

Netanyahu denies wrongdoing

Police urge attorney general to indict former Israel prime minister

JERUSALEM (AP) — Delivering an emotional television appeal, former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu angrily denied any wrongdoing Tuesday after police urged he attorney general to indict him and his wife on corruption charges.

During a 50-minute interview, Netanyahu occasionally used props and paused dramatically to emphasize his innocence and to accuse police of trumping up the charges against him.

Police said Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, accepted favors from a contractor, kept 700 presents meant to be state property, including a gold-

valuable brooch which he said an appraiser had valued at \$1.

"The whole thing is ridiculous," Netanyahu said during the prime time interview.

Apparently relishing the underdog role, the 50-year-old politician accused police of making up the charges, saying he was being persecuted by the political establishment because of his headline views.

Shlomo Ben-Ami, the police minister, denied police acted in bad faith.

"The police did not, do not, and as long as I am responsible for police, will not have a political agenda," he said.

Police said that a seven-month investigation indicated that Netanyahu should be charged with fraud, attempted misuse of state funds, breach of trust and obstruction of justice.

His lawyer, Yaacov Weinroth, called the police report "sloppy."

The attorney general, Elyakim Rubinstein, will make the final decision on whether to indict.

Asked what the most difficult moment was since the probe began, Netanyahu said his 8-year-old son Yair was tormented at school because of the probe and his mother, Cila, died with the charges still hanging over him.

OPEC OKs increase in oil production

Iran voices opposition in non-consensus vote

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC ignored objections of its second-biggest member Tuesday and agreed to increase oil production, but perhaps not enough to bring down gasoline prices in the United States.

In a rare departure from its consensus approach, ministers of the 11-nation cartel were expected to announce this morning that nine members would raise production by a total of at least 1.45 million barrels a day. That appears to be well short of what analysts have said would be needed to stop oil and gasoline prices from continuing a rise that has seen crude triple over the past 12 months.

The Clinton administration had been lobbying for a rise of 2 million to 2.5 million barrels a day to bring down gasoline prices that in the United States have risen from below \$1 a gallon just over a year ago to an average of almost \$1.60.

An official statement was awaited to explain the action after a six-hour meeting at OPEC's headquarters in Vienna, broke up Tuesday night without a unanimous decision.

Iran, the No. 2 OPEC oil producer, refused to endorse the action, saying the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries should not be a

"Our difference is on principle and not on merely a few barrels."

Bijan Namdar Zangeneh
Iran's oil minister

"rubber stamp."

The agreement also excludes Iraq, which never was part of the original production cuts last year that sent prices surging.

Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, Iran's oil minister, told reporters he believed production should be increased by less than 1 million barrels a day and objected to attempts by others to push through an agreement to boost output by some 1.7 million barrels.

While Zangeneh did not mention other OPEC countries by name, Saudi Arabia — OPEC's leading producer — had led the drive to raise output as much as 7 percent from official quotas, or by 1.7 million barrels.

"Our difference is on principle and not on merely a few barrels," Zangeneh told reporters after the meeting broke up. "In my view, OPEC is not an organization to rubber stamp a decision already made."

Zangeneh insisted that only a limited increase in output was justified and that there is no shortage of crude oil.

OPEC pumps more than 26 million barrels of crude each day, or about 35 percent of the world's supply. Key non-OPEC producers, such as Mexico and Norway, have said they were watching to see what OPEC will do before adjusting their own output.

This was not the first time Iran refused to join in a decision by its OPEC colleagues. In 1992, Iran refused to endorse an agreement that the rest of OPEC made to cut production by 668,000 barrels a day, arguing that the cuts didn't go far enough.

Alarmed at the surge in oil prices, which sent heating oil costs soaring in the winter and gasoline prices skyrocketing, the United States had lobbied hard in recent weeks for OPEC to relax its constraints on production.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen travels next week to the Middle East. A Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday that Cohen would call for increased oil production when he meets counterparts from such OPEC members as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar.

Supreme Court limits power of police tips

Search and seizure from anonymous tips curtailed in decision.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court sharply curtailed police power to rely on anonymous tips to stop and search people. The unanimous ruling Tuesday was a victory for civil rights organizations but a police group said the nation's streets may become more dangerous.

The court said Miami police acted unlawfully when in 1995 they searched and arrested a juvenile for carrying a gun after an anonymous telephone caller said someone matching his description had a concealed weapon.

"The question is whether an anonymous tip ... is, without more, sufficient to justify a police officer's stop and frisk of that person," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court. "We hold that it is not."

She said such "bare-bone tips" generally do not give police the reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct needed to justify the type of stop-and-frisk search the nation's highest court has allowed for the last 32 years.

The court's unanimity caught some legal experts by surprise. Over the past two decades, a series of conservative-led rulings dramatically narrowed protections offered by the Constitution's Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable police searches and seizures.

"This was a slam-dunk victory for individual rights," said James Tomkovicz, a University of Iowa law professor who represented the American Civil

Liberties Union and other groups in a friend-of-the-court brief attacking searches based on anonymous tips.

"The court made clear it is not going to sacrifice personal privacy whenever the magic word 'firearm' is mentioned," he said. "That message was made even more emphatic by the fact the court was unanimous."

The liberal groups had attracted an unlikely ally — the National Rifle Association, whose friend-of-the-court brief had urged the justices to protect "the peaceful carrying of a firearm."

But the National Association of Police Organizations reacted angrily. "We are disappointed and, frankly, baffled by the court's decision," said Robert Scully, the group's executive director.

"As a consequence of this ruling, the danger to law enforcement officers and the general public will significantly increase, and we fear that more officers and more members of the public will be assaulted and murdered," he said.

In the Miami case, a youth identified in court records only as J.L. was arrested as a result of an anonymous tip that three black youths were standing outside a pawn shop and that the one in a plaid shirt was carrying a gun.

The court ruled that the search of J.L. violated his Fourth Amendment rights and, as a result, the seized gun cannot be used as evidence against him.

The decision upheld a Florida Supreme Court ruling that had suppressed use of the gun as evidence.

World and Nation Datelines

Georgia Train hits school bus, two children killed

TENNGA, Ga. (AP) — A train slammed into a school bus Tuesday morning at an unmarked crossing near the Georgia-Tennessee line, splitting it in two and killing two children. The five other elementary school pupils on board were critically injured.

No one on the CSX freight train was injured.

The Murray County school bus was picking up children to go to Northwest Elementary School north of Chatsworth. The full-size bus had crossed into Polk County, Tenn., to turn around when it was struck by the train at about 7 a.m.

Florida Cuban boy's relatives still at odds with government

MIAMI (AP) — With a government deadline fast approaching, Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives Tuesday continued to resist demands that they promise in writing to surrender the boy if they lose their court fight to keep him in the country.

Lawyers for the family and the U.S. government met in the morning without resolving the impasse, despite threats from immigration authorities to remove the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

"They said, 'If you don't sign the paper, we remove Elian.' They don't tell us how," family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said. Late Monday, the Immigration and Naturalization Service warned that Elian's temporary permission to stay in the United States would be revoked at 9 a.m. Thursday unless the relatives provide the written guarantee.

Washington, D.C. Reno says she didn't approve demolition of compound

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno testified Tuesday that she never gave approval for tanks to demolish the Branch Davidians' compound near Waco, Texas — and does not believe the FBI intentionally did so — say lawyers for the sect who deposed her for their wrongful-death lawsuit against the government.

But the Davidians' lead counsel, emerging from the rare deposition of an attorney general, said Reno was less than forthcoming in discussing whether the FBI intended to dismantle the complex during its tear-gassing operation — an interpretation rejected by Reno's aides.

"The only issue where we felt that she was less than candid was on the demolition," Houston lawyer Michael Caddell said outside the Justice Department. "The problem that she's got is she testified to Congress in 1995 that the damage done to the building was the result of tear-gas insertion. And I think it's very difficult for her to back off of that testimony."

Austria Avalanche buries skiers, at least 11 dead

NIEDERSILL, Austria (AP) — An Alpine avalanche as wide as five football fields buried more than a dozen skiers underneath tons of snow Tuesday, killing at least 11 people, rescue officials said.

Ten people were found dead in the area of the huge snow slide south of Salzburg. Another died later in a hospital. Two others were able to free themselves while rescuers dug out a third survivor, state television said in its evening newscast.

Daily Nebraskan

Questions? Comments?
Ask for the appropriate section editor at (402) 472-2588
or e-mail dn@unl.edu.

Fax number: (402) 472-1761

World Wide Web: www.dailynebr.com

The Daily Nebraskan (USPS 144-080) is published by the UNL Publications Board, Nebraska Union 20, 1400 R St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0448, Monday through Friday during the academic year; weekly during the summer sessions. The public has access to the Publications Board.

Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments to the Daily Nebraskan by calling (402) 472-2588.

Subscriptions are \$60 for one year.

Postmaster: Send address changes to the Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union 20, 1400 R St., Lincoln NE 68588-0448. Periodical postage paid at Lincoln, NE.

ALL MATERIAL COPYRIGHT 2000
THE DAILY NEBRASKAN

Editor: Josh Funk
Managing Editor: Lindsay Young
Associate News Editor: Diane Broderick
Associate News Editor: Dane Stickney
Opinion Editor: J.J. Harder
Sports Editor: Sam McKewon
A&E Editor: Sarah Baker
Copy Desk Co-Chief: Jen Walker
Copy Desk Co-Chief: Josh Krauter
Photo Chief: Mike Warren
Design Co-Chief: Tim Karstens
Design Co-Chief: Diane Broderick
Art Director: Melanie Falk
Web Editor: Gregg Stearns
Asst. Web Editor: Jewel Mlnarik
General Manager: Daniel Shattil
Publications Board Chairwoman: Jessica Hofmann, (402) 477-0527
Professional Adviser: Don Walton, (402) 473-7248
Advertising Manager: Nick Partsch, (402) 472-2589
Asst. Ad Manager: Jamie Yeager
Classified Ad Manager: Nichole Lake

WEATHER

TODAY

Mostly cloudy
high 53, low 33

TOMORROW

Mostly cloudy
high 56, low 34