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Texas prisons filling

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By Jim Vertuno
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas prisons could reach their operating capacity within a few days, officials said Tuesday, prompting the state to consider shortening drug treatment programs and renting beds in county jails to free up more space.

"We have to look at immediate short-term options," said Larry Todd, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Operating capacity is not maximum capacity. Instead, it is the figure prison officials say allows for the most efficient operations of the prisons.

Texas prisons have 151,470 beds for inmates with an optimal operating capacity of 97.5

percent, or about 147,680 inmates. As of Friday, the state had 147,600 inmates, Todd said.

"When we get to full capacity, we have inmates living much closer and the tensions start to increase," Todd said.

Although officials had anticipated the problem would happen within a few months, or even a few weeks, Tuesday's warnings moved up the timetable dramatically.

Texas prisons release about 5,000 inmates a month while taking in about 5,500. The total population changes every day.

Reducing the length of substance abuse programs would open up about 2,000 beds, Todd said. Officials are also researching whether some rural counties might have room in their jails to house low-risk state inmates.

army invaded in 1990; and Iraq, which fought a long war against Saddam's forces from 1980-88. Iran's U.N. ambassador Javad Zarif, warned that he would produce "a nightmare scenario of death and destruction" and said "the prospect of appointing a foreign military commander to run an Islamic and Arab country is all the more destabilizing and only indicative of prevailing delusions."

"One outcome is almost certain — extremism stands to benefit," Zarif declared.

The United States and Britain maintain that Iraq is not cooperating fully, as demanded by the last U.N. resolution adopted unanimously in November, and are working on a resolution to authorize military action.

Struggle

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Gillom said she expects tough play from her team on both ends of the court in Ames this week and made no excuses for her team's sporadic conference play.

"Yes, the Big 12 is tough," she said. "But, we're going up there to win a game. We're not going up there to lose."

The Cyclones can ill afford to drop another conference game, particularly a home game against another struggling program. ISU Head Coach Bill Fennelly has found himself in unfamiliar territory this season after an impressive 24-9 campaign last year. This season's 5-6 non-conference record is the only losing record in non-

conference play during Fennelly's seven-year tenure at Iowa State.

"(This season) has been interesting, and it's not something you want to go through," he said. "But, I think you learn something about yourself and your belief system. I think it makes you appreciate even more the success you've had in this league and in general."

The Cyclones have not been successful in three straight games, including a 69-54 loss to No. 11 Texas on Saturday. Senior point guard Lindsey Wilson put up 22 points in the losing effort, marking the 10th time this year that she has scored more than 20 points. ISU's limited depth was apparent against the Longhorns, as only seven Cyclone players saw playing time in the game.

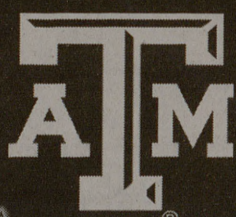
Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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