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Palestinian militants kill Israelis; Israel stages air rai

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian militants struck at Israeli civilians Tuesday with a suicide bombing on a bus, a roadside ambush in the West Bank and a restaurant shooting in Israel's largest city, leaving five Israelis and two Palestinian assailants dead.

Before dawn Wednesday, Israeli tanks and troops moved into northern Gaza, witnesses said, after Palestinians fired two rockets that hit an Israeli town for the first time. Two Palestinians were killed by tank fire, according to doctors. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

In raids earlier Tuesday in response to the militant attacks, Israeli warplanes and helicopters bombed seven separate Palestinian government compounds and security complexes in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Most had been abandoned in anticipation of the Israeli strikes.

However, an Israeli raid in the West Bank city of Ramallah killed three Palestinian security officers in a car, one of whom was wanted by Israel, Palestinian officials said.

The death toll has soared over the past week amid violence that is erupting round-the-clock. Sixty-three Palestinians and 31 Israelis have died in one of the deadliest weeks since fighting broke out in September 2000.

In the Palestinian rocket attack late Tuesday an infant received minor injuries and a second child was slightly wounded when a rocket exploded in their yard in Sderot, Another rocket landed harmlessly in a field.

The homemade rockets were launched from the area of Beit Hanoun, in the northeast corner of the Gaza Strip, the

point closest to Sderot.

Mayor Eli Moyal lives in the neighborhood closest to Gaza. "Nothing is the same as it was before," he told Israel Radio. "Now children cannot play peacefully in their yards here.'

Before daybreak Wednesday, Israeli tanks moved toward Beit Hanoun and nearby Beit Lahiya, residents said. Tanks and bulldozers cut roads and built barriers, they said. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

In southern Gaza, Israeli tanks entered the village of Karrara near Khan Younis, witnesses said.

Israeli forces arrested 27 same as before. Now Palestinians in overnight sweeps, Palestinian security officials said.

Israeli tanks moved into a neighborhood at Gaza City's eastern edge and tore down Palestinian checkpoints, witnesses said. Other tanks moved toward the Rafah refugee camp

early Wednesday. The camp, on the Gaza-Egypt border, is the scene of frequent clashes and house demolitions as Israeli forces try to stop arms smuggling.

Also, Israeli navy gunboats fired at a Palestinian base on the coast north of Gaza City, witnesses said. Three Palestinian policemen were injured, one critically, when a shell hit their car, they said. Ships also fired at Arafat's seaside Gaza headquarters, witnesses said. Arafat is confined to the West Bank town of Ramallah by Israeli forces.

The Israeli military said the navy is "tak-

Religous strife continues Indian police reports say governing party official and Hindu nationalist leaders led mobs

AHMADABAD, India (AP) sands of Hindus burned to as Gulbarg Police say a local leader of India's governing party and officials from a Hindu nationalist group linked to it led mobs that burned to death 107 Muslims during religious riots. Police reports obtained by

The Associated Press on Tuesday named several important figures in two attacks in the city of Ahmadabad, part of riots that have killed 512 people.

Police officers wrote and filed the reports on Sunday in the neighborhood of Naroda, where 65 Muslims were burned to death as they slept by Hindus who set the slum on fire Friday morning; and in Meghaninagar, where thou-

death 42 Muslims in their homes Thursday night.

None of the men accused in the reports could be contacted for comment. They have been avoiding police attempts to ques-tion them, said Deputy Police Commissioner P.B. Gondya.

Called "first information reports," or FIRs, the documents are the first step in an Indian criminal investigation.

One report said nine people including local Bharatiya Janata Party leader Deepak Patel headed Hindus who burned to death 42 people, including former Parliament member Ahsan Jaffrey, in the Muslim residential area known

Society in Meghaninagar. 'These persons, armed with

weapons, led a mob of 20,000 to 22,000, which attacked Gulbarg Society and set it ablaze," said the report by Kirit Erda, senior inspector-in-charge of the Meghaninagar police station.

They first burned to death 18 residents and later burned 24 more persons in the same place," said Erda's report, written in the Gujarati language.

A separate report dealing with the Naroda killings blamed members of the World Hindu Council, closely linked to the Bharatiya Janata Party, which leads the Indian and Gujarat state governments.

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