, only half of the respondents said they knew Bush's stance on hate crimes, gun control, education and abortion. And those who professed familiarity with their governor's politics were fact, wrong.