

Israeli attack kills 75 in south Lebanon

QANA, Lebanon — Israeli shells killed at least 75 Lebanese refugees Thursday, filling a U.N. camp with blood, horror and survivors' cries for revenge. Israel admitted an "unfortunate mistake" in the attack, which seemed certain to deepen further the hatreds of the Middle East.

The carnage, which left bodies torn apart, was the worst since Israel began its onslaught against Hezbollah guerrillas in south Lebanon eight days ago. While expressing regret for the civilians' deaths, Israel fiercely defended its Lebanon campaign and said the shells that hit the civilians had been aimed at Hezbollah rocket launchers.

President Clinton called for a cease-fire by all parties to the fighting and ordered Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the region to mediate. Israel said it would accept a cease-fire if others agreed to it, a move that would leave Israel short of its goal of shutting down the Hezbollah war machine.

The Israeli attack left the U.N. base littered with butchered and headless bodies, shredded clothing and scraps of building materials. Badly wounded people were rushed to a hospital, where angry civilians attacked three

Hezbollah members, beating them with sticks and chairs and accusing them of being the source of Lebanon's misery.

Timur Goksel, spokesman for the 4,500-strong U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon, confirmed that 75 people perished in the Qana attack.

Lebanese leaders called the Israeli shelling "the mother of all atrocities" and a new page in "the annals of terror."

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said, "I'm pained by every person, every woman, every child, who is being killed." But he said Israel had "no choice but to defend its citizens," and he accused the Iranian-backed guerrillas of Hezbollah of hiding behind civilians.

The United Nations said that shortly before the Israeli shells landed, Hezbollah guerrillas about 300 yards from the U.N. compound had fired two Katyusha rockets and eight mortar rounds at the Israelis. The Israeli shells apparently were in retaliation for that fire, but missed their target.

Unlike the hundreds of thousands of Lebanese who fled north when Israel warned it would attack their vil-

lages, the 6,000 refugees at U.N. bases had elected to stay in the south, believing they were safe among the peacekeepers. About 500 refugees were at the U.N. base in Qana.

Refugee children were playing outside, watched by their parents from a grass hut—a traditional bouri that the 70 Fijian soldiers at the base had built to remind themselves of their Pacific Island home—when the first of five 155-mm howitzer shells slammed into the U.N. base at 3 p.m. It was just after lunch.

More than a hundred people were wounded, including four soldiers from the Fijian force at Qana, 8 miles southeast of the port city of Tyre, Goksel reported.

At Jebel Amel hospital in Tyre, Kamel Nayef, 16, a high school student, moaned from the pain of his bloodstained, plastered right leg.

"I knocked on the door of doom-day," he said. "I felt I was facing a firing squad."

An exact death toll was difficult to determine because casualties were spread around several hospitals and many of those killed in Qana had been blown apart.

Drug companies offer to settle AIDS suits

NEW YORK — Four drug companies accused of selling AIDS-tainted blood products to thousands of U.S. hemophiliacs will offer a \$600 million settlement Friday in an attempt to end a decade of litigation.

The offer was revealed Thursday night by Bayer AG, one of the defendants. It will be made in letters to be mailed Friday to lawyers for AIDS patients and their families around the country.

It comes after five months of negotiations between groups representing HIV-positive hemophiliacs and the companies, said Corey Dubin of Goleta, Calif., a national leader of HIV-positive hemophiliacs.

If accepted, it would provide compensation to every American hemophiliac who contracted the AIDS virus by taking tainted blood-clotting products manufactured by the companies in the early 1980s.

Also covered would be the families of deceased patients and spouses or children who acquired AIDS from an infected hemophiliac.

In addition to Bayer, the companies offering the settlement are Baxter International Inc., Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Inc. and Alpha Therapeutics Inc.

In making the offer, the companies are not admitting legal responsibility or wrongdoing, said Tho-

mas Kerr, assistant general counsel for Bayer.

Hemophiliacs have accused the companies of putting their profits over safety during the early years of the AIDS epidemic by selling HIV-infected blood clotting products.

Roughly 800 AIDS patients and their families have sued, saying the companies should have treated the clotting factors with heat to kill the AIDS virus.

The companies have steadfastly denied that they intentionally put people at risk and insist that they declined to use the heating process back then because they weren't sure at first that it was medically sound.

The process was later proved effective, but not before thousands were infected.

So far the companies have not lost a lawsuit brought by the hemophiliacs, but Dubin said new evidence has recently been gathered showing companies once knowingly took blood from people at high risk of acquiring the AIDS virus, including prisoners and intravenous drug users.

Bayer estimates the number of people covered by the settlement in the United States at 6,000. In addition to the \$600 million, the companies are offering to set up a \$40 million fund that would pay the plaintiffs' lawyers fees and expenses.

Congress approves new anti-terrorism bill

WASHINGTON — Congress passed long-awaited legislation Thursday that would give federal law officers new powers to use against terrorism, sending the bill to President Clinton on the eve of the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The bill—which also would limit federal appeals by prisoners, including death-row inmates—was passed by the House 293-133. It had been approved by the Senate a day earlier, 91-8.

Clinton was expected to sign the measure next week, after he returns from overseas, even though it lacks numerous other law enforcement powers he had sought.

"Today, Congress took an important step in making our country more safe and secure from the violent cowards who would tear at the fabric of civilized order," House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde said after the vote.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the legislation—a compromise between separate Senate and House bills—contains "some very effective tools that we can use in our efforts to combat

terrorism."

Specifically, she cited provisions that would allow deportation of alien terrorists without disclosing classified evidence against them and require taggants, or chemical labels, in plastic explosives so they can be traced.

To Republican supporters, the bill's key provision is its limit on so-called habeas corpus appeals by prisoners, primarily because it is expected to end delays in executions.

The change would tell those considering a terrorist act that they can no longer "come into our country and kill our citizens, and destroy our government institutions and know that they will be able to spend the next 25 years laughing at us, thumbing their nose at the families of victims," he said.

On the other side, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., noted that the only people eligible for such appeals are already incarcerated.

"We're not talking about anybody walking around," Frank said. "We're talking about people who are locked up and who are a danger, presumably, only to other prisoners, but certainly not to general society."

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