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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2000

5:00-6:45 p.m. Tour of Curie Exhibit & Reception... 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions... 7:00 p.m. Remarks - Rudder Conference Center... KEYNOTE SPEAKER Shirley A. Jackson, Ph.D.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000 Morning Session - Rudder Theatre

8:00 - 11:30 a.m. Graduate Student Research Week Poster Display... 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast... 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Heidi Hammel, Ph.D... 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Recognition of Student Award Recipients... 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sue Naylor, Ph.D... 10:45 - 11:30 Bonnie J. Dunbar, Ph.D... 9:00- 10:30 a.m. Space: The Final Frontier... 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Space in the 21st Century... 11:45 a.m. Awards Luncheon... 1:00 p.m. Student Awards Presentation

AFTERNOON SESSION - Rudder Theatre

2:00 p.m. Welcome Dorothy E. Shippen, Ph.D... 2:15 - 3:00 p.m. Carol Nacy, Ph.D... 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Carol Gross, Ph.D... 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Mae Jemison, M.D.

EVENING SESSION

6:30 p.m. Speakers Dinner... 6:30 p.m. Welcome H. Joseph Newton, Ph.D... 7:30 p.m. Introduction of COGEMA Video Presentation... 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Panel Discussions: The Future of Science

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36 Sikhs killed in Kashmir massacre

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Gunmen rounded up and killed 36 Sikh villagers in India's disputed Kashmir state, police said Tuesday, even as President Clinton was beginning a visit to India.

Monday night's massacre was the first major attack on Kashmir's small Sikh community since separatist Muslims launched their insurgency 10 years ago. Sikhs are considered a neutral minority, but Indian officials earlier had warned of violence by Muslim militants hoping to draw attention to Kashmir during Clinton's visit.

Both India and Pakistan claim the Himalayan territory and have fought two wars over it.

The gunmen were not immediately identified and no group claimed responsibility for the attack, police said Tuesday.

Clinton — who arrived Monday evening in New Delhi, 400 miles to the south, after a visit to Bangladesh — had said that reducing tensions between India and Pakistan was one of his objectives of the trip.

Many Kashmiris were hoping the president's visit would lead to a breakthrough in the long deadlock on the region's future.

Clinton spokesperson Joe Lockhart expressed outrage over the killings, saying in a statement that "our most profound sympathies go out to the victims of this brutal massacre."

The attackers entered the village of Chati Singhpura Mattan after dark and forced the residents from their homes, police officials said on customary condition of anonymity.



Clinton presses for peace

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Pleading for restraint, President Clinton won India's assurance Tuesday that "there is no threat of war" between the two countries and no bloodshed in Kashmir. But India rejected Clinton's call to slow its nuclear weapons program.

The president was pressing the case for stronger ties with India in an address before a joint session of Parliament, his last appointment in the capital before heading into further reaches of this vast land.

"We have neglected this relationship for more than two decades," Clinton said after talks with Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. "It is important to ever fall into disrepair again." India aligned itself with the Soviet Union during the Cold War while the United States tilted toward Pakistan.

The president joined Vajpayee in denouncing the massacre of dozens of Sikhs in Kashmir and promised to press the point to Pakistani leaders as he has to India — that violence is not the solution to their dispute over the Himalayan territory.

Although India is one of the poorest countries in the world, Clinton was not exposed to the gritty side of New Delhi. Looking out from his armored limousine, he saw instead a city of tree-lined boulevards and lush gardens, fountains, gated mansions and colonial palaces. He also stopped to pay respects and drop rose petals at a marble memorial to Mohandas Gandhi, the revered pacifist and freedom leader.

Leaving New Delhi, Clinton begins three days of sightseeing. He will tour the Taj Mahal, go tiger watching in a game preserve and perhaps ride an elephant at a historic palace.

Vajpayee called the killing of 40 villagers in Kashmir an act of "ethnic cleansing" and said, "We have the means and the will to eliminate this menace." India blamed the massacre on Pakistani-backed separatist organizations; those groups denied involvement.

Clinton said he would urge military-ruled Pakistan to respect the line of control that separates the portions of Kashmir held by India and Pakistan, show restraint and to "stand against violence, restore the dialogue."

Pakistan has asked the United States to try to help settle the Kashmir dispute but India has rejected outside mediation. In Islamabad, Pakistan Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar said he hoped Clinton could use his "healing touch" to find a peaceful resolution.

Clinton expressed reluctance about getting deeply involved. "I'm not going to be dragged into something that, first of all, that India doesn't want us to be part of. And secondly, that I got dragged into from deliberate acts of violence. I just don't think that's right."

Israel withdraws from part of West Bank

BEITUNIA, West Bank (AP) — Israel began withdrawing troops from 6.1 percent of the West Bank on Tuesday as part of a land-for-security deal that would give the Palestinians control over 41 percent of the disputed territory.

At this army base near the West Bank city of Ramallah, Israeli army officers shook hands with Palestinian security officers in a ceremony marking the land transfer. Similar ceremonies were to take place near the West Bank cities of Hebron and Nablus.

Israeli officials gave the Palestinians five copies of the maps outlining the area being transferred. Soldiers placed rocks marking the new boundary, and Palestinian security officials waited at a nearby gas station, ready to enter the area.

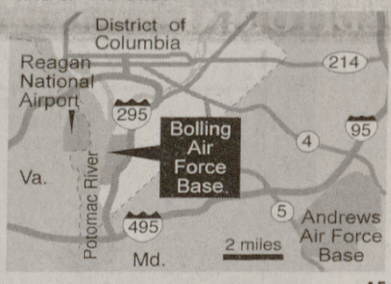
The transfer gives the Palestinians populated swaths of land bordering cities almost entirely under Palestinian control, giving Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat more of the contiguity he needs for a state.

In 5.1 percent of the West Bank being transferred, the Palestinians were already in charge of civilian institutions but were also being given security control. The rest of the West Bank was going from full Israeli control to full Palestinian control.

The Palestinians had demanded suburbs of Jerusalem, claimed by both sides as their capital, but settled on the villages

Mideast peace talks

Bolling Air Force Base is host to Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. The base provides the necessary security and seclusion, while being just a few miles from downtown Washington. Only helicopters can land at the base.

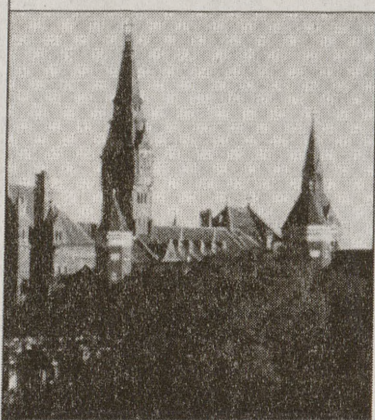


after five weeks of deadlock. Many of the areas to be handed over are near but do not border Jerusalem.

The withdrawal came just hours after two shootings Monday night killed a Palestinian woman and injured her husband and three Israelis.

The Israelis were injured, one of them seriously, after gunmen in a car opened fire on them as they were delivering holiday baskets for the Jewish festival of Purim to soldiers near Hebron.

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