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AMAL SAYS HOSTAGES "HAVING FUN"  
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The American hostages in Beirut are swimming at the beach, watching cowboy movies, eating well and "having fun," a Shiite Moslem militia official said.

"I am sure when you meet them later on, after they are released, every one of them will have gained 2 or 4 pounds in weight," Akef Haidar, a top lieutenant in the leadership of the Amal militia, told reporters Monday.

"Amal is looking after them, giving them radio, television and films, cowboy films especially," Haidar said.

"They get very fine and wonderful Lebanese food, not T-bone steaks. They are having a very, very rich experience. They are eating from the best restaurants in Lebanon.

"They are having fun," said Haidar.

"They went to the beach, they have television, radio, newspapers and have a lot of discussion with our brothers," he said.

Haidar said 31 of the 40 Americans taken hostage June 14 by the hijackers of a TWA jetliner were being held in Beirut by Amal, Lebanon's largest Moslem militia.

Six others are in the custody of the original hijackers, believed to be members of Hezbollah, a pro-Iranian group of Moslem extremists. The three-man crew of the TWA Boeing 727 is under the control of Amal and the hijackers at Beirut International Airport, he said.

Haidar said the hostages also were being shown films of villages bombarded by the battleship USS New Jersey in 1983 and of a car-bombing that killed at least 85 people in the Beirut suburb of Bir Abed earlier this year.

Lebanese Moslems claim the CIA helped train the people responsible for the attack in Bir Abed, but the CIA denied it.

In Athens Monday, a Greek-American businessman said he was traveling to Beirut to offer himself in exchange for one of the hostages.

Petros Bratakos, a 44-year-old retired computer executive who operates a restaurant in St. Louis, Mo., said he wanted to exchange himself for Arthur Toga, a St. Louis resident, whose wife is pregnant. Bratakos said he had never met Toga.