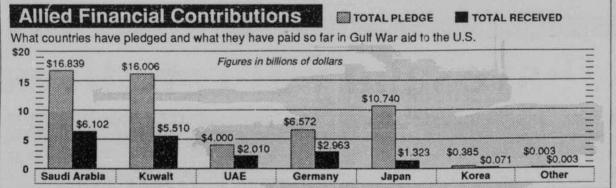
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#### List of allied financial contributions to help pay for Operation Desert Storm: Figures in billions of dollars

		SECOND PLEDGE							
COUNTRY	INITIAL PLEDGE		TOTAL PLEDGE	REC'D CASH	REC'D KIND	TOTAL REC'D	TOTAL REC'D	AMOUNT OWED	
Saudi Arabia	\$ 3.339	\$13.500	\$16.839	\$ 4.536	\$ 1.566	\$ 6.102	36%	\$ 10.737	
Kuwait	2.506	13.500	16.006	5.500	0.010	5.510	34%	10.496	
UAE	1.000	3.000	4.000	1.870	0.140	2.010	50%	1,990	l
Germany	1.072	5.500	6.572	2.432	0.531	2.963	45%	3.609	
Japan	1.740	9.000	10.740	0.866	0.457	1.323	12%	9.417	ä
Korea	0.080	0.305	0.385	0.050	0.021	0.071	18%	0.314	ı
Other	0.003	-	0.003	0.000	0.003	0.003	_		
TOTAL	\$ 9.740	\$44.805	\$54.545	\$15.254	\$ 2.728	\$17.982	33%	\$ 36.563	

INITIAL PLEDGE: Shows how much the country pledged last year in the first round of pledges. SECOND PLEDGE: Shows how much additionally was pledged in a second round this year. REC'D CASH: Shows how much has been received in cash so far. REC'D KIND shows how much has been received in kind, such as transportation or other services.

## U.S. bans arms sales until war money paid

Tuesday to ban arms sales to Saudi Arabia, Germany and other U.S. al-lies until they deliver all the money promised to help the United States pay for the Persian Gulf war.

The prohibition, opposed by the Bush administration, was included in a measure to provide \$42.6 billion toward the war effort. The bill was approved 98-1, with no separate vote on the arms-sale ban.

After the vote, the Senate debated a measure to provide \$5.2 billion for war assistance to Israel and Turkey. stepped-up security by the Secret Service and scores of other programs. The Senate recessed for the evening without taking a vote and final passage of that bill could come Wednes-

The House passed its own versions of both bills on March 7; the two chambers will have to work out compromises before sending the measures to President Bush.

The House approved a weaker, AP unspecified threat that "Congress may

WASHINGTON - The Senate voted consider appropriate action" if allied aid falls short of promised levels.

Congressional frustration with America's allies is high because of the huge amounts of money are at stake. Of \$54.5 billion in promised assistance, just \$25.6 billion has arrived, according to the Senate Appro-

priations Committee.

Not one of the six countries that pledged substantial amounts of help has delivered its pledge in full. All six countries plan to buy U.S. weapons this year and would be affected by the ban, according to information the administration has given Congress.

In a letter distributed to congressional leaders, the White House Office of Management and Budget said the proposed prohibition would place "unnecessary and inappropriate constraints" on the sales.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, "We have been very pleased by the support that we've gotten from allies so far, and we don't think it's necessary to legislate on this issue."

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## Rebels: Iraqis driven from city

els are driving the last Iraqi loyalist soldiers from oil-rich Kirkuk, and anti-government rioting spread to Iraq's largest northern city, rebel officials said Tuesday

In the south, where Shiite rebels also battled to topple the regime of President Saddam Hussein, both rebels and government spokesmen claimed their side held the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala.

Using the state-controlled press, the Iraqi government urged citizens to remain loyal and pledged to carry out democratic reforms promised by Saddam in a weekend speech.

'Close ranks behind the leadership to overcome the dilemma," said an editorial in the government-run

Al-Thawra newspaper. Saadi Mehdi Saleh, speaker of the National Assembly, was quoted in another daily, Al-Iraq, as saying that "before too long" a new constitution and a multiparty political system would be in place.

From Damascus, Jalal Talabani, a leader of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, sought foreign intervention to support the Kurdish revolt, claiming Iraqi

NICOSIA, Cyprus - Kurdish reb- troops were using napalm and phosphorus bombs to crush the rebellion.

"In a vile and desperate attempt to stamp out the growing popular upris-ing against his tyranny, Saddam Hussein persists with the ruthless bombardment of civilians," he said, describing its as "a calamity being inflicted on the Iraqi people.

Talabani's charges about napalm echoed comments of several other Kurdish and Shiite rebel leaders in recent days, but White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said in Washington there was no proof napalm was being used by Iraqi forces.

The World Health Organization reported that more than 30,000 Iraqi refugees have crossed into southern Iran to escape fighting. Many wounded and burned refugees were transferred to the Iranian city of Ahvaz, 75 miles northeast of Basra, said Therese Gastaut, a spokeswoman for the agency in Geneva.

She said many of the people who fled Basra ended up in areas of Iran still recovering from devastation suffered during the 1980-88 war with

President Bush last week warned Iraq about using helicopters against its restive population, saying any use would imperil the cease-fire.

The Iraqi Kurdistan Front said in London that rebel forces had seized much of Kirkuk, 150 miles north of Baghdad. It said troops guarding sur-rounding oil fields had surrendered.

Hoshyar Zebari, a Front spokesman, said rebels shot down two Iraqi helicopter gunships over Kirkuk early Tuesday and were pushing loyalists out of the city.

"There are pockets we are still mopping up," he said by telephone.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency also said it monitored a rebel Kurdish broadcast inside Iraq saying insurgent forces seized key points in the city.

Western reporters have been unable to reach battle scenes in the north of Iraq, so there has been no way to verify Kirkuk's capture or other rebel claims.

The Kurdistan front's statement also said rioting had spread to Mosul, with a population of 1 million resi-

#### Kuwaiti mother, resistance fighter recounts torture

KUWAIT CITY - In the highstakes world of the Kuwaiti resistance, a mother of four proved tougher than many men.

For three months, she was beaten, tortured, raped and finally sentenced to death by the Iraqis.

Now, she is working to help rebuild her country

The 33-year-old asked that her name not be used - only her initials, M.M. - because she believes some Iraqis or collaborators still in Kuwait want to kill her.

In resistance circles, M.M. has become something of a legend. Air Force Col. Ali Al-Fodari, a resistance leader in Kuwait City, commended her courage and fortitude.

When the Iraqis invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, M.M., a successful businesswoman, said she felt she had to do something to fight back. Friends introduced her to the resistance.

After M.M. was accepted as a member on Aug. 20, she served as a link to five different resistance groups.

She passed on coded messages. She hid weapons in her house, cleaned them and smuggled them to the various groups. She distributed money and false identification and helped provide medical care for injured resistance members.

Later M.M and a resistance member were arrested.

They started threatening me. They asked, 'Do you know who we are?' I said 'I know who you are. You're like the guys in 'The

Godfather," she said. The Iraqis beat her. She was stripped nude and given electric shocks with battery-like jump-ers that were clipped to her body.

Not everyone in the resistance could withstand the pressure. Another resistance fighter, under Iraqi torture, identified her as a member. On evidence of that - and the money and identification she was caught with — she was sentenced to death on Jan. 13.

But on Jan. 15, she said, an Iraqi captain who had raped and tortured her told her he had "good feelings" for her. He said he was going to release her.

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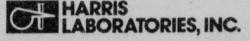
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