

## Police trace flight 103 bomb to tape recorder

LOCKERBIE, Scotland -- A radio-cassette player held the bomb that brought down Pan Am Flight 103, but the identity of the bomber still is not known, the top investigator of the bombing said Thursday.

Investigators believe the explosive that shattered the Boeing 747 on Dec. 21 was placed aboard the aircraft in Frankfurt, West Germany, where the flight began, said detective Chief Superintendent John Orr. It apparently had been put on the aircraft as checked baggage.

"New positive lines of inquiry are unfolding," he told a news conference in this southwestern Scottish town where the jumbo jet crashed, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground.

"While there is insufficient evidence at this stage to establish the identity of the person or group responsible for this dreadful crime, the progress made and the evidence obtained has been substantial," Orr said.

Asked whether the investigation would point to a specific country, Orr said: "It may."

On Feb. 8, the Jerusalem Post reported the bomb that destroyed the jet was hidden in a radio-cassette recorder and was traced to Frankfurt.

That report quoted unidentified investigators as saying the device was similar, but not identical, to one found earlier in the possession of members of Ahmed Jibril's extremist Popular Front for the Lib-

eration of Palestine-General Command. The group has denied involvement.

Anti-terrorist experts have said the explosive most likely used was Semtex, an odorless, highly malleable substance made in Czechoslovakia and known to be used by terrorist organizations.

The discovery of the bomb's hiding place followed painstaking reconstruction of a baggage container from pieces -- some no larger than a table knife -- strewn over 40 miles of Scottish countryside.

"The reconstruction of the baggage container suggests that the explosive device may have been among the baggage from the Frankfurt flight," Orr said.

"The particular bag which contained the device has not been identified at this stage, but there is the most detailed work under way with forensic assistance to achieve this identification. I believe this can be done," he said.

Orr said the belief that Frankfurt was the origin of the bomb was based on "a balance of probabilities." Most of the 1,500 pounds of baggage in the container in which the bomb was located was checked in at Frankfurt, and the rest was "interline" baggage from other points.

Flight 103 originated in Frankfurt on a Boeing 727. At London's Heathrow Airport, the New York-bound flight was changed to a Boeing 747.

## North lawyer blasts trial rules

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court lifted its stay delaying the start of Oliver North's trial Thursday, but North's lawyers complained he cannot get a fair trial under a deal struck by his prosecutor and the attorney general for handling testimony involving national secrets.

"Defendant North still faces two governments, rather than a single prosecutor with full power to make all trial decisions," said Brendan Sullivan, the head of North's defense team, in papers filed with U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell.

The Supreme Court, meanwhile, lifted a stay that had been requested by Attorney General Dick Thornburgh while he was still arguing with independent counsel Lawrence Walsh over whether rules on disclosing classified information were tight enough.

There was no word from Gesell when he would summon jurors, who are already selected, to his court to begin the trial of the former Marine lieutenant colonel and White House aide.

The newest Thornburgh-Walsh arrangement "would impose intolerable burdens on the court, the witnesses, and the jurors," Sullivan said. He asked Gesell to tell the attorney general he can take action to dismiss the entire case or any of the 12 criminal charges but that he will not "have the right or the opportunity to intervene in the trial."

Sullivan recalled that Gesell had said earlier in the week that Thornburgh would have no right to intervene "by bits and pieces" to object to the introduction of classified material. But Sullivan said the new arrangement does give Thornburgh that ability.

Under the arrangement announced Wednesday, Walsh agreed to ask Thornburgh for an affidavit whenever Walsh believed undisclosed secrets were about to be spilled in the trial. The attorney general would stay out of the courtroom while the independent counsel carried the battle.

"Under the independent counsel's proposed plan," said Sullivan, the attorney general will have the right to step in "whenever the going gets tough, precisely what the court has forbidden him from doing."

In response, Walsh said North's lawyer is under a misconception of how the prosecutorial plan will work.

"The day-to-day conduct of this case will be by the independent counsel and only the independent counsel," he said. He likened his relationship with the Justice Department to that of a lawyer who checks with his client "to find out whether some supervening policy requires a termination of the litigation."

Sullivan said the new arrangement would guarantee frequent interruptions, as challenges are made and resolved.

"This procedure will recur con-

stantly during the trial -- possibly even question-by-question for a critical witness," he said. "Defendant North cannot receive a fair trial if the attorney general is permitted to intervene in the trial through bits and pieces of affidavit as the independent counsel's plan contemplates."

Gesell called a closed hearing for mid-afternoon to discuss what the jury can be told about secret Reagan administration efforts to get help from other countries for the Contras fighting the leftist Nicaraguan government.

Sullivan says the "quid pro quo" arrangements -- literally, something-for-something -- are at the heart of the case. The government is willing to make limited disclosures about the matter, but North's lawyers want to explore the schemes in greater detail at his trial.

In nearly three weeks, the North trial has not progressed beyond picking a jury of nine women and three men. The jurors, who have not yet been sworn, have been excused while a high-stakes legal drama over national security matters has been played out in Gesell's courtroom, the U.S. Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

North is accused of shredding evidence and lying to Congress to cover up the Reagan administration's attempts to help the rebels during a period in which Congress had banned direct U.S. aid.

He faces 12 criminal charges.

## Leaders rebuke Winnie Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- Anti-apartheid leaders gave an unprecedented rebuke to Winnie Mandela on Thursday, saying she has betrayed the trust of the black community and kept bodyguards who waged a "reign of terror" in Soweto.

The influential activists accused Mrs. Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and once called the "Mother of the Nation," of "violating human rights . . . in the name of the struggle against apartheid."

The strongly worded statement was the first public repudiation of Mrs. Mandela by the senior leadership of the anti-apartheid movement.

They accused her of complicity in the abduction and assault of a 14-year-old black activist, Stompie Seipei, whose decomposed body was found dumped in Soweto last month.

Mrs. Mandela, in the few public statements she has made, denied she was at home when the teen-ager and four men were abducted to her house on Dec. 29 by members of Mandela United who act as her unofficial bodyguards. But she has defended the abduction, saying the four were taken to protect them from sexual abuse at a Methodist church residence where they were staying in Soweto.

## Guerillas bomb sieged Afghan capital

KABUL, Afghanistan -- Moslem guerrillas fired a barrage of rockets into the capital today, one day after the Soviets completed their troop withdrawal, and seven people were reported killed and six wounded.

Also today, the foreign minister said the government has asked the United Nations to set up outposts along the border with Pakistan to check the flow of arms to Moslem guerrillas.

In the attack on Kabul by U.S.-backed guerrillas, one rocket landed outside a house in western Kabul, killing three children playing in the street, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Another young girl was killed and her mother's legs were blown off but she survived, the spokesman said.

Less than a half mile away, a rocket struck near a power transmission station, killing a bus driver and two men, the official said. Five

people were injured in the rocket attack, said the spokesman, who demanded anonymity.

In his comments today, Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil also accused Britain, France and other Western nations opposed to Afghanistan's Marxist government of blocking emergency airlifts of food into Kabul, which is facing severe shortages. An official with the United Nations, which is coordinating the airlift, declined to comment on Wakil's statement.

Some Western officials have predicted that the Afghan army will be unable to prevent Kabul and other major Afghan cities from being taken by Pakistani-based Moslem guerrilla forces now that the Soviet forces are gone.

At a news conference, Wakil reiterated allegations President Najib made over the weekend that Pakistan

is planning to invade the eastern city of Jalalabad.

He said Afghanistan has asked the U.N. Good Office Mission to Afghanistan and Pakistan to set up outposts near six towns along the border. The agency, UNGOMAP, monitors compliance with the Geneva accord signed in April that paved the way for the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Red Army troops and called on Afghanistan and Pakistan to stop interfering in each other's internal affairs.

"We have requested that UNGOMAP establish outposts along the border to prevent the open transport of arms, ammunition and other deadly weapons into Afghanistan from Pakistan," he said.

Wakil also blamed Western countries for blocking an emergency airlift of food, medicine and blankets into Kabul.

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## Rushdie bounty doubled

Britain protested to Iran on Thursday over Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's orders to kill Salman Rushdie, the author of "The Satanic Verses," and religious students in Iran threatened suicide attacks on him.

The bounty for killing the Indian-born writer was doubled to \$5.2 million, and Britain's airlines -- including British Airways -- tightened security following bomb threats against some flights.

The death threats against Rushdie, whose book has been denounced across the Moslem world as blasphemous, were called "appalling" by the U.S. State Department. A leading Islamic theologian who opposes the book said in Egypt that Khomeini erred by not giving Rushdie a chance to repent.

Rushdie, a naturalized Briton whose novel has sparked violent protests from Islamic fundamentalists, has canceled a promotional tour for the book in the United States and remains in hiding with his American wife, Marianne Wiggins. Published reports said they were under police guard in Britain.

Moslems say the allegorical novel offends their faith by satiriz-

ing the prophet Mohammed as fallible; implying that Islam is not the only true religion; portraying Mohammed's wives as prostitutes; and suggesting he wrote the Koran, rather than receiving it from God.

The British Foreign Office summoned Iran's lone diplomat in Britain, told him Khomeini's threat was "totally unacceptable," demanded special protection for its Tehran Embassy, and froze plans to expand diplomatic relations with the Islamic state.

"We recognize that Moslems and others may have strong views about the contents of Mr. Rushdie's book," British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said after his office summoned Iranian Charge d'Affaires Mohammed Basti.

"However, nobody has the right to incite people to violence on British soil or against British citizens. Ayatollah Khomeini's statement is totally unacceptable."

Howe stopped short of threatening to break diplomatic relations. But in an address to a Foreign Press Association luncheon he said "a stable and serious relationship . . . will not be possible while Iran fails to respect international standards of behavior."

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