

U.S. carrier's mistake kills seven



WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. aircraft carrier accidentally blasted a Turkish destroyer with missile fire Thursday during a NATO exercise, setting the vessel ablaze and killing at least seven people, Pentagon officials said.

Initial reports indicated at least 15 other members of the Turkish crew were injured, but there were no reports of U.S. Navy casualties, said a Pentagon spokeswoman, Maj. Katherine Ingram.

The USS Saratoga aircraft carrier accidentally launched two Sea Sparrow missiles during maneuvers in the eastern Mediterranean and apparently hit the Turkish destroyer Mauvenet with both missiles, officials said.

Ingram said one missile hit the bridge of the Mauvenet, an area of the ship that controls navigation. A fire broke out but was extinguished in 15 minutes, the spokeswoman said.

"It was an accidental launching," Ingram said. Crewmen from the Saratoga were dropped onto the stricken ship by helicopter to help with the rescue. A multinational contingent of ships in the region also rushed to the vessel's aid.

It was not known how many crew members the Mauvenet was carrying.

Ingram said the accident occurred about midnight local time (6 p.m. EDT) in the Aegean Sea, an arm of the Mediterranean between Turkey and Greece. The two U.S. and Turkish ships were about three miles apart at the time.

Both ships were taking part in "Display Determination," an annual NATO exercise consisting of vessels from the southern NATO region, the Pentagon said. The exercise usually involves the United States, Turkey, Greece and Italy.

U.S. Navy officials were dispatched to the Mauvenet, a 376-foot destroyer, to assess damages

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and injuries to Turkish allied crew. The USS Belknap, flagship for Adm. William Lopez, commander of the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet, was headed for the scene Thursday night.

The Mauvenet was formerly the American Robert H. Smith-class destroyer commissioned in 1944. It was transferred to Turkey in 1971 after having been converted for minelaying.

The 1,063-foot Saratoga is a conventionally powered aircraft carrier commissioned in 1956. It was among the first class of carriers designed specifically to launch jet aircraft.

The Sea Sparrow missile is a scaled-down version of the Sparrow, which is used on fighter aircraft such as the F-14 and F-15. It is modified for use on board surface ships so that it could be launched against attacking aircraft and Cruise missiles.

In November 1989, the Navy ordered a two-day suspension of normal operations after 10 accidents at sea and in the air within a 10-day period. Ten Navy personnel were killed and at least 71 injured in that series of accidents.

Exhaustive safety inspections of Navy craft were conducted during the 48-hour "stand-down."

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Former Gov. George C. Wallace remained in critical condition Thursday after surgery to insert a breathing tube that doctors hope will ease him off a respirator.

Wallace, 73, who was hospitalized last Friday with the potentially deadly blood infection septicemia, was in intensive care after surgery, said Vicky Jones, a spokeswoman for Jackson Hospital.

"He's certainly still in critical condition," Jones said Thursday evening. "His physicians continue to hold his prognosis at about a 20-percent chance of survival."

Soldiers say sex in sand damaged Gulf War morale

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Two-thirds of American troops who served in coed units during the Gulf War say men and women were having sex, and more than half said it hurt morale, according to a study for a government panel.

There was no data to indicate how much sex occurred or how many men and women were involved. About one-fourth of the 4,442 members of the armed forces interviewed served in the Persian Gulf.

Those who served in mixed units were asked whether there was sexual activity between men and women in their unit, and 64 percent said yes. The other 34 percent said they didn't believe there had been sexual contact.

The highest incidents of reported sexual activity was in

the Army and Marines, at 74 percent and 73 percent respectively.

Sixty-two percent of those who reported sexual goings-on said it did little or no harm to the unit's readiness, while 55 percent said it hurt morale. No questions were asked to explain how the activity might have hurt morale.

All of the surveyed personnel who were in the war were asked whether men and women in their unit had sex with members of other units. Sixty-one percent said yes and 34 percent no.

The poll said 98 percent of the military who served in the Gulf War rated the military performance of men in their unit as excellent or good, but only 61 percent gave similar ratings to the women.



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