

25 die after Sikh attacks

Militants start shooting spree in New Delhi, Punjab state

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NEW DELHI, India — Sikh militants killed 25 people in a massacre in New Delhi and in attacks in Punjab state over the weekend, police said yesterday.

Sikhs in New Delhi killed 12 and wounded 20 in a shooting spree Saturday that began at a private, outdoor birthday party, given for an Indian youth named Bharat Behl.



Relatives comfort a grieving woman yesterday in South Delhi after Sikh gunmen opened fire on a birthday party she was attending.

Thirteen other people were shot dead in attacks in northern Punjab state.

Radicals waging a guerrilla campaign for a separate Sikh nation in Punjab state were blamed for more than 400 deaths there this year.

Police said two men fired automatic rifles at the party Saturday night at 10:45 p.m. in the Greater Kailash section of South Delhi, killing five people and wounding 13.

The assassinations took place in a stolen car and with random bursts of gunfire killed five people and wounded six minutes later at three locations not far from the party, police said.

They kidnapped three men and shot them all, killing two of the hostages and wounding the third, police added.

Rakesh Behl, who was at the party, was quoted yesterday in the Hindu Star Times as saying the guests first thought they heard firecrackers, then realized it was gunfire.

"People started running blindly... (when) two terrorists in mustard kurta pajamas and shirt and jeans burst in," Behl said.

"The incident was the deadliest by

Sikh radicals in the capital since a series of explosions killed 87 people in May 1985.

Sikhs, whose religion is an offshoot of Hinduism, make up about 2 percent of India's 780 million population.

Punjab said police were put on maximum alert and roads to neighboring Haryana and Uttar Pradesh states were sealed.

Government radio said that in Punjab, 13 people were killed Saturday night and yesterday morning in three attacks blamed on Sikhs.

The dead included Harjinder Singh and seven members of his family shot to death Saturday night in Udhoke village near Amritsar.

Philly drivers face high insurance rates

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia drivers face some of the highest auto insurance rates in the country, but more than half of the cars registered in the city are uninsured in violation of state law, according to a published report.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation says 750,000 private passenger autos are registered in Philadelphia, according to spokesman Dan McFadden.

Only 300,000 cars are estimated by the state Insurance Department to be insured through the regular insurance market and an additional 15,000 insured through a state insurance program for higher risk drivers. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported in its editions yesterday.

A 1986 study showed a typical two-car policy for Philadelphians cost \$2,436 a year, the Inquirer said.

Repair costs, theft, fraud and uninsured motorists all contribute to the city's high premiums, according to insurance officials.

Drivers are not required to carry collision insurance, but uninsured motorists are adding to the cost of collision coverage, officials said. A car owner struck by an uninsured driver may have no means of collecting for damages except through the collision coverage, causing higher premiums.

The Inquirer, citing statistics from State Farm Insurance Co., said collision claims are filed nearly twice as often in Philadelphia than anywhere else in the state.

"It is a monstrous problem in Philadelphia, not only the uninsured but also the underinsured," said James A. O'Brien Jr., director of management planning for State Farm, the state's largest auto insurer.

Philadelphia drivers also filed seven times as many uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage claims as the state average, according to Gerald R. Binsintine, actuary and Pennsylvania pricing manager for Nationwide Insurance, the state's second largest insurer.

One Philadelphia motorist, Joanne Keating, was involved in an accident two months ago that she says wasn't her fault. But because the other driver didn't have any insurance, she must pay \$2,400 to repair the rental car she was driving.

"She (the other driver) has paid nothing," Keating said.

750,000 autos are registered in Phila. 300,000 are estimated to be insured.

—PennDOT

Insurance officials said they aren't sure exactly how much uninsured motorists add to the cost of auto insurance in Philadelphia.

"Everybody pays for the uninsured motorists," said Lee Felbinger, a spokesman for the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, a trade group.

The Financial Responsibility Law of 1981 abolished the state's no-fault insurance system that required all drivers to either carry a minimum insurance package or present proof that they had assets to pay off any judgments against them.

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Proxmire awards Golden Fleece

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WASHINGTON — A room within the White House complex that was trimmed in gold leaf and given a six-figure restoration job yesterday won Sen. William Proxmire's Golden Fleece Award for government waste.

The award went to the Executive Office of the President for "spending \$611,623 to gild one medium-sized room" in the Old Executive Office Building, a historic Victorian-era structure where many top administration officials, including Budget Director James Miller, have offices.

As part of the continuing interior renovation of the building, Proxmire said the White House authorized the General Services Administration,

the government's housekeeping agency, to restore a room first used more than 100 years ago by the Secretary of the Navy.

"What did this one-room renovation cost?" Proxmire, D-Wis., asked. "Not \$100,000, nor even \$400,000, but a staggering \$611,623 was shelled out by the taxpayers."

"This office is now used for ceremonial functions and conferences" but remained unused as of mid-April," he said in a statement.

Proxmire did not dispute the historical value of the room, which has been occupied by 15 secretaries of the Navy, by President Hoover for four months in 1930, by Gen. John "Blackjack" Pershing from 1921 through 1947 and by every vice president except Hubert Humphrey since 1947.

"But like so many government programs, this

renovation soon went from cost-conscious modesty to big-spending opulence," he said.

Ron Tammen, a Proxmire spokesman who examined the room, said, "It's beautifully done."

The room includes gilt trim on the ceiling, and Proxmire's office did not get a breakdown specifying the cost of the gold-leaf work, Tammen said.

White House spokesman Ben Jarratt disputed Proxmire's figure. He said the historic renovation, which included restoration of the floor and wall and ceiling decorations in addition to the gilt work, cost \$346,454.

It included an unexpected expenditure of \$129,000 to correct faulty work done by a previous contractor, he said.

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political violence since Chun took power in 1980.

Before police withdrew, running battles went on for hours yesterday in the narrow streets around the cathedral, the Catholic Church's national headquarters.

Police hurled tear gas whenever a mob tried to gather to demonstrate. Some students fought back, hurling firebombs and rocks, but most people did not try to fight.

Women tried to halt the violence by

walking up and offering flowers to the helmeted riot police, who wore green combat uniforms and gas masks and stood behind shields. Some officers accepted the peace offerings or allowed the women to stick the flowers into their tunics. Others refused.

Many people caught by police during the clashes were taken away and a number of people were injured. Officials declined to give any figures.

Information Minister Lee Woong-hee came to inspect the scene, but

felt behind police lines after he was recognized and chased by people in the crowds around the cathedral.

Witnesses said Vice Home Minister Lee Sang-hee, who also visited the area, was kicked and punched before some students, shouting "No violence!" rescued him from an angry crowd.

Police used shields, tear gas rifles and grenades guarded many downtown intersections.

Students at the cathedral were clearly puzzled when the police sud-

Pope

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John Paul's third to his homeland since his 1978 elevation to the papacy.

"Let the word solidarity flow from our Polish soil — with all those people who still suffer racism, neo-colonialism, exploitation, unemployment, persecution and intolerance," a grim-faced Jaruzelski added.

The pontiff had frequently praised Solidarity — the banned labor federation.

"The pope harkened back to the theme of greater respect for human rights during his nationally broadcast farewell address.

"Our homeland must strive so that human life in Poland becomes more and more humane and worthy of man," he said.

He listed "four fundamental human rights" for which Poland must aim to achieve true peace: "the right to truth, to freedom, to justice and to love." Several hundred people at the

airport interrupted the pope's address with applause. Jaruzelski's speech was coolly received.

Earlier, the pope led a massive procession through downtown Warsaw, kneeling before the Holy Eucharist on a specially equipped mobile platform.

Nearby, a line of police rushed toward a separate crowd of 2,000 Solidarity supporters, breaking up a planned march and detaining at least five people, witnesses said.

"No freedom without Solidarity!" they had chanted, following the main procession.

"Lions and the pope!" was the chant. Earlier, the pontiff told the nation's bishops at their Warsaw headquarters that Poland and the Vatican should establish diplomatic relations.

Such a move would make Poland, which is 94 percent Catholic, the only Soviet bloc nation with diplomatic ties to the Holy See.

Among the cities the pope visited

was the Baltic port city of Gdansk, where Solidarity was born in a wave of 1980 strikes. Martial law crushed it in December 1981 and the union federation was banned before martial law was lifted in July 1983.

John Paul started yesterday with a traditional visit to the stone grave of the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest beaten to death by government security agents in 1981.

He then headed to Defilad Square, filled with more than 1 million people for a Mass.

He then condemned the "programmed atheism" of many Communist countries.

"But none of this can change in any way the fact of Christ," he added.

Dozens of Solidarity banners fluttered in the breeze. It was the last Mass of the pope's third pilgrimage home.

"The fourth pilgrimage in a free

Coal

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simple to install onto a standard boiler, compared to other alternative energy technologies.

As the next step in the development of coal-water fuel technology, a boiler larger than the one now used in the laboratory will be installed into the University's steam system, Jenkins said, adding that the construction and installation will occur later this year.

He said the project will demonstrate the use of coal-water fuel on an institutional scale.

"We want to demonstrate that coal-water fuel

can be substituted for natural gas or oil or used in conjunction with either fuel," Jenkins said. "If various types of Pennsylvania coal can be used in the technology, then customers need not worry about a reliable supply of fuel, because the coal reserves will last well into the future."

For that reason, Jenkins foresees the possibility of a long-term solution for stabilizing the declining coal industry.

However, Gordon said he believes that fundamental problems using coal will prevent a massive recovery of the coal industry.

"Environmental problems introduce cost bar-

riers, and reasonable environmental restrictions are necessary," Gordon said.

Jenkins said the poisonous residues resulting from the burning of coal can be prevented from entering the atmosphere without too much difficulty. He added that the strip and deep mining methods used to recover coal are environmentally manageable to certain degrees, although they do carry the price tags that Gordon mentioned.

Gordon describes coal-water fuel technology as a modest research effort probably well worth taking. "However, the resuscitation of an industry of the past is unlikely," he said.

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