

# American targets in the Netherlands warned

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — A high alert to guard against possible Palestinian terrorist attacks was expanded Sunday to include U.S. diplomatic and commercial offices in the Netherlands, the Dutch Justice Ministry said.

The access road to the front of the U.S. Embassy in The Hague was blocked by sand-filled dumpsters at each end Sunday night, and police converged within minutes to investigate the flash of a photographer's camera.

Police presence was increased at the U.S. consulate in Amsterdam, and police spokesman Klaas Wilting said

other U.S. facilities were being guarded.

The alert began Thursday in the Netherlands and Scandinavia, when Interpol, the international police organization, warned that Abu Nidal terrorist commandos might strike at any time against Jewish or Israeli targets.

"There had been talk for a few days that American targets could be endangered," ministry spokeswoman Toos Faber told The Associated Press on Sunday.

"But this morning it became more conclusive. There is an extension of the targets."

Dutch authorities warned privately

that the expanded alert made guarding all potential American, Israeli and Jewish targets "practically impossible."

Scandinavian officials said their alert had not been expanded to include American targets.

The U.S. government has blamed the Abu Nidal faction, a dissident offshoot of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for Dec. 27 terrorist attacks that left 19 dead, including five Americans, at airports in Vienna and Rome.

Faber declined to disclose further details of the Dutch response to the new threat, in line with an official policy of confidentiality on such matters.

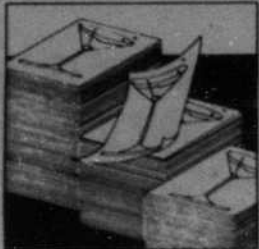
A West German newspaper meanwhile said Sunday that Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy has ordered Palestinian gunmen to kill Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The Hamburg-published Bild am Sonntag quoted unidentified "members of the (West German) government" as saying Bonn received a warning from an Arab country that Genscher was in danger.

A deputy spokesman for Genscher's office refused to comment, but acknowledged that security was tightened recently around the Foreign Ministry "because of certain indications."

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## Black activist killed by rivals

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)** — The State Department's top African expert toured Johannesburg's trash-ridden black townships Sunday, hours after a black activist who was to be one of his hosts was hacked to death by political rivals.

Ample Mayisa, 58, was chased from his home in Leandra township 74 miles east of Johannesburg and killed by about 10 blacks ranging in age from 16 to 30 about two hours after sundown Saturday, said his son, Joshua Mayisa, and other Leandra residents.

On Sunday, Chester Crocker, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, arrived for talks on independence for South-West Africa, also known as Namibia, and on the civil war in Angola, which is related to Namibian issues. Crocker was in Luanda, the Angolan capital, on Friday.

He was tight-lipped while touring the rut-

ted streets of KwaThema, Duduza and Katlebong, slums east of Johannesburg.

"I am here to see and listen and communicate, but not to make any press statement," he said.

Of Mayisa's death, Crocker said only, "It was terrible."

In a separate development, Swiss banker and mediator Fritz Leutwiler, who is trying to help resolve South Africa's economic crisis, said after talks with President P.W. Botha that he was confident reforms to help ease the nation's international debt problems were on the way.

Leutwiler was named intermediary in September after South Africa unilaterally stopped paying back \$14 billion of its \$24 billion foreign debt. He reiterated Sunday that undoing apartheid was the key to restoring South Africa's credit rating.

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## American ship boarded by Iranians

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Armed Iranian navy sailors searching for war goods bound for Iraq on Sunday boarded an American merchant ship sailing in international waters just outside the Persian Gulf, the State Department said.

There were no injuries or loss of property during the two-hour search of the President Taylor, the first U.S. flag ship to be stopped by Iran, which has been fighting a five-year war with neighboring Iraq, said department spokesman Bruce Ammerman.

After the search, the bulk cargo ship owned by the American President Lines, Ltd., proceeded to the port of Fujaira, located on the Gulf of Oman in the United Arab Emirates, Ammerman said.

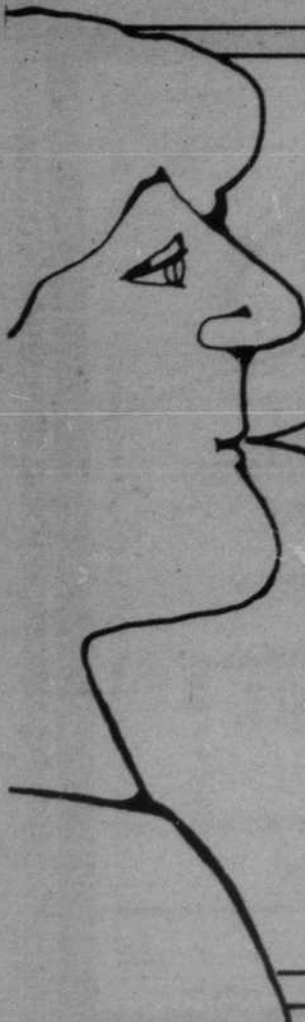
"Although this incident is obviously of serious concern, we have not yet met with the

ship's captain and ascertained the full facts of the case," Ammerman said.

The boarding party consisted of seven Iranians who inspected the ship's manifest, said Richard Tavrow, senior vice president and general counsel of the Oakland, Calif.-based shipping company.

Tavrow said the President Taylor, a bulk cargo ship that usually carries grain between West Asian ports, was stopped by a single Iranian navy ship. The ship, which normally has a crew of 40 to 45 seamen, was carrying bags of grain when it was stopped, he said.

"We're certainly concerned because we serve Fujaira and we are a major U.S. line company," Tavrow said. "To that extent we have to be very concerned about anything" that interferes with shipping traffic, he said.



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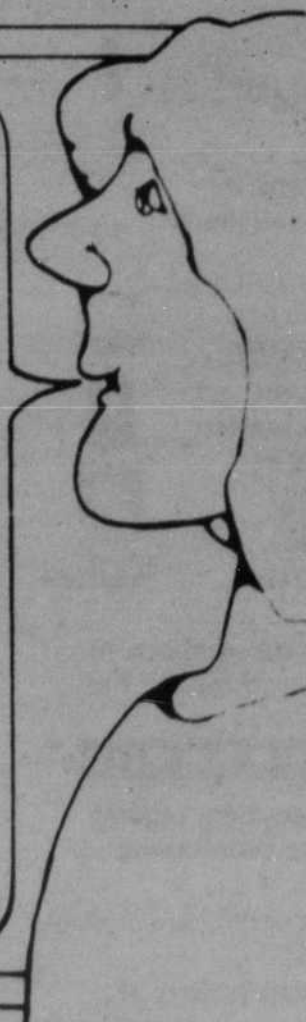
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