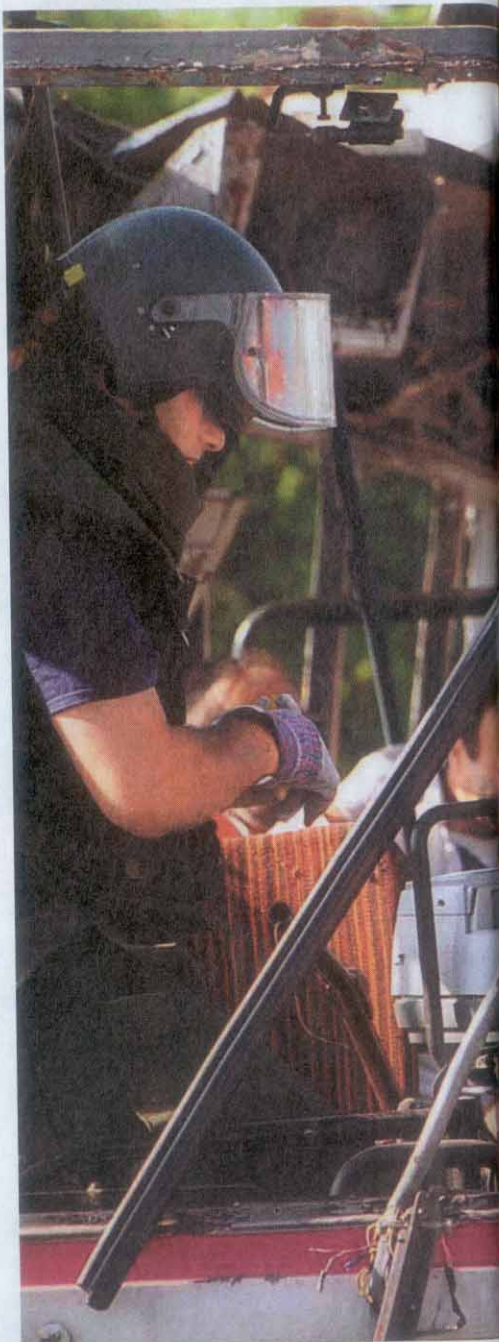




at the trauma ward

Israel's military and in-
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IN CONFINED SPACES, SHOCK WAVES CAN BE FATAL AS FLYING METAL: An Israeli bomb-squad officer searches a bus that exploded in a suicide bombing in Jerusalem last Tuesday, killing 19

speech outlining his vision for reinvigorating the peace process, including the establishment of a provisional Palestinian state. "There is this feeling, 'We tried politics, we tried the Army, we tried everything,'" says Haaretz columnist Avi Shavit, reflecting

Rivkind, a lanky general surgeon with a Jay Leno jaw, a formidable Roman nose and a gentle yet commanding manner. In a fluorescent-lit space with six beds and a gleaming array of defibrillators, ultrasound and X-ray machines, Rivkind and his team triage

2000, 1,800 victims of *intifada*-related violence, including some Palestinians, have passed through the trauma room.

Rivkind regularly encounters injuries virtually unseen before: horrific wounds to the head, chest, even rectum, caused by

coagulant, still unapproved by the American Food and Drug Administration, which he has since used to treat several of his bomb-blast victims.

In confined spaces, the effect of shock waves bouncing off walls and ceiling