

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Israeli air raid kills four

AINAB, Lebanon — Twelve Israeli jets rocketed and bombed Palestinian guerrilla targets in hills southeast of Beirut on Monday in apparent retaliation for rocket attacks on northern Israel. The raid killed four people and wounded 12, officials said.

Police and the International Red Cross reported in separate communications that two Palestinian fighters died and 12 people were wounded during the 30-minute, late-morning raid on the hill towns of Aitah, Baysour,

Shimlan and Ainab.

Druse spokesmen said later that two Druse militiamen also were killed. The Druse, who dominate the Ainab region, are a secretive offshoot of Islam.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami claimed the attack was aimed at sabotaging a Beirut security plan launched under Syrian auspices two weeks ago to reinstate government authority in the capital.

Syria has sent about 500 troops to west Beirut to help enforce the plan,

intended to end a 27-month reign of Moslem militias characterized by assassinations, kidnappings, aircraft hijackings and bank robberies.

A squadron of 10 F-15 and two Phantom F-4 fighter-bombers delivered their payloads in five passes over targets in the mountains about 12 miles southeast of Beirut, police said.

The Israeli command in Tel Aviv said its pilots reported "accurate hits... (on an) area of terrorist concentrations." It said all planes returned safely.

The raid appeared aimed at Syrian-backed Palestinian factions active in the region.

It followed overnight rocket attacks on Israel's northern Galilee region. Israeli military sources confirmed an Israel Radio report of the attacks but said no injuries or damage resulted.

The sources demanded anonymity. Palestinian guerrillas periodically fire Soviet-made Katyusha rockets into Galilee from bases in Lebanon.

One building destroyed in Ainab was an office of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine headed by Marxist physician George Habash. The three-story stone house was left flattened and smoldering.

About 80 yards away, a four-story structure used by the Moscow-oriented Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine was now a heap of rubble.

In a communique, the Popular Front reported one fighter — Ahmed Moghrabi, 26 — was killed and two were wounded.

Moghrabi's brother, who uses the pseudonym Abu Akram, was distraught as he watched rescuers digging through the rubble. When Moghrabi's body was recovered four hours after the raid, the brother wailed and cocked his machine gun, threatening to kill photographers covering the scene.

"By God, I will shoot you all if you film me or him (the brother)!" Abu Akram shouted. "My brother is still a bridegroom! He got married just 15 days ago!"

Other guerrillas calmed him down and no pictures were taken of Akram or his dead brother.

Tuition rates increase for Nebraska colleges

OMAHA — Tuition rate increases for public and private colleges in Nebraska show a wide range for the coming school year, according to a survey of the schools.

Students at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, a private Lutheran Church college, will have the state's largest increase at \$792 a year.

University of Nebraska-Omaha won't raise tuition this fall and will even remove a tuition surcharge tacked on by the Legislature for the spring semester.

The lowest tuition for a four-year college in Nebraska was found at the four state colleges — at Peru, Wayne, Chadron and Kearney. The tuition rate at those schools was \$21 per credit hour for state residents in 1981 and will be \$31.50 per hour in August. For a minimum of 12 hours per semester as a full-time student, those rates mean an annual tuition of \$504 in 1981 compared with \$756 this fall.

The highest tuition in the state will be at Union College, a Seventh-Day Adventist Church school in Lincoln, where students will pay an

annual rate of \$6,380 in 1986, up from the \$4,395 paid in 1981.

Tuition rates at UNO and UNL, the same in recent years, will differ this fall. While UNO dropped the surcharge mandated last spring, UNL kept it. Tuition per credit hour at UNL will be \$43.75 for resident undergraduates and \$119 for non-residents.

Per-credit-hour rates at UNO will be \$41.75 for residents, \$113.25 for non-residents.

Only two private colleges surveyed, Bellevue College and Concordia, operate on a credit hour system with 12 hours considered full-time. Other private colleges have a fixed rate for full-time students. Bellevue will charge \$52 per credit hour this fall and Concordia will charge \$150 per credit hour.

Annual tuition rates for Nebraska's private schools, based on two 12-credit-hour semesters, show Bellevue would cost \$1,248. Concordia \$3,600, Hastings College \$5,440, College of St. Mary \$4,924, Dana College \$4,990, Midland Lutheran \$5,500, Doane College \$5,375, Nebraska Wesleyan \$5,420, Creighton University \$5,574 and Union College \$6,380.

Murder in Madrid

Shrapnel bomb explodes near passing bus

MADRID, Spain — A van rigged as a shrapnel bomb was detonated by remote control Monday as a busload of civil guards passed, killing eight guards and wounding 44 people, including 12 civilians, officials reported.

No group claimed responsibility, but the governing Socialist Party blamed the explosion on "ETA assassins." The Basque separatist group ETA has carried out many similar attacks on military and police targets, the most recent a car bombing April 25 that killed five paramilitary civil guards.

Twisted metal, mangled cars and shards of glass littered Dominican Republic Square in a fashionable residential district about three miles from the center of the capital. The bomb exploded at 7:48 a.m., shattering windows around the square and damaging street-level shops.

"The blast was so powerful it threw me against a wall as I was coming up from the subway," radio announcer Carlos Cofrades said.

"There is broken glass all over the place."

An officer riding next to the bus driver was blown from the vehicle by the force of the blast, but landed on his feet unhurt. Diego Cortes Valdes told journalists he had "no idea what happened, but the next minute I was

standing, unhurt, next to the wrecked bus."

A spokesman for the civil guard, whose distinctive gray-green uniforms and patent leather tricorn hats set them off from other police, said 70 young officers were being taken to a highway patrol training center in the bus and a trailing van. He said the vehicle that exploded contained shrapnel and about 110 pounds of plastic explosives.

The spokesman would not allow his name to be used.

Some wounded officers were reported in serious condition. The injured civilians included a street sweeper cut down by flying glass.

State television speculated that the bombing was an ETA response to France's deportation to Gabon on Sunday of the separatist group's reputed military leader.

Domingo Itrube Abasolo, who is 42 and uses the code name Txomin, had been living in France for 18 years as a political refugee. Police arrested him several months ago on charges of violating refugee regulations by keeping arms in his home.

Police said the operation probably was carried out by the ETA's "Spain Commando," which is based in Madrid and is believed responsible for at least 20 attacks this year.

Curtis school faces rebuilding year

CURTIS — The 1986-87 school year will be important for the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis as a rebuilding year and in its efforts to establish a new program, according to the school's administrator.

"They'll be watching us across the

state," Bill Siminoe said of the ag school's effort to establish program links with other schools. "I'd be surprised if the state Department of Education doesn't keep an eye on things to see how they work out. We're really acting as a model for everyone in education throughout the state."

When the NU Board of Regents mandated in February that the school develop agricultural links as a cost-cutting measure, Siminoe and other Nebraska school administrators started talking.

"What the regents are interested in seeing is if we can effectively coordinate two-year agricultural education programs," Siminoe said. "We've really

just started on those but hope to have things moving along soon."

The first is a golf course management exchange with McCook Community College.

Students may begin a one-year program at the McCook campus and take the second year at Curtis. The ag school students then can transfer to NU for another two years for a four-year degree.

Other links are being developed in veterinary technology and horticulture programs with Central Technical Community College at Sidney. "Preliminary discussions also are under way with Southeast Community College at Beatrice and with Metro Tech in Omaha," Siminoe said.

A transfer program with Peru State College has been renewed with others pending at Chadron State College and Norfolk Community College.

Programs through the Mid-Plains Technical Community College Area also are being developed, he said.

Siminoe and NU officials also are trying to expand the credit transfers from the ag school to the Lincoln campus. Students may now transfer 56 credit hours in the general agriculture or agriculture education programs.

Until enough students have heard about the transfer programs, it will be difficult because of the lowered enrollment, Siminoe said. The Curtis school expects 104 second-year stu-

dents to return to the campus July 21.

Only 60 new students have signed up for the fall semester, beginning Oct. 6. Ordinarily, Siminoe said, enrollment figures average 160-170 for the fall session.

Recruiting efforts were hindered this year because the school's future appeared in jeopardy. It was not until April that the NU regents approved a binding resolution allocating \$1.2 million in state funds to the Curtis school, ending long-running speculation that the school might be closed.

"We're still hurting tremendously on enrollment," Siminoe said. "But we're looking forward to a good summer session."

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