

Gunman in uniform kills four along Israeli-Egyptian border

EILAT, Israel - A lone gunman slipped across the Egyptian border Sunday and fired an automatic rifle at a bus and three military vehicles, killing four Israelis and wounding 27, the army said.

The attack was the third from Arab territory in two days. At least four Palestinian guerrillas were killed and two Israeli soldiers injured in incidents in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon and off the Mediterranean coast.

The dead in the border attack, three soldiers and a civilian bus driver, were shot on a road running along the Israeli-Egyptian border about 15 miles northwest of the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat, the army said. It said most of the wounded were civilian workers at an Israeli air base.

The gunman, who was described as wearing a uniform, escaped back into Egypt. He was shot by an Israeli security guard and trailing blood, the army said.

An Israeli army patrol chased him, firing, but did not pursue him across the frontier, the army said.

A senior Egyptian security source

in Cairo said an Egyptian border policeman stationed in the area had been arrested as the suspected assailant.

Israel army radio said the assailant's blood-stained flak jacket with "Allah" written on it was found in the area. It said the attack was claimed by the Moslem fundamentalist group Islamic Holy War-Jerusalem in a statement issued in Amman, Jordan.

Israeli and Egyptian reports said the attacker was armed with the Soviet-designed Kalashnikov assault rifle.

The gunman fired intermittently for about a half-hour as vehicles drove along the road, the national news agency Itim said. Apparently he remained undiscovered because drivers were unaware of what happened or thought a traffic accident had occurred.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on Egypt to capture and punish the assailant and prevent further attacks.

In another attack on Sunday, a Lebanese woman carrying explosives killed herself and injured two Israeli soldiers in Israel's self-proclaimed



security zone in southern Lebanon, army reports said. The Syrian Socialist Nationalist Party claimed responsibility for the attack and said 12 Israeli soldiers also were killed.

Mexican president to bring Bush home

MEXICO CITY - President Carlos Salinas de Gortari welcomes President Bush to his hometown today for a discussion expected to center on developing closer relations through trade.

The two nations are negotiating a free trade agreement, which Salinas hopes will help Mexico grow out of the Third World into the ranks of developed nations.

Bush will arrive in Monterrey about noon and travel 55 miles by helicopter to Agualeguas, the Salinas family hometown of 5,000 people, where the leaders will attend a rodeo and meet privately for two hours. They plan to return to Monterrey afterward.

Another private meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, and Bush will speak to businessmen in Monterrey, the country's industrial capital.

Salinas hopes Mexican industrialists can produce more and better products to compete with an expected flood of U.S. goods, and

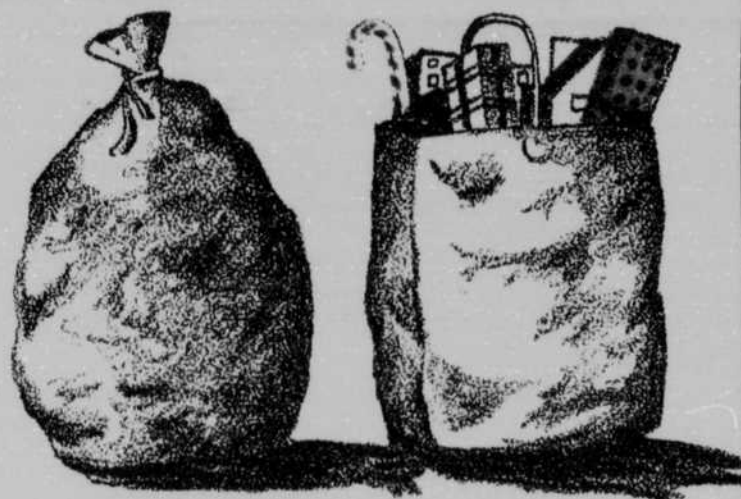
also find markets in the United States. Years of hiding behind high tariff walls has hurt the competitive ability of some Mexican companies.

Since Salinas took office in December 1988, Mexico has lowered tariffs and joined the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, which his predecessors had sworn the country would never do. U.S. products, from beer to cars, now can be imported by those who can pay the lower duties.

"Ten years ago, if a Mexican president had suggested a free trade agreement with the United States, people would have hanged him in the middle of the main plaza," a high government official said, on condition of anonymity.

"I think Mexican society has matured," Granados said. "There is less fear of the United States, and we have a more pragmatic vision of our relationship with the United States."

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Overweight woman fights for education

Court will hear school's appeal

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - All Sharon Russell ever wanted to be was a nurse, but her weight nearly got in the way.

After she was kicked out of nursing school in 1985, weighing more than 300 pounds, she sued the school and won. Now the case has moved to the U.S. Supreme Court, and she's moved to the forefront in the fight for dignity for overweight people.

"It's going to take time. It's going to take patience," Russell said. "And it's going to take people like me who have the guts to stand up and say, 'I was humiliated — this is how I felt.'"

A federal jury last year ordered Salve Regina College of Newport, R.I., to pay Russell nearly \$44,000 in damages. An appeals court upheld the judgment, and the school appealed its case to the nation's high court.

The justices this week will hear arguments to decide a narrow, procedural point of law relating to the appeals court's standard of review.

Although the decision, expected sometime next year, will have little bearing on the legal question of so-called size discrimination, it could determine whether the award must be paid.

"The important thing is more people will understand what I had to go through to get to this point," said Russell, now 26 and a pediatric nurse at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

Russell maintains size discrimina-

tion was the sole reason for her dismissal from Salve Regina, but school officials argue she was unhealthy

because she suffered from an eating disorder and was physically unable to handle patients.

"We don't dismiss students because they're fat," Catherine Graziano, Salve Regina's dean of nursing, said. "We dismiss students if they have behavior problems that make them unable to function as nurses."

Russell said her 5-foot-6, 300-pound body didn't seem to bother administrators in 1982 when she was accepted at the small college run by the Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy.

After earning good grades through her freshman and sophomore years, she entered the college's nursing program.

In December 1984, faculty members presented Russell with a contract to lose two pounds a week or face dismissal, and signed it because "becoming a nurse was all I ever wanted."

According to the school, Russell weighed 328 pounds at the beginning of her sophomore year, was down to

297 when she signed the agreement and back up to 303 during the summer of 1985. That was when Salve Regina notified Russell she would not be allowed to attend her senior year.

With that, Russell slapped Salve Regina and five faculty members with a \$2 million federal lawsuit alleging, among other things, handicap discrimination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy and breach of contract.

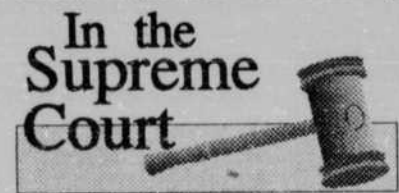
The judge dismissed all claims except the breach of contract allegation.

A Providence jury sided with Russell, saying the school broke its implied contract to provide her with an education so long as she paid her tuition, maintained good grades and wasn't a discipline problem.

Russell completed her nursing studies at St. Joseph's and has been working in St. Petersburg for 2 1/2 years.

She's become an active fighter against size discrimination and was the keynote speaker for the 3,000-member National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. Her message is simple:

"Accept yourself the way you are, work with what you have, go for it and live your life. My attitude is, 'I weigh 285 pounds now — get over it.'"



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