

Bush says resolution violated

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At issue is Saddam's 12,000-page declaration required under a tough new U.N. resolution. Iraq asserts in the document that it has no weapons of mass destruction, a claim the United States says it is prepared to rebut.

Under the terms of Resolution 1441, passed Nov. 8, false statements or omissions in the declaration — coupled with a failure to comply with inspections — would be a “material breach” of Iraq's obligations to disarm.

Although Saddam has thus far complied with inspections, many Bush advisers wanted him to liberally interpret the resolution's language. They argue that Saddam is taking advantage of a two-step test for “material breach” and should be found in violation if he violates either the inspections or the declaration provisions.

“It will become increasingly clear that the world community, including the United Nations, sees omissions in the Iraqi document,” White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. “At a time when the United Nations Security Council and United States and all member states of the Security Council were looking to Iraq to provide a full, complete and accurate description of their weapons programs, there is a wide recognition that Iraq has not done that. There are omissions and there are problems.”

After days of intense internal debate, Bush directed Powell to make the U.S. case again Saddam's 12,000-page declaration today afternoon. The documents assert that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction.

“You say, ‘Why wait?’ and the question could be why rush?” Fleischer said today.

The administration has said repeatedly that it prefers a diplomatic solution. Yet, with a potential war looming, officials said Wednesday that as many as 50,000 more U.S. troops may be deployed next month. The officials said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld had not yet signed the order.

The two U.N. inspection chiefs, Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, were to deliver a report today to the Security Council on Iraq's 12,000-page declaration about its weapons programs. Powell's response was to come several hours later at the State Department.

Powell said Bush has made clear the United States intends to stay within the U.N. process. He also has noted that Blix and ElBaradei have until Jan. 27 to complete their analysis of the declaration and to report formally to the council.

“That will be another date (when) the world will be able to make additional judgments about Iraq and Iraq's intentions,” Fleischer said.

Administration officials said that date falls well within the optimal window for a winter attack on Iraq, and will likely be the point at which Bush decides whether to go to war.

The administration plans to use the time until then to build a stronger case against Saddam, courting allies along the way.

The White House suggested Bush had problems with the declaration beyond previously disclosed omissions concerning chemical and biological

weapons last noted in Iraq four years ago.

Bush, who plans to address the matter Friday, wants to soothe anxious allies but also keep his pledge to have “zero tolerance” for Iraqi defiance — a balance aides concede won't be easy to strike.

In other developments Wednesday:

- U.S. intelligence officials said Iraq was preparing to destroy its own oil fields, food supplies and power plants and blame the destruction on U.S. bombs during a war. The officials, briefing reporters at the Pentagon, said they have evidence Saddam has plans to wreck his own infrastructure to foster a humanitarian crisis and turn international opinion against any U.S. and British advance into Iraqi territory.

- Rumsfeld said Iraq's chemical and biological arsenals are more formidable than during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

“In weapons of mass destruction, one has to believe they are much stronger,” he said.

Bush will press the United Nations to demand interviews outside Iraq with Saddam's weapons scientists, forcing a showdown that Bush believes would bolster his case for war or reveal secrets of Saddam's arsenal, officials said.

The Bush administration has been far less restrained than the four other permanent members of the council — China, Britain, France and Russia — about commenting on the Iraqi report, which was made available to U.N. inspectors on Dec. 7.

All four have said they preferred to await the reports by Blix and ElBaradei before commenting.

Decree issued to end shortages around the world

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez branded protesting oil workers as traitors sabotaging Venezuela's oil-based economy and issued a decree to end food and gas shortages caused by a general strike.

“We must always be alert, ready to defend our revolution,” Chavez told thousands of supporters late Wednesday at a Caracas arena. He said the strikers “have aligned themselves with treason,” and he vowed to remain in power as long as Venezuelans want him there.

Chavez, who commandeered some private truck fleets Dec. 8 to deliver gas, expanded on that order with a decree allowing civilian and military officials to temporarily seize any vehicle that delivers gas, oil or food — including trucks, boats and aircraft — to end strike-caused shortages.

Venezuelan strike leaders have claimed they are providing enough basic goods to meet the population's needs even as they demand that stores, banks and businesses close and block

highways to stop transport.

The president remains popular among many of the country's poor who hope Chavez will fulfill his promises of delivering economic equality to all in this oil-rich nation. The strike has cut Venezuela's oil output by up to 93 percent.

SEOUL, South Korea — Pro-government candidate Roh Moo-hyun had a slight lead in South Korea's presidential election, according to exit polls, but the race was too close to call. The vote's outcome could affect relations with United States and North Korea, its communist neighbor.

All three major television stations said in their exit polls that Roh was ahead of opposition leader Lee Hoi-chang by a margin of 1.5 percent to 2.3 percent.

In a wintry chill, voters lined up at 13,400 polling stations throughout the country of 48 million people. The day

was declared a national holiday.

Roh supports President Kim Dae-jung's “sunshine” policy of engaging North Korea, and believes dialogue is the best way to resolve concerns over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs. But Lee says Kim's policy has failed, and prefers a tougher approach more in line with that of President Bush.

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Prosecutors fumed as hundreds of low level felons were allowed to leave jails and prisons early as part of Gov. Paul Patton's plan to avert a \$6 million deficit in the corrections budget.

“I feel wonderful, man,” Kevin Ray Gibson, 26, told the Lexington Herald-Leader after his release four months early for burglary and trafficking in pain pills. “I'm going to get out and get me a job. I got kids I need to take care of. I just need to get out and do right. It's a good Christmas present.”

Area judge to stand trial on charges

ST. FRANCIS (AP) — A year ago, Cheyenne County Magistrate Judge Tamera Zimbelman was honored by Attorney General Carla Stovall for her commitment to crime victims.

But now Zimbelman will stand trial sometime next year in Cheyenne County District Court for misdemeanor intimidation, a charge filed by Stovall's office. Her trial, which had been scheduled to begin Wednesday, was postponed because of a scheduling conflict by her attorney, Michael Day of St. Francis.

She is charged with intimidating a man she accused of snatching her purse in a bowling alley a year ago.

Zimbelman accused St. Francis resident Christopher Merklin, then 21, of stealing her purse Dec. 22, 2001, from Cheyenne Bowl. The judge said she had “circumstantial evidence” that Merklin took the purse.

A police search of Merklin's pickup the day of the alleged theft turned up nothing.

A few days later, Zimbelman's thenestranged husband, Rell Dean Zimbelman of St. Francis and Scott Allen Baumfalk of Kanorado showed up at a house where Merklin lived with his parents and sister. They allegedly demanded the purse be returned.

Dennis Merklin, Christopher's father, pressed criminal trespass and disorderly conduct charges against the two men. Their trial date is Thursday.

Christopher Merklin later told authorities Zimbelman called him and told him to drop the charges or she'd take him to jail for burglary.

Zimbelman denied the accusation, and the case was referred to Stovall's office.

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CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight	Connie	Lou Dobb	Larry King	Newsnight																	
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