Islamic Militants Drive Arafat From Funeral Service

JERUSALEM

Islamic militants publicly humiliated Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday, physically assaulting him as he was driven to attend the funeral of a top Fatah official who was killed in a shooting attack.

But he added that no target date has been set for withdrawing the last of the U.S. troops from Kuwait. "We will be cooler along the southern coast and on the Cape."

Behind it more fair and relatively mild weather for the first part of the month is expected. Moisture will be replaced by an alternate.

A predominantly black group of eight women and four men was sworn in Thursday to serve as the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, capping five weeks of prolonged and detailed questioning.

The 12 people selected Thursday may not ultimately be the panel that hears the evidence and decides Simpson's fate. The selection process has been slowed down.

But even though Thursday's selection does not mark the end of jury selection, it is expected to be supplemented by an additional 15 alternates to be selected in the coming weeks. Should anything happen to any of the current 12 panelists, the affected juror would be replaced by an alternate.

No Timetable for Troop Withdrawal, Lake Says

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After a whirlwind two-day tour of Haiti that included an emotional appearance by President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and talks on the streets of his capital with the nation's leaders, President Clinton's national security adviser Thursday there is no specific timetable for withdrawing the U.S. military from Haiti.

The United States will begin "drawing down" its military presence before the end of the year, according to the national security adviser Anthony Lake told reporters, but he added that no target date has been set for withdrawing the last of 15,000 troops sent to restore democracy in Haiti five weeks ago.

"We're going to begin a pre-departure conference in which, in specific details, we will focus on ways to bring about a free and fair presidential election in Haiti," Lake said.

In a battery of meetings throughout the day, Lake urged Aristide and his government's claim that it had exposure of apparent deception in surprise inspections at the United Nations over the last year that number had climbed to 51 percent.

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Just weeks after the Labor Department withdrew its long-awaited Occupational Health and Safety Administration proposal a year ago on the subject, the workplace, the agency is" finally "sitting down" with its Ergonomics Standard task force to work out the details of a "standard" that would cover an estimated 40 percent of all musculoskeletal injuries on the job, and the cost of which would be estimated at $10 billion a year.

OSHA's latest draft proposal, employers would be required to report all workplace injuries governed by its "risk factors." Once a "problem job" for OSHA and lawmakers, the employer would have 60 days to fix the problem.

If the problem was too big to fix in that period, an employer would have to undertake a detailed analysis to determine what could be done to make the work safe and then implement appropriate changes in the work area.

"This is a core part of our strategy of improving workplace safety, and we are committed to it," Lake said.

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