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Iranian missile hits Baghdad; Iraq retaliates

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A missile hit Baghdad on Tuesday, and Iraqi warplanes raided Iranian cities and missile batteries in reply. Iran claimed to have broken out of a beachhead on the fifth day of its offensive, but Iraq denied it.

Iranian reports monitored in Cyprus said the missile hit a trade center, but an Iraqi military spokesman said it exploded in a heavily populated district, killing or wounding many Iraqis. Journalists were kept away, but witnesses said the missile narrowly missed the residential district.

Iraq said its air force raided Isfahan, Dezful and the holy city of Qom in retaliation. All three Iranian cities have been bombed three days in a row.

Reports from Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Tehran communiques as saying Iranian forces broke through heavily fortified defenses on a six-mile front and advanced toward Iraq's southern port city of Basra over 38 square miles they were able to "liberate."

The Iraqi high command said its troops, tanks and helicopter gunships "annihilated" Iranians who tried to push out of the beachhead on Iraqi territory east of Basra. The ancient city is Iraq's second largest.

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Mafia hits hard times

America's top crime bosses face a century in jail

top bosses were sentenced Tuesday to who said he wanted to give their wouldbe successors something to think about.

The bosses of the Colombo, Genovese and Lucchese organized crime families received the century-long terms for membership on a commission that had settled disputes, divided loot and occasionally ordered rubouts for the Mafia since Prohibition.

U.S. District Judge Richard Owen said he had to send a message "to those out there who are undoubtedly thinking about taking over the reins of power." And authorities cautioned that the 53, head of the Colombos, and Anthony convictions and sentencings did not "Tony Ducks" Corallo, 73, the boss of

NEW YORK — Three of the Mafia's mean the end of the mob in America.

"The worst mistake we can make is 100 years each in jail by a federal judge to declare a final victory," Thomas L. Sheer, head of the FBI's New York office, said following the sentencing of the bosses and five mob underlings at federal court in Manhattan.

"I can't say it's the end of the commission," U.S. Attorney Rudolph the Lucchese mob. Giuliani said at a news conference in his office after the sentencings. But it makes it much more difficult to operate that kind of an operation."

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- Giuliani

Owen characterized Salerno and Persico as "feeding on this community through murders and violence and threats of murders and violence."

He sentenced four of the five mob underlings convicted with the others last November to 100 years apiece. Bonanno crime family soldier Anthony

with two racketeering counts but received the maximum 40 years for those crimes.

The others sentenced to 100 years were: Colombo underboss Gennaro "Gerry Lang" Langella, 48: Lucchese underboss Salvatore "Tom Mix" Santoro. 72; Lucchese consigliere, or counselor, Christopher "Christy Tick" Furnari, 62; "Bruno" Indelicato, 38, was only charged and Ralph Scopo, 58, a Colombo soldier

Abductions continue

Gunman kidnap Frenchman; companion shot at, escapes

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gunmen on Tuesday kidnapped a French reporter covering Terry Waite's mission to free American and other foreign hostages held in Lebanon. They pistol-whipped and shot at another French newsman who escaped.

Police said eight men in two cars grabbed Roger Auque, 31, soon after he photographed Anglican Church envoy Waite taking a morning stroll along the seafront in Moslem west Beirut. Augue is a free-lance reporter-photographer for French, Canadian and Belgian radio stations and photo feature agencies.

Paul Marchand, a French reporter accompanying Augue, fought off the men in west Beirut's Raouche residential district at 9:40 a.m. and escaped, police said.

Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canter- efforts to reach a settlement of the bury, told reporters after hearing of the entire hostage problem." abduction: "I'm very sorry to hear it."

"I can't leave now. Roger is my friend," a shaken Marchand told a CBS television network in an interview.

No group claimed responsibility for hostages. Auque's abduction.

Auque was the 13th foreign journalist kidnapped in west Beirut since Moslem side of the capital from the army in South Korean.



bloody fighting Feb. 6, 1984. Seven have escaped or been released. Several different groups have claimed responsibility for the abductions.

Auque also is the sixth Frenchmen now missing in Lebanon.

In Paris, France's Foreign Ministry deplored the kidnapping and said in a Waite, the personal emissary of statement it "intends to pursue its

> Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, an underground Shiite group believed loyal to Iran, claims it holds at least two American and three French

Seventeen foreigners are now missing in Lebanon after being kidnapped: six Americans, six Frenchmen, two Britons, militias wrested control of the Moslem one Irishman, one Italian and one

In Brief

Prince breaks military tradition

LONDON - Prince Edward, youngest son of Queen Elizabeth II, resigned from the Royal Marines Monday, breaking with a longstanding family tradition of military service.

Newspapers had said the 22-year-old Cambridge University graduate was under family pressure - especially from his father, Prince Philip, an honorary captain general in the Royal Marines — to finish his yearlong officer's training course and uphold the family image of devotion to duty.

But the palace said Edward decided to quit after four months of his nine-year enlistment because "he does not wish to make the service his long-term career."

No specific reason was given for Edward's resignation, and the prince made no public statements.

The Sun newspaper said when it broke the story last Wednesday that Edward was quitting because he found the training "too tough and demanding."

Ethiopian plane crash kills 54

LONDON — An Ethiopian air force plane carrying 54 passengers and crew crashed in the Eritrean provincial capital of Asmara on Tuesday and killed everyone on board, the official radio reported.

According to the report on the official Ethiopian Radio, monitored in London by the British Broadcasting Corp., the crash was due to a mechanical failure.

"It crashed while it was trying to land after developing sudden problems about three minutes after taking off from Yohannes the Fourth Airport (in Asmara)," the broadcast said.

Ethiopian Radio gave no further details of the crash, BBC said. It did not

specify the kind of airplane. An official at the Addis Ababa control tower said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press in Nairobi, Kenya, that he knew of the crash only through the radio report and had no additional details. The

Police arrest hotel employee for New Year's fire

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A Dupont Plaza Hotel maintenance worker was arrested Tuesday and charged with 96 counts of murder for the New Year's Eve fire at the posh hotel.

The hotel worker, Hector Escudero Aponte, was the first person arrested in the case, but Justice Secretary Hector Rivera Cruz said officials believed he had not acted alone.

Rivera Cruz said in a statement that Escudero Aponte was charged with "setting fire to the Dupont Plaza Hotel on New Year's Eve, in agreement with others." But he said the investigation was continuing and therefore he could provide no further information.

Escudero Aponte, used a Sterno-like fuel to torch new furniture stacked in the hotel's ground-floor ballroon, according to a complaint filed by the FBI in U.S. District Court.

The 5-page complaint said Escudero Aponte, a Teamsters member, went to the hotel about 2 p.m. Dec. 31 and set the fire shortly after a union meeting broke up. The fire, which killed 96 people and injured about 140 people, raged out of control through the ballroom and then through the casino

directly above.

Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon has said tense labor-management relations may have been a motive for the fire, but he has not blamed the Teamsters union - which had planned a strike for midnight New Year's Eve — or hotel management or non-Teamster employees.

The FBI claimed Escudero Aponte confessed to his role in the fire. He was charged before U.S. Magistrate Justo Arenas with having "maliciously damaged and destroyed by means of a fire" the 22-story 439-room hotel.

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College education may improve marriage possibilities for women, study says

official refused to give his name.

WASHINGTON - Going to college no longer dims a woman's chances for marriage and family, and additional schooling, in fact, is likely to increase her matrimonial prospects, a new study says.

Census Bureau rsearcher Jeanne E. Moorman reported Tuesday that the "negative association" between marriage and education seems to be diminishing, and in coming years "more highly educated women will be more likely to marry."

In terms of combining marriage with educations and careers, women are learning to behave more like men - no longer having to choose among these options, Moorman said.

Her findings differ sharply from a study published by Yale University researchers last year that indicated that women's marriage prospects dimmed as they pursued educations

Although better-educated women have had lower marriage rates than those with less schooling in past years, the negative association between education and marriage appears on the verge of ending or reversing, Moorman reported in her study, "The History and the Future of the Relationship Between Education and Marriage."



That, she said in a telephone interview, is because higher education is becoming more the norm than the exception for women, allowing education to become a more common part of their lives and to blend with family and marriage.

Moorman launched her research last year, following the widely publicized study by Yale sociologist Neil Bennet that found that if a college woman wasn't wed by age 30, she stood little chance of ever being married.