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Americans reach freedom in Turkey

Top U.N. official will attempt to mediate gulf crisis

By the Associated Press

Fifty-two exhausted Americans arrived safely in Turkey on Monday after an ordeal in Iraq and occupied Kuwait, and U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said "it is time for diplomacy" to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis.

World markets rebounded and oil prices eased, apparently on the rare good news from the Middle East. But there were threatening developments as well.

Baghdad detained three young men,

the sons of American diplomats, at the Turkish border, separating them from their families.

The State Department ordered the expulsion of 36 Iraqi diplomats — two-thirds of the Iraqi Embassy staff in Washington — and imposed travel restrictions on those remaining.

In Kuwait, diplomats waged a test of wills for a third day with Iraqi authorities demanding that they close their embassies.

In the gritty reaches of the Saudi Arabian desert, the pace of the U.S. troop deployment was as blistering as the temperatures. Army Maj. Gen. William G. Pagonis, in charge of logistics for the U.S. forces, said an average of 50 U.S. transport flights were arriving daily.

Those Americans who arrived safely in Turkey on Monday began their journey last week as a group of 100 American diplomats and dependents who left Kuwait after Iraq's embassy-closing order.

In Baghdad, Iraq detained the men but allowed the 55 women and children to leave.

Then, at the Turkish border — after a grueling 27-hour, 430-mile overland trip from Baghdad — three young men over the age of 18 were "forcibly removed" and sent back to the Iraqi capital, the U.S. Embassy in Ankara said.

Washington angrily accused Baghdad of having "once again reneged on its

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Copies of Stripes head for the Arabian front

By **RANDY McCLAIN**
Staff writer

The Stars and Stripes has landed.

Beginning this week, more than 18,000 copies of The Stars and Stripes are being flown daily to U.S. servicemembers serving on land and sea as part of Operation Desert Shield.

Deane B. McDermott, circulation manager, said the first shipment of papers left Saturday morning from Frankfurt, West Germany, and arrived Sunday in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. "The folks in Riyadh were delighted," McDermott said.

Other copies of the newspaper are being sent to Dhahran and Jiddah in Saudi Arabia. From there, copies of Stripes are distributed, through the military mail system to troops on land in Saudi Arabia and to ships at sea in the region.

"It's important to cover the entire force, and not just the ground forces," McDermott said.

The Stars and Stripes had been working with military officials for at least two weeks on the best method of delivering newspapers to the field, McDermott said. "We couldn't just dump the newspapers down there without knowing what would happen to them," he said.

On Friday, Stripes received unit designations and APO and FPO mailing addresses for U.S. forces in the region, and that has made the shipping process easier, McDermott said.

Before that development, Stripes had increased the number of papers it was sending to Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets in Saudi Arabia to roughly 3,000 copies a day. But those sales have since been scaled back to 500 a day.

Troops participating in Operation Desert Shield will receive The Stars and Stripes free of charge, McDermott said.

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Off to school

Justin Doolittle, 5, clings to his dad upon arrival at kindergarten in Babenhausen, West Germany, while his sister, Tasha, an older and wiser first-grader,

finds simply holding hands is comfort enough. Dad is Staff Sgt. Edwin Doolittle of the 77th Maint Co. DODDS schools opened Monday. See story, Page 8.

S&S Gus Schuettler

Copter crash kills guitarist Vaughan, Clapton associates

EAST TROY, Wis. (AP) — Grammy-winning blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan was killed Monday morning in a helicopter crash shortly after a concert, authorities said. Four other people, including members of guitarist Eric Clapton's entourage, were also killed.

Announcement of Vaughan's death was made by Clapton's publicist in Los Angeles, Ronnie Lippin, who quoted the famed guitarist as saying that Vaughan and the other victims "were my companions, my associates and my friends. This is a tragic loss of some very special people."

The helicopter, owned by Omni Flight Helicopters Inc., crashed into a field about 12:35 a.m. It crashed shortly after leaving the Alpine Valley Music Theater, an

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