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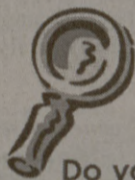
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Dr. R. Bradley Sack, director of Johns Hopkins' international travel clinic. "People immediately start thinking of 1917," the year a worldwide flu epidemic killed at least 20 million people.

Experts discounted the possibility that terrorism is the source and believe it almost certainly is a contagious infection that spreads most easily from victims to their doctors, nurses and families through coughing, sneezing and other contact with nasal fluids.

"Nothing about that pattern suggests bioterrorism," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Deadline

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positioned in the Persian Gulf area, an American-led force ready to strike if and when the president gives the word.

"The Iraqi regime will disarm itself or the Iraqi regime will be disarmed by force," Bush said.

The summit, held at a U.S. military base on this date in the eastern Atlantic, amounted to less than two hours of talks. No more was needed, U.S. officials said, because the conclusion was preordained.

Even as they flew to a meeting billed as a last-ditch bid at

diplomacy, Bush and his advisers worked on a major war address that he could deliver as early as Monday night. The speech would give Saddam a final ultimatum to disarm or face war, probably within days, senior officials said.

At a post-summit news conference, Bush urged other nations to support "the immediate and unconditional disarmament" of Iraq.

France, Germany and Russia have opposed an additional United Nations resolution to set an ultimatum for the Iraqi leader to disarm — and the French have threatened to veto it. Efforts to win the votes of

Officials said they are encouraged that recent victims seem to be recovering, although they are unsure whether that is because of many antibiotic and antiviral drugs they have been given or simply the natural course of the disease.

Heymann said three or four patients had stabilized enough to be moved out of intensive care Sunday in Hanoi, Vietnam, although all still had breathing problems.

The illness is being called "severe acute respiratory syndrome," or SARS. The incubation period appears to be three to seven days. It begins with a high fever and other flu-like symptoms, such as headache and sore throat. Victims typically develop coughs, pneumonia, shortness of breath and other breathing difficulties. Death results from respiratory failure.

uncommitted nations at the U.N. Security Council have been deterred in recent days.

Blair, speaking with reporters on his plane en route to London, said British diplomats were working through the night to try to persuade France to lift its veto threat of a war resolution.

At the United Nations, diplomats said it was unclear exactly what the United States, Britain and Spain wanted from the Security Council on Monday. France, unmoved by the summit, planned to push ahead with its proposal, a 30-day timetable for Iraq to meet disarmament demands that would be set by chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Venezuela rations water in drought

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — After coping with food and fuel shortages during a recent two-month strike, Venezuelans are now dealing with scarcity of another essential: water.

This South American country is facing a drought that is severe even for its dry season, which runs from November to May. The government imposed water rationing in Caracas, whose 5 million residents are without water two to four days a week. Things are especially tough for residents of the red-brick shantytowns that cling to the mountains ringing the city. The shortage is forcing slum dwellers to rely on water delivered by truck.

Mexico's president heads back to work

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico President Vicente Fox is recovering well at a Mexico City military hospital after undergoing back surgery earlier this week, the president's office said Saturday.

"He's already up and walking with very little assistance, and this morning he sat for a while," the office said in a statement, adding that the recovery was

"as expected and satisfactory." Fox is expected to be released from the hospital Sunday.

Fox underwent surgery Wednesday to repair a herniated disk. By Thursday, he was participating in negotiations in Iraq from his hospital bed, receiving calls from Cabinet members and supporters — but not from world leaders.

Fox left his foreign minister in charge of the delicate negotiations. The president, whose country is a member of the U.N. Security Council, has called for the disarmament of Saddam Hussein, but stopped short of endorsing war.



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