

Protesters Try To Storm Government Palace

BEIRUT (AP) — The funeral for Lebanon’s slain intelligence chief descended into chaos Sunday as soldiers fired tear gas at protesters who tried to storm the government palace, directing their rage at a leadership they consider puppets of a murderous Syrian regime.

The assassination of Brig. Gen. Wissam al-Hassan in a massive car bomb Friday threatens to shatter the fragile political balance in Lebanon, a country plagued by decades of strife — much of it linked to political and military domination by Damascus.

“The Sunni blood is boiling!” the crowd chanted as hundreds of people clashed with security forces. More than 100 protesters broke through a police cordon of concertina wire and metal gates, putting them within 50 yards (meters) of the entrance to the palace.

Authorities responded with tear gas and several officers fired machine guns and rifles in the air. One plain clothes guard pulled a pistol from his belt and fired over protesters’ heads. Then a roar of automatic gunfire erupted, sending the protesters scattering for cover.

It was unclear if the guards fired live bullets or blanks, but no protesters were reported injured by gunfire. Several were over-come by tear gas, and the government’s media office said 15 guards were injured.

Ex-Venezuelan VP Confirms Meeting With Castro

HAVANA (AP) — Former Venezuelan Vice President Elias Jaua said Sunday that he met with aging revolutionary icon Fidel Castro for five hours and showed The Associated Press photos of the encounter, quashing persistent rumors that the former Cuban leader was on his deathbed or had suffered a massive stroke.

Jaua also confirmed that the 86-year-old retired Cuban president personally accompanied him to the Hotel Nacional after their meeting Saturday, in which they talked about politics, history, culture and tourism.

“He had the courtesy of bringing me to the hotel,” Jaua said Sunday, adding that Castro looked “very well.”

Jaua showed a photograph of himself seated in a minibus along with the former Cuban leader, Castro’s wife, Dalia Soto del Valle, a hotel executive and several other people. The photo shows Jaua and Castro smiling broadly, and the former Cuban leader is wearing a checked shirt and cowboy hat.

The public appearance was Castro’s first in months. A top Hotel Nacional executive told the AP earlier Sunday how Castro had dropped off the Venezuelan guest, then stayed on to chat with hotel staff.

Moderate Quake Shakes Central California

SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — A moderate earthquake was widely felt as it rattled the central California coast, but authorities said it didn’t cause any damage.

Nearly 6,700 people reported on its website that they felt the magnitude 5.3 quake when it struck late Saturday outside of King City, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

USGS geophysicist Don Blakeman said the temblor struck in a “seismically active area” near the San Andreas Fault, about 90 miles southeast of San Jose. It was followed by at least four aftershocks that were greater than magnitude 2.5.

The sheriff departments for Monterey and nearby San Luis Obispo counties said they received calls about the earthquake but didn’t receive any reports of damage.

A magnitude 5 quake is capable of causing damage — most often knocking things off shelves and making moderate cracks in walls and foundations, the USGS said.

The area where the quake hit is a mostly rural area of rolling hills with large farms and ranches.

About A Dozen Hurt In Mich. Train Derailment

NILES, Mich. (AP) — About a dozen passengers and crew on an Amtrak train from Chicago to Pontiac, north of Detroit, were injured Sunday when two of its locomotives and one or more coaches derailed.

None of the injuries from the incident near Niles in southwest Michigan were considered serious or life-threatening, said Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari. The injured were taken to area hospitals.

Amtrak train 350, the Wolverine Service, was carrying approximately 174 passengers and four crew members when it lost “contact with the track” about two miles east of Niles, Magliari told The Associated Press.

“The train remained upright and in-line,” he added.

Police in Niles said the scene was being cleared about 12:30 p.m. The cause of the derailment, just north of the Indiana state line and about 80 miles southwest of Grand Rapids, was under investigation. Amtrak service in West Michigan was disrupted.

Magliari said alternate transportation was being arranged for passengers on the derailed train and on other Amtrak trains until the tracks could be re-opened.

The National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday it will send a team to the area to investigate the derailment.

Cops: Mom, Grandmom Attacked Young Bullies

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey mother and grandmother have been arrested on charges they attacked two fourth-grade boys they claim were bullying a 9-year-old girl.

Twenty-eight-year-old Rebecca Sardoni, of Toms River, and her mother, 51-year-old Stephanie Sardoni, of Beachwood, were arrested Friday.

Toms River police tell *The Asbury Park Press* that witnesses say the women boarded a school bus Friday bound for East Dover Elementary School and sought out boys they claimed had been harassing Rebecca Sardoni’s daughter.

Police say Rebecca Sardoni cursed at and slapped two boys while her mother screamed at them.

Rebecca Sardoni denies she hit or touched anyone. She tells the newspaper she took matters into her own hands because school officials ignored her complaints.

Garth Brooks To Receive Crowning Honor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Name just about any trophy, lifetime achievement award or honorific, and Garth Brooks can claim ownership.

Sunday night he’ll get the big one: Country Music Hall of Fame member.

Brooks will be inducted along with Connie Smith and Hargus “Pig” Robbins in a surprise-packed performance at the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum in Nashville.

Trisha Yearwood says she’s rarely ever seen her husband so worked up.

“I don’t know if there’s anybody who’s received more honors, and I’ve never seen anyone so excited,” she said in a recent interview with Brooks. “I’ve never seen him as excited about such an honor.”

Three Killed In Spa Shooting

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BROOKFIELD, Wis. — A man police suspected of killing three and wounding four by opening fire at a tranquil day spa was found dead Sunday afternoon following a six-hour manhunt that locked down a shopping center, country club and hospital in suburban Milwaukee.

Authorities said they believed the shooting was related to a domestic dispute. The man they identified as the suspect, Radcliffe Franklin Haughton, 45, of Brown Deer, had a restraining order against him.

Brookfield Police Chief Dan Tushaus said Haughton died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound and was found in the spa. Authorities initially believed Haughton had fled and spent much of Sunday looking for him.

The shooting happened about 11 a.m. at the Azana Day Spa, a two-story, 9,000-square-foot building across from a major shopping mall in Brookfield, a middle-to-upper class community west of Milwaukee. Hours later, a bomb squad descended on the building, and Tushaus said an improvised explosive device had been found inside. It was not clear whether it remained a threat.

Haughton’s father, Radcliffe Haughton, Sr., spoke to a television station and The Associated Press shortly before police announced his son’s death. In telephone interviews from Florida, he said he had last spoken to his son a few days ago, but didn’t have any indication anything was wrong. He begged his son to turn himself in.

After learning of his son’s death, he said, “This is very sad.”

Police released little about Haughton other than a physical description and a photo.

Online court records showed a temporary restraining order was issued against him Oct. 8 in Milwaukee County Circuit Court because of a domestic abuse complaint. Haughton appeared in court Thursday, when a no-contact order was issued, and he was told to turn all his weapons over to the sheriff’s department.

It was not clear who sought the restraining order, but his father said he was married.

A sea of ambulances and police vehicles collected at the scene shortly after the shooting. A witness, David Gosh of nearby West Allis, told the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel he was returning from duck hunting with his father and a friend when he saw a woman emerge from the spa, screaming, as she ran into traffic. The area is near an interstate and a busy commercial road.

“She ran right out into the street was pounding on cars,” Gosh told the newspaper. Moments later, a man with a handgun ran out. He appeared to be chasing the woman but then went back inside, Gosh said.

The mall, a country club adjacent to the spa and the hospital where survivors were taken were among the buildings locked down as police searched for Haughton. At the hospital, staff members were escorted inside and critically injured patients were accepted with a police escort. Officers were stationed at all main entrances.



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Emergency personnel assist the scene of a shooting rampage on Sunday morning at the Azana Salon & Spa in Brookfield, Wisc.

People inside the mall waited patiently for updates during the lockdown. Gina Kralik, a bartender at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers in the mall, said people had been allowed to leave at one point but then police had decided not to let anyone come or go from the mall.

“We’re just sitting watching the news and also trying to find out what’s going on,” she said about 3 p.m.

Austin Della, 17, was working at a department store in the mall when he heard announcements over the loudspeaker asking people to move their cars out of one of the parking lots. The mall was then locked down for almost three hours, he said, and customers joked about the good service they would get as the only clients in the whole store.

“Everyone was really calm,” Della said. “If not for all the announcements, I don’t think anyone would have known that anything was happening.”

It was the second mass shooting in Wisconsin this year. Wade Michael Page, a 40-year-old Army veteran and white supremacist, killed six people and injured three others before fatally shooting himself Aug. 5 at a Sikh temple south of Milwaukee.

The shooting at the mall took place less than a mile from where seven people were killed and four wounded on March 12, 2005, when a gunman opened fire at a Living Church of God service held at a hotel.

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