Syrian Television Coverage of Atiyeh's Visit:

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April 29, 1984 Meeting with Kaddam and Al-Kasem, Main Television News.

April 30, 1984 Meeting with President Assad, Main Television News.




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## President receives Governor of US state Oregon

## Israeli biased America cannot play effective role in Middle East



DAMASCUS, (SANA) President Hafez Assad received here at 11.45 a.m. Saturday, the Governor of the State of Oregon in the USA
Mr Victor Atiyeh. The meeting was attended by Mr Atiyeh's advisor Mr Sami al-Khal and the American Charge dAffaires in Syria.

Talks dealt with the situation in the region, SyrianAmerican relations and Mr Atiyeh's impressions during his visit to the country. Mr Atiyeh expressed admiration over Syria's great progress and people's allegiance to

President Hafez Assad, a feeling Mr Atiyeh witnessed in every place he visited. The President told Mr Atiyeh about the situation in the region and the US past and present acts. The US, the President stressed, can not play an effective role in the region as long as it is totally biased to Israel.
The US Administration, the President said, did not honour any of its commitments or agreement. There for we have no confidence in the American credibility.
We made it clear to US officials who visited us that the

US is biased to Israel and is working in favour of Israeli ambitions and interests and not for American national interets. the President said. "We have great confidence in the future". the Président stressed, "experience of years of national struggle has shown that resorting to force is not useful nor even capable of solving existing world problems on bases contradicting peoples' interests".

One who looks objectively to the future, the President said, will find that time is in our favour not in favour of Israel and its allies.






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## President Assad's interview with "TIME" magazine

# American ME policy obstructs peace; Lebanese, Syrians, one people bound by kinship, history 

DAMASCUS. (ST) President Hafez Assad gave an interview to the American TIME magazine. when he received the magazine Editor-in-Chief Mr Henry Grunwald and some members of the editorial staff on Friday.
Here is full tevt of the interview:

## QUESTION 1:

Precident the Mr Praiked. The United States how in lelbanon. liracl. though still strong. has been shaken bo its experience in L.ebathon. Svia now faces the difficult task of bearing the responsibilits in Lebanon.
Will there le now a new start to solve all evisting prohlems? I hase in mind. in this connection. relations hetween Svria and Jaracl. the two kel countries in the area. Could there be a practical understanding on solving several of the problems? PRESIDENT: We have always sought to achieve peace in the area. Since 1973, we agreed to Security Council's Resolution 338, and to arrangements adopted by the United N ations in that year, which called for an international peace conference. However, we four that all this was in conflict ... the ambitions of Israel.
In the "light of our experience. Israel does not
on justice and which fulfils the aspirations of those who are displaced and those who have
been wronged in the area been wronged in the area.
Israel has hig greeds in the lands of others. Experience has proved this.
In addition. Israel wants to continue acting as a big power in an area fully under its hegemony.

It is well known that the tremendous and continuous aid given by the U.S. to Israel enhances this spirit and those greeds.

Without this big help. Israel would not have theen able to commit aggression time and again. and to expand in Arab territories. Without this help. the experience of long vears would have motivated the Israelis themselves to put an end to their illegitimate ambitions.
While we are well aware of the Israeli ambitions, we want peace and we struggle to establish real peace which will restore our rights to us and put an and to the Israeli expansionism. In this contevt. we have supported appeals and proposals calling for an intersational conference. un: the auspices of the Un Vations. However, we 2: Mrenth the media wit anopted a negative att se towards those proposals.

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## Vice Presidents sworn in

 Halim Khaddam. Dr Rif'at Assad and Zuhair Masharya were sworn in at 10.30 p.m yesterday before President Hafez Assad in implementation of the Presidential decrees providing for naming Vice Presidents.Following the swearing-in ceremony the President spoke to them on their new tasks.

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## President's message to workers

## W orkers, pioneers in Arab struggle

DAMASCUS, (SANA) - expressed appreciation for the President Hafez Assad yesterday addressed a message of greetings to the country's working class on the occasion of the 46th anniversary of the foundation of the General Federation of Trade Unions (GFTU).
The President's message said that the country's development process acquires strength by the tireless efforts everted by workers. This everted by workers. This
process. the message pointed out. will always be promoted by the march of struggle which relies on the country's toiling massi and its honourable citizens. The power of the working class emanates from workers' deep faith in
nationalist principles, from their enlightened thinking which guides them on the road to justice and right and from their ceaseless efforts exerted to step up the country's process of production in all spheres, the message underlined. It went on to say that the militant struggle mounted by the country's trade unionists together with peasants is the nation's struggel to achieve its goals of liberation and the establishment of the socialist and progressive society.

The President's message constructive role played by the country's working class for greater advancement and progress and extended warmest congratulations on the GFTU foundation anniversary. The message also expressed confidence that the country's working class will always pioneer the nation's militant struggle. The message stated that history has shown that the working class plays a leading role in fighting against colonialism, reactionaries and feudalists and offered great sacrifices in this connection. The working class, the message added, has shouldered major responsibilities

BEIRUT, (SANA) Deputy Chairman of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) Mr Mohsen Dalloul and the Lebanese Parliament
member Mr Najah Wakim praised here on Monday Syria's monourable stances towards Lebanon whose aim is towards Lebanon whose aim is to safeguard Lebanon and preserve its unity.

In a statement to SANA. Mr
stepping up struggle and it provided the March 8 Revolution with leading nationalist cadres who were able to hold key positions in the country. These positions, the message continued, are considred a guarantee to considred a guarantee nation's
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struggle for the establishment of the socialist and progressive society and winning victory.
The President concluded his message by extending warmest greetings and congratulations to old trade unionists, to women workers and to all the couńtry's workers wishing them continued sifcess and happiness.

## Syria's role in <br> Lebanon lauded

Dalloul said that Sisia. led by President Hafez Assad has confirmed on several occasions. especially at Lausanne its great determination to achiere national reconciliation in Lebanon.
We are sure. he added. that through Syria's support for the Lebanese National Forces and the Amal Movement. the May 17 agreement was abrogated.

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'EGypt.Iraq
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BAGHDAD, March 24, - Lg patian Deputy Prime Ministe Hassan Alj told reporters upon arrival in the Iraqi capits that President Saddam Husse in's invitation for Presiden Hosni Mubarak remaing valid and that it will be honoured. Mr Ali is paying an official yisit to Iraq at the invitation of his Iraqi counter-part, Tarq zziz, who received him at Ba ring a hand-written is car ondence from the Egyptian leader to the Iraqi Head of State and is scheduled to call on him tomorrow to deliver it.
Asked to comment on Iraqi egyptian relations at the pres at stage, Mr All said tha mase relations are characterisPeally growing and that their teady growth is based on common body of objective posi-

## Militias strife still unsettled

 PARIS TO PULL UNIT OUT OF BEIRUT SOONBernut, March 24, - France's goverument, coulu try to send hiv uayo ut mbilias
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ments designated by the legal of machinegun and rocket fire, the Murabitoun headquarters overnment of Lebanon." The returned to Beirut today after and radio station. - Reuter

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Iraqi navy, jets hit 4 ships off Kharg
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PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK yesterday received Victor Attyeh, Governor of the State of Oregon, leading a rade mission from Oregon see tions with Egypt. Mr Ath Egypt.
Mr Attyeh's dele Mr Attyeh's delegation ingon business executives. are looking for imports «w well as exports, «Mr Attyeh aid its navy and 24, - Hrad The attack marked at leas lestroyed four jet fighters some measure of escalation in erchat ships lankers and the long-drawn conlict betwee Kharg Island oil terminal at in its 42nd month - following the head of the Gulf today. close on a spell of reduced A miitary spokesman said activity between ground fo potted at 0300 local time (mid- We night GMTX) near Kharg Is- that Iraq may well have used land and were attacked and its French-supplied Super Et destroyed. endard jets equipped with sea-

Gov't continues
studies on exchange rate

ECONOMY Minister Mustafa el-Said emphasised yesterday that the government is not considering at present the possibility of introducing any amendments to the Foreign Carrency Bill now in foxce, and
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GOVERNOR'S PILGRIMAGE - Oregon Gov. Vic Atiyeh (center) dances birthplace of his father, George Atiyeh, who left Amar for Oregon in 1900. with villager in Amar, Syria, during ceremony welcoming governor to All 500 residents welcomed the Oregon governor for his triumphant return.

## Atiyeh resets time machine, goes 'home'

Alan K. Ota is traveling with Gov. Vic Atiyeh in the Middle East.

## By ALAN K. OTA

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AMAR, Syria - When the black limousine finally squeezed its way around the last narrow curve in the road, the church bells began to ring and the ululating cries of the village women filled the air.

In 1900, George Atiyeh, the father of the future governor of Oregon, left here to go to a strange and distant place called Portland. Dozens of Amar natives would follow.

On Thursday night, George's son, Gov. Vic Atiyeh, returned "home" to his roots.

His cousin, Aniese Hadeed, 80 hugged the Portland-born governor and remembered Atiyeh's first and last visit 55 years ago to the birthplace of his father.
"He was so little and so happy. He would climb up and down the stairs and ride the horses," she said.

All 500 residents of this isolated hillside village turned out for his triumphant return.

It was, as Atiyeh later described it, like "scenes from a movie. . . . Suddenly you're in the middle of it."

The village lies in a grassy bowl just over a hill from the Krak des Cheto the 11th century. It is nestled among groves of olive, fig and almond trees, about 90 miles north of the capital, Damascus, and 25 miles west of Homs, Syria's third largest city.

Traveling the final circuitous route to it was like traveling back another

More on Atiyeh going "home" on Page B2.
century. The one-lane road wound through the hills past Bedouin tents and steep terraced ridges covered with flocks of sheep.

When Atiyeh emerged from the car in a brown suit, wing tips and a State of Oregon tie, he was immedi-, ately engulfed. Six trumpets and three. drums led the cavalcade down the village's main street, a narrow alley barely wide enough for two donkeys. Walking in the middle of the throng, Atiyeh and his wife, Dolores, were showered with lilac water, rice, rose petals and hard candies.

People crammed balconies and roof tops applauding, as they walked under an arbor graced with twin pic-

Hafez Assad.
At the home of his cousin, Aziz Atiyeh, gypsy musicians awaited dancing wildly and playing on suke charmer horns and hide ons Whakecharmer horly and howe drums. When Atiyeh tinally sat down, he turned to his friend, Nofam Kasrawr, the Syri-an-born vice president of CH2M Hill International of Portland, and quipped, "I never get treatment like this in Oregon."

The governor and his wife, his son, Thomas, 36, and 14 other Oregonians in his group sat around a long table, loaded with freshly grilled lamb, olives and many bottles of arak, an an-ise-flavored Syrian white lightning.

The local dignitaries included a Be douin chlef and a company of khakiclad policemen for Amar and the 40 other villages of the Christian valley.
Riyad Kasses, 23, introduced Atiyeh: "He is the governor of one of the biggest and best states of the United States of America."

After eating, the party began.
Gypsy women, wearing bright veiled gowns, danced enticingly, tossing their hair and swinging their hips. The milk-drinking two-term Republican governor got up three times to join chains of dancing villagers. He sipped
gingerly on a quarter-glass of diluted arak.

It went on until 1 a.m
Shortly after dawn Friday, Atiyeh was up for a walk through the village, sampling freshly baked pocket bread and trying to jog old memories.
"I remember this street," he said. II remember the last time there was dancing in the streets, guins going off."

There were no guns this time, except for a young boy's BB rifle that he borrowed and fired in the air.

He walked slowly among the sunbleached cement block houses with U 4 ores, tracize themarade route. "It'sralaffection, Atiyed said of the villagers. "You can feel it. It's an experience you can have only once in your ence.
"Not many Americans have it," he added, " $I$ 'm glad I did."

When it was time to leave, on Friday afternoon, Atiyeh had a farewell lunch and said goodbye to his cousins, Aziz and Hadeed, and his namesake, Victor, Aziz's 10-year-old son. Then he got back in one of the nine limousines in his caravan and started the threehour trip back to Damascus, with a coterie of security guards and Syrian ministry of information officials.

# Atiyeh party 

## to meet

## Saudi sheik

## The Assoclated Press

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The only mishap so far, Thompson reported, was that Atiyeh's press secretary Denny Miles developed a severe cold.

Monday's banquet, and a similar one Sunday, were part of the trade-mission aspect of the trip, Thompson said.

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