

Hijackers among 50 killed on Egyptair airliner

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VALETTA, Malta — Egyptian commandos stormed a hijacked Egyptair jetliner last night and shots, explosions and a fire during the assault killed as many as 50 people, a government spokesman said.

"There are about 50 dead by bullet or fire," spokesman Paul Mifsud told reporters two hours after the assault. The wounded pilot, Capt. Hani Galal, told a news conference that all eight children aboard the plane were among those who perished.

Mifsud said the hijackers hurled hand grenades at the passengers when they realized the Boeing 737 was being stormed, and the resulting fire destroyed the inside of the jetliner.

The victims "were trapped inside and couldn't get out," he added.

Mifsud said there were four or five hijackers, possibly four Palestinians and one Syrian.

Most passengers on the plane, commandeered Saturday over Greece with 97 people aboard and diverted to Malta, were Egyptians or Greeks. One of the three American passengers was killed and the other two were wounded and thrown from the plane by the hijackers before the commando assault.

Malta's state-run television said about 80 people were on the jetliner when the commandos attacked. It said 28 wounded people were taken to hospitals.

Mifsud said Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici authorized the assault because "the situation was getting out of hand." He added that it was totally an Egyptian operation.

Mifsud quoted Galal, as saying the hijack leader was "a madman" who sang and danced each time he shot a hostage and tossed the body from the plane onto the tarmac.

Galal, 39, earlier told authorities by radio that the hijackers had killed seven people.

As the commandos stormed the plane, Galal killed the hijack leader with an ax, Mifsud said. Both the pilot and the co-pilot were wounded in the struggle.

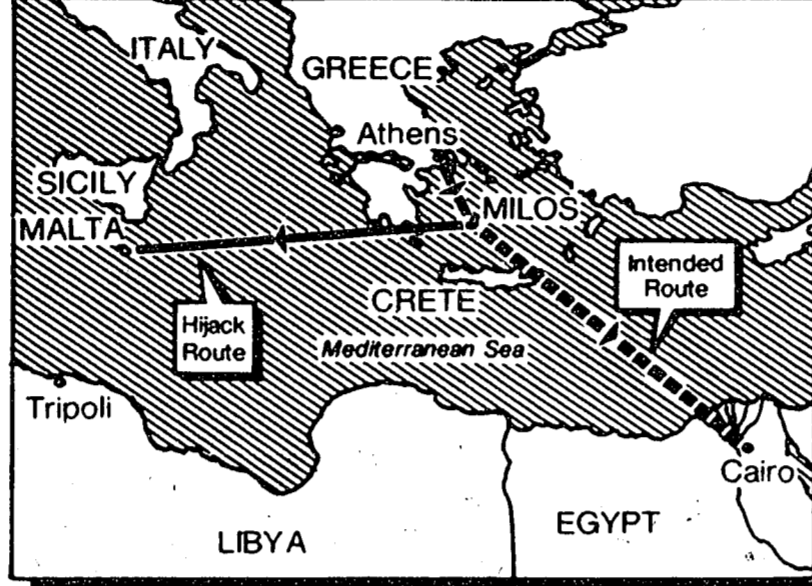
The pilot, his head bandaged and his jacket and white shirt spotted with blood, told a news conference that the hijack leader singled out Americans and Israelis "for execution."

It was "awful. . . . But our only hope was the storming," Galal said. The assault troops "were facing first-class killers. They were desperate and would not hesitate to blow up the plane."

Joel Levy, the deputy U.S. Embassy chief, told reporters the commandos attacked at 8:20 p.m. (2:20 p.m. EST), about 24 hours after the jetliner was seized while en route from Athens, Greece, to Cairo, Egypt.

He said that "at first report, it appears all the hijackers were killed."

The Athens airport also was where



The Egyptian airliner hijacked Saturday on a flight from Athens to Cairo was forced to land on Malta. Officials at the Athens airport said the plane was seized while flying over the Greek island of Milos and changed its course for Malta.

two armed Lebanese terrorists boarded a Trans World Airways Boeing 727 on June 14 and hijacked it on the flight from Athens to Rome with 153 people aboard. They forced it back and forth between Beirut, Lebanon, and Algiers, Algeria, during which they released most of the hostages and killed a U.S. Navy diver in civilian clothes.

Levy said there were three Americans aboard the Egyptair jetliner, and one was killed. He said at least two bodies, including that of an

American, were thrown off the plane before the assault. Several wounded passengers, including the two other Americans, also were tossed off and 11 women were allowed to leave before the commando charge.

Levy said he did not know what caused the explosion, but that it happened after the commandos blew open the two doors. He called that "fairly standard procedure."

Authorities issued a "full medical alert" calling for all assistance and emergency blood donations.

American woman shot by hijackers

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An American woman who was wounded aboard a hijacked Egyptian plane had been forced to kneel when terrorists shot her in the back of the head and threw her off the jetliner, her family said yesterday.

Jackie Nink Pflug, apparently left for dead by the hijackers, was one of three Americans aboard Egyptair Flight 648, the State Department said. The hijacking ended after a bloody assault on the plane by Egyptian commandos that left up to 50 people dead.

Jackie Pflug, 30, a special education teacher in Cairo, Egypt, was undergoing surgery in Malta last night, her family said.

"They shot her in a kneeling position and threw her out of the airplane. She landed on her face, broke her nose," Pflug's father, Eugene Nink, said from his home in Pasadena, Texas.

A Nink family spokesman, Eric Beaver, said Pflug's hands were tied behind her back before she was shot. "Getting off the plane early is what saved her — before the commandos rushed the plane," he said.

The wounded pilot, Capt. Hani Galal, earlier pleaded with airport officials by radio to cooperate with the hijackers to save passengers' lives. In a tape of the conversation broadcast by ABC News, Galal spoke of the killing of an American woman and said:

"He is killing her now, so, say again, say, do something, he is killing her now. . . . He is outside shooting her now. I am the captain, you are wasting life, you are wasting life. He is killing her, he has killed her already."

The other Americans were identified as Scarlett Rogenkamp, 38, of Oceanside, Calif., and Patrick Scott Baker, 28, of White Salmon, Wash.

Paul Mifsud, a Maltese spokesman, said one woman, probably an American, was shot to death before the assault and her body thrown off the plane. Another woman was thrown from the plane with a head wound and left for dead, he said.

Joel Levy, the deputy U.S. Embassy chief in Malta, told reporters that one of the three Americans was killed.

Baker's mother, Lois, said her son feigned death after he was shot in the head and left in a pool of blood.

Two women, male sexually assaulted

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A 20-year-old woman was assaulted while walking home Saturday night, and in another incident a woman was harassed by a male earlier that evening, State College Bureau of Police Services said. Also, a teenage boy reported Saturday that he was raped Nov. 8 by a male University student, University Police Services said.

The 20-year-old woman was walking home at 10:20 Saturday night was assaulted and received terroristic threats by an unidentified man at the 600 block of Prospect Avenue.

The man came out from behind some bushes, grabbed the woman and covered her mouth, police said, adding that he threatened to use a knife and ordered her to not scream. He struck her six times and when she told him her boyfriend was right behind her, he again warned her not to scream. Police added that he forced her to the ground, straddled her, disrobed her and ejaculated on her stomach.

After assaulting her, the man left and the woman ran to two males walking by, police said. One escorted her home, where her roommate called the police. The other attempted to chase the man who assaulted her, police said. The woman was treated and released.

The man is described as white, between 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, 160 pounds, wearing a black or blue quilted waist-length jacket, blue jeans, black gloves, and a ski mask pulled down to his chin.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, another woman

reported being harassed by a male when she was walking south on Allen Street onto Prospect Avenue.

The man asked her what time it was and, after she told him, the man jumped and tried to grab her legs, police said. The woman jumped away and ran to a house nearby, police said. The man is described as white in his 40's, 6 feet 1 inch, 160 pounds, deep voice, acne scars, wearing a dark blue and black tassel cap, a blue nylon jacket, blue jeans, and brown boots.

A teenage boy reported to University police Saturday afternoon that a male University student forced him to have deviate sexual intercourse, said Linda Schutjer, assistant University police supervisor.

Although the incident on campus occurred Nov. 8, the boy waited until this time to tell his parents, who then encouraged him to tell police he was taken to a campus location and raped. Because the boy, who attends a State College area school, was not familiar with the campus buildings, he could not determine which building he was taken to, Schutjer said.

The boy told police that the man is white, in his late teens or early twenties, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, light complexion, light-blond hair parted in the middle and feathered on the sides, wearing faded Levi blue jeans with a small hole in the left knee. He is also said to have worn a hooded white sweatshirt with long sleeves, a white crew-necked T-shirt with short sleeves, muddy white or grey sneakers with a hole in the toe of the right shoe and white athletic socks.

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Lions would Sooner play in Miami

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PITTSBURGH — Even before the football team took the field Saturday night in Pittsburgh, it knew it would be spending New Year's Day in Miami.

University President Bryce Jordan accepted Orange Bowl President Jack Hoehl's invitation to play in the Miami classic at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, against Big Eight representative Oklahoma.

Oklahoma earned the right to meet the Lions for the national championship by defeating Nebraska, 27-7 Saturday in Norman, Okla., while seventh-ranked Oklahoma State was losing to Iowa State, 15-10.

The intersectional matchup will be seen nationally on NBC, with coverage beginning at 8 p.m. New Year's night from the Orange Bowl in Miami.

Over the last couple of weeks, Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno had gotten away from answering bowl questions, saying his squad had other teams to worry about before thinking about post-season play.

Following the Lions 31-0 drubbing of Pitt, however, Paterno smiled when asked about the Orange Bowl, seemingly waiting for that question to be asked now that it was appropriate.

"I'm very excited," Paterno said. "I'm excited to go back to Miami, I'm excited about playing a team as good as Oklahoma for all the marbles. I think that's the way the champion ought to be decided."

Penn State is no stranger to the Orange Bowl.

Following the 1968, 1969 and 1973 seasons, the unbeaten Lions went to Miami, and left with perfect 12-0



The Nittany Lion mascot and some Penn State majorettes let the crowd know who's No. 1 after the Lions trounced Pitt 31-0 Saturday. The Lions will travel to the Orange Bowl New Year's Day to battle Oklahoma for the national championship.

records, and the same thing can happen if the Lions beat the Sooners on New Year's night.

For the players, they decided last Sunday they wanted to play the highest ranked team possible in a bowl game, and that meant the Orange Bowl.

But quarterback John Shaffer said the team still had to concentrate on Pitt, and even now that that game's

over, he's looking forward to something more than the Orange Bowl, for now at least.

"We're looking forward to it," Shaffer said. "But I think right now we need a week off, and that's what a lot of people are looking forward to."

For the Orange Bowl representatives, things couldn't be much sweeter than being the bowl that decides the national championship — again.

In three of the last four years, the Miami classic has played an integral role in determining the national champion, and representative John Ludwig said Miami again will be the center of attention on New Year's night.

"We think we have a great game," Ludwig said. "We're excited for the city of Miami, and we're excited for the Orange Bowl."

Awareness emphasized in final alcohol proposals to president

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The University President's Task Force on Alcohol's final recommendations on alcohol awareness and treatment programs represent the need for the administration to stop student alcohol abuse, a task force co-chairman said.

M. Lee Uperaft, division director of counseling and health services, said while the University must regulate alcohol use to protect itself from liability, the key to reducing alcohol abuse is increased awareness of alcohol-related problems among students.

Undergraduate Student Government President David Rosenblatt, co-chairman of the task force, said the task force wanted to respond to student feedback and provide existing treatment and awareness programs with expanded resources to increase their effectiveness.

Rosenblatt said student input played an important role in forming the alcohol awareness and education recommendations.

Student input directly led to the creation of two recommendations that would require all University freshmen to take a one-credit alcohol education course and have the Uni-

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Pandemonium breaks loose after Lion victory

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While Nittany Lion fans in Pittsburgh celebrated their team's trouncing of cross-state rivals Pitt Panthers, a little over 150 miles away pandemonium broke out in Happy Valley.

About 2,000 fans paraded to Beaver Stadium around midnight and some broke into the stadium and tore down both goalposts after watching the top-ranked Lions on television complete their fourth undefeated season in regular play under Head Football Coach Joe Paterno. Later, fans rallied on the steps of Old Main.

"We were psyched; we were on an Orange Bowl mission," said Anthony Ruggiero (freshman-pre-law) among a crowd of about 100 people huddling around a portion of the north goalpost as it was being sawed into pieces on the steps of Old Main. "Joe Paterno made us proud tonight."

Bonnie Wykstra (senior-computer science) said, "Penn State is number one and the fans are number one right with them."

University Police Services said about 2,000 fans converged at the intersection of Beaver Avenue and Locust Lane gaining momentum as they rampaged through the streets of State College en route to the stadium. Walking by way of Shortlidge Road Lion supporters chanted "Goalposts," "We're No. 1" and "We are. . . Penn State."

Randy Hoffman, University police officer, said police officers of State College Bureau of Police Services blocked off Beaver Avenue to deter cars

from driving into the crowds on College Avenue.

"Right after the scoreboard clock counted down to zero we all went running outside," Ruggiero said. He said on the way to the stadium fans jumped on cars and shook Centre Line and Campus Loop buses.

About 150 people broke through Beaver Stadium Gate 16 and proceeded onto the field.

One person was observed climbing up the steps near the scoreboard ringing the Victory Bell, police said.

The crowd carried one of the goalposts up the east side of the stands planning to drop it over the side of the stadium to break it into pieces for souvenirs, Hoffman said.

However, fearing injury, "as it got closer to the top it looked like a few people got smart and assisted it back onto the field," he said.

About 400 fans left the stadium carrying a 15-foot piece of the goalpost to Old Main, cheering and chanting along the way.

"We couldn't get Pitt's goalposts down so we got ours," Mike Williams (junior-management) said.

On Old Main's steps, a crowd of about 100 sang with the student version of the Alma Mater "We don't know the Goddamn words." One fan yelled, "Let's bring the scoreboard down so we can read the words."

Wykstra said it is a tradition to come to Old Main with the goalpost.

"That's where we can show the most school spirit," she said.

Williams said the Associated Press poll rated

the team number one only after the Cincinnati game, but "they were No. 1 to everybody here from the start. All the critics can eat their words now."

Patrick Gabor (senior-accounting) yelled, "What's a Sooner?" in reference to the Oklahoma team the Lions will play in the Orange Bowl.

"A Sooner is No. 2," Williams responded.

At the corner of Beaver Avenue and Locust Lane fans burned an Oklahoma football shirt to the cheers of hundreds looking on.

Wykstra said, "I think the police were just as excited as we were."

But as the fervor of the crowd increased, six University Police officers standing guard, interfered with the victory revelry and ordered the crowd to leave the area around Old Main.

Three University students were issued citations for criminal trespassing on the stadium field, and two were cited for criminal mischief at Old Main, according to University police.

Ritenour Health Center reported that five students were treated for injuries and at least two were treated for fractured legs, police said.

"When (the crowd) starts to form to a point where the safety of people is in danger then police can stop it," Hoffman said. "Crowd behavior is unpredictable especially when people have been drinking. There may be injury from crowd stampeding."

Hoffman said patrolling Old Main was taking manpower away from other duties on campus.

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Today, some sunshine with increasing clouds. It will be cool with a high approaching 40. Tonight: cloudy, we could see a flurry or freezing rain developing by morning. Low 29. . . . Heldt Sonen