

Exploding ammo dump kills 60 in India

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A huge ammunition dump exploded Sunday, sending flames 500 feet into the air and grenades and anti-aircraft missiles screaming in all directions. Officials said more than 60 people were killed and almost 800 wounded.

The Pakistani capital looked like a city at war after the exploding dump showered it and adjacent Rawalpindi with weapons of all shapes and sizes.

"It's the worst disaster we've ever

had in Islamabad," said an emergency room doctor at the National Medical Institute as he directed ambulances with a bullhorn.

Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo ordered a high-level investigation into the blast, which officials said was apparently caused by a fire.

Casualty counts were still unofficial Sunday night in the twin cities, which have a combined population of more than 4.5 million.

"Our hearts are broken and our eyes are welled up," said President

Mohammad Zia ul-Had in a statement from Kuwait, where he was to attend an Islamic summit.

He announced he would return immediately to Islamabad.

The initial explosion occurred at 9:55 a.m. shortly after the start of the Moslem work week.

Within minutes, hundreds of grenades and missiles took off, some landing and exploding more than six miles away. For the next 35 minutes, projectiles whizzed overhead, slamming into buildings and roads.

Hijackers hurt captive after massacre threat

LARNACA, Cyprus — The hijackers of a Kuwaiti jumbo jet started to hurt passengers Sunday after authorities refused to refuel the plane and release pro-Iranian bombers imprisoned in Kuwait, the flight engineer said.

In Lebanon, a pro-Iranian group threatened to kill American and French hostages if any attempt was made to storm the plane.

The statement from the Islamic Jihad was delivered to the Reuters news agency in West Beirut, along with photographs of journalists Terry Anderson, an American, and Jean-Paul Kauffmann, of France.

"To the families of the hostages, we declare that we shall execute the Western captives in Lebanon if the plane and holy warrior (hijackers)

aboard is subjected to any military foolhardiness," the statement said.

In Cyprus, the Arab hijackers, who have killed one passenger since seizing the plane Tuesday, threatened to kill their captives in a "slow and quiet massacre."

The hijackers also threatened to force the pilot to take off and crash into the royal palace.

In Brief

More than 1,000 arrested in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — More than 1,000 people were arrested in a weekend police blitz against drug dealers and street gangs responsible for waves of violence that have been claiming hundreds of lives a year in the City of Angels.

A 1,000-officer task force flooded streets in gang areas Friday night, and Police Chief Daryl Gates ordered his officers out again Saturday night.

It was the department's biggest attack ever on gangs, which specialize in the cocaine trade and were blamed for 205 killings in the city of Los Angeles last year. Gang killings in all of Los Angeles County reached 387 last year.

About half of the special force, formed by putting officers on overtime at a cost of \$150,000 a day, went to augment regular patrols in the south-central area, where gangs are the most active. The rest of the officers spread out citywide.

Reagan sees Soviet withdrawal as aid to relations

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — President Reagan said Sunday the expected withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan was "a major contribution" to improving East-West relations and pledged continued U.S. military aid to the Afghan rebels.

Differences over U.S. and Soviet aid to rival factions in Afghanistan had been a major obstacle to negotiations in Geneva on a settlement of the eight-year war and the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops.

However, the two sides appear to have agreed on a compromise under which the Soviets will continue providing aid to the Marxist government while the United States gives assistance to the anti-communist insurgents.

Reagan, in a speech to the annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters at a downtown hotel, said he anticipated an agreement would be signed in Geneva "in the very near future" for a Soviet withdrawal.

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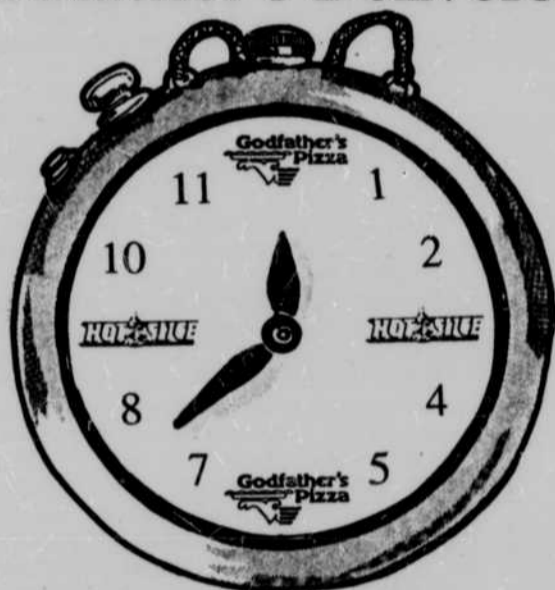
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