

# Nine killed in truck bomb blast in southwest Baghdad

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A fuel truck sped toward a police station in southwest Baghdad and exploded as policemen waited for their assignments early Monday, killing at least nine people and wounding 57, Iraqi officials and witnesses said.

The Philippines, meanwhile, announced that it had completed the withdrawal of its peacekeeping contingent from Iraq, meeting a demand by Iraqi insurgents threatening to behead a Filipino hostage but defying opposition from Washington.

The white tanker came to within 500 feet of the two-story, fence-ringed station when it exploded at 8 a.m. local time, also damaging nearby mechanic and electrical workshops, witnesses said. Police are often targeted by insurgents for their association with Iraq's U.S.-

backed government.

"We were all standing in a row, listening to our officer as he gave us our assignment for the day," said wounded policeman Mehdi Salah Abed Ali, 32, lying in a bed at al-Yarmuk hospital, a bandage around his leg.

"There were many policemen standing in the square when the tanker exploded," he said.

The tanker's presence in the industrial area didn't raise concerns until it started speeding towards the police station, a worker at a nearby car wash said.

"I was standing with a friend when we saw the tanker speeding in an unnatural way," said Ahmed Nouri, who said the driver was a young man with a light beard.

At least nine people were killed, said Saad al-Alami, from the Iraqi health ministry.

Standing in the morgue at al-

Yarmuk, supervisor Ahmed Araybe counted eight bodies, including two policemen and one child. He said four boxes of flesh and blankets carrying body parts were also brought in.

In the restive city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, Iraqi police reported the discovery of a local police chief's body at a shopping market. Lt. Col. Nafi al-Kubaisi was kidnapped two days ago, said Capt. Nasir Abdullah, from nearby Heet police station. His body was found Monday morning.

Also Monday, the last members of the 51-strong Philippine force made an "exit call" on the new Polish commander at their base in Hillah, south of Baghdad, then waved as they left in six cars. They had been scheduled to leave Iraq on Aug. 20.

Foreign Secretary Delia Albert said they would travel by road to

Kuwait, a several-hour trip, then take a commercial flight home. "Before the end of this day, all members of the Philippine humanitarian contingent will be out of Iraq," she said in a nationally televised statement.

Some of Manila's allies, including the United States and Australia, have sharply criticized the withdrawal decision, engineered to save the life of truck driver Angelo dela Cruz.

They argue it encourages terrorists and endangers other coalition members in Iraq.

There was no immediate word on the fate of dela Cruz.

The insurgents who snatched him on July 7 near Fallujah, killing his Iraqi security guard, have said they would free the 46-year-old father of eight once the last Filipino troops had left.

Army Brig. Gen. Jovito S. Pal-

aran Jr., commander of the Philippine contingent, returned home Monday ahead of his troops, saying he was happy to be back. Some of the peacekeepers left for Kuwait last week.

"The men I left there are OK," he said before meeting with Albert and military chief Narciso Abaya to report details of the withdrawal.

In the first sign of possible fallout from Arroyo's decision to withdraw troops from Iraq, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Sunday that Washington was re-evaluating ties.

The official did not specifically say Washington could scale down military or economic assistance to Manila. Last week, U.S. officials said they remain committed to training and advising Filipino troops at Manila's request.

On Sunday, a statement posted on an Islamic Web site said a group

close to al-Qaida-linked militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is offering a \$280,000 reward for the killing of Allawi. The statement by the group Khalid bin Al Walid Brigade called Allawi an "American stooge" and said that its assassins were ordered to kill the prime minister and other Iraqi leaders.

Also Sunday, a U.S. airstrike authorized by Allawi hit purported trenches and fighting positions in Fallujah used by al-Qaida linked foreign fighters, killing 14 people, officials said.

Word that Iraq's interim leader approved the attack was a clear attempt to show that the Iraqi government has taken full sovereignty from the Americans and has firm control, despite its deep reliance on the 160,000 foreign troops, mainly from United States.

"We worked with the government, the government was fully informed about these matters, agreed with us on the need to take the action, we conducted the action," U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said during a news conference here.

"We didn't just strike off on our own, a sovereign nation had to agree."

Since the U.S. Marines pulled back from Fallujah — a focal point of resistance to the U.S. occupation — after besieging the city for three weeks in April, the U.S. military has been limited to using missiles attacks and airstrikes to hit potential targets there.

The nature of Sunday's target, like those hit in previous attacks, was in dispute.

The U.S. military said it had destroyed trench lines and fighting positions used by fighters loyal to al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian militant blamed for masterminding car bombings and other attacks in Iraq. The military said 25 al-Zarqawi fighters had been at the site just moments before.

Fallujah Mayor Mahmoud Ibrahim al-Jirisi said the attack hit a site for civilians supporting the Fallujah Brigade, a militia of local residents that took responsibility for security in the city when the Marines left.

The attack, the sixth U.S. strike on the city in roughly a month, killed 14 people and injured three, according to Saad al-Amili, a Health Ministry official.

## Moderates worry social science standards are new battleground

By JOHN MILBURN

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TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Four years ago, a decision to de-emphasize evolution in Kansas science standards was THE issue in State Board of Education races.

After drawing international ridicule — critics saw the decision as an attempt to remove evolution from the classroom — voters in November 2000 elected a moderate and pro-evolution board majority. Soon after new board members took office, evolution was back in science classes and the controversy went dormant.

Now Kansas moderates fear the same ideological "gorilla" has awakened this year over how much emphasis the state places on teaching international relations in social sciences classes. They fear it's a prelude to renewed fights over evolution.

"I don't think it's a distraction that educators need," said board member Sue Gamble, a moderate Republican from Shawnee. "But I don't think you can ignore it."

The distraction comes as Kansas struggles to meet the goals of the federal No Child Left Behind mandates and the Kansas Supreme Court prepares next month to decide if a school finance plan meets constitutional muster.

Gamble has been vocal, letting her constituents know what's at stake with social studies courses. Most of the feedback has been positive, with constituents saying it's the same kind of conservative attack that happened over science and evolution.

The debate over social science emerged in June when board member Steve Abrams of Arkansas City asked a committee revising the standards to put less emphasis on

international relations and more on the Kansas and U.S. perspective.

Abrams insists he is not trying to downplay international relations, instead making certain that students have a grounding in their own economy and government first.

"I'm surprised with that. I thought it was merely a clarification," Abrams said.

"It seems like a given that we would want to emphasize who we are."

Gamble and fellow moderates fear that a conservative majority on the board will weaken the quality and reputation of Kansas education at a time when the stakes for student achievement are high.

The ideological fight is most pronounced in the 6th District race, where incumbent Republican Bruce Wyatt of Salina faces science teacher Kathy Martin of Clay Center in the Aug. 6 primary.

Martin — backed by the Kansas Republican Assembly — makes no bones about her desire to see creationism taught alongside evolution. She said scientific discoveries have shown that human development was too sophisticated to happen randomly.

"I don't know why they are clinging to this so hard," she said.

Given a fair portrayal of human development and a grounding in teachings at home and church will result in better-educated students, she argues.

Tamara Cooper, executive director of the Kansas Republican Assembly, agrees with Martin and is backing her in the primary. Cooper said to omit creationism is to cheat students out of a well-rounded education.

"I just think that's smart science to include both," Cooper said.

Conservatives also say their

agenda is to strengthen the family's role in education, which will result in fewer problems teachers will have to address, such as discipline or providing basic needs for students.

"I don't look to the state board of education to strengthen the family.

"The family unit as God ordained it is already strong," Cooper said. "We need to keep it that way."

Wyatt believes the only place for teaching creationism or the intelligent design theory is in a comparative studies course, not science.

Gamble said moderate Republicans must be aware of what's at stake and mobilize for the August primary — and not risk detouring the course the State Board of Education has charted so far.

If the ideological balance shifts to the right, the board is likely to re-write both science and social science standards.

## Next hurdle coming up for planned southwest Kansas reservoir

JETMORE (AP) — Picture it: a vast lake in southwest Kansas, offering camping with all the amenities, plus boat ramps, fishing holes, hiking trails and a swimming beach.

That's what the directors of the new Horse Thief Reservoir District did as they gathered by the 1,100-

acre site where the park is to be created — if taxpayers in four counties get on board. For now, the property that could someday feature a 450-acre lake is designated by a bill-board along Kansas 156, about eight miles west of Jetmore.

The reservoir's board is made up

of representatives from the four counties in the park's benefit district — Ford, Hodgeman, Gray and Finney.

Citizens in those counties will be asked next April to approve a 0.1 percent sales tax that is expected to raise about \$6 million over 15 to 17

years toward the estimated \$10 million cost of building the park and lake. The state is expected to contribute \$3.6 million.

Planners contemplate about 70 to 90 camping sites with water and electricity available, plus unlimited space for those who prefer primitive

campsites. Cliff Mayo, a board member from Finney County, favors leaving plenty of space for campers who like to take off and pitch a tent at will. Neatly spaced camp sites with grills and hookups might suit "city slickers who don't know how to camp," he said.

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC <b>4</b> <b>6</b>	News		Good Morning America				Mak-over	Mak-over	The View		Hollywood	News
KSNK/NBC <b>8</b> <b>9</b>	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Martha Stewart Living	
KBSL/CBS <b>12</b> <b>11</b>	News			The Early Show			The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG <b>3</b>	World News	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Boohbah	Barney-Friends	Dragon Tales	Lions	Sesame Street		Clifford-Red	Teletubbies
WGN <b>13</b>	Changing	Believer Voice	Celebrity Justice	Hillbilies	Hillbilies	Happy Days	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Rockford Files	
NICK <b>28</b>	Oddparents	Rocket Power	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Max & Ruby	Maggie-Beast	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Rugrats	Rugrats
FAM <b>30</b>	Beyblade	Digimon-Digital	Power Rangers	Spider-Man	Varied	Living the Life	The 700 Club		7th Heaven		Full House	Full House
USA <b>31</b>	JAG	Varied	Nash Bridges	Varied	Movie			Varied	Movie			Varied
TBS <b>37</b>	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie				Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved by Bell	Cosby Show
TNT <b>38</b>	The Lost World		The Pretender		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC <b>42</b>	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs		Double Agents		Designer Guys	Designer Guys	Rally Round the House	
A&E <b>47</b>	Behind Closed Doors		Movie				Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN <b>49</b>	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside-Lines	Baseball Tonight
HBO <b>7</b>	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs						Movie		Varied	Movie
DISN <b>17</b>	Koala Brothers	Stanley	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	Rolie Polie	Out of the Box	PB&J Otter	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles
MAX <b>21</b>	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs									

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC <b>4</b> <b>6</b>	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wld News
KSNK/NBC <b>8</b> <b>9</b>	News	Family Feud	Days of Our Lives		Passions		Inside Edition	Family Feud	Millionaire	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS <b>12</b> <b>11</b>	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		The People's Court		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG <b>3</b>	Reading Rainbow	Mister Rogers	Varied Programs			George Shrinks	Beren Bears	Liberty's Kids	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Zoom	Business
WGN <b>13</b>	News		In the Heat of the Night		Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
NICK <b>28</b>	Varied Programs						Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Sabrina-Witch	SPLAT!	Rugrats
FAM <b>30</b>	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Switched!	Knock First	7th Heaven		Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House
USA <b>31</b>	JAG	Varied	Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie		Varied Programs		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
TBS <b>37</b>	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld
TNT <b>38</b>	Law & Order		NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue		Judging Amy		Angel		Charmed	
DSC <b>42</b>	Surprise by Design	Surprise by Design			Rally Round the House		Double Agents		Varied Programs			
A&E <b>47</b>	American Justice		Movie				Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN <b>49</b>	Interruption		Varied Programs				Around the Horn	Interruption			SportsCenter	
HBO <b>7</b>	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs			Movie		Varied Programs	
DISN <b>17</b>	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire
MAX <b>21</b>	Movie	Varied Programs			Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied	Movie

### TUESDAY JULY 20

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC <b>4</b> <b>6</b>	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	8 Simple Rules	I'm With Her (CC)	Accord-ing Jim	Less-Perfect	NYPD 24/7 Hour Five (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Larry Joe Campbell.
KSNK/NBC <b>8</b> <b>9</b>	News	Wheel of Fortune	Last Comic Standing (CC)		Last Comic Standing (N) (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		News	The Tonight Show	Late Night (N)	Late Night (N)
KBSL/CBS <b>12</b> <b>11</b>	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Navy NCIS The Good Samaritan		Big Brother 5 (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race: 51 Get Electrocutted		News (CC)	Late Show Halle Berry; Maria Mena.	Late: Late	
K15CG <b>3</b>	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Nova (CC) (DVS)		Scientific American Frontiers (N)		P.O.V. Last Man Standing: Politics Texas Style (N) (CC)		That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N)		
WGN <b>13</b>	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Gone Fishin' ★ (1997) Two dim-buddies win an Everglades fishing trip.				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi-date	The 5th Wheel
NICK <b>28</b>	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Romeo!	Father-hood (N)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM <b>30</b>	7th Heaven Drunk (CC)		Movie: Blazing Saddles ★★ (1974, Comedy) Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
USA <b>31</b>	JAG Legacy (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		Movie: Big Daddy ★½ (1999, Comedy)				Law & Order: Special Victims	Karen Sisco Nostalgia (CC)		
TBS <b>37</b>	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Outback Jack (N)		Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Outback Jack	Movie: Guarding Tess ★½ (1994)		
TNT <b>38</b>	Law & Order Corruption		Law & Order Foul Play (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Deep Vote (CC) (DVS)		Charmed Little Monsters (CC)		Angel The Thin Dead Line (CC)	The X-Files S.R. 819 (CC)		
DSC <b>42</b>	Return to Area 51 (CC)		Mancater: Siberian Tiger (N)		Big Popcorn		MythBusters Buried in Concrete (CC)		Mancater: Siberian Tiger	Big Popcorn		
A&E <b>47</b>	American Justice: Woodward		Biography Ed Gein (N) (CC)		Cold Case: File's DNA tests identify a murder victim in Canada. (CC)				Crossing Jordan Bombs Away (CC)	Biography Ed Gein (N) (CC)		
ESPN <b>49</b>	ESPN25: Who's No. 1 (N)		ESPN25: The Headlines (N)		2004 World Series of Poker Las Vegas		2004 World Series of Poker Las Vegas		SportsCenter (Live)	Outside-Lines	Baseball Tonight	
HBO <b>7</b>	(5:15) Movie: Advcnt-Pluto		Movie: S.W.A.T. (2003) A Los Angeles SWAT team must protect a criminal.				Real Sports Steroid investigation (CC)		Six Feet Under That's My Dog (CC)	Movie: Breakdown ★★ (1997) (CC)		
DISN <b>17</b>	Sister, Sister	That's-Raven	Movie: Tru Confessions ★★½ (2002, Drama) Clara Bryant, Shia LaBeouf. (CC)				That's-Raven	Sister, Sister	Bug Juice	Lizzie McGuire	Boy Mts. World	Even Stevens
MAX <b>21</b>	(5:20) Movie: Half Past Dead ★ (2002)		Movie: Anything Else (2003) A writer has problems with his girlfriend and a teacher.				Movie: Identity ★★ (2003, Suspense) John Cusack. (CC)			Movie: 100 Mile Rule ★★ (2002)		

### WEDNESDAY JULY 21

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	The Ultimate Love Test (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8) (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Next Action Star The Last Kiss (CC)		Law & Order: Darwinian (CC)		Law & Order: Gaijin (CC)		News	The Tonight Show Big & Rich. (N) (CC)	Late Night (N)	Late Night (N)
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	60 Minutes (CC)		King of Queens	Two/Half Men	48 Hours Investigate:s (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show (N) (CC)	Late Late	
K15CG (3)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Great Lodges-Canadian		1421: The Year China Discovered America? (N) (CC)				World News	Two's Cmpny	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	Rose (N) (CC)
WGN (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Little (CC) ★★½ (1997, Comedy)	Bill Murray. (CC)			WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi-date	The 5th Wheel
NICK (29)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Amanda	Full House	Full House	Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?
FAM (30)	7th Heaven I Really Do (CC)		Movie: Top Gun ★★ (1986, Drama)	Navy pilots take to the skies to compete for high honors. Tom Cruise.			Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)	Home Videos	Home Videos	
USA (31)	JAG Flight Risk (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		Law & Order: Special Victims		Monk Mr. Monk Gets Fired (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims	Questions Asked	The Dead Zone	No Questions Asked
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Analyze: This (1999)	An angst-ridden mobster seeks a psychiatrist's help.		
TNT (38)	Law & Order: Bronx Cheer (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Thin Ice (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Cliffhanger (1993)	A mountaintop rescue becomes a hunt for stolen money.			Law & Order: Discard (DVS)	The X-Files Agua Mala (CC)		
DSC (42)	Casino Diaries	Casino Diaries	Killer Ants (CC)		Transatlantic Tunnel (CC)		Great Biker Build-Off		Killer Ants (CC)	Transatlantic Tunnel (CC)		
A&E (47)	American Justice: Driven to Kill (CC)		Biography Catwoman (N) (CC)		American Justice: Murder & Mrs. B. (N)		City Confidential (CC)		Crossing Jordan (CC)	Biography Catwoman (CC)		
ESPN (49)	MLB Baseball: Anaheim Angels at Texas Rangers. Ameriquest Fight in Baseball. (Live) (CC)						Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Outside-Lines	Baseball Tonight	
HBO (7)	Movie: The Saint ★★ (1997, Adventure)	Val Kilmer, Elisabeth Shue. (CC)	Six Feet Under That's My Dog (CC)				Entourage	Da Ali G Show	Def Poetry	Movie: Old School ★★ (2003, Comedy)	Luke Wilson. (CC)	
DISN (17)	Sister, Sister	That's-Raven	Movie: Stuck in the Suburbs (2004)	Danielle Panabaker. (CC)	Lizzie McGuire		That's-Raven	Sister, Sister	Bug Juice	Lizzie McGuire	Boy Mts. World	Even Stevens
MAX (21)	(4:00) Movie: JFK (4:00) (1991) (CC)		Movie: Men in Black II (2002)	Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)	Bad Boys II		Movie: Bad Boys II ★★ (2003, Action)	Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. Martin Lawrence. (CC)			Black Tie Nite	