Germany to expel 1 lakh foreigners

HAMBURG, Germany, June 26: Germany is planning to expel around 100,000 foreigners over the next few weeks under new legislation on political asylum, Amnesty International said Tuesday, reports AFP.

The main targets for expulsion would be asylum-seekers from Iraq, Iran, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Lebanon and Afghanistan, an Amnesty spokesman on refugee matters, Wolfgang Grenz, said on Hamburg BDR radio.

These were all countries "where human rights violations

have not disappeared," he said. New legislation to come into force on July will give the Federal government full powers over the granting of residence permits.

Up to now, the state governments in Germany's various "Laender" had the power to issue residence permits to people whose application for political asylum had been rejected by the federal authorities.

From July 1, all residence permits will have to be ap-AFP. proved by the Federal Interior Ministry.



3.2m children die from diarrhoea : Each year 7.5 million children under five years old die from diarrhoea and pneumonia, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in Geneva Tuesday, repots AFP.

The organization has set aside a further 20 million dollars over four years for its campaign to fight these avoidable diseases, WHO Director Hiroshi Nakajima announced. Most of the deaths from diarrhoea (3.2 million) could be

prevented by feeding the children suitable liquids, said Mr. Jim Tulorch, head of the WHO Division fighting these ill-

Early detection and antibiotics could prevent the 4.3 million pneumonia fatalities, he said.

In September at the United Nations children's summit, the WHO proposed programmes which would cut deaths from diarrhoea by half and from pneumonia by a third.

Palestinian slain in Gaza : A Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israel was discovered dead Saturday in the occupied Gaza strip, the army and Arab reports in Jerusalem said, reports AP.

Arab reporters identified the victim as Hussein Mohammed el-Hilu, 43, and said masked Arab activists had kidnapped him two days earlier.

They said Hilu's body was found in an olive grove near the Nusseirat refugee camp. He had been shot in the head and chest, they said.

Also Saturday, the army imposed a curfew on the Shati refugee camp in the Gaza Strip following clashes. Three Palestinians were slightly wounded by rubber-chated metal bullets and two border policemen were injured from stones, the army said.

Huge explosion in Iraq: Iranian radio reported a huge explosion Saturday across the border in southern Iraq, where Iran has accused Saddam Hussein of preparing his forces for an attack on 1 million Shiite refugees. AP reports from Nicosia.

Iran has regularly reported explosions across the border and has alleged that Shiite Muslim refugees trapped in marshlands in southern Iraq are facing an impending massacre by Saddam.

Baghdad has denounced the reports as "lies."

Independent reporters who visited the area found no basis for Iranian reports earlier this month. The United States has said there has been sporadic military activity, but no sign any major assault in the works. Official Iranian radio, monitored in Cyprus, said in its lates

report that the "huge explosion" shook windows in the border town of Bostan, in Iran's Khuzestan province.

"Informed sources believe that the explosion probably results from the clashes between the government forces and opposition groups," the radio said.

More than 1 million Iraqi Kurds and Shiites fled to Iran after Saddam cracked down on simultaneous uprisings in the north and south following the Gulf war.

Belgrade outlaws independence declarations: The Yugoslav government outlawed independence declarations by Slovenia and Croatia, its two richest republics, early today, Reuter said from Belgrade.

After meeting in crisis session, it branded the proclamations as "illegal and illegitimate".

Earlier, the Belgrade Parliament appealed to the army to prevent the break-up of the federation of 23 million people, raising fears that the central authorities would resort to force to try to hold Yugoslavia together.

The two republics' Parliament proclaimed independence to thunderous applause and cheers on Tuesday, declaring they were "dissociating" from Yugoslavia and bringing to an end the united federation and its ethnic mix after 72 troubled

The federal government, representing all six constituent republics and two provinces, gave its response swiftly after holding a crisis meeting.

It said in a statement carried by Tanjug news agency it had agreed on measures to secure the country's borders and carry out state functions. It gave no details.

US hails Kuwait's plan to end ML: The State Department Tuesday welcomed Kuwait's plan to end martial law on Wednesday, reports AFP from Washington. The fact that the government of Kuwait feels conditions allow the end of martial law is a positive development, said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler, noting

that the announcement was first made June 8. Kuwaiti Justice Minister Ghazi al-Samar, quoted by the Arab newspaper Sawt al-Kuwait Tuesday, announced that Martial Law would end Wednesday at midnight (2100 GMT).

Dalai Lama invited to USSR: The Tibetan Spiritual, leader, Dalai Lama, has been invited to visit the Soviet Union next month. The unofficial interfax news agency reported in Muscon Tuesday, reports AFP.

The invitation came from the Buddhist community in the Soviet Union, Victor Efremov of the Council of Religious Affairs told the news agency.

The community is celebrating the 250th anniversary of Buddhism in the country between July 10 and 31 in Ulan-Ude, capital of the Buriat autonomous republic, located east of lake Baikal.

It has not yet been decided if the Dalai Lama, who lives in exile in India, will received a visitors visa, reported Interfax. Admitting the Dalai Lama could cause problems for Soviet-Chinese relations as Beijing has on occasion opposed the reception given to the Tibetan leader by certain countries.

WHO's appeal for poor nations: World Health Organisation Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima urged help for the Third World with its rising incidence of diabetes, once thought to be a problem of rich countries, in a statement prior to the First World Diabetes Day on Thursday.

reports AFP for Geneva. Who said Tuesday that 60 million people now had the disease worldwide. Whereas it affects two to five per cent of Western populations studies show it now hits 10 to 20 per cent - or five times more - of the population in some developing countries.

It also has a high incidence among ethnic minorities in industrialised countries, the statement said.

British troops to remain in Iraq: British Prime Minister John Major reiterated Tuesday that British troops would remain in Northern Iraq until the safety of the Kurdish population could be guaranteed reports AFP from London.

Major Responding to a member of parliament in the House of Commons said it was never our intention to keep a permanent troop presence on the ground but that certain conditions must be met before British troops would be withdrawn.

Rao won't relax policing in Punjab, Kashmir

BJP forms govt in UP, firm to demolish Babri mosque

the BJP exhumed the pow-

derkeg mosque controversy

saying it was built by razing a

Hindu temple already there.

AYODHYA (India), June 25: The Hindu-revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party) Tuesday renewed its election vow to replace an ancient mosque with a Hindu temple in this pilgrim town of Uttar Pradesh state, reports

The BJP, which swept the just-concluded state polls and formed its first provincial government here, said it would now remove all obstructions and build a new temple to Hindu Lord Rama at the site of the 16th century mosque.

"My government will remove all hurdles from the path of constructing a temple," Chief Minister Kalyan Singh said at the site in this river side pilgrim town adding that his BJP government would also permit hindus to enter it

Kalyan Singh, heading 211 BJP state lawmakers and 50 party MPs' from the northern state, Tuesday trooped into the fortified site where 24 people died in police firings last year when hindus tried to demolish the structure. "The first obstruction to-

wards a temple was removed in the hustings," Kalyan Singh said referring to the state elections which returned 209 BJP lawmakers to the 403-seat Uttar Pradesh Parliament. "Lord Rama, we vow by you

that your temple will be here,' chanted the Chief Minister, his ministerial colleagues, federal MPs' and the lawmakers amid a blowing of conch shells and

drum beating by priests guardto enter the shrine," he said ing Lord Rama images. as BJP supporters in the town shouted slogans urging the vis-Kalyan Singh was among the thousands to be arrested in a iting politicians to order the crackdown by a centrist state dismantling of the controvergovernment in October after sial shrine.

Another report from New Delhi says: Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao said on Tuesday his new government would not relax policing



L. K. Advani : firm to construct temple

in the troubled states of Punjab and Kashmir, where Sikh and Muslim militants are battling for independence. Rao, who held extensive

talks with senior officials on the situation in the two states. decided there would be no letup in the anti-separatist drive being pursued by security forces, a government spokesman said.

"The Prime Minister was fully briefed" on the situation, the spokesman said, referring to the daily violence in the two provinces which has left hundreds dead this year.

He did not give details of the meetings Rao held in New Delhi Monday, three days after assuming office at the head of a 57-strong ministry.

The spokesman said the meeting was attended by Kashmir Governor Girish Chandra Saxena, India's former External intelligence chief. Punjab Governor O P Malhotra, who resigned Saturday and other home ministry officials.

"A decision has not yet been taken on his Malhotra's resignation." The official said after Rao's first law and order review meeting.

Malhotra, a former Army Chief, quit after the Election Commission postponed controversial elections in Punjab at the 11th hour until Septem ber 25.

The Punjab governor was reportedly annoyed that he had not been consulted on the postponment, ordered a day before the polls originally set for Saturday. The postponement came

after 24 candidates and scores of others were killed in a violent run-up by Sikh militants, who unleased a campaign of terror against political parties and voters.

Off the Record

Parliament illegitimate, fumes Walesa

WARSAW: President Lech Walesa denounced Poland's communist-dominated Parliament on Tuesday, as "imposed, nominated and illegitimate" but said he could not break the law to

get rid of it, reports Reuter. He told Warsaw factory workers at an impromptu rally he would like to dissolve the Sejm (lower house), whose deputies are 65 per cent ex-communists and their former allies holding reserved seats as soon as possible.

But he appeared to step back reluctantly from a constitutional confrontation that threatened to plunge Poland into crisis.

"I have heared a suggestion here-get tougher and dissolve Parliament," Walesa told hundreds of workers at the VIS Precision Tools Factory, "I can only tell you it is not so easy."

The fragile building of democracy requires a wise approach.

"Until I have such a right I cannot do this I don't like it. My heart is breaking but I cannot do it, because I am not allowed to."

All for Sonia

NEW DELHI: A junior Minister named by Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao declined to take his oath of office Tuesday and vowed he would only enter the cabinet when Rajiv Gandhi's widow becomes an MP, reports AFP.

Rudra Pratap Singh said in a statement that he would accept no position in the government unless and until Sonia Gandhi, 44, agreed to represent the slain former Premier's Amethi constituency in Parliament.

Mr. Singh, a member of the nominated Upper House of Parliament appointed by Mr. Rao friday as a Minister of State, said his refusal to join the cabinet was not a sign of disrespect to the 69-year-old new Premier.

He said his decision had been dictated by sentiment. "I have full confidence in Mr. Rao's leadership and commitment to the party," he added.

President Ramaswamy Venkataraman later cancelled MR. Singh's appointment on the advice of the Prime Minister.

Bandits out to kill me: Benazir

situation

KARACHI (Pakistan), June 26: The People's Party of Pakistan (PPP) leader Benazir Bhutto said on Tuesday it feared authorities in the volatile southern province of Sind planned to have her killed by bandits, reports Reuter.



The PPP said in a statement it had learned the Provincial Government had promised an amnesty to some well-known bandits "in return for launching a murderous attack" on

The Provincial Government denied the charge. "There is no truth in the statement," a

UN team denied

access to Iraqi

nuclear plant

bers of the Security Council -

the United States, the Soviet

Union, Britain, China and

France — met in closed session

late on Tuesday where they

expected to he briefed by Rolf

the destruction of Iraq's dan-

The sources said that the

team attempted on Sunday to

visit a site where they sus-

pected nuclear material was

stored but were blocked entry

Yugoslav army

put on alert

LJUBLJANA (Yugoslavia).

June 26: The Yugoslav army

went on combat alert in Slove-

nia Wednesday after the repub-

lic declared itself indepen-

dent, Tanjug news agency said.

Slovenian Information minister

Jelko Kacin as saying an ar-

moured brigade and one battal-

ion were put on the highest

alert. Other units raised their

dence on Tuesday. The Yu-

Slovenia declared indepen-

The state agency quoted

reports Reuter.

combat readiness.

by an Iraqi military official.

gerous weapons.

Tuesday, reports BSS.

In the past, the PPP has accused Provincial Chief Minister Jam Sadiq Ali of conspiring to eliminate Bhutto.

government spokesman said.

cian said he had ordered his

government to review the cur-

rent fortress-like security

around the shrine and lift it so

that common Rama devotees

could visit the complex unhin-

"It is a Hindu temple and

Hindus have the absolute right

sary protection to Bhutto, who was sacked as Prime Minister last August on disputed charges of abusing power in her 20 months of government. incident happens, the respon-

the shoulders of Nawaz Sharif and Jam Sadiq Ali," the statement said. Earlier this month, a PPP spokesman said unknown

home on June 14. Police said they were inves-

Bhutto, who turned 38 on

Its latest statement charged Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif accused the US Central Intelwith failing to provide necesligence Agency (CIA) of plotting to subvert the Soviet

"God forbid if any untoward sibility would entirely lie on

gunmen shadowing Bhutto had fired shots in the air when challenged outside her Karachi

tigating but had received no formal complaint from Bhutto.

June 21, is touring her home town, Larkana. She is due to visit the northern Sind district of Jacobabad Wednesday and Thursday to campaign for a PPP-backed candidate in a byelection for a provincial assembly seat.

China welcomes peace-move in Cambodia

BEIJING, June 26: China UNITED NATIONS, June 26: A U N team investigating Iraq's nuclear materials has been denied access to a key plant near Baghdad, sources at the United Nations said on mained, reports AFP. The five permanent mem-

Ekeus, Director of the special U N Commission supervising

the main supporter of the Khmer Rouge, Tuesday welcomed steps towards peace in Cambodia, saying hopes for a political solution to the war had been boosted but making clear that more work re-

"We welcome the positive progress achieved at the Pattaya meeting, the Foreign Ministry said, referring to three-day negotiations in the That resort of that began Mon-

economy, describing promises of Western aid as an illusion. Leningrad television reported, reports Reuter. The channel showed recorded excerpts of a speech by Kryuchkov to a closed ses-

sion of the Soviet parliament He linked his assessment of Yavlinsky's radical reform the current situation in the Soviet Union to a CIA plan al-

legedly adopted in 1977. "The US CIA in recent times...has been working on plans for optimising hostile activities aimed at the breakup of Soviet society and disorganisation of the socialist economy", he said.

Apparently referring to a

suggestion that Western aid should be linked to a radical economic reform plan prepared by Russian economist Grigory Yavlinksy and a group of US academics, Kryuchkov "We have reliable informa-

tion on credits. Talk that we might be granted credits in the order of 250 billion or 150 billion (dollars) is fairy tales. an illusion. It is either self-deception or deception o Leningrad television said it

"not important how the tape of Kryuchkov's

Kazakh pilgrims to undergo physical exam before Haj

being allowed to make a Haj to Mecca every pilgrim in Kazakhstan had to undergo a physical examination, reports IAN.

MOSCOW, June 26: Before

to subvert Soviet economy package on Tuesday but Presi-MOSCOW, June 26: KGB remarks was obtained. Hardchief Vladimir Kryuchkov has dent Mikhail Gorbachev, who line Defence Minister Dmitry

Western aid an illusion

KGB chief accuses CIA of plotting

same closed session. Kryuchkov, who has previously warned of Western economic subversion plots, was addressing parliamentarians as they waged a heated debate on ways to revive the economy with market-oriented re-

Hardline deputies attacked

Yazov and Interior Minister Boris Pugo spoke during the

is due to argue his case for Western financial support at a meeting of top industrial nations next month, defended it. The Yavlinsky plan, aimed

at introducing a market economy and integrating it with the West, might involve an injection of aid of 30 billion dollars a year for five years, according to some Western es-

The KGB chief said the CIA

UN investigator refused entry in Burma

UNITED NATIONS, June 26 Burma has refused to allow entry to a United Nations investigator assigned to look into allegations of human rights abuses and instead proposed another official, diplomats disclosed on Tuesday, reports

The action is bound to prompt further calls for General Assembly resolutions against Burma, thereby isolating it further from the international community, they said. Burma, known as Myanmar,

recently rejected Yozo Yokota, a Japanese Professor, who was appointed by the Geneva-based UN human rights commission earlier this year, according to the envoys, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Instead Burma's military

government has proposed that another UN associate, purification quisumbing of the Philippines, go in his place, a highly unusual action bound to be rejected.

The diplomats said that the commission would probably not back down from its original appointment and Yokota, if necessary, would write a report without on-site inspec-

Human rights investigations and reports are usually held in secret on grounds governments will be more coopera-

Only a handful of states

among them Iran, Afghanistan and the former government of Chile - have ever refused entry to a UN human rights investigator. Their actions resulted in critical publicised An initial report on Burma

was submitted late last year by Sadako Ogata before she was appointed UN. Commissioner for Refugees. Her confidential 'study was characterised by diplomats as balanced but highly critical. Human rights groups allege

Burmese authorities have jailed hundreds of political activitists and tortured many of them.

Under house arrest for nearly two years is Aung San Suu Kyi, the Leader of the main opposition party, the National League for Democracy Her party won elections in May 1989 but a military junta refused to let it take office.

Security Council members, and

has capitulated to 30 percent

potentially worth more than 6

tal at least 60 billion dollars.

Kuwait says its damages to-

In Washington, State

that the percentage could be

increased above 30 percent if

billion dollars annually.

sought to influence the Soviet economy by recruiting people who might hold powerful positions and an important aspect of this plan involved economic management.

He said the country was on the brink of catastrophe and reforms linked to what he called vague promises of aid were being dictated from "The USA and some other

the collapse of the Soviet Union to be a foregone conclusion", he said. Gorbachev has repeatedly

Western countries consider

stressed the need for Western aid to support his perestroika

List of new Indian Council of Ministers

NEW DELHI, June 26: Following is the list of Council of Ministers recommended by the Prime Minister Mr P.V. Marasimha Rao to President Mr R Venkataraman, reports

P.V. Narasimha Rao - Prime Minister Personnel, Public Grievences, Science and Technology, Space, Ocean Development, Electronics, Automic Energy, Chemical and Rural Fertilisers. Development, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution. additional charge of Defence and Industry. Cabinet Ministers:

1. Dr. Manmohan Singh -

Finance. 2. Mr. Balram Jakhar - Agriculture. 3. Mr. Arjun Singh - Human Resources Development. 4. Mrs Sheila Kaul - Urban Development. 5. Mr. C.K. Jaffer Sharief -Railways. Shankaranand - Petroleum and Natural Gas. 7. Mr. K. Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy — Law, Justice and Company Affairs. 8. Mr. Sitaram Kesri - Welfare. 9. Mr. M. L. Fotedar - Health and Family Welfare. 10. Mr. Malhavsing Solanki — External Affairs. 11. Mr. S.B. Chavan Home. 12. Mr V.C. Shukla -Water Resources. 13. Mr. Madhav Rao Scindia - Civil Aviation and Tourism. 14. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad -Parliamentary Affairs.

Ministers of State (independent charge) 1. Mr. H.R. Bhardwai -Planning and Programme Implementation. 2. Mr. P.

Chidambaram - Commerce. 3.

Mr Santosh Mohan Deb - Steel

4. Mr Ajit Kumar Panja -Information and Broadcasting. Mr. Ashok Gehlot - Textiles. 6. Mr. Rajesh Pilot Communications. 7. Mr. Kamal Nath -Environment and Forests. 8. Mr. Jagdish Tyler -Surface Transport. 9. Mr. Kalpnath Rat Power and Nonconventional Energy Sources. 10. Mr. k. Ramamurthy Labour. 11. Mr. Bairam Singh Yadav - Mines. 12. P.A. Sangma

- Coal. 13. Tarun Gogot - Food.

14. Mr. Giridhar Gomango -

Food Processing Industries.

30 pc Iraqi oil revenue to be held to pay for war damages, says US UNITED NATIONS, June weeks of lobbying the other 14

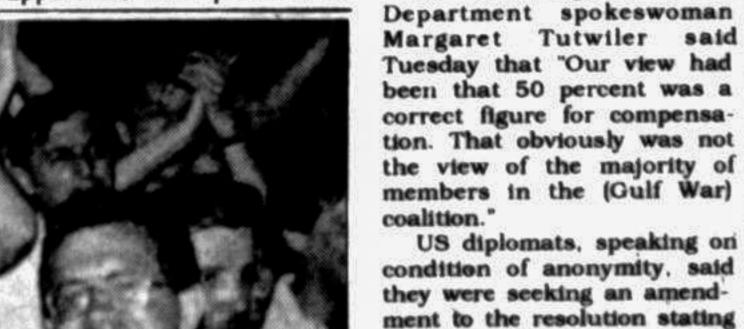
26: Bowing to political reality. US officials reluctantly say they will go along with the U N's recommendation that no more than 30 percent of Iraq's oil revenues be held to pay for war damages, reports AP.

The Security Council holds private talks Wednesday on the figure. Diplomats said they expected an open council meeting afterward to adopt the 30 percent figure.

The State Department contended the 30 percent level

recommends by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar was too low, and fought for withholding half of Iraq's oil revenues. However, the United States

failed to gain any significant support for that position in



Some U N diplomats said the United States has no right to dictate the percentage.

oil prices increase.



goslav government responded by saying it would send the early June 26 to celebrate the first day of independence. The Croatian parliament solemnly army to secure borders in proclaimed the independence of Croatia June 25. -AFP/UNB photo