

Bomb: Iraq's interior minister says attacks were 'definitely coordinated'

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Thursday, according to a statement posted on a militant Web site.

The authenticity of the statement could not be verified, and it was unclear whether the three "heroic operations" it cites — attacks on a government complex and "a convoy of invading forces" — included the bombs that killed the children.

The U.S. military said American soldiers were taking part in the celebration but that no convoy was passing through the area.

Deputy Interior Minister Gen. Hussein Ali Kamal said intense military

pressure on insurgents holed up in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, was forcing them to turn their bombs on the capital. He said the day's attacks were "definitely coordinated."

"They are killing citizens and spreading horror. They have no aims except killing as many Iraqis as they can," Kamal told The Associated Press. American jets, tanks and artillery units have repeatedly targeted al-Zarqawi's followers in Fallujah, as coalition forces seek to assert control over insurgent enclaves ahead of elections slated for January.

After the bombings at the

government-sponsored celebration in the capital, Yarmouk Hospital received 42 bodies, including 35 children, said Dr. Azhar Zeid. The hospital also treated 131 wounded, 72 of them under age 14, added Dr. Mohammed Salaheddin.

Some of the children, who are near the end of a nationwide school vacation, said they were attracted to the neighborhood celebration by American soldiers handing out candy.

"The Americans called us. They told us: 'Come here, come here,' asking us if we wanted sweets. We went beside them, then a car ex-

ploded," said 12-year-old Abdel Rahman Dawoud, lying naked in a hospital bed with shrapnel embedded all over his body.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said he was disturbed by the televised images of the day's attacks, which he said showed the importance of training Iraqi military and security forces and improved

intelligence gathering.

"The Iraqi people have suffered enough at the hands of these people," Zebari said on CNN, speaking from London. "We want a new Iraq, a different Iraq."

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Abroad: UO program has new options

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number of professional internships offered overseas. IE3 — international education, experience, employment — internships allow students to gain credits and professional experience.

These internships are available in different private-sector companies, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions around the world, according to Oregon's IE3 Web site, ie3global.oregonstate.edu.

As for costs, Vanderkar said most forms of financial aid apply to study abroad. Students who pay out-of-state tuition may even pay less during their time overseas.

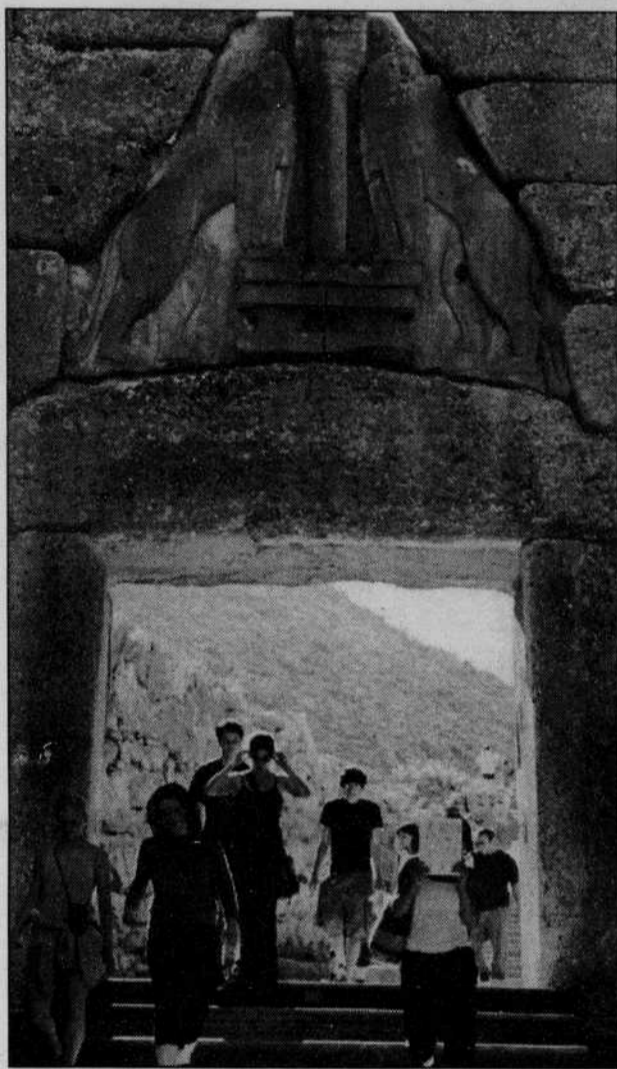
"Students who plan ahead can apply for several scholarships," said Vanderkar.

To qualify for overseas education, students must turn in applications on time, meet grade point average requirements and fulfill requirements specific to the program, such as language proficiency. Students who satisfy these requirements then undergo a personal interview with a program coordinator.

While certain programs require fluency in a foreign language, there are programs in non-English speaking countries that require no foreign-language experience because the classes are taught in English.

BE THERE

The annual study abroad fair will be held in the EMU Fir Room on Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Students studying in Greece tour ancient ruins in Athens through the Overseas Study Program at the University. Information sessions for the program begin Tuesday.

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Some of these programs are in countries that speak languages not offered at the University.

"You can always study the language when you get there," said Vanderkar. "You don't have to have language to go overseas."

"In terms of global understanding, it is so important to study overseas,"

Vanderkar said. "What better time than when you are a student?"

Study abroad information sessions end Oct. 18 with a session on politics, policy and development studies abroad.

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Technology: Companies based on UO research

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Both Selker and Stevens stress that University licensing rights are for protection of intellectual rights rather than a way for the University and faculty to capitalize on an invention. According to the University release, \$1.75 million of the \$2 million was reinvested into research by allocating the money to academic programs and faculty inventors.

The University has two other companies based on campus research, according to the press release. One company is MitoScience, LCC, which uses research conducted by University biology Professor Roderick Capaldi and Michael Marusich, director of the Monoclonal Antibody Facility. Their research has been commercialized and is used in the study of mutations that may cause Parkinson's or Alzheimer's.

The second company is GradWeb, web-based educational software that helps graduate students, faculty and departments interact more efficiently by reducing paperwork and administrative hours. The software was developed by Graduate School Associate Dean Toby Deemer and software consultant Asif Suria.

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IN BRIEF

Schwarzenegger vetoes low-cost drug bills in slew of rejections

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Issuing a flood of last-minute vetoes, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger struck down bills Thursday that would

have helped Californians buy low-cost Canadian drugs, given some protections to car buyers and limited some home foreclosures.

He also vetoed bills that would have required companies to give consumers at least 30 days to claim rebates, made it easier for reporters to interview prison inmates, and boosted penalties for employers who violate equal pay requirements.

Altogether, the republican governor rejected 71 bills on the last day for him to sign or veto legislation passed during the closing hours of the Legislature's 2004 session. He signed 50 bills, including measures to allow some former drug offenders to qualify for food stamps and to cover the medical costs of victims of pesticide spraying.

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