

# Report finds most dangerous roads in Latvia, Turkey

GENEVA (AP) — Roads in Latvia and Turkey are among the most dangerous in the world, although India has the highest accident death toll, according to statistics published Tuesday.

The report by the private International Road Federation says Hong Kong has the most crowded roads and Kuwaitis own the most cars per family.

Mexico and Spain fare best in the construction category, with Mexico having added 1,200 miles to its superhighway system and Spain 600 miles between 1989 and 1990. Investment in the United States and Canada, by contrast, has gone through a period of stagnation, the report says.

The International Road Federation represents road-building and maintenance firms and associa-

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tions that lobby governments to improve roads. Its 193-page report is based on 1991 figures from its members and governments.

The report is based on data from 124 countries, although not all statistics were available for all countries. Death rates for determining the most dangerous roads were available for less than half of the countries.

Federation Director-General Wim Westerhuis told a news conference that road traffic in Europe was expected to rise 40 percent over the next decade. He said the increase was expected to be

slightly less in North America but higher in rapidly industrializing Asian countries such as Thailand.

The survey showed that impoverished Albanians were the least likely to have cars, with one for every 50 families. By contrast, there were an average 2.1 cars per household in affluent Kuwait, 1.9 per household in Iceland and 1.8 in the United States.

Turkey had the largest percentage increase in the number of cars, jumping 54 percent between 1987 and 1991. In Poland, the transition to capitalism boosted private car ownership 43 percent.

Many Turks, however, paid for their new possessions with their lives. The report said Turkey had

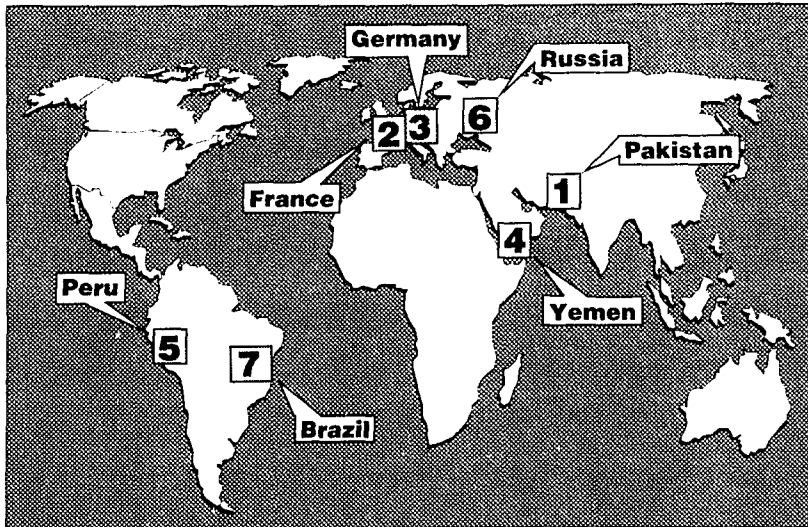
one of the highest accident rates with 24 deaths per 60 million miles driven in 1991. The toll in the Baltic republic of Latvia was slightly higher at 25, nearly double the 1987 rate.

The death rate in the United States, by comparison, was only 1.3 per 60 million miles.

This means, however, that 44,500 people were killed on U.S. roads in 1990, and 3.6 million were injured.

In India, 56,500 people died in road accidents and 254,000 were hurt, the report said.

The International Road Federation said in many instances inexperienced drivers and poor quality roads were more to blame than speed — particularly in Eastern Europe.



### Pakistan threatens to arrest Bhutto

**1** ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The government placed the army on alert and threatened Tuesday to arrest former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto if she goes ahead

a ship provisioned with almost no food or water. The 2,500 refugees on the Samaa-1, owned by a Dubai-based company, were given water and food at the remote Yemeni port of Mukalla before setting off for Aden, where the United Nations maintains refugee facilities.

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with a banned protest march to demand the government's ouster. Bhutto has refused to call off today's 10-mile march from the neighboring city of Rawalpindi to Islamabad, vowing to storm the federal capital with some 100,000 supporters.

### Van Gogh signature found on drawings

**2** PARIS (AP) — Six landscape drawings bought for a song from a French antique dealer three years ago are by Vincent Van Gogh, their Italian owner said Tuesday. Francesco Plateroti, who purchased the six drawings for \$80 in 1990, told reporters he never dreamed they were worth more than what he paid until he removed the frames and found Van Gogh's signature. The signatures were authenticated by Gilles Giessner, an Appeals Court graphologist from Aix-en-Provence, who worked in conjunction with the Paris police laboratory.

### German leftists oppose troop ban

**3** BONN, Germany (AP) — The main opposition party reversed course Tuesday and agreed to help the government end a constitutional ban on the use of German troops outside NATO nations. The decision by the leftist Social Democrats came hours after party delegates also supported ending Germany's liberal asylum rules in an effort to curb a flood of refugees that have become the targets of neo-Nazi violence.

### Aden prepares for Somali exiles

**4** ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Relief workers hastily prepared a camp Tuesday for the arrival of thousands of desperate Somali refugees who fled their war-torn homeland in

### Rebels detonate bombs in Peru

**5** LIMA, Peru (AP) — Shining Path rebels exploded more bombs in a pre-election wave of violence Tuesday, damaging five banks, a gas station and a police station. They threatened to kill commuters who go to work today or Thursday. The third consecutive day of attacks appeared aimed at frustrating elections Sunday for an assembly to replace the Congress that President Alberto Fujimori dissolved in April after seizing total power.

### Soldiers clear away weaponry in Russia

**6** MOSCOW (AP) — Chechen forces withdrew armored equipment and Russian soldiers cleared mine fields Tuesday as both sides stepped back from a weeklong standoff in the breakaway region, a news agency reported. Chechen parliament speaker Khusain Akhmadov went on television in the regional capital, Grozny, and said it was "most important now to separate the opposing troops to a safe distance to remove tension and calm down the population." Just last week, Chechen President Dzhokar Dudayev called his people to arms to wage war against Moscow's troops.

### Economist wins election in Rio

**7** RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Cesar Maia, an economist from the centrist Brazilian Democratic Movement Party, was declared the mayoral winner Tuesday with 51 percent of the vote. Official results from Sunday's runoff dashed the hopes of Benedita da Silva of the leftist Workers Party, who sought to become the first black woman to run a major city in Latin America's most populous country. Da Silva received 48 percent of the vote, losing by more than 100,000 votes.

## West Europe plans blockade of Yugoslavia

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Western European countries armed with new shoot-to-stop orders from the United Nations will set up a sea blockade against Yugoslavia to catch smugglers breaking a trade embargo, a source said Tuesday.

The United States also intends to commit "significant" ships and planes to the blockade, according to one senior U.S. official, but the Europeans are likely to provide the majority.

The United States has two surveillance ships monitoring air traffic over Bosnia-Herzegovina, and could commit more from the 19-ship Sixth Fleet task force in the Mediterranean.

The developments stem from the U.N. Security Council's vote Monday to use force to seal cracks in its 6-month-old ban on almost all international trade with Yugoslavia, now consisting only of Serbia and Montenegro. The council imposed the embargo to punish Yugoslavia for fomenting war in Bosnia-Herzegovina but it has been widely broken by trucks and ships on the Danube River and in the Adriatic Sea.

An official in Brussels said the nine-nation Western European Union will announce in Rome on Friday that its warships in the Adriatic will impose the blockade.

The 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization began consultations about participating in the blockade, said an alliance official, also demanding anonymity.

Each of the security groups has five frigates in the Adriatic.

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