

## Kidnappers free 77-year-old British hostage

DAMASCUS, Syria — In another breakthrough in the hostage crisis, kidnappers freed 77-year-old Briton Jack Mann on Tuesday after holding him for 865 days, and a Shiite Muslim leader said a U.S. hostage might soon follow.

Mann was led by officials into a packed news conference at the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

"This morning I started another dreadful day... I wondered how many more months I've got to stay... I wondered how much longer, how much longer, how much longer. Wondering how many more months I've got to stay here," the white-haired, former World War II pilot said.

Prime Minister John Major of Britain said he had heard that Mann was "a little unwell," and a 10 Downing St. spokesman had said the government was "disturbed" about reports of Mann's health.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has sought a broad exchange involving the Western hostages, an accounting of five missing Israeli servicemen and the release of hundreds of Arabs held by Israel.

"I hope it's not the end of the release program," President Bush said in New York. "There are many more... It's so tragic." He said the United States could not have normal relations with Iran as long as any hostages are held.

Hussein Musawi, a leader of Hezbollah, the umbrella group for most of the factions holding Westerners, told reporters in the Bekaa Valley town of Sohmar: "If things continue to proceed normally an American hostage will be released. Maybe within a week or less than a month."

He said Mann was set free "to facilitate Perez de Cuellar's mission. The other side is required to facilitate his mission too."

He apparently referred to the kidnappers' demands that Israel release 20 more Arab prisoners, or possibly Sheik Abdul-Karim Obeid, the Hezbollah leader seized by Israeli commandos in 1989.

Yossi Olmert, an Israeli government spokesman, said Mann's release was a "a positive and

welcome development." He noted that Israel still seeks word on five missing servicemen and added: "If more information comes our way, we will reciprocate."

Mann was freed at 8:40 p.m. at West Beirut's Beau Rivage hotel and turned over to the Syrian army, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said. He was then taken to Damascus.

At least nine Westerners are still missing in Lebanon — five Americans, a Briton, two Germans and an Italian. The longest-held hostage in Lebanon is American Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press. He was kidnapped March 16, 1985.

## Gates' Iran-contra role disputed

WASHINGTON — Two senior intelligence officials testified Tuesday that in 1986 they clearly laid out for CIA director-designate Robert Gates evidence pointing to a White House diversion of money to Nicaraguan rebels.

The testimony by acting CIA director Richard Kerr and senior agency analyst Charles Allen differed from Gates' assertions that he couldn't recall being told of a White House role in the possible diversion.

The question of what Gates knew about the 1985-86 diversion of money to the Contras from U.S. arms sales to Iran has been at the heart of the debate by the Senate Intelligence Committee on whether to confirm Gates.

### Officials say he knew of diversion

Gates has told the committee in sworn written responses to its questions that "to the best of my recollection, Mr. Allen never mentioned to me or speculated that anyone in the U.S. government, including the... White House" was involved in the diversion, which occurred despite a legal ban on U.S. aid to the rebels.

Allen told the panel that he had met with Gates Oct. 1, 1986, and again Oct. 7 to express his growing concern at increasing signs that a diversion was occurring.

"Mr. Gates appeared startled and disturbed that the White House would involve itself in such dubious activity," he said.

Gates specifically expressed concern at the role played by White House aide Oliver North, Allen said. Allen said Gates told him he had always admired North but that "this was going too far" if indeed a diversion was under way.

Allen took his suspicions to Kerr, who was then the CIA's director of analysis. Kerr testified that he passed Allen's suspicions to Gates, probably in August, including the role North was believed to be playing.

"I clearly mentioned this to Bob Gates, as well," Kerr said.

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## Official says missiles, troops are headed for Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON — The United States will send nearly 100 Patriot missiles and about 1,300 troops to Saudi Arabia today, a senior Pentagon official said Tuesday.

The missiles will depart this morning from Germany, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"They're getting ready to go now," said the official.

President Bush said last week that he would provide the missiles to the Saudis for defensive purposes.

The Saudis requested the weapons as tensions heated in the Persian Gulf region in the wake of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's refusal to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Iraq still possessed

"several hundred Scud missiles of the type used against Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War."

Bush also made clear that he was willing to send warplanes back into the Persian Gulf area if necessary to allow the U.N. inspectors to go about their business.

The official said that the U.S. contingent would be composed of two Patriot missile battalions.

Each battalion will have 48 missiles and will be accompanied by 690 soldiers, the official said.

A formal announcement may be made "once the deployment starts," the official said.

The Pentagon announced last week that it intended to make the weapons available from its stocks. The number and the timing of the deployment remained uncertain.

## Crime

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dent of reported motor vehicle thefts with 27.

"This is not unusual for Norman compared to the ratio of cars on campus," Stone said.

UNL had one of the smallest numbers of motor vehicle thefts with two reported. Cauble attributed the low figure to parking lots "better designed to patrol" and to the amount of time officers spend patrolling these lots.

Charles Beckom, Kansas State University police chief, said officers at KSU deserved credit for the low number of crimes reported. Located in Manhattan, Kan., a city with a population of 37,712, KSU ranked seventh in the FBI report.

KSU officers have "encouraged and established a large number of programs to educate (students) and protect property," Beckom said.

KU and KSU reported the most burglaries because of the state definition of burglary, Beckom and Welsh said. In Kansas, a burglary is the "entry into a building, vehicle, plane... for purpose of taking property." In Nebraska, entrance into a car is considered larceny.

Auto burglaries have decreased from past years because of the installation of closed-circuit television

cameras in each parking lot on the KSU campus, with the main monitor located in the police department, Beckom said.

This installation helped reduce auto burglaries in 1990 by 50 percent, he said. If someone does burglarize a car, the police department can prosecute individuals using the videotapes.

Most crimes reported at each university for 1990 fell into the category of larceny.

"It is not unusual for theft to be No. 1 — always has," said John Kish, a sergeant at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

CU's location near Denver doesn't help its larceny crime rates, Kish said. CU ranked third in crimes reported with 868; Boulder has a city population of 83,312.

Cauble said one reason UNL has a high incident of reported larcenies in residence halls is because students often leave their doors unlocked.

And, he said, buildings at UNL have long hours of accessibility for students, which contributes to larcenies.

Jack Waring, an officer at the University of Missouri at Columbia, said statistics for all crimes have risen in the past few years. That increase in reports may be because students are now more likely to report crimes, he said.

MU ranked fifth in the FBI rating. Columbia has a population of 69,101.

The Iowa State University director of public safety, Loras Jaeger, said, "The chief of police shouldn't take the blame for the crime rate." ISU in Ames, Iowa, ranked fifth in reported crime incidents. Ames has a population of 47,198.

Jaeger said police chiefs are criticized for increases in crime statistics, which he said were often simply because of better education about reporting crimes.

At ISU, a large number of students live on campus, which could explain the number of crimes, Jaeger said. Ames also is the site of many concerts, which affects the number of crimes committed in parking lots, he said.

Steve Gahagans, a sergeant at Oklahoma State University, said the low number of crimes at OSU is a result of education and enforcement. OSU had the lowest number of reported crimes of all the Big Eight schools, with a total of 312.

OSU, in Stillwater, Okla., is not located near a large metropolitan area; the population of the city is 36,676.

UNL's goal would be "to have zeros in all categories," but that isn't possible, Cauble said.

"We would like to do the best we can do as far as property crimes go," he said. "If we can stay low in violent crimes, then human protection is being done."

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