

making the news

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NORTH BEND — An oil slick about 10 miles off the Oregon coastline has killed about 150 sea birds and left another 150 badly harmed, the Coast Guard reported.

Lt. Buzz Johnson of the Coast Guard station in North Bend said the slick covered about 17 square miles this morning and was being rapidly dissipated by an ocean storm.

The birds were found Monday along the coastline from Yachats to Lincoln City, Johnson said.

"There's probably slim to no possibility we could ever nail whoever dumped the stuff," Johnson said.

WASHINGTON — Egypt and Israel open another round of secret peace negotiations Wednesday at snow-covered Camp David, with prospects for completing a Mideast peace treaty complicated by recent events in Iran.

On the eve of the talks, Egypt warned Israel that the "situation in the region is dangerously tense" and urged the Israelis to realize that a comprehensive peace settlement is vital.

"There is no place left for maneuvering and procrastination," the government-run Cairo radio said in a news commentary entitled "peace at the Camp David table again."

TAIPEI — A taxi driver who set fire to himself to protest the U.S. decision to break diplomatic relations with Taiwan has recovered from his burns, been honored as a patriot and given a new job.

A businessman donated \$5,600 to the driver, Chiao Shao-yin, to help him buy a taxi to replace the one burned in his Dec. 28 protest. But Chiao instead gave the money to a new private fund established to help pay for Taiwan's defense needs.

The Taipei Drivers' Association honored Chiao for his "heroic and patriotic" deeds in ceremony Monday. And government officials said arrangements were made for him to work as a mechanic at a farm.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Three Americans are being held in the Maldivé Islands because of a shooting fray aboard their ship in which an atoll chief was slightly wounded, the U.S. Embassy here said Tuesday.

It repudiated earlier reports from amateur radio operators in contact with the vessel, the Alysse Maru, that said 300 pirates boarded the U.S.-owned ship Saturday, stole valuable electronics equipment and kidnapped the medical officer.

"There are no pirates in the Maldives and contrary to some radio accounts the vessel is in no danger," an embassy spokesman said. The embassy here also handles affairs for the Maldives, an independent republic of 1,087 small islands hundreds of miles southwest of the southern tip of India.

Khomeini regime vows to kidnap shah for trial

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The revolutionary government settled more scores with its enemies Tuesday by executing four more generals of the old regime, but it faced a fresh challenge from Marxist guerrillas who have called a protest march to demand more say in how to run Iran.

Iran's foreign ministry officials issued a statement Tuesday vowing to hound exiled Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi until he can be brought back to Iran for trial. The Tehran newspaper Ehtelaat reported a committee had been formed to kidnap the exiled monarch.

Khomeini aides brought out three men they said were the shah's ex-bodyguards, who told reporters they were willing to help in the abduction. The shah has been in Morocco since shortly after leaving Iran Jan. 16.

The four generals were executed by firing squad at 2 a.m. on the roof of Khomeini's headquarters, five days after four other generals were shot. The latest victims of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolutionary tribunal included Gen. Parvis Amin Afshar, the former commander of the shah's elite Imperial Guard.

China pursues advantage

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Striking behind a heavy artillery barrage, Chinese troops Tuesday captured the big Vietnamese border town of Lao Cai, but Vietnamese defenders routed some Chinese units elsewhere in the mountainous border country, according to reports in Bangkok and Hanoi.

The Soviet news agency Tass, in a dispatch from Hanoi, reported the fall of Lao Cai, 175 miles northwest of the Vietnamese capital.

Thai intelligence sources in Bangkok said the Chinese had thrust as far as 10 miles beyond their deepest penetration reported Monday. Vietnam's U.N. ambassador said in New York the invaders had advanced 12 miles into Vietnam.

Hanoi claimed Peking's troops were resorting to chemical warfare, firing shells filled with "toxic substances."

Vietnamese U.N. Ambassador Ha Van Lau said in New York that Hanoi's forces had killed 5,000 Chinese soldiers in the first three days of the four-day-old invasion, including 1,500 killed in heavy fighting Monday.

Vietnam has not reported its own casualties, but the Thai sources said Vietnam has suffered more casualties than the Chinese. Both casualty figures and battle reports have been difficult to verify independently.

As battles raged along the 450-mile Chinese-Vietnamese frontier, there was a flurry of reports that the Chinese were with-

drawing or about to withdraw.

Most reports centered on what the dean of the diplomatic corps in Peking, Ambassador Elie Boustany of Lebanon, was told in a meeting with a Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Ying.

But Boustany told The Associated Press in New York by telephone that Ho did not discuss "military information" with him, but merely reaffirmed that the invasion was a limited operation to "teach a lesson" to Hanoi and that China would not hold on to any Vietnamese territory.


The Chinese have not said when they will pull their troops back across the border.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, quoting Chinese sources in Peking, said the Chinese plan a

withdrawal with no pre-conditions. China will not link its withdrawal with a pullout of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia, the sources reportedly said.

The Soviet Union, Vietnam's ally, has warned the Chinese to get out of Vietnam "before it is too late."

Pres. Carter, in a major foreign-policy address in Atlanta said Tuesday the United States had "consulted directly with leaders around the world" about the Vietnam situation. He was believed to be referring to contacts with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and China's Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, apparently made in an effort to head off a confrontation between the two communist powers.



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