

PLO weakened by bombs, Israeli spokesman says

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The Palestine Liberation Organization will never again have the strength it displayed during the terrorist group's two-month stay in southern Lebanon, an Israeli ambassador has concluded.

Ambassador Moshe Arens, in Southfield last week, told reporters that the PLO will be weaker after its evacuation from Beirut.

"In Lebanon, they (PLO) were operating as if it had a state of its own," Arens said.

"They had distinct advantages. They operated above ground, they had training and recruiting facilities. They could do all the things terrorists weren't able to do in other countries because Lebanon was not strong enough to fight terrorists," he said.

"The PLO had offices in other Arab countries but other governments weren't and aren't willing to put their regimes in jeopardy by letting them (PLO) operate in the open. They (PLO) will never again have the kind of success they enjoyed in Lebanon," Arens said.

Arens also said he hopes the evacuation of the PLO from Beirut will help strengthen Lebanon's government.

"LEBANON IS very industrious and there is a lot of wealth there, so they will be able to rebuild. Most importantly, there will be the reconstitution of the Lebanese government," Arens explained.

Arens said he believes it could take a couple of months for all the PLO guerrillas to leave Lebanon. They are headed for Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, South Yemen, Algeria and Tunisia.

"We know there are plans for leaving PLO family behind in Lebanon. But there is nothing we can do about that," Arens said.

While calling the evacuation agreement a great victory for Israel, he said its forceful military efforts to push the PLO out of Lebanon caused disagreement with the U.S. and the United Nations.

"THE PRESIDENT (Reagan) and the prime minister (Begin) shared the same goals but had differences of opinions on how to achieve those goals. It wasn't easy for the Israel and the U.S. to work together. We knew the PLO wouldn't leave without military force," Arens said.

In a written statement, Arens acknowledged that the U.S. and Israel agreed that there should be establishment of a quiet zone in southern Lebanon; the removal from Lebanon of Syrian and PLO troops followed by the withdrawal of Israeli troops and the re-establishment of a central Lebanese government.

He also said the United Nations' actions had a negative effect on the entire negotiation process.

At the United Nations, the PLO won a diplomatic victory. The General Assembly voted 120-2 to condemn Israel and endorse Palestinian national independence.



Israeli ambassador Moshe Arens: "They will never again have the kind of success they enjoyed in Lebanon."

outdoors

Metroparks busy for coming week

Here's a list of some upcoming events happening at Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

- Sept. 1 at 8 p.m., a family nature program called "Insects of the Night" will be held at the nature center of Kensington Metropark near Milford. Park Naturalist Julie Cerbus will lead an evening walk and listen and look for the activities of moths, grasshoppers, crickets and cicadas. The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 685-1561.
- Sept. 3 at 8 p.m., an evening nature cruise aboard the Island Queen will be held on Kent Lake at the boat rental dock at Kensington Metropark near Milford. Park naturalist Mark Szabo will accompany passengers, provide music and point out park features, wildlife and answer questions. The charge is \$1.50 per person and advance registration is required by calling 685-1561.
- Sept. 4 at 7 p.m., a nature program called, "Miracle of the Monarch Butterfly" will be held at the nature center of Stony Creek Metropark north of Rochester. Park naturalist Roger Bajorek will use slides, movie footage and live specimens to illustrate the change from caterpillar to butterfly. A short walk to a milkweed patch will follow the program. The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 781-4621.
- Sept. 5 at 9 a.m., "Morning in the Marsh," a voyageur canoe program, will be held at Mad Beach Metropark, east of Troy. Park Naturalist Madeline Conover will help visitors experience the days of French Voyageurs as each person helps paddle a 34-foot replica voyageur canoe into the marsh. The cost is \$1 per person. To register call 963-3022.
- Sept. 5 at 10 a.m., a program called "Autumn Bird Migration" will be held at the nature center of the Kensington Metropark near Milford. Naturalist Bob Hotelling will lead a two-hour walk in search of migrating birds. People should bring binoculars. The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 685-1561.
- Sept. 5 at 10 a.m., a program called "The Best Little Nature House in Michigan" will take a close look at the nature center of Stony Creek Metropark north of Rochester. Naturalist Bill Thomas will give a brief tour of the nature center and discuss activities there. People will also take a short walk along the trails. The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 781-4621.
- Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m., a Labor Day nature hike ride covering five miles in 1 1/2 hours will begin at the nature center of Kensington Metropark near Milford. Naturalist Mark Szabo will conduct a tour along the paved bike trail which features sights, sounds and smells of the outdoors. People must bring a bike. The program is free but advance registration is required by calling 685-1561.
- Sept. 6 at 10 a.m., a five-mile Labor Day hike along the nature trails around North Stony Lake of Stony Creek Metropark north of Rochester will be held. Participants should meet at the nature center and bring a lunch. The program is free but advance registration is required by calling 781-4621.
- Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m., an autumn bird walk will be held at the nature center of Kensington Metropark near Milford. Naturalist Bob Hotelling will lead a two-hour field trip in search of resident and migrant birds. Participants should bring binoculars and meet at the Nature Center building. The program is free but advance registration is required by calling 685-1561.

County awards road contracts

Several major Oakland County intersections will be under construction soon for repairs.

The Oakland County Road Commission awarded several bids for the work. Most of the construction will be paid for by sources other than the road commission. All will be completed before winter.

- Southfield is funding 100 percent of contract cost to add a lane on the south side of 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern. South Hill Construction Co. of Novi was awarded the \$150,261 contract. The road commission provided engineering.
- Three Tri-Party Program projects will be funded one-third by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, one-third by the local community and one-third by the road commission. These are:
 - Avon Township, paving of four approaches to Auburn Road, two approaches to Livernois and one approach to Orion Road. There will also be paving of a gap in the right turn lane on eastbound South Boulevard at Dequindre, which will be funded 100 percent by the road commission. The Morrison Co. of Trenton got the \$69,740 job.
 - In Troy and Madison Heights, removal of the existing bituminous overlay at three locations on 14 Mile between I-75 and John R. Ajax Paving got the \$25,566 job. Oakland Mail merchants will provide the first \$5,000 of funding and the remainder will be paid tri-party.
- Road Commission chairman Richard Vogt said tri-party projects have totalled \$500,395 this year and are the most numerous type in the road commission's program, which has been severely limited since 1979 because state-collected gas and weight tax revenues on which the road commission depends for its basic funds have declined.

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