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skirts of the city

"I have driven around a section of the city and saw no damage at all," said CBS's Allen Pizzey. "There was no sign anything had happened.

One building that was hit, according to residents, was a Popular Army militia building in the center of the city, causing an unknown number of cas-

Traffic was light in the foggy

morning, but a school bus was seen, and trash was being collected. Air raid sirens wailed. The streets were nearly desert-

The attacks focused on the "destruction of Saddam Hussein's offensive military capabilities." Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said in Washing-

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the offensive met "no air resistance" from Iraq's air force. Bush, in an address to the na-

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tion, said targets included Saddam's nuclear and chemical weapons plants.

"Our goal is not the conquest of Iraq — it is the liberation of Kuwait," Bush said.

After the attacks, Iraq's Defense Ministry expanded its draft, ordering all men born in 1954, 1955 and 1956 to report within three days.

CNN said a resolute-looking Saddam had been seen at the TV station about 9 a.m. (10 p.m. PST), apparently to record an address.

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In his radio address to "the glorious sons of our nation." the Iraqi president said the battle was one of "justice against vice, of the believers against the infidels.'

'With the perseverance of the believers, the dawn of victory nears as this great showdown begins," he said.

'The hypocritical criminal Bush has committed a murderous crime together with the traitor of the holy shrines.' Saddam said, referring to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

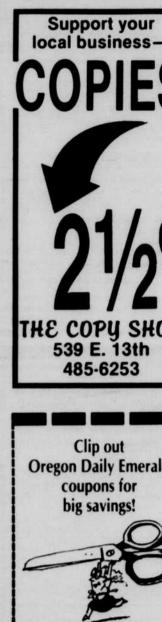
"Palestine will be liberated and so will the Golan (Heights) and Lebanon. Every human being on Arab land will be free." said Saddam.

"The evil and satanic intentions of the White House will be crushed and so will all the blasphemous and oppressive forces.

The broadcast did not specify if he was speaking live or if the message was recorded earlier.

On Wednesday, Iraq's television showed Saddam exhorting his troops in Kuwait to crush any U.S.-led offensive, and the state radio broadcast instructions on how to cope with air

More than 540,000 Iraqi troops are dug in in Kuwait and southern Iraq in defense of Saddam's Aug. 2 conquest of the emirate, facing about 690,000 troops from the U.S.-dominated multinational force.





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