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Iraq's military threat growing

U.S., British defense chiefs warn of increasing danger from Iraq

LONDON (AP) — Iraq poses an increasing threat that must be met, the defense chiefs of the United States and Britain said Wednesday, showing growing impatience with Saddam Hussein.

"We know that Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq has had a sizable appetite for weapons of mass destruction" and is finding ways to acquire the ingredients, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

"We know the borders into that country are quite porous," he added, allowing Iraq to import technologies with applications in both civilian and military industries as well as illicit materials.

"There is not a doubt in the world that with every month that goes by their programs mature," he said.

Iraq denies it has or is developing any weapons of mass destruction, but it has refused to allow the international inspections that it agreed to accept as a condition of ending the 1991 Gulf War.

Rumsfeld would not discuss the possibility of U.S. military action to topple Saddam's government, saying that was a matter for President Bush to decide. He spoke at a joint news conference with British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon after meetings to discuss Iraq and other issues.

Rumsfeld and Hoon both expressed their governments' hope for a lowering of tensions

between nuclear rivals India and Pakistan. Rumsfeld's stop in London was the first on a 10-day journey that is to take him to the Indian and Pakistani capitals next week.

For months the Bush administration has been publicly making the case for taking strong action — possibly military — against Iraq, but allied nations have been slow to offer support.

In Washington on Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said his fellow Democrats support a push to unseat Saddam. "The question is when and how and under what circumstances," Daschle said.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he had cautioned Bush that any major attack would require a U.S. presence for two to five years, to keep battling factions away from each other.

"I reminded him, there's a reason why your father stopped and didn't go to Baghdad. It wasn't that he wasn't able to. He wasn't prepared to stay for five years," Biden said after meeting with Bush at the White House.

A day earlier, House

Democratic leader Dick Gephardt volunteered his support if the administration resorted to force. "I share President Bush's resolve to confront this menace head-on," he said.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer declined to comment on the Democrats' remarks, beyond reiterating that the administration supports a "regime change" in Iraq.

On Tuesday, Bush said that "one option, of course, is the military option." The president added, however, he had no plans to attack.

Hoon described the Iraqi military threat as increasing in recent weeks. Asked in a later inter-

view to elaborate, Hoon said Iraq's air defenses are more aggressively trying to shoot down the U.S. and British pilots who regularly fly combat air patrols over northern and southern Iraq.

Pilots have reported attacks in recent weeks by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles. The allied planes have responded by bombing various elements of Iraq's air defense system.

Since the start of U.S. and British enforcement of the "no

fly" zones more than a year ago, Iraq has considered a violation of its sovereignty has vowed to shoot down planes.

Hoon said that immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks, the United States there was a marked decline in Iraq's number of allied pilots.

"We judged that the message in Iraq seemed to have followed that military message — that military would follow if they were very careful," Hoon said in an interview with reporters. He was accompanying him and British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon on a flight from London to Brussels, Belgium.

The recent aggression would suggest a new, more aggressive Iraqi attitude, Hoon said. "Clearly they are far, far more confident than we have in the recent past," he said.

Hoon said the United States and Britain "can only be suspicious" of how far Iraq has progressed in developing

weapons of mass destruction, as long as United Nations inspectors are not allowed to monitor Iraq's military facilities.

He said the best approach would be to return to the 1991 situation, with Iraq's military freely monitored by international inspectors, with Iraq's military suspected of developing nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. Rumsfeld said he doubted that approach, saying that previous efforts at monitoring accomplished little because of Iraqi deception.

India calls for joint monitoring of Kashmir region with Pakistan

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India made a conciliatory gesture to Pakistan on Wednesday, calling for joint monitoring of their disputed Kashmir frontier — a proposal that Pakistan played down as old and unlikely to work.

Even as the United States and Britain sent top officials to pressure the nuclear-armed rivals, they stepped up warnings asking their own citizens to leave.

In phone calls to Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, President Bush appealed to leaders of both nations to "choose the path of diplomacy."

"We want to move away from a path of confrontation to a path of cooperation," Vajpayee said earlier Wednesday, before leaving Kazakhstan, where he attended an Asian security conference along with Musharraf.

Vajpayee said India and Pakistan should work together to patrol the border and verify that Islamic militants were no longer crossing into Indian-controlled Kashmir to launch attacks against Indian security forces and Kashmiris.

It was the first indication in the six-month standoff that India might cooperate with Pakistan to end the Kashmir insurgency and solve the dispute that dates to independence from Britain in 1947. Kashmir has been the flashpoint in two of the three wars between the South Asian rivals.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry responded that if the Indian proposal were serious, it should be conveyed formally.

Such proposals could be discussed "as soon as

India signifies a willingness to resume a comprehensive dialogue with Pakistan," the ministry said in a statement.

"The proposal is not new," the ministry said. "Given the state of Pakistan-India relations, mechanisms for joint patrolling are unlikely to work."

The ministry noted that a small U.N. monitoring force already had a mandate to patrol the international frontier line in Kashmir and that it had expanded to perform this role more effectively. India has previously ruled this out, however, and Vajpayee said it was not necessary to send a third country check for infiltration — a proposal Musharraf suggested Tuesday.

The international community has been speaking to avert a potential fourth war between India and Pakistan as fears of a nuclear confrontation have escalated. Some one million Indian and Pakistani soldiers have been posted along the 1,800-mile frontier since December.

Musharraf suggested on Wednesday that the two nations could ease with upcoming visits by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

In London, Rumsfeld said Vajpayee and Musharraf each recognize that war is the worst option and so they "may very well be looking for ways to tamp things down rather than see them escalate."

Rumsfeld added that "there's no question" that Kashmir crisis has distracted Pakistan from fighting the United States finish the war against al-Qaida in neighboring Afghanistan.

Prosecutors hope to wrap up case in trial of slain reporter

HYDERABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Prosecutors said Wednesday they hoped to wrap up their case this week against four Islamic militants charged in the slaying of Daniel Pearl, after deciding to drop the Wall Street Journal reporter's widow as a witness.

Chief Prosecutor Raja Quereshi said he decided not to pursue Mariane Pearl's testimony after her attorney filed a statement in court saying she would be unable to travel to London or Pakistan for medical reasons.

Her attorney did not elaborate on her condition. Pearl, 38, gave birth to her first child, Adam, a week ago in Paris, where the French free-lance journalist lives. She earlier said she was willing to testify as long as her doctors approved the trip.

The prosecution has been trying to speed up the case, dropping 13 other witnesses last month

because of potential legal complications arising from the discovery of a dismembered body May 17 in Karachi believed to be Daniel Pearl's.

"With God willing and luck on my side, we shall conclude our case in two days," Quereshi said.

The trial, which began April 22, resumes Thursday, with the prosecution examining its final witness, police officer Hamid Ullah Memon. The four Islamic radicals, including suspected mastermind Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, charged with Pearl's kidnapping and murder have all pleaded innocent.

Quereshi said Wednesday that not having Mariane Pearl as a witness "would neither hurt nor help the prosecution case at this time."

She would have testified only that she made the initial criminal complaint and showed

e-mails she received showing her husband in captivity, Quereshi said, adding that both the complaint and the e-mails are already in the court records.

Daniel Pearl, the Journal's South Asia bureau chief, disappeared from the port city of Karachi on Jan. 23 while working on a story about Pakistani militants. After his disappearance, e-mails — with photos showing captive Pearl — were sent to news agencies from an unknown group demanding better treatment for al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners held at the U.S. Navy Guantanamo Bay base in Cuba.

Last month, police found a body in a shallow grave near a blood-splattered shed in Pakistan. Authorities had been tipped off to the body by three suspects in custody, identified by Pakistan television as members of a radical Muslim group, Lashkar-e-Janghvi, with links to al-Qaida.