

BRIEFLY

Syria-Labnese deal worries US: The US State Department said on Wednesday it was worried about the recent cooperation treaty between Syria and Lebanon...

Iraq to build monument for the dead: Iraq is to erect a monument in memory of the more than 300 people who died in an allied raid against a bomb shelter west of Baghdad during the recent Gulf War...

Radioactive clothing: Radioactive clothing worn by some of Iraq's 'human shield' hostages helped prove Baghdad was engaged in clandestine nuclear activity, the United States told the Security Council on Wednesday...

US-USSR talks to slash N-arms: US undersecretary of State Reginald Bartholomew is in Geneva for talks with Soviet officials on a treaty to slash strategic nuclear arms, the state department said on Wednesday...

Perez greets talks on Cambodia: Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Wednesday welcomed the outcome of peace talks on Cambodia held in Thailand this week and called for renewed efforts to achieve national reconciliation...

47 Palestinians killed in Gaza, W. Bank: Israeli army 'special units' have killed 47 Palestinians in the occupied territories since 1989, the Palestine Human Rights Information Centre (PHIR) said Wednesday...

Swiss bid to cut flow of asylum-seekers: BERNE, June 27: Switzerland said on Wednesday it was proposing new measures to make the country less attractive to increasing numbers of refugees...

And now insulin pills? WASHINGTON, June 27: Researchers have made progress in efforts to replace the cumbersome insulin shots required by diabetics with pills or even a nasal spray, scientists said on Wednesday...

Pawar says Cong govt will complete full term Kashmiri militants attempt to kidnap Israelis : 1 killed, 5 missing

NEW DELHI, June 27: Muslim militants tried to kidnap Israeli tourists from a houseboat in Kashmir, sparking a struggle in which one Israeli and one militant were killed, officials said Thursday...

The Swedes' kidnapping was claimed by the Muslim Janbaz Force, who have demanded the release of several jailed colleagues. A score of militant groups have been battling Indian forces in Kashmir...



NEW DELHI: India's new defence minister, Sharad Pawar 51, (L) beams as he shakes hands with Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao (R), the man he challenged for the prime ministership...

Judge's killing a ploy to rig Sind polls : Benazir

KARACHI, Pakistan. June 27: Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto traded charges on Wednesday with one of her political foes over the murder of a judge that led to a crackdown on Bhutto's supporters...

by the government. Bhutto was due to address public rallies later on Wednesday and Thursday in the northern Sind district of Jacobabad to campaign for a PPP-backed candidate for a Provincial Assembly seat.

10 killed in Algerian stir : Army firm to curb rioting

ALGIERS, June 27: The Algerian army Wednesday issued a severe warning to fundamentalists against further protests, as more deaths were reported from three days of rioting in and around the Algerian capital, reports AFP.

It asked them to avoid moving to such trouble spots as the El-Sunna Mosque in Bab-Qued or Ibn Badis in the Kouba district, where Islamic salvation front leaders preach. The army called on parents to watch their youngsters, keeping them away from 'professional agitators'...



GENEVA, Switzerland: Iranian opposition demonstrators from the People's Mujahadeen are pulled back from the car of Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as he arrived in the underground car park of the Hotel where he was to hold a press conference June 26.

Kuwait will not allow US bases

KUWAIT CITY, June 27: The Kuwaiti Defence Minister said Wednesday that the Emirate needed only a 'symbolic' Arab force of around 7,000 men to protect itself and ruled out any role for Iranian troops in a regional security network...

Off the Record

Edhi's despair KARACHI, June 27: Pakistan's top welfare worker declared in despair today, that he had lost faith in his country and wanted to return to India from where he had migrated after his petition in 1947...



BONN: German Chancellor Helmut Kohl gives a stuntman performance as a battle made of sugar is smashed on his head by an unknown actor, during the annual children's party in the garden of the Bonn Chancellery June 26.

Diana now a self-assured future Queen

LONDON: It has been 10 years since Lady Diana Spencer, shy, sheltered and barely 20, married Prince Charles with much of the world watching, reports AP. The bashful kindergarten teacher has emerged, at 30, as a self-assured future queen, an international celebrity and the royal family's most visible asset.

Nehru, Edwina exchanged passionate envelopes

LONDON: So 'passionate' was the 'special relationship' between Jawaharlal Nehru and Edwina Mountbatten, the wife of the last British Viceroy of India, that 'at first, in 1948, they had written once a week, by 1954 once a fortnight'...

Yeltsin will devote first 100 days to internal crisis

MOSCOW, June 27: Russian President Boris Yeltsin said Wednesday, he would devote his first 100 days in office to tackling the internal problems of his vast republic, reports AFP.

16 massacred in a Lahore house

LAHORE (Pakistan), June 27: A gang broke into a house in the Pakistani city of Lahore, tied up all 16 people inside and slit their throats, police said Thursday, reports Reuters.