

# Fighting between Macedonia and Albania spills into Kosovo

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INTERNATIONAL

SKOPJE, Macedonia — Fighting between the Macedonian army and ethnic Albanian insurgents spilled over into neighboring Kosovo, killing two people and adding to international pressure for negotiations to end the violence.

Planning a trip today to Skopje, the Macedonian capital, Hans Haekkerup, the U.N. administrator of Kosovo, said he would be "raising the urgent need for restraint by the Macedonian forces and for dialogue to replace the shooting."

One of those killed in the shelling of Krivenik, a Kosovo village just 1,200 yards from the Macedonian border, was Associated Press Television News producer Kerem Lawton, a 30-year-old British national based in Pristina, the capital of the Serb province.

He died of shrapnel wounds he suffered when a mortar round hit his vehicle as he arrived in the village on Thursday morning. The United Nations said 20 were left wounded by the shelling.

Both the Macedonian army and the rebels denied responsibility for the mortar attack. Members of the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Kosovo examined the craters left by the shells in an effort to determine who fired them.

JERUSALEM — Tension was high in Israel on today as its Arab citizens prepared for their annual Land Day protests, and Palestinians declared a general strike and a "Day of Rage" against Israeli measures.

In a departure from past limits, Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Israeli soldiers would enter Palestinian-controlled areas if necessary. Asked about chasing militants into Palestinian territory, he said, "Everything ... is kosher."

In a telephone conference with U.S. Jewish leaders late Thursday, he said Israel would send forces to "any place we feel ... is endangering us."

Starting with an Israeli helicopter gunship assault on an elite Palestinian police unit Wednesday, Ben-Eliezer said he hoped "very (frequent) attacks that we are going to conduct" would persuade Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that only negotiations can lead to a solution.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, ordering his first military operation since taking office March 7, charged that Arafat was responsible for promoting violence, and that his elite Force 17 guard was behind some of the attacks.

**NATIONAL**  
BUFFALO, N.Y. — After allegedly

gunning down an abortion doctor, authorities say James Kopp fled overseas and led a solitary life with the help of allies in New York and elsewhere.

His life as a fugitive came to an end Thursday, when he was arrested outside a post office in Dinan, France.

FBI agent Joel Mercer said Kopp, one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives, was picking up a package from New York containing \$300 and may have planned to leave the country.

State and federal authorities will seek his extradition to the United States, where he faces charges in the October 1998 death of Dr. Barnett Slepian, 52. The Buffalo-area doctor was killed by a sniper's bullet as he heated soup in his kitchen.

Kopp, 46, known as "Atomic Dog" in anti-abortion circles, is also wanted by Canadian authorities for allegedly wounding an abortion doctor there in 1995.

Two people described as anti-abortion activists were arrested Thursday for allegedly plotting to hide Kopp in New York City.

Loretta Claire Marra, 37, and Dennis John Malvasi, 51, were ordered held without bail on charges of conspiring to harbor a felon. A federal complaint alleges they rented an apartment

under an alias "as a safe house" for Kopp.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Fueled by an increase in Hispanic births and Asian immigration, minorities have become the majority for the first time in California.

Hispanics accounted for more than three-quarters of the state's growth during the 1990s and now account for

nearly one in three residents, according to new census figures released Thursday. Non-Hispanic whites slipped to 47 percent of the state's population.

"I think it's kind of peculiar and kind of comical that people are shocked that the number of Latinos are going up," said Gregory Salcido, 32, a history teacher at El Rancho High School outside Los Angeles. "No matter where

you go, you'll see people my skin shade."

Asians now comprise about 11 percent of the state's population.

The Golden State added 4.1 million people during the 1990s — more than the individual populations of 26 other states. But the state's 13.8 percent growth rate ranked only 18th nationally.

With 33.9 million people, California is easily the most populous state.

## matters of record

### Goodland Accidents

**March 17** — At 5:57 p.m., Lyndsay N. George, driving a '97 Chevrolet, was going north on Caldwell and went to turn west on Armory Road, but didn't see a '92 Chevrolet truck, driven by Robert D. Fenner, coming from the north. Fenner attempted to avoid a collision by swerving to the right, but to no avail. George's vehicle hit Fenner's vehicle at the intersection of Caldwell and Armory Road.

**March 20** — At 8:35 p.m., Samantha A. Ford, driving a '96 Plymouth, was making a right turn in a parking lot at 1537 Main and hit one of two buildings on the property. There was no damage to the building.

**March 21** — At 3:41 p.m., Lyndsey

A. Price, driving a '90 Ford, and Elmer Buxton, driving an '82 Ford pickup, collided in the intersection of 10th and Texas.

**March 22** — At 10:23 p.m., Tanya R. Weiss, driving a '90 Ford, was following a '95 Pontiac, driven by Kayla F. Williams. Both vehicles were going south on Main when Williams put on her brakes and Weiss' vehicle hit Williams' vehicle in the rear near 16th and Main.

### Goodland Police Report

**March 19** — At 3:19 p.m., it was reported that two window screens and frames, a door frame and an interior wall of a house at 1612 Kansas owned by Homestead Realty Inc. were damaged between 5 p.m. on March 12 and

6 p.m. on March 18, \$250.

**March 20** — At 8:11 a.m., it was reported that a newspaper rack owned by The Goodland Daily News was taken from 1631 Main between 4:30 p.m. on March 9 and 4:30 p.m. on March 16, \$200.

At 2:48 p.m., it was reported that a forged check was cashed at 4:46 p.m. on March 6 at Wal-Mart, \$145.

At 2:48 p.m., it was reported that a check was forged at 10:49 p.m. on March 6 at Wal-Mart, \$223.

**March 22** — At 1:52 p.m., Joann M. Matthews reported that her '85 Lincoln was damaged at 509 Caldwell between 8:30 p.m. on March 17 and 12:01 a.m. on March 18, \$800.

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