

I call attention to the two stories that appeared side by side on the front page of today's New York Times with the headlines they were carrying. I was struck by the fact that officials are still trying to determine how many people were killed in the missile attack. The U.S. military struck the convoy that they believed carried wanted terrorists. And I support that, by the way. We are still waiting for CIA and Department of Defense corroboration that, indeed, regime members rather than civilians were hit in the attack.

The other story reports, as I mentioned before, how Secretary Powell expressed mild but unmistakable criticism of Israel's killing of a top Hamas official this past Saturday.

It just so happens that this past weekend, the Israeli Defense Forces targeted a Hamas leader by the name of Abdullah Qawasmeh who masterminded the death of 52 Israelis. If this number were converted to American lives on a proportionate basis, he would have killed more than 2,400 of our citizens. How would we react to that?

There is a curious inconsistency between how this administration is conducting its global war against terrorists—which, again, I support, including operations against remnants of the Iraqi regime—and how we expect our ally, Israel, to deal with its terrorist threats.

I support a roadmap to peace, and I am pleased to see the administration live up to its responsibilities by reentering as a mediator in one of the

world's most intractable conflicts. But I also believe that no peace process or roadmap will ever work when terrorists are placated or appeased. The roadmap can only go forward when all parties uniformly denounce and resist Hamas, Jihad, and the other enemies of peace.

So I believe we must support Israel in its war against terrorists and act consistently in conducting our foreign policy.

Mr. President, with that, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:42 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 23, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FRANK LIBUTTI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN B. HANDY
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARVIN S. MAYES
BRIGADIER GENERAL DOUGLAS R. MOORE
BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD L. TESTA

To be brigadier general

COLONEL JOSEPH G. BALSUKS
COLONEL BOBBY L. BRITTAIN
COLONEL THOMAS J. DEARDORFF
COLONEL MICHAEL P. HICKEY
COLONEL CHARLES V. ICKES II
COLONEL WILLIAM B. JERNIGAN
COLONEL HENRY C. MORROW
COLONEL DONALD J. QUENNEVILLE
COLONEL DANIEL R. SCACE
COLONEL TIMOTHY W. SCOTT
COLONEL EUGENE A. SEVI
COLONEL DARRYL D. M. WONG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN W. ROSA, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8069:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. BARBARA C. BRANNON

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) DUNCAN C. SMITH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) SALLY BRICE-O'HARA
REAR ADM. (LH) HARVEY E. JOHNSON
REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID W. KUNKEL
REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID B. PETERMAN

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF MARY ANN C. GOSLING.