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Egyptian soldiers kill Sadat; Begin wants to keep accord

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CAIRO, Egypt — President Anwar Sadat, whose peace with Israel changed the course of Middle East history, was assassinated Tuesday by six Egyptian soldiers who jumped from a jeep on military parade and charged the reviewing stand firing automatic weapons. Army sources said the attackers were Moslem fundamentalists.

Sadat had been under attack by fundamen-

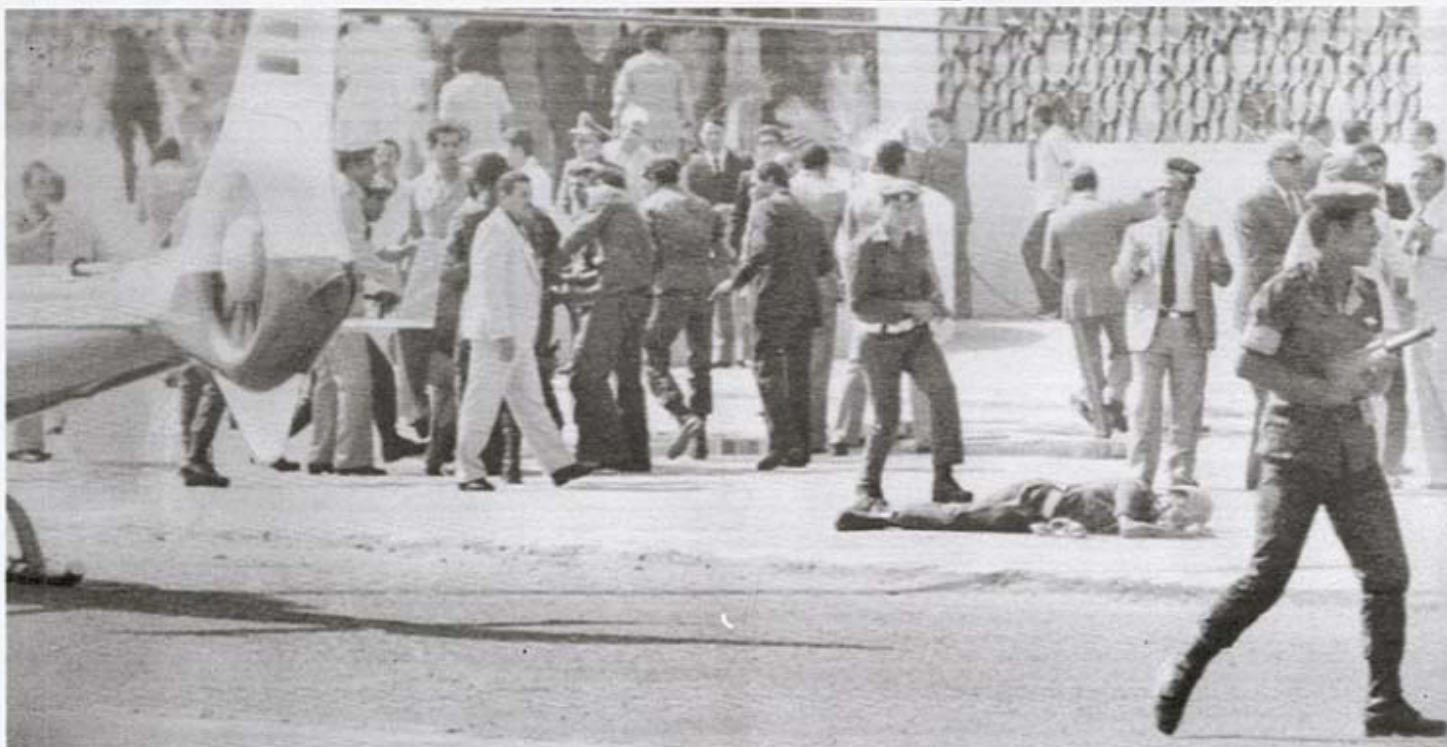
talists on the grounds that he betrayed Islam and the Arab world through his peace with Israel, which broke the cycle of three decades of Mideast wars.

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Tuesday's parade marked the anniversary of what Egypt calls a "glorious Arab victory" in the last conflict of that cycle — the 1973 Arab war against Israel.

Diplomatic and police sources reported that the raiders killed seven other people and wounded 27, including three American servicemen and two diplomats.

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Security men check the area around the doorway where Egyptian President Sadat was taken immediately after being shot as he reviewed the October 6th military parade. Sadat was taken away to a hospital by

helicopter (left). A dead security man lies on the ground during the commotion (right). Sadat was killed by soldiers, who opened fire on the stands. (UPI)

West bemoans killing; Libyans dance for joy

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President Reagan, former President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin — participants in the Middle East peace process that Carter and Begin started with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat four years ago — Tuesday bemoaned the loss of Sadat as a man of peace.

But in the streets of Libya — home of Sadat's arch-enemy, Moammar Khadafy — and in some other Arab cities, people were dancing for joy at the news of Sadat's assassination.

A smiling Khadafy appeared in an interview filmed in Libya and shown on French television, saying "the assassination should end tensions between Libya and Egypt."

"As of today, October 6, we challenge whoever takes the path of Sadat and whoever prays under the Israeli flag in Jerusalem," Khadafy said, referring to Sadat's peace trip to Israel.

"Death will be the end of whoever attempts treason after today," he said.

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3 U.S. officers hurt in attack on Sadat

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three American military observers were among those wounded during the attack on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Pentagon officials said.

A State Department spokesman said the officers were not seriously wounded. Two required treatment at a Cairo hospital. The third was taken to the U.S. Embassy for first aid.

The officers are:

—Air Force Lt. Col. Charles Loney, 42, of Austin, Texas, who is attached to Pentagon headquarters in Washington. He suffered a flesh wound in the shoulder.

—Air Force Capt. Christopher Ryan, 34, of Sacramento, Calif., who is attached to the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, West Germany. He was shot in the foot.

—Marine Maj. Jerald Agen-
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