

**News Briefs**

**Near crash**

**JAKARTA:** Four smouldering suitcases were found aboard an Indonesian airliner yesterday shortly after the crash of another also on a domestic route, airline sources said. Police are checking the contents of the suitcases, discovered when passengers complained of an acrid smell aboard a turbo-prop Electra of Mandala Airlines, airline director air vice-marshal Santoso told Reuters. It was flying from Jakarta to the east Java city of Surabaya with 56 people aboard and the cases could have burst into flames, airline sources said. Only a few hours before, a turbo-prop Vickers Viscount of the domestic airline Bouraq had plunged out of control into marshland 27 kilometers from Jakarta, where it was due to land after a 900-kilometer flight from South Kalimantan. —*Reuters*

**Vienna tightens security**

**VIENNA:** Vienna will be teeming with security officials next month to ensure maximum security for one of the largest meetings held by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). The nightmare of the last high-level OPEC meeting here in December 1975 — when pro-Palestinian guerrillas broke up an oil ministers conference and held the delegates hostage for two days — will be on officials' minds every minute. The meeting of oil, finance and foreign ministers from the 13 OPEC member states is scheduled for Sept. 15-18. —*Reuters*

**30 die in Turkey**

**ANKARA:** About 30 persons died in political clashes during the last 24 hours in Turkey, a flare-up of violence that ended a period of relative calm. The new death toll was three times as high as those during the last few days. Turkish police appeared to be active and particularly tense after an increase in attacks on police stations in Ankara and Istanbul that left one officer dead and several wounded. Armed groups attacked four police stations in Ankara. In addition, three wanted terrorists were shot dead in a gun battle with police in Ankara, and three leftist militants and a rightist were killed there in two separate incidents. Several houses were set afire in the Mediterranean town of Tarsus. —*Agence France Presse*

**US envoy shot at**

**BEIRUT:** American Ambassador John Gunther Dean escaped unhurt when gunmen using automatic rifles and a rocket-propelled grenade attacked his official car near the US embassy here Wednesday. Reliable sources said the attackers opened fire from a car which ambushed the ambassador's vehicle as it left the embassy grounds in the Baadba area of the city. Dean's bodyguards immediately returned fire. Three people aboard the car were arrested. —*AFP*

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