

## Germany halt military aid set for Turkey

BONN, Germany (AP) — Germany is suspending some military deliveries to Turkey until it determines whether German-supplied weapons are being used against Kurdish rebels, the government said Thursday.

But the government will deliver 16 U.S.-made Phantom jets that were promised to Turkey during the Persian Gulf War, a statement said.

Turkey already has received 30 Phantoms, 100 Leopard 1 main battle tanks, 187 armored personnel carriers and other armor.

Germany suspended all weapons shipments to Turkey in 1992, charging that German-supplied arms were used against Kurdish demonstrators. It lifted the embargo two months later under U.S. pressure.

The Bonn government again has come under domestic political pressure to halt arms deliveries to Turkey after reports that weapons provided as military aid by Germany were being used in the latest crackdown on Kurdish separatists in southeastern Turkey.

Turkey denies that its military is using German-supplied weapons against the guerrillas of the autonomy-seeking Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK).

The government said a shipment of military spare parts and aiming equipment planned for next Tuesday had been put off until Bonn determines whether Turkey is sticking to promises not to use German weapons against the Kurds.

Once the remaining 16 Phantom jets are delivered to fulfill promises made during the Gulf War, Germany has no plans for more arms shipments to Turkey, Defense Ministry sources said.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said shipments of components for air defense systems, ammunition, radar parts and power supply units also have been suspended.

In another development, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl promised that the government would send militant Kurds back to Turkey.

Kohl, who faces an uphill re-election battle this year, said he would not surrender to "the terror in the streets by any group."

Speaking forcefully in an interview with the ARD television network, Kohl said Kurdish militants came to Germany with Turkish passports and had to "count with consequences."

A decision by the state of Bavaria to start sending PKK militants back to Turkey has brought criticism even from the ranks of Kohl's government, including Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger.

"That's not my opinion at all," Kohl said angrily when asked about her opposition to the expulsions.



The son of Palestinian Dr. Nabil Jabri (left, with glasses) presents a bouquet to the Rev. Jesse Jackson (center) and his wife, Jacqueline, as they arrive at their east Jerusalem hotel on Thursday. Jackson discovered that Israel had banned the PLO conference he was due to address. AP

## Jesse Jackson caught on bus amid Palestinian, Israeli melee

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops opened fire on Palestinian protesters Friday when they began throwing stones after hearing a speech by the Rev. Jesse Jackson urging peace.

At least eight Palestinians were wounded outside the site of the Feb. 25 mosque massacre in Hebron.

Jackson was trapped on a bus between the soldiers and the hundreds of Palestinians who had listened to his speech urging them to believe in the peace process and efforts to bring Palestinian self-rule.

After his speech and a short Muslim prayer, they began pelting the soldiers with stones.

Tear gas shells went off around the bus, and rocks

hit it, but none penetrated.

People on the bus, including Jackson, knelt on the floor after concussion grenades detonated outside, witnesses said.

The bus finally got out of the melee and took Jackson to Hebron University, which had organized his trip.

Hospital officials said three of the wounded were hit by regular bullets and five by rubber bullets. Others were treated for tear gas inhalation.

The army spokesman's office said the soldiers used rubber bullets and tear gas, but denied they fired regular bullets. One soldier was slightly injured when a rock struck his head, it said.

## Papal Mass celebrates renewed Sistine Chapel

VATICAN CITY (AP) — With Michelangelo's brightened blue sky of Judgment Day behind him, Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass on Friday in the Sistine Chapel to mark the completion of 14 years of restoration of the artist's magnificent frescoes.

After striding up the room where cardinals elected him pope more than 15 years ago, John Paul paid tribute to the chapel as "the place venerated for holiness and history precious" for culture. A male choir sang the *Gloria* and *Alleluia*.

The pope said that the frescoes were "marvelously restored" and that their greatness is witnessed by the legions of tourists who come from around the world to admire the work of the Renaissance master as well as other paintings in the chapel by such artists as Ghirlandaio.

Vatican Museum officials like to say that Japanese TV money "indirectly sponsored" the restoration. Nippon Television's Rome office said more than \$11 million had been paid for exclusive photographic and film rights to document the

restoration.

Without citing the Japanese by name, the pope on Friday offered his thanks for those who contributed to the restoration. On Thursday, in a special audience, he also thanked Japanese television executives.

Millions of tourists have already seen some brightened stretches of the frescoed ceiling that depicts Biblical accounts of Creation as well as the Renaissance artist's interpretation of a severe Christ and the blessed and the damned in the *Last Judgment* on the wall above the altar. But

now, after 14 years, all the scaffolding and curtains have come down, and the Vatican is celebrating the restoration's completion.

The cleaning and touch-up restored to the early 16th-century frescoes a brilliance and vibrancy long forgotten. So dynamic were the colors after centuries of dirt-muted somber scenes that some art historians loudly protested that the restorers were robbing the painting's spirit and being unfaithful to Michelangelo's artistic vision.

## Grunge rock star Cobain a suspected suicide

SEATTLE (AP) — Kurt Cobain, the troubled lead singer of the hugely popular grunge rock band Nirvana, shot himself to death at his home, sources said Friday.

A police source in Seattle confirmed the man found dead in Cobain's home Friday was the singer-songwriter.

And in Los Angeles, an MCA Inc. executive told AP Entertainment Writer John Horn that Ed Rosenblatt, the president of Nirvana label Geffen Records, informed parent MCA Records that Cobain was dead.

For the record, officials said only that a man roughly Cobain's age — 28 — had been found shot to death at

the home, a suicide note nearby.

The body, described as that of a white male in his 20s, was discovered by an electrician who went to the home this morning to do some work, said police spokeswoman Vinette Tichi.

Nirvana pioneered grunge rock and is known for the multimillion-selling 1991 album *Nevermind*, which featured the hit *Smells Like Teen Spirit*. Another best-selling album, *In Utero*, was issued last year. Cobain wrote the music and lyrics to most of their songs.

Medical Examiner Dr. Donald Reay said officials are "working on the presumption" that the deceased is Cobain. He gave no details.

In Aberdeen, Wash., Cobain's mother, Wendy O'Connor, said her son had been missing for six days and that she feared he would be found dead.

In early March, Cobain spent several days in a Rome hospital after falling into a drug-and-alcohol-induced coma. He had gone to Rome with his wife, Courtney Love, also a singer, and their daughter to recover from health problems that had forced the band to cancel two recent concert dates in Europe.

Love, lead singer of the rock band Hole, has been treated for heroin use, her lawyer said while filing a lawsuit against her doctor last year. The couple's daughter, Frances, was born in 1992.