

Israeli troops kill two, one a fugitive militant

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INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops killed two Palestinians, including a fugitive Islamic militant, in a gun battle at a West Bank firehouse today. As daily violence continued, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon tried to arrange a meeting with President Bush to discuss a U.S. peace plan.

Sharon, re-elected to another term this week in a sweeping victory, spoke with Bush by phone about meeting in Washington to discuss an American peace plan that aims to create a Palestinian state by 2005, a senior official in Sharon's office said. The meeting is unlikely to happen soon, however, because of U.S. preparations for a possible war with Iraq, the official said.

In the West Bank town of Jenin, Iyad Abu Lael, a 21-year-old wanted Hamas activist, was killed today after he ran from troops, the Israeli military and Palestinian security officials said.

They said he fled into a firehouse

around the world

with two other men, then came out firing and was killed by the troops. Another man, a 52-year-old Palestinian security guard, Hassan Ahmed, was also killed in the exchange of fire.

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A powerful bomb destroyed a bridge outside the southern Afghan city of Kandahar today, killing 18 people on a bus, a deputy police chief said.

Only two people on the bus survived the explosion on the Rambasi Bridge, some six miles south of Kandahar, Ustad Nazir Jan said.

No one immediately took responsibility for the explosion, but Jan blamed fugitive members of the Taliban and al Qaeda.

Jan said he believed Afghan soldiers were the target of the explosion, which went off barely half a mile from an Afghan army post. Soldiers from that unit are loyal to

Kandahar Governor Gul Agha Sherzai and routinely patrol the area, he said.

NATIONAL

BOSTON — A defiant Richard C. Reid asserted his attempt to blow up a trans-Atlantic jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes was the act of a soldier in a war against those who attack Islam.

But U.S. District Judge William Young branded Reid as a terrorist, sentencing the 29-year-old British citizen to life in prison for the Dec. 22, 2001, bombing attempt aboard a Paris-to-Miami American Airlines flight.

"You are not an enemy combatant — you are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war — you are a terrorist. ... To give you that reference, to call you a soldier gives you far too much stature," Young said at Thursday's sentencing hearing.

Reid boldly denounced U.S. foreign

policy before the sentencing.

"Your government has sponsored the rape and torture of Muslims in the prisons of Egypt and Turkey and Syria and Jordan with their money and with their weapons," said Reid, who converted to Islam eight years ago.

"Your government has killed two million children in Iraq. OK? If you want to think about something, 20 against two million, I don't see no comparison."

Pleading guilty in the case last October, Reid said he was a member of al-Qaida, pledged his support to Osama bin Laden and declared himself an enemy of the United States.

MIAMI — Immigration officials pushed back a deadline on compiling information on foreign college students after schools complained that an Internet database created to collect the data has been working slowly, if at all.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service gave the nation's col-

leges and universities until Feb. 15 to begin feeding personal and academic information about their foreign students into the database.

The deadline, originally set for Thursday, was delayed to give schools time to make sure their computers can communicate with INS equipment. By the new deadline, about 3,000 schools need to be ready to start supplying data to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.

"There were certainly indications there were problems that were cropping up. This is a way to afford those schools two more weeks to work through those issues," INS spokesman Chris Bentley said.

Software adjustments at Miami's Florida International University mean it cannot begin submitting information for its 3,300 international students until next week. Georgetown University in Washington and the University of Cincinnati had not been able to access the system until Thursday.

NEW YORK — New York state officials submitted a proposed spending plan Thursday for \$8.8 billion in federal funds to help the city recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Gov. George Pataki said the plan submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency also includes \$418 million set aside for projects to help the city respond in case of another attack.

The plan also allocates \$522 million for human services such as mortgage and rental assistance, crisis counseling and legal aid; more than \$3 billion to cover administrative costs; and \$23 million to monitor the health of the thousands who may have been exposed to toxic pollutants during cleanup efforts at the trade center site.

The plan still must be approved by FEMA.

Earlier this month, state officials acknowledged missing two deadlines to submit proposals to use the funding. They blamed the delay on the review process.

Star-News rises Tuesday

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by carriers, but will be delivered in the mail on the day the paper is published. The Midweek edition will be delivered in Tuesday's mail to every subscriber's mail box, city or rural, and the Weekend edition will be delivered to everyone in the county on Friday.

Copies of the papers will be for sale at the newspaper office, on the street downtown and at newsstands as soon as they are printed, about 4 p.m. on Monday and Thursday of each week, Betz said. The newspaper's single-copy price will increase to 75 cents, but the annual subscription rate will be less. Betz

said rates have been cut to reflect the change in publication days.

Those who get the paper mailed to them outside the state immediate area they will continue to get both editions mailed to them on Friday. They get a special low rate, too.

"We already have a lot of local news," Betz said. "We'll be concentrating it into the two local editions, plus we plan to get more. The two editions will allow us to produce more features about the community and the people who live here. If you know of a story, or have an idea for a story, please call and tell us. We need all the news tips we can get."

The Midweek edition delivered in the mail and in the news racks,

will include the *American Profile* magazine and *The Country Advocate*, the shopper publication that covers all of northwest Kansas and part of eastern Colorado. *The Advocate* has been delivered to rural boxes for years, but this will be the first time people in the city will get it at home.

"We know this is not an easy change, but after months of adding up the figures, we believe it is the best answer for our business," Betz said. "We believe, given a chance, we can prove that being a semi-weekly paper is as good, if not better, than the award-winning daily we have been for the past five years."

Variety spice of town's history

HISTORY, from Page 1

McCants ran until his death in 1943.

The senior McCants' three sons, Robert, Raymond, and Thomas Jr., all went into the service in the '40s, but Thomas was called home early to help his father with the business when he was ill, said Marge McCants, Robert McCants' widow.

When the brothers returned from the service, they jumped into the newspaper business. In 1961, the McCants bought *The Goodland Daily News* from B.G. Robinson, who had been running the paper for 14 years. The McCants continued to print both the *Herald* and *The Daily News*, with Robert working in the business until his death in 1984, she said. The *Herald* ceased publi-

cation in 1989.

Robert McCants was inducted into the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame on Nov. 9, 1996, at a ceremony during Editors' Day at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

"We were all very proud," said Mrs. McCants, "and the whole family went to watch the ceremony."

After Robert McCants' death, his son, Randy McCants, who worked in the newspaper business since he was 12, continued the family tradition. In 1986, he started the *Country Advocate*, as a shopper serving the area, and then became publisher of *The Goodland Daily News* when USMedia ran the paper.

The Advocate was the first publication in Sherman County to use computers, he said.

"*The News* had been family owned for two generations," said Randy McCants, "and the McCants name was tied to the paper for many years."

On Jan. 25, 1997, Steve and Cynthia Haynes of Nor'West Newspapers purchased the paper and took over management. Randy McCants left to move to California, where he is a publisher today.

In September 2000, *The Sherman County Star*, owned by Roxie and Eric Yonkey was merged with *The Daily News*.

Tuesday will open another chapter as *The Goodland Star-News* continues the tradition of bringing information and advertising to the citizens of Sherman County. — Tom Betz

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Tract 1

NE 1/4 10-9-40 160 acres MOL
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Ground is currently in wheat, corn & sunflower stubble.
BASES - Wheat 46.8, Corn 59.1, Soybeans 16.8, Sunflowers 9.8. Estimated 2003 taxes \$768.72
Estimated PFC payment \$2,901.00



Tract 3

42 acre tract MOL in the South 1/2 10-9-4 - 14 acre building site - 20 acres of grass - 8 acres of farm ground - House with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, utility room, full basement with 1 bedroom, 3/4 bath - Detached single garage - 7 X 40 heated shop and 48 X 40 storage building - 40 X 80 metal building with 20X80 loafing shed - 48X90 Slant wall building - Several smaller buildings - Grain bins - Fairbanks Morris cattle scales - Corrals, silos - Estimated 2003 taxes \$879.61 NOTE: There is currently a functional gas well in the SE 1/4 which services the house & shop. The rights to this gas well will go with the 42 acres.



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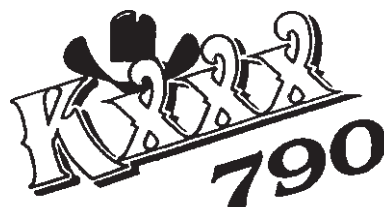


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