

# WORLD SITUATIONER

## Moscow set for Olympic games opening Saturday

MOSCOW, July 14 (Reuters) — Olympic leaders and advance parties of athletes Sunday toured the closely guarded sports venues where the strife-ridden Moscow games open on Saturday.

The host city of the 22nd modern Olympics had a quiet Sunday, with traffic thinned out to leave nearly empty streets, decorated with greetings for athletes and tourists who have come despite the political storm over the games.

Seven members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board finished three days of meetings in the morning, and were to four facilities before the formal opening of the IOC session Monday night.

IOC president Lord Killanin and his executive attended a formal lunch with the head of the Soviet organizing committee, Deputy Prime Minister Ignaty Novikov, and the IOC chief told his hosts he was sure the games would be a success.

About 70 rank-and-file members of the world body are gathering here for the crucial meeting, which must elect a new president to succeed Ireland's Lord Killanin, and seek ways to restore the prestige of the Olympic movement after some 60 member countries decided to boycott these games.

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# Negotiations delayed Egypt, Israel divided over agenda for talks

## Begin sets office transfer to Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, July 14 (Reuters) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin is expected to move his office to Arab-East Jerusalem and has informed Egypt and the United States of his intention, Israel Radio reported Sunday night.

Q: To the government sources, the radio said Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Israel's chief negotiator at talks on Palestinian autonomy, had told the Egyptian and American negotiators of Mr. Begin's decision at recent talks with them in Washington.

The radio reported the chief negotiator Saul Linowitz had asked Dr. Burg to persuade Mr. Begin not to shift his office to the eastern sector of the city, captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

Burg replied: "Impossible," the radio said. A spokesman in the Prime Minister's Office said that a complex of government buildings was under construction near Mount Scopus in the occupied sector of the city. It had not been decided which ministries would move there, he said.

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CAIRO, July 4 (Reuters) — Israeli and Egyptian negotiators Sunday failed to agree on an agenda for talks on Palestinian autonomy, the first to be held since Egypt suspended them in May.

Informed sources on both sides of the committee set up to arrange an agenda said Israel had rejected attempts by Egypt to introduce items which Tel Aviv claimed affected Israel's security.

But the two sides agreed to reopen talks Monday, extending them into Tuesday if necessary. The talks are purely procedural, preparing the ground for a meeting of chief delegates in Alexandria next month.

Egypt suspended the negotiations in May because of moves by the late Parliament to declare Jerusalem the united capital of the Jewish state and Israel's policy of settling Jews on the occupied West Bank.

Arab East Jerusalem was occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

Sunday, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, Boutros Ghali, told reporters Egypt had been persuaded to resume the negotiations after receiving "guarantees about certain solutions" from the United States which is the third party to the negotiations. He refused to be more specific.

Q: Arab East Israeli Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir clashed only hours before the talks began when Tamir restated his government's position that "Jerusalem is a unified city, the capital of Israel within Israeli sovereignty."

"That is not our position," Ghali replied. "Our position was expressed in an exchange of letters with the United States and we received a positive answer from the US."

## Japan to boost defense

NEW YORK, July 14 (Reuters) — Hiashiko Okazaki, foreign relations director for Japan's defense agency, said in an interview published Sunday, his country would boost its defense spending in the next five years.

"That's an enormous fighting capability," Okazaki said. "We will increase our defense budget and improve our quality," he told *Newswatch* magazine. "We'll build more ships. We will buy more airplanes — 100 F-15s and 45 F-16s."

## Unidentified warplanes fire on Cuban ships

HAVANA: Unidentified warplanes fired on two Cuban ships in the western Atlantic Sea, the captain of one vessel and wounding three officers, the official Prensa Latina news agency said. The agency said the ships were fuel tankers which were in the area to supply the Cuban tank fleet which operates in mid-Atlantic. The attack took place Saturday night 30 miles off the coast of Western Sahara, Prensa Latina said. — *Reuter*

## Sacked Iran generals admit link with Bakhtiar

TEHRAN: Two former generals, arrested as mavericks of a planned coup, have confessed that they had direct links with exiled former Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar, the head of the Islamic revolutionary military court said Sunday. Hojatoleslam Mohammadi Rezaehabi identified the generals as Sa'd Mubetayer, a former air force chief, and Ahmad Mohajeri, an ex-commander of the gendarmierie. — *Reuter*

## US solon visiting two Koreas

SEOUL: The first US congressman ever to visit North Korea, Representative Stephen Solarz (Democrat, New York) yesterday met with South Korean President Choi Kyu-Hah in Seoul. He will go to Pyongyang today via Tokyo. — *Agence France Press*

## India discusses MIG-23 purchase with USSR

NEW DELHI: India has begun negotiations with the Soviet Union for acquiring the multi-purpose MIG-23 aircraft as well as the technology for manufacturing it, the English daily, *Indian Express*, reported yesterday. — *Agence France Press*

## Republicans begin Detroit convention

DETROIT, Michigan: Republicans yesterday began packing to a recommended spot area to open their national convention where they will pledge allegiance to presidential candidate Ronald Reagan and launch their drive to chase Jimmy Carter from the White House. Selection of vice-presidential running mate for Mr. Reagan was the only suspense in a four-day multi-million dollar political festival, catered by and for the Republican party. — *Agence France Press*

Released hostage 'in good condition'

WASHINGTON: American diplomat Richard Queen, one of the US embassy hostages in Iran until his release Friday, is in good condition but medical tests will last a day or two, a State Department official said Sunday. — *Reuter*

# India, Pakistan try to resolve conflicts

India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars in 15 years, and Pakistan are still in the process of normalizing their relations, official spokesmen said today.

Shahri will call on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Pakistan Minister for External Affairs Zia-ul-Haq last April when they first attended Zimbabwe's independence celebrations in Salisbury. The two leaders did not feel the need to meet again when both took the road to Belgrade for President Tito's funeral three weeks later.

But Shahri's main talks will be with External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, whom he has never met.

Rao, who discussed the Indo-Pakistani problem in Moscow last month, said on his return that the immediate task was to try to find a common ground between the parties directly concerned.

The Afghan government headed by President Babrak Karmal has called for bilateral talks with neighboring Pakistan and Iran.

India has repeatedly voiced deep concern over moves to rear arm forces following last December's Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

And Pakistan dislikes what a senior embassy official in New Delhi called "the unilateral moves" about preventing arms supplies to his country, describing it as a major

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