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Captured US pilot stoned

LONDON, Jan 25: A British newspaper said today it had reports of Iraqis stoning a U.S. airman shot down in Iraq before he was taken prisoner. Lamis Andoni, a correspondent for Britain's Financial Times who spent the first week of the war in Baghdad, said Iraqis were defiant in the face of the allied bombardment and had vowed revenge on captured servicemen, reports Reuter.

33 Iraqis await deportation

LONDON, Jan 25: Britain said on Thursday that 33 Iraqis awaiting deportation were believed to be members of the Iraqi armed forces and were thereby considered prisoners of war. The Home office (Interior Ministry) said the 33 Iraqis, all of them students, were handed over to the Defence Ministry. They will join two other Iraqis being held as prisoners of war—both students detained earlier this week and found to be military men, reports Reuter.

Terrorism jitters

UNDATED, Jan 25: Terrorism jitters persisted worldwide Friday as explosions in Greece rocked three local branches of U.S. and British banks and the French military attaché's home. In Malaysia, a homemade bomb was found near two airline offices. There were no injuries in any of the incidents.

A man claiming to speak for the leftist November 17 Terrorist organization telephoned an Athens newspaper. Following the blasts in Greece to say the bombings were a protest against the allied attack on Iraq, reports AP.

Allied troops retake Kuwaiti island, Iraqis surrender

RIYADH Jan 25: A US military spokesman said Allied forces attacked Iraqi troops on a small island off Kuwait on Wednesday and the Iraqis on the island had surrendered, reports Reuter.

Colonel Phil Lacombe said on Thursday he did not know who was now in possession of the island of Qaruh, 22 miles off the coast near the Saudi border.

"I understand it's a small island, there's a navigation beacon and it's used for some fishery purposes," Lacombe said.

He said the attack on the island followed a raid on two Iraqi minesweepers, one of which struck a mine.

A US ship which rescued the Iraqi crew came under fire from the island, he said.

Lacombe said 2 Iraqis were pulled from the water and another 29 were captured on the island. Three Iraqis died in the clash, he said.

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television said Allied forces had captured the island, saying it had been used as a naval base by Iraq.

If the Allies have occupied the island, it would be the first

Kuwaiti territory retaken since Iraq invaded on August 2.

The BBC said three Iraqi vessels had been sunk in the clash.

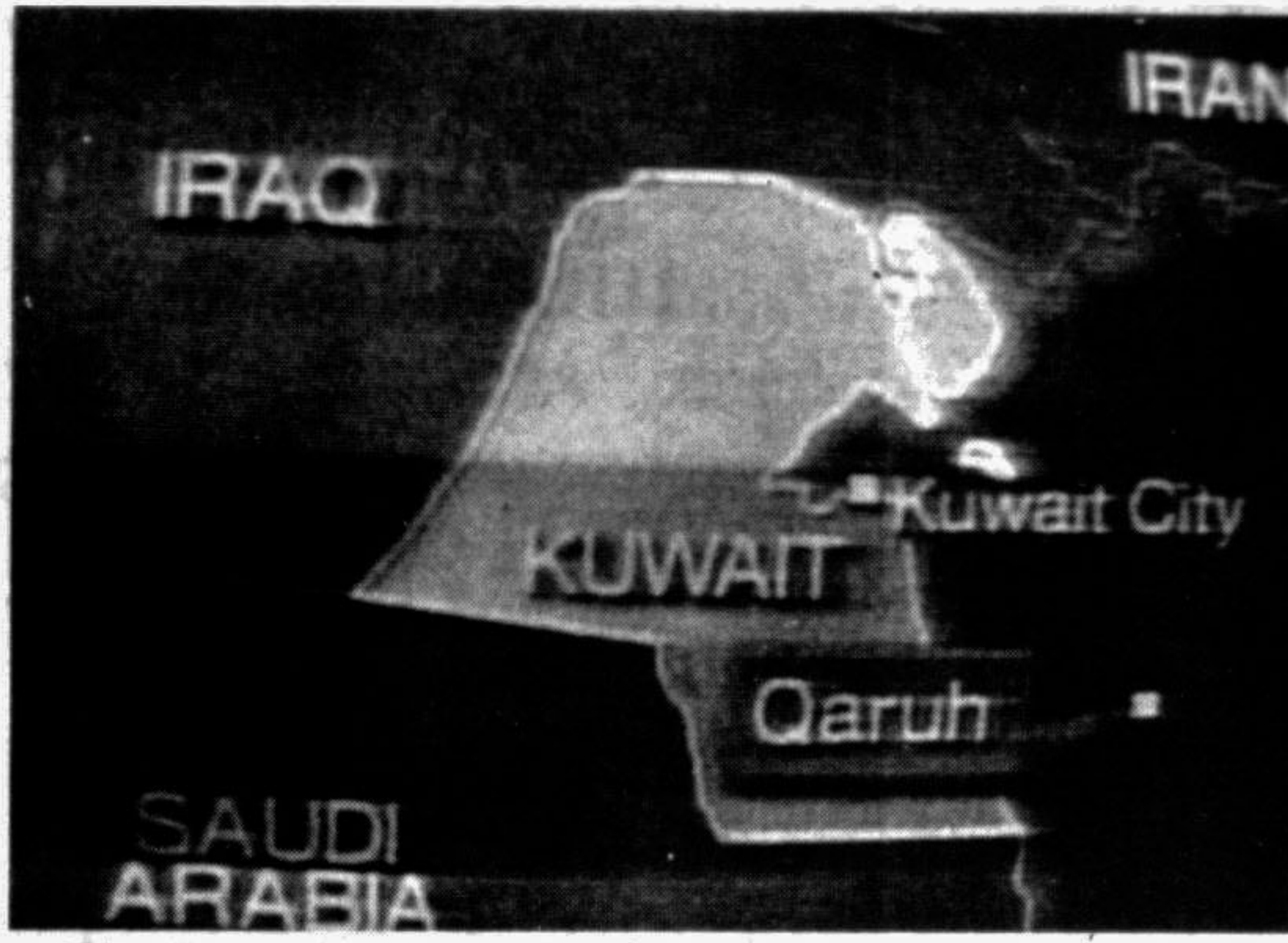
Colonel Lacombe said both Iraqi mine sweepers had sunk, one because of mine damage and other after being attacked by a US A-6 aircraft.

Iraqi troops on Qaruh fired at a US helicopter as it pulled Iraqi crewmen from the sea. The helicopter returned fire, he said.

Meanwhile, ignoring Iraq's taunts that they're afraid to fight on the ground, Allied commanders dispatched warplanes on a ninth day of bombing raids Friday as the United States warned its citizens that "this is not a short war."

Long convoys of Allied material and fuel bound for the Saudi-Kuwaiti border clogged highways in Saudi Arabia and reports of sporadic skirmishes filtered out of occupied Kuwait as both sides geared for the coming ground war.

The allies did gain their first foothold in Kuwait on Thursday, but Qaruh Island is so tiny it 'disappears' at high tide, according to a spokesman



Kuwaiti island (white spot) reportedly captured by the Allied forces.—Star photo from TV

for the exiled Kuwaiti government.

Still, Saqer Al-Bejjan added of the sandpit's con-

quest: "A journey of 1,000 miles starts with one step."

Radio Baghdad denied Friday that the 'infidel Americans' had recaptured the island, calling the claim 'a reckless attempt' to cover up for miscalculations. Iraq also continued trumpeting its capture of Allied airmen, in an apparent effort to boost the country's morale and send a propaganda message to the Arab world.

French raids

AFP reports from Riyadh: French Jaguar fighter bombers Friday attacked positions of the elite Republican Guards in Iraq for the second straight day, reliable sources said. The planes returned safely to base.

In the first French raid on positions inside Iraq rather than occupied Kuwait, French Jaguars and other Allied aircraft Thursday bombed mechanised units of the Republican Guards near the Iraq-Kuwaiti border.

French air units also bombed artillery sites south of Kuwait, according to the French Defense Ministry.

France has not reported losing any aircraft in its raids.

In Washington, a senior US official said Allied warplanes

were dispatched to kill Iraqi President Saddam Hussein one night last week but bad weather aborted the mission, the Washington Post reported Friday.

Saddam who reportedly travels mainly at night accompanied by decoys and a convoy of bodyguards, was pinpointed somewhere in central Iraq by Allied intelligence officers, the unnamed official said.

But because of a storm front that moved through the area, 'we didn't get to cross the target,' the newspaper quoted the official as saying.

The reported effort to kill Saddam raises anew the questions of what the goals of the US-led alliance are—other than ejecting Iraqi forces from Kuwait—and whether such an operation violates a 1981 US executive order banning assassinations of political figures.

A US Defense Department spokesman had no comment on the story.

The newspaper report said the air strike specifically aimed at the Iraqi President was part of a stated Allied tactic to knock out Iraq's

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Pak War Commission report on '71 genocide Court-martial of Yahya, five other Generals recommended

From Mokarram Hossain

LAHORE, Jan 25: A Judicial War Commission Report on Pakistan's 1971 defeat strongly recommended that the then President General Yahya Khan and five of his close associate Generals be court-martialled on charges of criminal conspiracy during the War of Liberation in Bangladesh.

The commission also recommended that mere retirement of these Generals would not be enough if they were found guilty of gross abuse of official position and betrayal of the country by their moral degeneration resulting from indecision, cowardice and professional incompetence.

Soon after the war, the Pakistan Government had appointed a three-member commission headed by the then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Mr. Hamoodur Rehman, to investigate into the atrocities committed by the army in the then East Pakistan. Two other members of the commission were Mr. Justice Anwar-ul-Haq, who later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Mr. Tufail

Ali Abdur Rehman, then Chief Justice of the Sind High Court. The commission had submitted its preliminary report.



Gen Yahya Khan

In July 1972 after examining about 237 witnesses, it submitted its final report containing ten-point recommendations in November 1974 after examining the Pakistani prisoners of war.

The commission accused General Yahya Khan, General Abdul Hameed Khan, Lt. Gen-

eral S.G.M. Pervezada, Maj. General Umar, Lt. General Gul Hassan and Maj. General Mitha for being "party to a criminal conspiracy to illegally usurp power from President Field Marshal Ayub Khan on the 25th of March, 1969, and to maintain General Yahya Khan in power." It recommended their public trial, if necessary.

It may be mentioned that the secret of the Hamoodur Rehman Commission Report was first disclosed by "The Nation", a daily published from Lahore on the 19th anniversary of Bangladesh's 'Victory Day' on December 16 last.

The influential daily observed the final recommendations of this most famous of all commissions of enquiry, ever appointed in the history of Pakistan, were shrouded in secrecy for about 17 years. All successive governments chose not to divulge the contents of the report or its recommendations considering those to be very explosive.

The Hamoodur Rehman Commission alleged that these Generals tried to influence po-

Bombs hurled at AL office

NETROKONA, Jan 25: Several handbombs were hurled at the Awami League office here today, allegedly by a rival political group.

Khaleda offers jobs to 17m if voted to power

NAOGAON, Jan 25: Bangladesh Nationalist Party Chairperson and Seven-Party Alliance leader Begum Khaleda Zia Friday declared if voted to power, her party would set up small and medium scale industries in the rural areas to provide jobs to 17 million unemployed people, reports ISS.

Addressing a public meeting at a team playground, Begum Khaleda Zia said establishment of industries was a great necessity for creating employment opportunities for a big chunk of our population to ensure overall development.

Organised by the Naogaon District Branch of BNP, the meeting was presided over by Mr. Alamgir Kabir President, Naogaon District BNP and Agriculture Secretary of the

Rival claims

UNDATED, Jan 25: Allied claims: A total 23 aircraft lost, one pilot confirmed dead and 26 missing, 80 Iraqis taken prisoner, eight killed. Forty-three Iraqi planes and eight vessels put out of commission, reports AFP.

Iraqi claims: A total 155 Iraqi civilians killed and 90 Iraqi soldiers. Civilian wounded put at 257 and soldiers at 70. Iraq claims 249 allied warplanes or missiles shot down: No figure for Iraqi equipment losses.

Civilian casualties elsewhere (according to figures release from each country): Seven dead and 143 injured in Israel, 12 injured in Saudi Arabia.

Ghost phone calls threaten GCC diplomats

By Staff Correspondent

Many diplomats of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries are receiving anonymous telephone calls threatening them that they would be retaliated upon for the allied attack on Iraq, according to diplomatic sources.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates are grouped in Gulf Cooperation Council and these countries have joined the multi-national forces to force Iraq out of Kuwait. The GCC countries diplomats admitted that they were being threatened by Arab people over telephone. They alleged that the callers must be Iraqis or their Arab sympathisers. "This is an act of terrorism," said a Saudi diplomat.

Some GCC diplomats alleged that the Bangladesh Administration did not respond quickly to tackle the

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100 injured in fresh Dhaka jail clash

More than 100 inmates of the Dhaka Central Jail were injured, three seriously, in a violent clash between two groups of prisoners Friday, reports UNB.

The seriously injured prisoners were taken out and admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, (DMCH) and jail sources said.

They were named Buddha Dom (25), Liton Alias Nissan (25) and Kamal (20). Other injured were admitted to the jail hospital.

About 4,000 inmates from the two groups fought for about an hour, sources said, in a fresh eruption of trouble in the jail, a few days after the recent prisoners revolt.

The clash between the under-trial prisoners and convicts

started at 11.30 am. The clash was fueled by a few inmates who had led last month's jail riot.

The prisoners damaged the cell windows, water pipelines and kitchen and clashed with

Jail authorities, however, didn't intervene in the clash, but called in police.

Police who entered the jail at the call of jail authorities did not go for any action as the prisoners ended their battle at around 12.30 pm.

Sources said the prisoners were, however, taken to their respective lockups at 5 pm. Authorities seized the pipes, sticks and other sharp weapons the inmates fought with.

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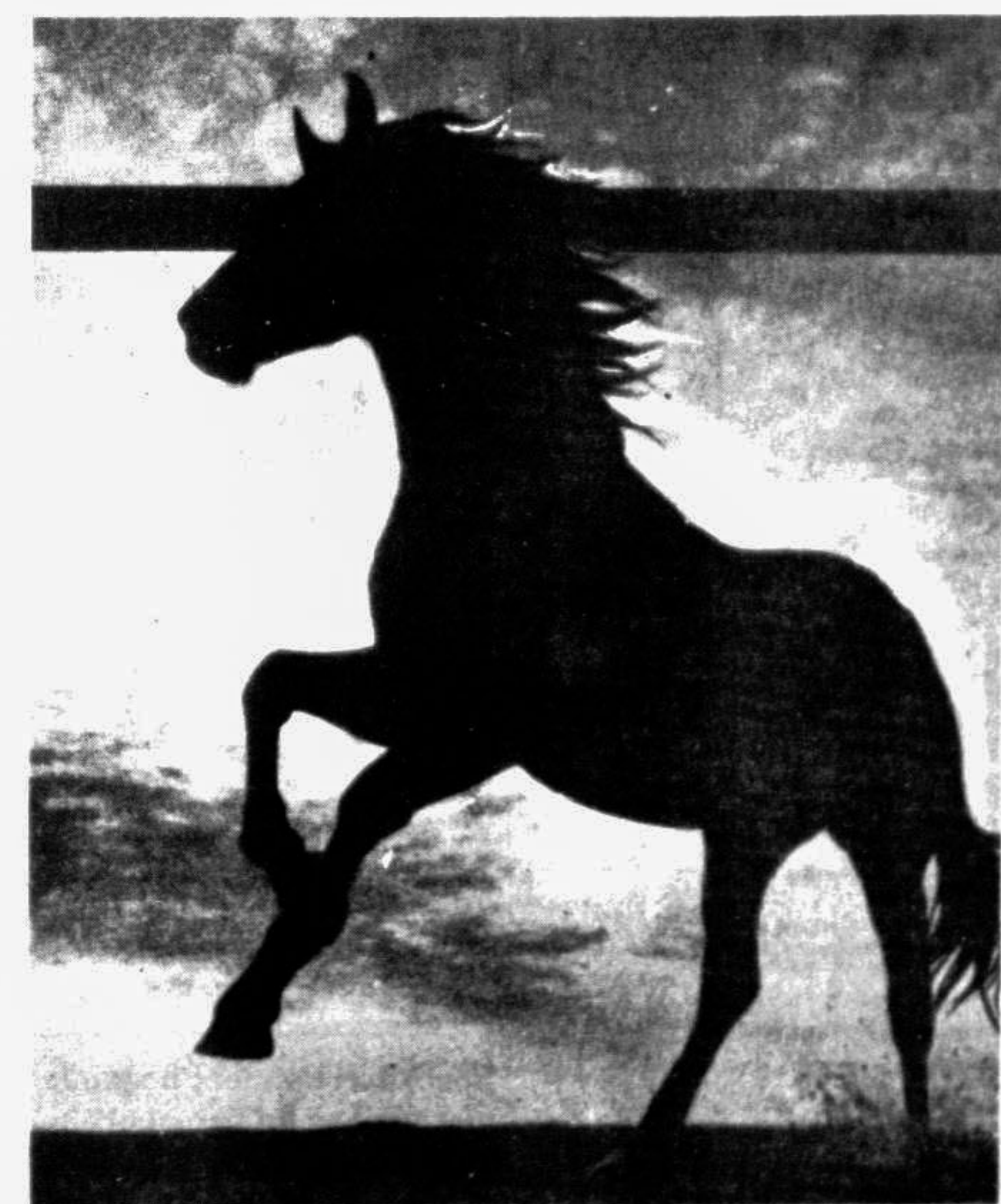
Iraq fires missiles into Israel again

JERUSALEM, Jan 25: Several missiles dropped on Israel Friday night, military spokesman General Nahman Shai said, after air raid sirens sounded across the country, reports AFP.

Eight to 10 missiles fell on the Tel Aviv region, and AFP correspondent reported, despite the deployment of the sophisticated Patriot missile batteries with American crews.

There was no immediate word on possible casualties from the fifth night attack on Israel since the Gulf war erupted on January 17.

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