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Amman Asserts 4 Jordanians Died As U.S. Jets Bombed Highway to Iraq

The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Foreign Minister Taher Masri said U.S. warplanes bombed civilian traffic in Iraq near the Jordanian border on Wednesday, killing four Jordanians and an Egyptian.

In Saudi Arabia, U.S. military spokesmen said that allied aircraft had dropped cluster bombs on mobile Scud missiles that Iraq often stations close to major highways.

Mr. Masri warned that his country would respond if the attacks recurred but did not describe the nature of the response.

Mr. Masri told legislators: "U.S. strikes on Jordanian civilian cars have led to the deaths of four Jor-

danian civilians and one Egyptian today."

He added that "U.S. strikes also caused the destruction" of five oil tank trucks Tuesday and four Wednesday.

He said the attacks occurred in Iraq on the highway linking Baghdad with the Jordanian capital. Jordan is officially neutral in the Gulf conflict. He called the highway "a lifeline between Iraq and Jordan."

Mr. Masri said he had summoned the U.S. ambassador, Roger Harrison, and relayed Jordan's "strong condemnation over the U.S. strikes against civilians and civilian targets near Jordanian territory."

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