

# American diplomat gunned down in Jordan around the world

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

AMMAN, Jordan — An American diplomat was gunned down in a hail of bullets outside his home today in the Jordanian capital, Jordan's information minister said.

The diplomat, identified by Jordanian security officials as Laurence Foley of the U.S. Agency for International Development, was killed at 7:30 a.m. while walking to his car. The agency handles foreign aid and humanitarian programs.

"Gunmen sprayed the diplomat with several shots, killing him instantly," Information Minister Mohammed Affash Adwan said.

The assailants escaped and there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Adwan said he did not know if Foley was killed by terrorists.

But, he added, "This attack, regardless of its motives and reasons, is an aggression on Jordan and its national security. We will not tolerate that at all."

U.S. Embassy officials were not answering telephone calls. The security officials said Foley's wife called police after the attack outside his home in a middle-class district of Amman.

cial forces raided a theater where they were being held captive succumbed to the troops' mysterious knockout gas, doctors said. However, the substance remained secret even as doctors treated the hundreds of survivors.

Three top Moscow doctors made the revelation Sunday amid public criticism over the number of innocent people killed at the theater and the way they died: at the hands of Russian authorities trying to save them.

Authorities did not tell medical officials what type of gas they pumped into the theater shortly before special forces troops raided it early Saturday, chief Moscow doctor Andrei Seltsovsky said. That apparently left doctors unclear about how to treat the estimated 750 people inside.

Seltsovsky said doctors were familiar with the general category of the gas, which causes people to lose consciousness and can be used to anesthetize surgical patients, but were not told its name. There were about 800 people in the theater when it was seized by Chechen gunmen during Wednesday night's performance.

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PHOENIX — Beginning a crucial week in the global debate over Iraq, President Bush is keeping up pressure on the United Nations to back its words with force and repeating that the United States is prepared to disarm Saddam Hussein with or without U.N. support.

"If the U.N. won't act, if Saddam Hussein will not act, if he continues to defy the world, the United States — in the name of peace — will lead a coalition to disarm Saddam Hussein," Bush said Sunday while campaigning in Arizona for Republican candidates in next week's elections.

Bush administration officials are pushing for a U.N. Security Council vote by the end of the week on a resolution authorizing the use of military force if the Iraqi leader doesn't disarm.

But the five council members with veto power remain divided. Russia and France introduced their own proposals Friday which do not threaten military action.

The administration's strategy is to persuade allies that Bush will confront

Saddam one way or another. That forces them to choose between backing the United States or swallowing a dose of irrelevancy as Bush proceeds without them.

SALLISAW, Okla. — It all started with high school senior Daniel Hawke Fears getting scolded for driving his pickup truck recklessly near children. What followed was a rampage in which Fears allegedly killed two people and wounded eight, including a toddler.

The 18-year-old was expected to make an initial court appearance today following a shooting spree that stunned residents in this town of 8,000 people about 20 miles from the Arkansas state line.

"I don't know if there is ever going to be an answer for why he did this," said his attorney Monte Johnson. "He just flipped out."

Authorities say the rampage started just after 5 p.m. Saturday.

Residents in the three communities where the rampage stretched said Sunday they were shocked that such violence hit so close to home.

Sequoyah County District Attorney Dianne Barker Harrold said Fears did not show remorse when authorities talked to him Sunday.

Johnson said Fears had suffered from depression over the last three years and may have been taking medication that was not prescribed to him.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Former Vice President Walter Mondale has gotten a crucial vote of confidence from the family of the late Sen. Paul Wellstone as Democrats scramble to replace the fallen senator on the Nov. 5 ballot.

"Mr. Mondale is the choice of the Wellstone family," said Mike Erlandson, chairman of the state's Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. Erlandson said Wellstone's son personally asked Mondale on Sunday to take over the race.

A group of up to 875 Minnesota Democrats will meet Wednesday to officially choose the substitute candidate for Wellstone, who died Friday in a plane crash along with his wife, daughter and three campaign workers.

Two pilots also died.

Erlandson said the family's choice would weigh heavily in the party's decision. He said he believes Mondale, a household name in Minnesota, will run if nominated. Mondale, 74, hasn't returned calls to reporters or answered the door at his Minneapolis home.

Those close to Mondale said he isn't expected to comment publicly on a potential candidacy until after Tuesday's memorial service for the crash victims.

PHOENIX — The White House refused to criticize Russian special forces for pumping a mysterious sleeping gas into a theater to end a hostage siege, killing 116 hostages.

"The Russian government and the Russian people are victims of this tragedy, and the tragedy was caused as a result of the terrorists who took hostages and booby-trapped the building and created dire circumstances," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Fleischer did not endorse the tactic in remarks to reporters as Bush flew from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, to Phoenix. But he made clear the administration's view that blame for the deaths lay with the captors.

Russian special forces troopers ended the 2 1/2-day takeover before dawn Saturday with a raid on the theater shortly before the hostage-takers, rebels from Russia's embattled Chechnya region, had threatened to begin killing their more than 850 captives. Russian officials reported 750 were rescued, many wounded.

NEW YORK — The Pentagon is prepared to call hundreds of thousands of Reservists and National Guard members to duty if President Bush orders an attack on Iraq, The New York Times reported today.

About 265,000 Guard and Reserve troops, roughly the same number used during the Persian Gulf War in 1991, would be mobilized in the event of an attack, the Times said.

Aside from military duties, many of the troops would be called upon to protect military bases at home and abroad. They also would be used to help safeguard potential terrorist targets in the United States, including power plants and factories, the newspaper reported.



Two Wal-Mart customers signed up for a drawing to win a two-foot long stuffed wienermobile Thursday.

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# Gigantic wiener hot-dogs it into Goodland for search

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giant hot-dog and its charming drivers. Wienermobile visits are available for all states except Alaska and Hawaii.

It's an incentive to enter early, Frank said, since 50 schools will be drawn for those prizes and still be eligible for the cash prizes and another visit from the wienermobile.

The hotdoggers drive the giant frankfurter for a year, Frank said, from June to June. In June next year, Villarreal said, they will be visiting the schools that won the cash prizes to present the checks.

There are five wienermobiles on the road right now, the hotdoggers said, and 13 hotdoggers. If you want to be a hotdogger, they said, "you have to cut the mustard."

Hotdoggers are recent college graduates. They tour for one year, and can never be hotdoggers again.

Villarreal is from Texas, and Frank from Minnesota. The pair said they received a schedule from Oscar Mayer in Madison, Wis., and the schedule included Goodland.

"They said, 'Go to Goodland, the wienermobile hasn't been there in a while.'"

Villarreal said they are spreading miles of smiles in their tour around the country.

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