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| <b>Today</b><br><br>High: 78<br>Low: 49<br>Precip: 0% | <b>Saturday</b><br><br>High: 76<br>Low: 50<br>Precip: 0% | <b>Sunday</b><br><br>High: 79<br>Low: 49<br>Precip: 20% |
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**IN BRIEF**

**28 Palestinians dead, 131 wounded in Gaza**

**JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip** — Israeli troops struck deep inside the largest Palestinian refugee camp Thursday, battling masked gunmen in an unprecedented campaign to stop deadly rocket fire on Israeli towns. Twenty-eight Palestinians were killed and 131 wounded, the bloodiest single-day toll in fighting in 30 months.

— The Associated Press

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# U.S., Britain back French Security Council resolution

*Under the agreement, the U.N. will provide military aid to the Congo in an attempt for peace*

BY EDITH M. LEDERER  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**UNITED NATIONS** — France introduced a Security Council resolution Thursday that would increase the U.N. force in the Congo by 5,900 troops, less than half the amount requested by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The draft resolution, backed by the United States and Britain, would reinforce the 10,800-strong U.N. force in the Congo. It would also give peacekeepers a broader mandate to deploy to potentially volatile areas to deter the use of force, seize illegal arms and protect civilians "under imminent threat of physical violence."

U.S. deputy ambassador Stuart Holliday said the sponsors "will be looking toward a vote" on Friday, when the force's current

mandate expires.

In a report to the Security Council last month, Annan said the transition to peace in the Congo is at "a critical juncture." He called for the U.N. force to be more than doubled to 23,900 troops to support the country's fragile peace process and move toward free elections in 2005.


But the United States, Britain and France — which pay a significant chunk of U.N. peacekeeping costs — decided on a smaller number and to re-evaluate the situation in six months.

The draft resolution would authorize an increase of 5,900 troops, including 341 international police officers, and call for "the rapid deployment" of additional forces and logistics support to North and South Kivu in volatile eastern Congo.

Four new battalions, totaling about 3,550 troops, are earmarked for the two border provinces. Pakistan's U.N. Ambassador Munir Akram said his country, which already has a large contingent in the Congo, would be providing two of the new battalions.

A June uprising in South Kivu launched the most serious military threat to the Congo's transitional government since the end of the country's devastating 1998-2002 war that claimed more than 3 million lives and involved six African nations. The clashes displaced thousands and heightened tensions with the Congo's neighbor and wartime enemy, Rwanda.

A new divisional headquarters in Kisangani, a northeastern city on the banks of the Congo River, is expected to be established much closer to the fighting than the capital, Kinshasa. Diplomats said the idea would be to keep a rapid reaction force at the divisional base that could deploy quickly.



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# Bombs kill 35 children during celebration in Iraq

*Tawhid and Jihad group claims responsibility for additional attacks scattered throughout Iraq*

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — A string of bombs killed 35 children and wounded scores of others as U.S. troops handed out candy Thursday at a government-sponsored celebration to inaugurate a sewage plant. It was the largest death toll of children in any insurgent attack since the start of the Iraq conflict.

Grief-stricken mothers wailed over their children's bloodied corpses, as relatives collected body parts from the street for burial and a boy picked up the

damaged bicycle of his dead brother.

The wounded were rushed to Yarmouk Hospital, where angry relatives screamed for attention from the overwhelmed doctors, many of whom wore uniforms covered in blood. One woman tore at her hair before pulling back the sheet covering her dead brother and kissing his body.

The bombings in Baghdad's western al-Amel neighborhood — at least two of which were in cars — came amid a series of savage attacks that killed at least 51 people and wounded 230 nationwide. At least one U.S.

soldier was among the dead and 13 were wounded.

Early Friday, U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a major attack against the insurgent stronghold of Samarra, securing government and police buildings in the city, the U.S. command said.

The offensive came in response to "repeated and unprovoked attacks by anti-Iraqi forces" against Iraqi and coalition forces, the military said in a statement. Its aim was to kill or capture insurgents in the city, 60 miles north of Baghdad.

Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group claimed responsibility for bloody attacks in Baghdad on

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