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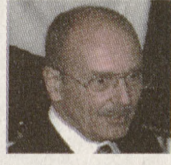
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Presidential elections in Greece



Costis Stephanopoulos, age 74, has been re-elected as president of the 300 member unicameral parliament to a second five-year term.

A look at the results

Total votes in favor of C. Stephanopoulos		269
Votes	Party	
161	Socialist Movement	
101	New Democratic Party	
7	Independent deputies	
Total votes in favor of Leonidas Kyrkos		10
10	Left Coalition Party	
Total abstentions		19
8	Socialist Democratic Movement	
11	Greek Communist Party	

Two of the New Democratic Party members were absent due to illness.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Four fle hijacked aircraft

STANSTED, England (AP) — Two men dropped from the cockpit of a hijacked plane and managed to bring it to a safe landing Tuesday night, fleeing the aircraft that has been parked for more than 150 passengers.

The two men were seen in a video game in which they were seen to have jumped about 20 feet to the ground at Stansted airport. Authorities said they were being questioned.

They were being questioned and to have suffered no serious injuries, Joe Edwards, an Essex Police chief constable.

"The negotiations with the board of the plane continue," said "The mood on board remains calm. Earlier, negotiators warned of a three-point plan for the day Tuesday on for days.

"The negotiations are going in a professional way, in a fair way," said John Broughton, an Essex Police assistant chief constable. "The principal concern here is the safety of the passengers on board that aircraft."

The aims of the hijackers, who are believed to be Afghans, remained unclear. They had been given political asylum to a bid to win release of Ismail Khan, a former governor in Afghanistan detained in 1997 by the country's ruling Taliban movement.

Asked about a potential assault on the plane, Broughton said: "In talking around the issues, there are a lot of things that would not elaborate, saying only that the hijackers, who controlled the plane at Stansted Airport 25 miles north of London, had made no formal demands."

Most of the negotiations were what Broughton called housekeeping issues, such as the delivery of water and food to the Ariana airlines plane.

"We've done everything we can to keep the conditions on the aircraft comfortable," said Edwards. "We're talking about what's the conditions of the people and how are the children?"

The Boeing 727 had been taken to the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif from the Afghan capital, Kabul, when it was seized early Sunday. It began a meandering journey across former Soviet Union, stopping in Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Russia.

According to some of the 200 passengers released before the plane landed at Stansted early Monday, the hijackers were eight young men armed with handguns and daggers. Edwards said he had said there were between 10 hijackers.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man charged with mass-killing

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — A man who confessed to killing 100 children was formally charged with their deaths Tuesday.

Javed Iqbal turned himself in to authorities in December and gave a "confession statement," according to police. He took police to the site where two victims were buried, but police have not found any more corpses.

Many of the children who disappeared were from extremely poor families and spent their days begging in the streets.

Iqbal appeared briefly in the Lower Court in Lahore on Tuesday, but did not speak.

He could face the death penalty if convicted.

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