



Israeli soldiers check the remains of an exploded Soviet-made 122mm Katyusha rocket fired at northern Israel and Israeli-controlled southern Lebanon, according to anonymous security sources.

Southern Lebanon, northern Israel hit by Arab guerrilla artillery and rockets

By RIMA SALAMEH
Associated Press Writer

KAFRA, Lebanon (AP) — Arab guerrillas fired rockets into Israeli-held territory today, injuring 13 people, and Israeli artillery hit southern Lebanon, forcing thousands of Shiite Muslims to flee their villages.

The guerrillas' Soviet-designed Katyusha rockets landed in Israel's self-proclaimed security zone in south Lebanon and in northern Israel, the Israeli army said, but it refused to give exact locations.

It was the third straight day of such attacks. The violence began after Israel assassinated Sheik Abbas Musawi, leader of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, in a helicopter raid in south Lebanon on Sunday.

Thirteen people were treated at a

clinic in the northern Israeli town of Kiryat Shemona. Israel radio said most suffered shock.

Israel's howitzer, mortar and tank fire forced most of the people in the Shiite villages to flee, but no injuries were immediately reported.

Four rounds per minute rained down on the Shiite villages of Kafra, nearby Yater, and the hilltop hamlet of Kabrikha.

Mohammed Kawtharani, 57, and his wife, Fatima, loaded household goods in their car and left Kafra for the nearby town of Qana, beyond the firing range.

"Only God knows what will happen here. The Israelis could do anything," Mrs. Kawtharani said. She said tearfully that they would stay with friends in Qana "until this ordeal is over."

Howitzer shells exploded

between the houses of the hamlet as a school bus driver asked a U.N. peacekeeper if he could drive a pupil to her home in Kabrikha. "What home?" the Irish soldier replied angrily. "You'd better get the hell out of here as fast as you can. It is getting nasty."

A security source said Israeli and allied gunners of the South Lebanon Army militia fired 400 howitzer, mortar and tank cannon rounds at Shiite villages bordering the security zone overnight in addition to hundreds of parachute flares that illuminated the whole region.

Lebanese radio stations said Israel moved 40 tanks, 60 armored personnel carriers and 12 howitzers into the security zone overnight. But police and reporters in the security zone could not verify the buildup.

Consumer prices up 0.1 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices rose just 0.1 percent in January, the best inflation performance in six months, the government said today.

The Labor Department credited falling energy costs and a drop in food prices for the good showing in its Consumer Price Index.

The January advance, which matched a similarly tiny 0.1 percent rise last July, followed a revised December gain of 0.2 percent. The December gain had originally been reported as a 0.3 percent increase.

If January's increase held steady for 12 months, it would result in an annualized rate of inflation of just 0.9 percent. While economists are not forecasting that good a performance this year, they do expect consumer prices will rise by only 3 percent to 3.5 percent for the whole year.

That would mark little change from last year's 3.1 percent increase, when the recession and falling-oil prices combined to give the country its best news on prices since 1986.

"We believe that inflation has stabilized and it is not an immediate problem," said David Wyss, an economist with DRI-McGraw Hill, a consulting firm in Lexington, Mass.

The Bush administration, worried about a sick economy in an election year, has continually pointed to the good news on inflation to support its argument that the Federal Reserve

has plenty of room to cut interest rates further.

But Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, testifying before Congress today, said interest rate cuts already engineered by the Fed should be enough to guarantee a sustained recovery later this year.

His comments were very much in line with previous statements indicating the central bank was not looking to cut rates further unless new signs of economic deterioration emerge.

Meanwhile, in a separate report, the Labor Department said Americans' inflation-adjusted earnings fell 0.7 percent in January, despite mild inflation. It was the worst drop in three months and was caused primarily by a 0.6 percent drop in average weekly hours worked by non-farm production workers.

The small 0.1 percent January rise in prices reflected the fact that energy costs fell for the first time since last July, declining 1.5 percent.

That drop included a 1.9 percent fall in gasoline costs, which left pump prices 18.1 percent below their peak level reached in November 1990 following Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait.

Home heating oil costs declined for a second consecutive month, dropping 5.5 percent in January. They now stand 31.3 percent below their 1990 peak. Natural gas and electricity costs also fell in January by smaller amounts.

Food prices dropped by 0.4 percent, their first decline since last August. The decline was led by a sharp 7.1 percent fall in the cost of fresh fruits and vegetables and a 12.4 percent decrease in egg prices. Beef and pork prices fell as well by smaller amounts. The price declines were enough to offset increases for cereal and dairy products.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, consumer prices rose 0.3 percent in January following a modest 0.2 percent December increase.

Despite the fact that analysts are forecasting the economy will be showing strength again by spring, they are not looking for inflation pressures to accelerate, mainly because they believe the recovery from this recession will be one of the weakest on record.

In the non-food and non-energy categories, used car prices were down 1.1 percent while new car prices edged up a slight 0.1 percent. However, this increase was more than offset by a 2.4 percent drop in auto financing charges, which because of falling interest rates are now 9.5 percent below where they were a year ago.

Clothing prices, which had fallen 1.1 percent in December, posted a slight 0.3 percent advance in January. As usual, the biggest price increases were recorded for medical care, which rose 0.7 percent in January and now stand 7.8 percent above where they were a year ago.

Mom sent back to class

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A woman was ordered to spend five weeks in second grade because her son missed too much school.

Sherilyn Williams must join her 8-year-old son at Berkeley Heights Elementary School until March 27. The boy has missed 108 days of school in three years.

"I feel it will be more beneficial for the child because his mother will be present with him during the day, instead of just getting a fine or jail time," Berkeley County Magistrate Joan Bragg said Tuesday.

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Dahmer's parents to appear on TV

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Serial killer Jeffrey L. Dahmer didn't wear his eyeglasses during his sanity trial because he didn't want to see the jury and spectators, his stepmother says.

"He's not wearing glasses so that he can't see people. He panics," Shari Dahmer told "Inside Edition" in an interview to be broadcast today.

The only time Dahmer wore his glasses was Monday, when he was sentenced to consecutive life prison terms for killing and mutilating 15 men and boys. The jury ruled Saturday that he was sane.

Dahmer told the judge at his sentencing hearing that he wasn't trying to avoid prison by pleading insane. If found insane, he would have been confined to a mental institution and could have eventually petitioned for release.

"I didn't ever want freedom," he said. "Frankly, I wanted death for myself."

But Mrs. Dahmer said being incarcerated "is a living death for Jeff."

"The greatest loss to Jeff is his freedom," she said.

Mrs. Dahmer and Dahmer's father, Lionel, also said they feared for his safety. He is imprisoned at Columbia Correctional Institution, about 80 miles from Milwaukee.

"There's no doubt what people will want to do to him there," Lionel Dahmer said.

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Lifestyles

Wash laundry blues away

By **READER'S DIGEST BOOKS**
For AP Special Features

One of life's most mundane tasks is doing the laundry. And what's worse than getting the job done, only to find out that your clothes are dingy, spotted and you have to do it all over again? Next time, try these tips.

— Sort clothes according to: **COLOR** — Whites, pastels and colorfast white background prints; colorfast colors; noncolorfast colors. **AMOUNT OF SOIL** — Separate lightly soiled items from heavily soiled or greasy ones.

FABRIC — Knits and other delicate fabrics — cottons, linens, synthetics.

TEXTURE — White nylon and nylon-blend fabrics are notorious color scavengers, so wash them separately to prevent color transfer; lint producers (terry cloth, chenille and flannel, for example); lint receivers (permanent press, cotton-polyester blends, corduroy, velveteen and synthetics.)

Before washing:
Empty pockets and brush them free of lint and dirt to prevent staining and protect from damage by foreign objects.

Close zippers and fasteners so they won't snag other garments.

Turn down cuffs and brush out lint and dirt.

Tie drawstrings and sashes to avoid tangling.

Mend rips and tears.

Protect small or delicate items by putting them in a pillow case tied with a cord.

Rub stains and heavily soiled areas such as collars with an enzyme prewash product, liquid detergent or a paste of dry detergent and water. Apply the prewash with a toothbrush or a small, clean paintbrush.

Solvent-based prewash products work quickly, so add the treated item to the wash water before the solvent evaporates.

When you prewash spots with liquid detergent, it's easier to control the amount if you pour it from an old squeeze bottle.

When using prewash sprays, avoid getting them on the washer or dryer. Some of the ingredients can damage the plastic and painted finishes on your appliances.

Water Temperature:

Use hot water for white fabrics and very dirty or greasy clothes. (Use cold rinse if permanent press is included.)

Use warm water for most permanent-press fabrics, light to medium colors, and knits.

Use cold water for reds and dark colors.

Detergents and soaps:
Keep in mind that suggested detergent amounts on packages are based on average washing conditions: a five-to-seven-pound load, moderate soil, moderate water hardness and average water volume.

Don't dump detergents on top of clothes as the washer fills. This can cause some dyes to fade.

Use laundry soap only if your water is soft. Minerals in hard water can combine with soap to leave a dingy residue on clothes and the washer. Never wash flame-retardant clothes with soap; it destroys the finish.

Whitening and softening fabrics:
To whiten cottons and some synthetics (check the label), add chlorine bleach — no more than one cup — about five minutes after the wash cycle has begun. Put it through the bleach dispenser or dilute it first with water. Don't use chlorine bleach on silk, wool or fabrics with resin finishes; use an oxygen (all-fabric) bleach for these.

Don't mix chlorine bleach with ammonia, cleaning fluids, rust removers, vinegar or other acids. When combined, these chemicals can produce toxic gases.

To soften fabrics and reduce static electricity, add a fabric softener to the rinse cycle or to the dryer.

Always dilute fabric softener before adding it to the wash since it can cause greasy looking stains on fabrics. To remove these stains, pretreat them with a paste of water and detergent or with a prewash stain remover.

Use fabric-softener sheets twice, then store them in a jar with liquid softener. Squeeze out excess solution before tossing the sheet in the dryer.

Your washing machine:
To get maximum power, mix small and large items in each load, distribute the laundry evenly and avoid overloading.

Detergents can only hold soil in suspension for a limited time before fine particles that are much harder to remove settle on the clothes. To avoid this, use wash periods of 10 to 12 minutes for cotton, seven to nine minutes for synthetics, and three to four minutes for delicate fabrics or wool.

Year round school gaining momentum

By **BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS**
For AP Special Features

Children going to school all year-round? The idea hasn't spread throughout the country yet, but it soon will.

More than a million students nationwide have already waved goodbye to the traditional school year with its summer-long break, reports Better Homes and Gardens magazine. Replacing the old calendar is a variety of new school schedules that add up to more frequent, yet shorter, vacations.

Here's how year-round schooling could dramatically affect a child's education and schedule:

How It Works
Many people believe year-round education means extending the school year. Actually, says Dr. Charles Ballinger, executive director of the National Association for Year-Round Education, only nine of the more than 1,600 year-round schools have lengthened the school year beyond the normal 180-day calendar. Instead, schools most

often introduce one of the following standard year-round schedules:

— 45-15. Students spend nine weeks in the classroom (45 school days), followed by three weeks of vacation. This learn-rest-learn-rest cycle continues throughout the calendar year.

— 90-30. This method keeps students in class for two 90-day periods, with 30 days of break after each cycle.

— 60-20. Similar to 45-15 except children have three 60-day blocks of school, with each block followed by 20 days of vacation.

Plenty of variations on these year-round plans let schools pick the best system for their students. For example, in the "staggered" 45-15 plan, a school could divide its students into four groups so that a different group is on vacation each fourth week. Such a system often helps ease overcrowding.

Why change? Year-round schooling isn't a new concept. Several enterprising school systems tried it about 20 years ago with forgettable results.

"The problem was that they

implemented the plan without preparing the community," explains Dr. Ballinger. "Schools need to allow at least a year or two for people to get accustomed to the idea."

Today, the year-round concept is back on track — especially in the western states — and gaining momentum among educators and parents.

The traditional school calendar, rooted in the work schedules of farmers, no longer serves its intended purpose, say year-round advocates. The lengthy summer break means kids have time to forget what they've learned. As a result, teachers waste valuable class time reviewing already-taught material.

In addition to helping kids remember what they've learned, advocates of year-round school point out these benefits based on recent results:

— Higher test scores, lower student absenteeism, less vandalism, and fewer discipline problems.

— Better use of school buildings, which often sit idle during long summer breaks.

— Less time on kids' hands to

get into trouble or claim, "I'm bored."

— Improved method of teaching foreign languages, which are best offered on a continuous basis.

— Quick response to learning difficulties, which can be remedied in a matter of weeks (during the next vacation, for instance) instead of months.

As may be expected, such year-round plans are not without their critics. The people who oppose year-round plans cite these potential problems:

— Burnout for teachers and students accustomed to long summer breaks.

— Difficulty squeezing in traditional summer activities, such as camps.

— Conflicting school schedules that could mean completely different vacation breaks for kids in one family.

— Added costs due to higher salaries and wages for teachers and other workers (in plans that add extra school days to the calendar).

— Increase in other costs, such as maintenance, energy, and supplies.

It's currently the fashion to bash the Japanese

DEAR READERS: I am indebted to The New York Times (Jan. 29) for this thought-provoking verse:

"When the phone is out of order, and the roof has sprung a leak,

"When the money in your paycheck barely gets you through the week,

"When the baby has the colic, and your dog is full of fleas,

"Don't complain to Washington — just blame the Japanese.

"When the crooks are running rampant, and the judges are too lax,

"When letters from the IRS demand some extra tax,

"When your son is quitting college, and your daughter's getting D's,

"Just do what Iacocca does — and curse the Japanese.

"When your taxes keep on rising, while your bankbook starts to shrink,

"When pollution clouds your city, so the air begins to stink,

"When the temperature is falling, and your pipes are sure to freeze,

"Call upon your congressman to bash the Japanese.

"When everyone around you is complaining of the news,

"And some condemn Arabia, while others blast the Jews,

"Then stiffen up your lip, my son, and never bend your knees —

"Just be a true American, and blame the Japanese."

GEORGE DAWSON, EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved to a new neighborhood and started to patronize a new beauty parlor. The



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

guy who does my hair there gives me a lot of extra attention. (He massaged my neck and shoulders, and it felt so good I didn't want him to stop.)

He calls me "Hon" and "Dear Girl," and when I leave, he gives me a hug. He is an excellent hairdresser, too, but his charm and friendliness made such a wonderful impression on me, I find myself thinking about him all the time. We are the same age — 30. I have never been married or even had a steady boyfriend because I'm committed to taking care of my mother, who is a semi-invalid.

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Tole painters roundup set for March 6 - 8

Golden Spread chapter of the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters are sponsoring Tole Roundup, set for March 6 - 8, at the La Paloma Inns, Amarillo. Teachers will be available for tole and decorative painting classes.

There will be classes on March 6, and free admission to the booth

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WE CAN'T FIND ANYTHING!

WELL, I STILL SMELL SOMETHING BURNING!

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Smugglers turning to wooden 'stealth' boats

By KEVIN NOBLET
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — On the drug war's vast Caribbean battlefield, cocaine traffickers are turning to low-riding, wooden-hulled boats to make the long but lucrative ride from South America.

Dubbed "stealth boats" by U.S. Customs and Drug Enforcement Administration officials, the craft are the smugglers' low-cost answer to the increased deployment of sophisticated and expensive radar by U.S. agencies.

"Air traffic is a lot easier to detect," said William Mitchell, the DEA chief in San Juan. "On the surface, it's almost impossible."

He has noted an apparent decrease in the use of aircraft, the traditional mode of delivery, by smugglers making shipments to Puerto Rico and other islands.

The 450-mile crossing from eastern Colombia or western Venezuela through turbulent, shark-filled waters in a small boat loaded with fuel and drugs must be a terrifying experience.

"You got to be looking at 16, 20-foot seas, in a 27-foot, wooden-hull low to the water (boat) with 1,000 pounds of coke in it," said George McNenny, the chief U.S. Customs agent for the Caribbean. "I wouldn't do it."

Many people will, however, for a smugglers' wage that officials say averages about \$5,000 per crewman per trip.

Referring to the recent capture of five Colombians and 1,500 pounds of cocaine in a boat off Puerto Rico's western coast, Mitchell remarked: "I wonder how often that happens without us learning about it."

U.S. radar equipment, including AWACS planes and experimental floats, has enabled authorities to spot many drug flights as soon as they leave South American shores.

If authorities move quickly enough, the shipments can be intercepted.

The flights still routinely take place, often dropping their cargo into waters where hired help in coastal craft pick it up.

"We go through peaks and valleys," said McNenny. "There are months when we may be able to

detect planes coming here every other day. ... Then it stops."

He said he has noted, however, a trend in the last six months toward the use of stealth boats. The term is borrowed from the U.S. military's "stealth" aircraft, which are designed to evade radar.

Unlike the high-speed coastal craft smugglers have used for many years, the stealth boats are designed for distance and deception.

"The preferred boat that these people are using are wooden-hull, small cabin," from 27 feet to 40 feet in length, McNenny said. "A great number of them are painted black."

Radar won't pick up the wooden hull and low profile, he said, while the black paint makes the boat virtually invisible at night, the preferred time for drop-offs.

"You can be 40 feet from it, 30 feet, you won't see it," he said.

Besides their ability to slip under radar, the boats offer other advantages to traffickers plying the sweeping crescent-shaped archipelago of the Antilles.

While slower than aircraft, they are less expensive to buy and operate. By carrying extra supplies of fuel, they can have a greater range. And they also can carry a bigger cargo than many planes.

Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are attractive drop-off points.

There is no automatic customs check of shipments from the islands to the U.S. mainland, and trafficking appears to be on the increase.

From Oct. 1, 1990 to Sept. 30, U.S. Customs agents seized more than 20,000 pounds of cocaine and 15,000 pounds of marijuana in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In the subsequent 4 1/2 months, they captured more than 11,000 pounds of cocaine and nearly 14,000 pounds of marijuana.

The seizures are believed to represent only a fraction of the drugs moving into the area.

McNenny said the best way to combat the smugglers' new tactic is to increase the emphasis on intelligence, carrying out long-range investigations aimed at identifying and dismantling entire smuggling networks.

His office, in Puerto Rico, is also expanding its program for training drug agents in the other island countries throughout the Antilles.

Japanese university head shot to death in Boston hotel room

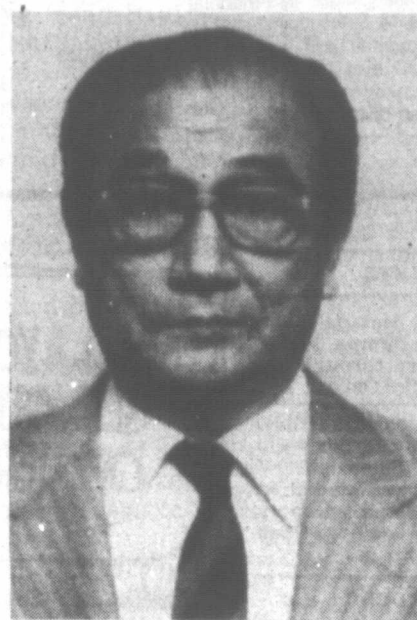
BOSTON (AP) — A Japanese university president arranging a sister school agreement with the University of Massachusetts at Boston was shot and killed in his hotel room, police said.

Officers said Iwao Matsuda, 72, was found shot in the back in his room on the 16th floor of the Westin Hotel in the Back Bay section about 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Matsuda, president of Chukyo University in Nagoya, Japan, since 1988, was pronounced dead about 7 p.m. at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Police, who questioned hotel employees and other guests on the 16th floor, said they were trying to determine whether Matsuda had been robbed.

Sanzo Sakai, one of the professors in the delegation from Chukyo University, said Matsuda's wife had accompanied him to Boston. It could not be learned immediately where she was when her husband was shot.



Iwao Matsuda

"We came all the way from Japan to make a friendly relationship with an American university, and now it is all upside down," Sakai said.

Walter Littell, a spokesman for the University of Massachusetts at

Boston, said the sister school agreement involved exchanging students and faculty and possibly working together on research.

He said the final agreement was to have been signed today, but the ceremony was canceled after Matsuda was killed.

"We were looking forward to it and were very excited about the event and what it promised for the future ...," Littell said. "We're in such a state of shock about this, and we are obviously very, very sad about it."

Sakai said he now was nervous about staying at the hotel, but a few patrons in the lobby said they were not concerned. Brian Winston, director of marketing for the hotel, said it did not plan to increase security.

In June 1989, Karen Edwards, a lawyer from Clearwater, Fla., was stabbed dead in her room at the nearby Lenox Hotel. She was robbed of \$200. No arrest has been made.

Jackson cuts short Africa trip amid bad publicity

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Pop superstar Michael Jackson left Africa today, cutting short a four-nation private tour that became bogged down in misunderstandings and bad publicity.

It was unclear what caused Jackson to leave Tanzania without going on a planned safari and skipping a scheduled trip to Kenya altogether.

Local reports said urgent business forced him to fly directly to London. Publicists for Jackson in New York and Los Angeles said they were unaware of the change in

plans and could provide no details.

Whatever the reasons, the 33-year-old singer-songwriter cut short a trip that threatened to become a public relations nightmare due apparently to misinterpreted gestures and erroneous reports.

In Ivory Coast, irate newspaper editorials accused the star of insulting the West African nation by frequently touching his nose, suggesting he did not like the country's smell.

One of two aides traveling with Jackson rejected the suggestion, describing Jackson's nose-touching

as the nervous twitch of a shy person.

"Under no circumstances would we be here if we thought your country smelled. You are our roots," Bob Jones told reporters in the Ivory Coast's capital, Abidjan.

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