

Palestinians playing down prospects for talks

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JERUSALEM — After an Israeli helicopter attack on Palestinian militants and a reprisal by gunmen, Palestinians are playing down prospects for talks next week between Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres told reporters late Thursday that he expected to meet the Palestinian leader sometime "next week." He made the comments on his arrival in Italy to meet with his Italian counterpart.

"Probably we'll have three different meetings, one after the other," Peres said, adding the talks would be in the Middle East.

However, Palestinian Cabinet minister Nabil Shaath said no date had been set. He said careful preparations must be made.

One senior Palestinian official, requesting anonymity, said the talks would be held Sunday at the Erez crossing between Israel and Gaza or at the Egyptian resort of Taba on the Israeli border. Other Palestinians said no decision would be made until after an Arab foreign ministers meeting in Cairo Sunday.

Peres represents the moderate Labor party in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's center-right government. Sharon has said that there can be no peace negotiations while violence continues, limiting the contacts to arranging a truce. Peres has been chafing under the limitations, and Palestinians are concerned that Peres might not have Sharon's backing in the talks.

involves ethnic Albanian rebels voluntarily surrendering arms to NATO in phases, to be followed by parliament's approval of legislation granting more rights to the ethnic Albanians.

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NEWMAN, Calif. — A tense 12-hour standoff between police and a murder suspect holed up in his car in the middle of an interstate ended when the man killed himself, authorities said.

SWAT team sharpshooters lay in a strip of dry grass alongside a rural section of Interstate 5 for hours Thursday as negotiators tried to persuade Joaquin Gutierrez, 40, to surrender.

"He basically thanked them and said the negotiators did the best that they could," said Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department spokesman Kelly Huston. "He set the phone down, he listened to a little bit of the radio. Then they heard a pop and then a wheezing sound."

Gutierrez had shot himself in the chest, Huston said.

Gutierrez, who allegedly killed his wife and stepson in June, had led police on a chase reaching speeds of 110 mph before state Highway Patrol officers threw a strip of spikes in front of his car, puncturing the tires.

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. — After a summer of highly publicized shark attacks, Florida officials are threatening to ban all shark-feeding, saying it could be teaching sharks to seek out people.

The target of the ban is "interactive" shark tours that use cut-up fish to lure sharks so scuba-diving tourists can swim with them.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission had been considering rules to regulate such shark-feeding dives, but instead voted 7-1 Thursday for a total ban. It could become law after a final vote in November.

Four operators argued that officials had no evidence to prove the shark-feeding dives weren't safe and said none of their tourists had ever been bitten. But several commissioners expressed fear that by feeding sharks, they could be conditioned.

NEW YORK — Fatboy Slim's "Weapon of Choice" video was the big winner at Thursday's MTV Video Music Awards, winning six of nine nominations, but it was the sexy video "Lady Marmalade" that took home the year's top trophy.

"Lady Marmalade," the "Moulin Rouge"-inspired video, was a collaboration featuring Pink, Christina Aguilera, Mya and Lil' Kim. It also received an award for best video from a film.

The night's other big winner was 'N Sync, with four awards for their special-effects laden video, "Pop," including the viewer's choice award.

Michael Jackson's surprise performance with 'N Sync was the most talked-about moment of MTV's Video Music Awards. After a giant Etch-A-Sketch drew his frame, Jackson emerged, doing his trademark, gravity-defying moves. Afterward, he received a standing ovation.

WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON — House endorsement of an agreement to normalize trade with Vietnam is a major step toward eliminating the economic barriers that have existed since the end of the Vietnam War a quarter-century ago.

On a voice vote Thursday, the House approved a bilateral trade agreement reached between Hanoi and the Clinton administration in July 2000 and sent Congress by President Bush. The Senate Finance Committee has approved the agreement, which now awaits action by the full Senate.

The agreement brings fundamental changes to U.S.-Vietnam trade. Vietnam would join the great majority of nations that may sell their goods in the United States at low tariff rates. In exchange, Vietnam agreed to reduce its tariffs, eliminate nontariff barriers, protect intellectual property rights and open its markets to American service and investment companies.

WASHINGTON — Responding to controversy over the subpoenaing of a reporter's phone records, the Justice Department says it has taken such a step 13 times in the past decade.

The figures released Thursday by the

department prompted a swift list of questions from Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who asked how many of the subpoenas were done without notifying the reporter in advance, as was the case with AP reporter John Solomon. Advance notice would have allowed the AP to challenge the subpoena in court.

Grassley, who is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, also asked the department to disclose how many of the subpoenas were aimed at discovering a reporter's sources.

The department said that besides the subpoenas for phone records, it has subpoenaed journalists 60 other times since 1991 seeking testimony or documents or both.

The Justice Department went after Solomon's records while trying to learn the identity of law enforcement officials who told the AP about a wiretap intercept of Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., discussing campaign donations.

WASHINGTON — The Senate

pushed through a bill Thursday extending the deadline for illegal immigrants to apply for visas. Majority Leader Thomas Daschle had urged lawmakers to finish the measure during Mexican President Vicente Fox's visit.

"This is extremely important," Senate Democratic Whip Harry Reid of Nevada said after the bill passed by voice vote. "With President Fox in the country, it sends a message to him that we really are trying to work toward making things easier in the relationship with the United States and Mexico."

The House passed its own version of the bill in May, but Republicans leaders have agreed to go along with the Senate-passed measure, White House officials said.

President Bush favors the bill. "The president is heartened by the Senate's action, and he looks forward to the House acting quickly to send this legislation to his desk," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Fox heads back to the Capitol one more time Friday morning before ending his three-day state visit.

Discussion begins on redistricting

TOPEKA (AP) — Legislators have narrowed their options for redrawing the state's four congressional districts. But they also are leaving themselves room to maneuver.

Republican Todd Tiahr's 4th District in the Wichita area must lose 3,600 while the 1st District, represented by Republican Jerry Moran, must gain 34,000.

"I think we know where the hot spots are. We're going to have to talk about Lawrence and Douglas County," Sen. David Adkins, co-chairman of the House-Senate committee redrawing congressional boundaries, said Thursday.

Adkins, R-Leawood, was referring to the fight over how to divide the county and-or city between the 2nd and 3rd districts.

Republicans are receptive to the idea, while Democrats and most Lawrence and University of Kansas

supporters say such a division would be detrimental because it would split what they consider "a community of interest."

The city is in the 3rd District, which also includes Johnson, Wyandotte and Miami counties and is represented by Democrat Dennis Moore. Parts of rural Douglas County are in the 2nd District represented by Republican Jim Ryon.

Thursday's deliberations left the committee with no fewer than seven proposed maps, including one suggested this spring by Democrats. That plan would leave Douglas County in the 3rd District and split the rural, southern portion of Johnson County from its Kansas City suburbs.

Douglas County is viewed as a battleground in the fight for the 3rd District. Moore, serving his second term, defeated Republican incumbent Vince Snowbarger in 1998.

"A final redistricting plan must not be only based on the 'one person, one vote' principle, but it should avoid partisan gerrymandering and the needless splitting of a city," said Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka.

Adkins said the goal is to have the committee approve a plan during its Oct. 2 meeting. The plan would need approval from the Legislature next year.

"The decisions aren't going to get any easier," said Adkins.

The state redraws its congressional, legislative and State Board of Education districts every 10 years to reflect shifts in population. The goal is to make districts as equal in population as possible. The ideal population for each congressional district is 672,105.

The 2nd District must gain about 31,000 residents, indicating it should grow in size. The 3rd District must lose

about 61,000, meaning it should shrink.

Democrats argue that their plan for the two districts preserves a "community of interest" that includes Lawrence and Johnson County's suburbs and is linked by Kansas Highway 10.

The committee also raised concerns about the validity of state-adjusted numbers used for redrawing legislative districts.

The Kansas Constitution requires the official census figure be tweaked to account for students and military personnel. Those people are counted in their self-declared permanent residence. Those not calling Kansas home are not counted by the state or any other state.

Some legislators said it made little sense that people incarcerated in prisons and military prisoners are counted but cannot vote.

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