

Israel ready to recognize PLO

JERUSALEM — Israel's Cabinet approved a self-rule plan for Palestinians in the occupied territories Monday after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said "the time has come" to take a chance for peace.

The approval by the 18-member Cabinet was the first significant sign of progress since the peace talks began 22 months ago. Sixteen ministers voted for the plan and two abstained.

The plan calls for autonomy to begin in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho within months.

Months of detailed negotiations, however, would be needed to work out details of self-rule in those areas and elsewhere.

"This is the first agreement that has been reached between Israel and the Palestinian people," said Environmental Protection Minister Yossi Sarid. "All ministers expressed satisfaction over the fact that the security of the state of Israel is being assured."

During the five-hour Cabinet meeting, 4,000 Jewish settlers and right-wing activists hurled eggs, then stones, and called Rabin a "traitor." Some scuffled with leftist demonstrators who held signs saying "give peace a chance."

In Jericho, some 20 right-wing demonstrators, including two members of Parliament, moved into an old synagogue on the northern outskirts of the town and staged a sit-in, Israel radio and television reported.

The army declared the town, scheduled to be the seat of the self-rule government, a closed military area

and was trying to get the squatters to leave voluntarily.

On the Palestinian side, there were also bitter divisions over the plan.

"I am very enthusiastic that the process continue. I hope to be able to work with the (Rabin's) Laborites in Israel toward peace," Bassam Abu Sharif, a top aide to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, told French television.

In the Gaza Strip, Islamic fundamentalist groups issued leaflets and wrote wall slogans denouncing the self-rule plan. Hamas demanded a general strike Tuesday, saying over loudspeakers circulating in Gaza that it would "cut the throat" of anyone who dared even use a car.

Palestinian and Israeli negotiators were to sit down Tuesday for the start of a new round of talks expected to finalize the self-rule plan.

"Every change has its risks, but the time has come to take a chance for peace," Rabin said in a speech before the Cabinet vote. "We stand on the verge of a great opportunity."

"There is movement along the whole Arab front in readiness for peace," he said. "There are obstacles. There are difficulties, but I'm convinced the horizons for peace are open."

In Washington, President Clinton said before the Cabinet's decision that he was "very much encouraged" by the apparent breakthrough in the peace talks, but said it was too early to say whether it would lead to renewed dialogue between the United States and the PLO.



Autonomy plan

Full detail of the autonomy plan have not been released, but officials have given the following accounts:

- In Gaza and Jericho, the Israeli army would withdraw from population centers to security locations.
- Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho would be given full control over their internal affairs.
- Israel would maintain control over entry points to the autonomous areas.
- Israel would remain in charge of Jewish settlements.
- Negotiations on problematic issues, such as the status of Jerusalem, would be postponed until talks on the final status of the occupied lands begin within two to three years.

Emily headed to Carolinas

NAGS HEAD, N.C. — Up to 100,000 people on North Carolina's barrier islands were ordered to evacuate on Monday as Hurricane Emily twisted on a path toward the southeastern United States.

While beachgoers enjoyed relatively calm seas, forecasters warned waves would begin to build all along the East Coast. Gale force winds also could reach North Carolina shores by early Tuesday.

The state of emergency in Dare County covers communities stretching along the Outer Banks, a loop of fragile islands off North Carolina's coast.

"Nobody's going to be arrested for not leaving, but they're probably going to be asked for their next of kin," said county spokesman Ray Sturza.

National Park Service campgrounds at Cape Point and Frisco on Hatteras Island also were to be evacuated, officials said.

The National Hurricane Center declared a hurricane watch Sunday from Cape Romain, S.C. — about 20 miles north of Charleston, S.C. — to Fenwick Island on the Delaware-Maryland border.

A watch means hurricane conditions pose a threat. A warning means hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours.

The storm's maximum sustained winds were near 85 mph on Monday. They were expected to increase "a little" over the next 24 hours, forecasters Lixion Avila of the National Hurricane Center said.

On Monday, the center of the storm was about 375 miles to the southeast of Cape Hatteras, moving toward the northwest near 9 mph. It was not projected to make landfall until sometime Tuesday.

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Hurricane Hugo, which killed 29 people and caused \$5.9 billion in damage when it hit South Carolina in September 1989 with winds of 135 mph, was on the minds of many of those watching Emily's progress.

"Everybody is preparing earlier this time," said Karen Eyerly, who works at a surf shop in Myrtle Beach, S.C. "I'm stocking up on food and water and just making sure I have supplies."

Others were taking a wait-and-see attitude.

"If we're talking about 85 mph winds, there will be some damage. But it will be nothing like Hugo or Hazel," said Robert Canady, a shopper at a Wilmington discount store. Hurricane Hazel came through in 1954.

About three-quarters of the estimated 100,000 people in the county are tourists, Sturza said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency sent several trucks with supplies Sunday from Miami to Thomasville, Ga. They will be dispatched when it's clear which areas are most affected by the storm, said FEMA spokesman Morrie Goodman.

Jackson cancels another concert

SINGAPORE — The groans and catcalls grew among Michael Jackson fans as the announcement rang across the packed stadium Monday: The performer is ill and the show is off.

Jackson was back in seclusion, leaving fans with rain checks and questions about the condition of the 35-year-old singer.

For the third time, Jackson, reportedly suffering from an acute headache and vomiting, canceled a performance on a world tour dogged by allegations of child molestation. He has appeared twice in Thailand and once in Singapore.

More than 40,000 angry fans who filled Singapore's open-air National Stadium were told to come back for a concert on Wednesday or ask for a refund.

"He was well this afternoon, but as we went to the stadium he slowly developed this acute headache or migraine," Dr. David Forecast told reporters.

The doctor said Jackson was dizzy and vomiting, and was in the care of a neurologist. A spokesman for the

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promoters said Jackson fainted backstage.

Dehydration from heat and humidity was blamed for the two postponements in Thailand. His publicists insisted the concerts were not called off because of allegations that he had sexually abused a 13-year-old Los Angeles area boy.

After Jackson was taken back to his suite, about 20 fans kept a vigil below the window of his third-floor suite.

But not all of Jackson's fans were as supportive.

"I am very disappointed, but we can expect this from show business people," said spectator Parag Kodhary of Singapore.

State Wire

Omaha police make arrest after second murder in three days

OMAHA — Omaha police said Monday that they had made an arrest in what appeared to be the city's second homicide in three days.

The body of 26-year-old Amy Rewolinski was found by an acquaintance Sunday evening in an apartment in south-central Omaha. She was dead of a shotgun wound, police said.

Police said a 28-year-old Oma-

ha man was arrested in Urbandale, Iowa, on a warrant charging first-degree murder and use of a firearm to commit a felony.

Rewelinski did not live with the man, but they were described as acquaintances, police said.

A second woman, 80-year-old Mary Buso, was found dead in her south Omaha home Friday afternoon.

Omaha Police Sgt. William

Muldoon said detectives learned of the Rewolinski killing Sunday when the young woman's acquaintance called rescue workers to seek medical treatment for the woman, who was believed to be unconscious. Rescue workers discovered the woman was dead.

"It is apparent from the condition that we found the victim in, that this is a homicide," Muldoon said.

SPORTS WIRE

'Rocket' blasts off from Canada en route for Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Raghib "Rocket" Ismail and the Los Angeles Raiders have agreed on a two-year contract that will bring the former Notre Dame star to the NFL team, Ismail's attorney Bob Woolf said Monday.

Woolf said he expects a contract will be signed in the next few

days. But it is not known if Ismail, who played with the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL for two years, will be activated by the Raiders before their opener Sunday against Minnesota.

Financial terms were not disclosed, but sources reported Ismail would receive about \$3 million for

the two years.

Ismail completed two years of the four-year, \$18.2 million deal he signed with the Argonauts and owner Bruce McNall, who gave his permission for the receiver-kick returner to negotiate with the Raiders last March.

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Telephone wires to replace lines at drop/add

System should be on-line by spring

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It won't be long until the only lines at drop/add are connected to the phones, an official said.

Campus Computing Coordinator Donna Liss said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's touch-tone registration system should be on-line this spring.

The system, which includes touch-tone registration, is designed to improve service to students in the areas of advising, billing, financial aid and registration, Liss said.

"We're following up now on our part of the bargain, which was to get the system up as quickly as we could," Liss said.

"And the first thing we're doing is bringing up the touch-tone registration," she said.

Liss, who is in charge of implementing the system, said the touch-tone registration initially will be used for class registration and listings, drop/add and course availability listings.

Earl W. Hawkey, director of Registration and Records, said he hoped the system would be ready for testing in January.

"Maybe I can pull some people out of drop and add, and say 'Come on over, we want you to try this,'" Hawkey said. "It's really a question of whether we can make that deadline," he said.

"People should be using it next fall for drop and add and registration," he said.

Hawkey worked with a similar system when he was at the University of Washington at Seattle. Based on his experience with touch-tone regis-

tration there, he said the system would be advantageous for students.

The most noticeable improvement will be a more convenient drop/add system, Hawkey said.

The system would eliminate the long delay between pre-registering for classes and getting an actual class schedule, he said.

"I've never been able to figure out how people are able to do that," Hawkey said. "(Now) you will get confirmed immediately yes or no."

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska approved a tuition increase last spring to provide funds for the development of a comprehensive student information system.

Liss said the initial cost for the system's equipment and software was about \$350,000.

But she said that figure was not entirely accurate because the system would have to be designed almost

from scratch to fit UNL's individual needs.

"People will say for \$350,000 this thing should work — I wish it were that simple," Liss said. "We'll be spending a lot more money to make it work."

To spread the word about the system, Liss said the university would be mailing out information. A contest is being held to find a name for the system, she said.

The contest is open to any UNL student, and the winner will receive a cordless telephone, a backpack full of school supplies and other items. The winner also will be the first person to register on the new system.

The entries must be returned to one of the designated drop boxes at the Eastor City Campus Unions by 5 p.m. Sept. 15.