



World news Soviets ask Sweden for help; thousands leave affected area

MOSCOW (AP) - The Soviet Union struggled Tuesday to cope with one of histor, s gravest nuclear catastrophes, appealing for foreign help to fight a reactor fire and evacuating thousands of people from the imperiled countryside.

In its first report on casualties, the Soviet government said the Ukrainian nuclear plant disaster killed two people and injured an unspecified number of others.

A radioactive cloud loosed by the accident shifted, from Scandinavia back toward Central Europe.

Poland ordered emergency measures, and European political leaders angrily demanded that Moscow explain why it did not quickly alert the rest of the world to the disaster, an apparent reactor meltdown believed to have occurred late last week.

"It shouldn't be that way in a modern society," declared Denmark's prime minister, Poul Schlueter.

Some called on the Soviets to shut down all their nuclear plants until international inspections could be carried out.

The Soviet government claimed the "radiation situation" had been stabilized at the damaged Chernobyl plant, 450 miles southwest of

Moscow. But Swedish officials said the Soviets had asked the Stockholm government for infor-mation on combating nuclear-plant fires, indicating continuing serious problems.

The official Soviet news media provided only sketchy accounts of the accident. Other reports, however, drew a picture of hurried exodus from the affected area, but seeming unconcern in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, just 60 miles away.

A West German technician working at the Chernobyl facility said an 18-mile security zone had been established around the damaged plant. the Danish state radio reported. Truck convoys. were streaming north from the area, near the Dnieper River, said Swedish radio, citing unnamed sources in the Soviet Union.

But foreigners living in Kiev said life in the city of 2.4 million people appeared normal.

'No one was aware of anything. No one seemed upset or concerned at all. Activity . . . was completely normal," U.S. Air Force Col. Robert Berls said Tuesday after arriving here from Kiev, Western experts said serious health hazards

were unlikely beyond a 30-mile range of the site. The power station is housed in Pripyat. a

new town with a population of about 25,000. The three other evacuated towns were not identified.

Indictment says U.S. targets sought

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A prosecutor's indictment says a Libyan intelligence officer visited Turkey in January to scout American targets for terrorist attacks.

Security Court prosecutor Ulku Coskun prepared the indictment, a copy of which was obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, for the trial of five Libyans accused of planning a grenade attack on a U.S. military officers' club in Ankara.

Two of the Libyans were captured near the club before the attack could be carried out on the evening of April 18, three days after the U.S. air raids on Libya. They were carrying a bag containing six hand grenades. The indictment said the club was chosen because it would be crowded. About 100 peo-ple were attending a wedding party that Friday

night, and the prosecutor has said the explo-sion of just one grenade could have killed or wounded half of them.

Coskun's indictment said the two Libyans confessed to investigators and revealed details of the plan.

It said Capt. Abdullah Mansur of Libyan intelligence visited Istanbul for about 15 days with one of the arrested Libyans "to determine locations of U.S installations" and "targets."

The trial is expected to start in about two weeks.

All five Libyans are charged with con-spiracy to kill and bringing weapons into the country illegally. Each could receive 12 to 20 years in prison.



Suspected killers captured

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) -Security forces on Tuesday captured Syrian-backed guerrillas suspected of killing a British tourist in Jerusalem and of carrying out three other shootings. in the holy city, police spokesman Rafi Levi said.

The captured gang belonged to the breakaway Abu Mousa faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Levi said.

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many members of the gang were arrested and where or how they were picked up.

But Levi said the group was responsible for four shootings. including the killings of British tourist Paul And he in the walled Old Cit, ounday and of Israeli realtor Zehava ben Ovadia in her office overlooking the Old City on April 14.

The guerrillas also are believed to have shot an American tourist on March 7 and a West German tourist on April 16. Levi said.

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A Jerusalem court, without giving its reasons, clamped a news blackout on the case. Police declined to say how



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