#### 12 Y'slav envoys declare loyalty to Croatia

ZAGREB (Yugoslavia), Sept 26 : Croatia said on Wednesday 12 Yugoslav ambassadors around the world had declared loyalty to the breakaway republic, reports Reuter.

The office of Croatian President Francjo Tudkman issued a statement saying the envoys declared readioners to withdraw from the Yugoslav diplomatic service.

They were Yugoslavia's ambassadors to the Soviet Union. Austria, France, the Vatican, Egypt, Malaysia, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Chile, Argentina and Uganda.

Tanjug news agency quoted diplomatic sources as saying the envoys took their stands in telephone conversations

## UN team collects data on Iraq's N-plan

LONDON, Sept 26: The United Nations team of nuclear inspectors detained in Iraq has countries and companies helping Baghdad develop nuclear weapons, the leader of the group said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

David Kay, in charge of the 44-member team, told British television by satellite phone from Iraq that he held comprehensive information on Baghdad's nuclear programme, from the people involved to how it was supplied and funded.

"It's very sensitive and vital data," he told channel four

The UN team, in Iraq to monitor compliance with terms of the Gulf war ceasefire requiring Baghdad to scrap its weapons of mass destruction, is being held in a Baghdad courtyard by Iraqi officials and security forces.

iraq accuses the inspectors of spying and demands they hand over the documents and videotapes they have gathered. Detailing the kind of infor-

Arabia: 200 fighters still stationed WASHINGTON, Sept 26: US

> White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater had said Wednesday that the issue of helicopter overflight seemed to have been resolved by Baghdad's promise, presented to the United Nations late Tuesday, he added, that it remained to be seen whether Baghdad would hold to its

ditions on their movements. AP from Dhahran adds : Saudi officials are welcoming US plans to send Patriot antiballistic missiles to the desert kingdom as tensions rose again in the Gulf region.

## 4 killed in Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Scpt 26 Four people were reported killed in Bucharest's worst riots for 15 months and sierce battles raged through the night between troops and striking miners backed by local youths, reports Reuter.

Wednesday's riots were led by at least 7,000 coalminers

more miners were heading for the capital today to join the fray - some of 52,000 Jiu Valley miners who stopped work on Tuesday after failing to win pay riscs.

NEW DELHI, Sept 26: Stu-

dent protesters fanned out

across New 'Delhi on Wednes-

day, hijacked buses and

threatened large-scale suicides

after the government an-

nounced a plan to reserve jobs

for India's underprivileged.

witnesses said, reports Reuter.

Rao's Congress issued an order

on Wednesday reserving 27

per cent of all new jobs in gov-

ernment service for a category

of "socially and educationally

backward classes" embracing

lower-caste Hindus and some

Scores of students com-

Muslims.

Prime Minister Narasimha

A formal US decision came Tuesday, and the first two Patriot batteries were deployed Wednesday from Germany to Saudi Arabia, the Defense De-

Architect of Allied air offensive due in Riyadh

US beefing up firepower in Saudi

partment said. The action came after Iraqi troops for a second time detained 44 UN inspectors searching for evidence of nuclear weapons in that country.

US President Bush con-Baghdad's demned "unacceptable behaviour" and the UN Security Council demanded release of the inspec-

A Saudi official on Tuesday welcomed plans to send 1,300 troops and about 100 Patriots and said the missiles fit into their plans. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the troops and material should provide sufficient desence should Saddam plot any new aggression.

The Saudis took an unprecedented step in August 1990 by inviting US forces in

# General Khaled quits military service

NICOSIA, Scpt 26: Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has granted his nephew and Gulf war commander his request to quit

The official Saudi news agency SPA said yesterday King Fahd, in a decree issued on Tuesday, also promoted Prince Khaled bin Sultan to full General from the rank of Lieutenant-General.

old Sandhurst graduate, is the son of Defence Minister Prince Sultan who, SPA said, had informed the Saudi ruler of his son's wish to leave active military service.

the tall and burly Prince wanted to leave his job. Diplomats in the kingdom said he would now pursue business

He was the Arab counterin February.

The Prince, who commanded Saudi Arabia's Air Defence Forces before the Gulf crisis, spent the Gulf campaign

He was highly decorated by

the campaign," said one western diplomat in Riyadh, noting that after months in the limelight in and outside Saudi Arabia, the Prince had virtually disappeared from the public eye in the past two months.

The diplomats said the Prince, who took part in negotiating huge arms deals in recent years with the United States, Britain and France, was at one point tipped as the likely Commander of a proposed joint force from the six member-states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The GCC, set up a decade ago as a mainly political and economic bloc, groups Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. About 200 US Air Force jet fighters and spy planes are still based in Saudi Arabia - an array that includes A-10 attack planes, F-15 and F-16 fighters, F-117A Stealth fighterbombers, airborne AWACS and U-2 spy planes.

Bush has made clear he would be willing to send even more warplanes to escort UN inspectors seeking to identify and dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction under terms of the Gulf War cease-

Bush said last week that the would provide the Patriots to the Saudis for defensive purposes. The White House said Iraq still possessed "several hundred Scud missiles of the type used against Saudi Arabia during the Gulf war."

There were reports that the Saudis demanded the missiles in return for allowing the United States to stage protective cover flights for UN inspectors, but Defense Department officials declined comment on the reports Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in Dhahran knowledgeable American officials told The Associated Press there were no apparent indications of imminent action against Iraq.

One officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it would take at least two weeks to attain a state of preparedness for action against Iraq.

At the height of the war there were 540,000 troops in the region. Now there are 33,000.

Although jet fighters streak more often through Dhahran skies nowadays, the atmosphere is hardly that of a place that might soon turn into a base for a fresh military strike.

# Off the Record

#### Bush's good-wishes for Yeltsin

WASHINGTON: President Bush spoke with Russian President Boris Yeltsin for 10 minutes on Wednesday and was assured the 60-year-old leader who suffered heart trouble last week was feeling fine, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, reports Reuter.

Bush asked Yeltsin how he was feeling in light of the accounts of a few days ago, the White House spokesman said.

Referring to the fact the Russian leader took two days off because of heart trouble last week. President Yeltsin said he was feeling fine, but he was going to take a couple of weeks for rest, Fitzwater said.

Yeltsin cancelled a meeting with German Finance Minister Thew Waigel Wednesday to take a sudden holiday, speaking fresh speculation over his health.

Fitzwater said Bush also discussed the progress of economic reform during the brief exchange.

In Moscow, Tass news agency also reported the call from Bush to Yeltsin saying the two men "discussed the situation in the Soviet Union and the Russian republic."

They also touched upon other issues, Tass said.

#### And now skyphone

SINGAPORE: Singapore Airlines (SIA) opened a new era in airborne telecommunications Wednesday by launching what it called the world's first global skyphone service for international commercial flights, reports AFP.

SIA said it fitted a long-haul Bocing 747 with its "celestel" system that allows almost instantaneous connection to ANZ point on the globe, and would install phones in 20 other Jumbo jets over the next three years.

The airline said it also planned to introduce in-flight faxes and data transmission services on its long-haul services next year, eventually providing real-time news for travellers and "business centres in the sky."

"SIA is proud to have played a role in pioneering passenger telecommunications," Managing Director Cheong Choong Kong said in a statement bailing the services as a major technological breakthrough.

#### Money in lavatory

MANILA: Customs inspectors searching a Philippines airlines plane at Manila Airport on Wednesday discovered 11 bundles of money hidden above a lavatory ceiling, an official said, reports Reuter.

"We suspect this is the work of a smuggling syndicate," said Customs Officer Fidel Camanag.

The packets contained a variety of foreign currencies with a total value of about 290,000 Dollars.

The hoard was found during a routine inspection of the Hong Kong-bound just before boarding time.

#### Norwegian seaweed against diabetes

OSLO: With the help of scientists from the Norwegian Institute of Technology (NTH) in Trondheim, six American dogs with diabetes are now able to live normal lives, without daily shots of insulin. The wonder pill which makes this possible, will now be tried out on humans. The pill is made with seaweed from the cost of Trondelag in mid Norway. It contains living cells which produce insulin, reports Norinform.

In animals and humans who suffer from diabetes, these cells do not function. However, with such a capsule implanted in the abdominal cavity, production of the sugar digesting hormone, insulin continues as normal. The operation is a simple one, and is carried out using a hypodermic and under a local anesthetic. Diabetic dogs have managed for five month periods before needing a new capsule.

International research has tried for years to transplant cells or incapsulated cells against diabetes, but the result has been that the cells have either been rejected, or infections have killed the cells. The great amount of basic research carried out in this area at the university in Trondheim probably accounts for Norwegian scientists being able to solve this problem first.

Since there is a shortage of human donors of insulin cells, the pig may become a major future source, says biotechnologist Gudmund Skjåk-Bræk at the NTH. This is because the pig is closest to humans in biochemical terms.

# Akihito's bid to brighten Japan's image in S-E Asia

Akihito set out today on a landmark tour of southeast Asia, seeking to project the image of a friendly, peace-loving Japan nearly half a century after its brutal military rule over the region collapsed, reports Reuter.

Akihito, accompanied by Empress Michiko, left Tokyo's Haneda Airport aboard a special plane bound for Bangkok.

It is the first stop on an 11day trip which is to take him on to Malaysia and Indonesia.

"I should be happy if the present attitude of a Japan aspiring for peace were under stood and relations of mutual trust deepened," Akihito told reporters earlier.

first by a Japanese Emperor to the region and only the third overseas - indicates the importance Japan attaches to southcast Asia.

monies, said this week.

Akihito is venturing abroad

on the death of his father, 111-An Asian tour was considered too controversial for Hiing World War II, causing the death of millions.

Akihito will address the issue of Japanese militarist rule in southeast Asia but make no direct apology to his hosts, said government officials preparing for the trip.

Akihito and Michiko are to visit regional centres such as Chiangmai in northern Thailand and the former Javan capital Jogiakarta in Indonesia. They will also call on universities and research centres, and tour historical sites including

Police covered Tokyo in a the week before the Emperor's

#### Curfew in Zaire

Zairean government has ordered a curfew in Zaire to take effect from 8:00 pm (1900 GMT) today until 5:00 am (0400 GMT) Friday, national television announced late Wednesday, quoting an official statement, reports AFP.

The decision was anmeeting.

also called for a resumption of

#### with Iraqi guards. BROBERS Indian students threaten mass

the press centre set up for the meeting of the Palestinian parliament in exile, reports Reuter from Algiers.

About 200 international journalists, photographers and television camera erew were ordered to leave on the third

Reuter corespondent John Baggaley said, "We have all just been ordered to leave and told not to return before tomorrow morning. No reason has been given."

25 km (15 miles) west of Algiers.

Three Palestinians shot dead: Israeli troops Wednesday shot dead three armed Palestinians in a car after they refused to stop for an army patrol near the occupied West Bank town of Jenin, a military spokesman said, reports AFP from Tel Aviv.

The patrol ordered the car to halt but the driver tried to

others in the vehicle.

The spokesman said Israeli troops also found ammunition and a knife in the car. The army later imposed a curiew on the area and opened an inquiry.

M delegation, reports PTI.

and would be accompanied by CPI-M politbureau members Harkishen Singh Surjit, M Vasapapunniah and the party's central secretariat member R Sitaram Yechuri.

The delegation invited by the Communist Party of China would hold discussions with the CPC leadership during their five-day stay.

former Gestapo chief in Lyons, the southeastern French city, Wednesday. He was 77, reports AFP.

The time and date of his death were not specified. Barbie described variously as an SS officer beyond reproach and "the Butcher of Lyons," died while serving a life sentence in Lyons.

country's nearly 12-year civil war, it was announced at the

United Nations, reports AFP. The agreement was signed at the UN headquarters in New York in the presence of UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. It calls for the reduction and purging of the Salvadoran armed forces and the creation of a national civilian police and national peace committee to supervise the peace

process. Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), also provides protec-

tions for the rebels returning to civilian life.

more than 1,000, reports PTI.

Zairean radio stations reported that the government had declared a curiew in Kinshasa to avoid new outbursts of violence. Western diplomats said the city was a shambles, with most

broadcast on the Voice of Zaire Radio, earlier appealed for calm, warning the situation was 'extremely serious.'

He urged troops to respect military discipline and return to their barracks as ordered.

# He continued: "Secondly,

financial information on procurement and sources of procurement, both domestic and foreign, for this programme."

The documents also prove that certain facilities which Iraq had denied were part of a nuclear programme were indeed involved in it, Kay said.

Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Tareq Aziz, accused files collected by the team would be passed to the Israeli against Iraqi workers and their

in their own helicopters, the source said.

Last week the White House threatened to dispatch air force jets to Iran to escort the UN helicopter missions if Baghdad continued to put con-

# riot

from the western Jiu Valley who hijacked trains to reach the capital where they urged the government to resign for inflicting economic misery on the 23 million Romanians. Local media said thousands

active military service, reports largely in the shadow of the charismatic Schwarzkopf. the King at a victory parade in "He was the Arab face of

Prince Khaled, a 41-year-

The agency did not say why

part of US Army General Norman Schwarzkopf, who commanded a 28-nation force which defeated Iraq and evicted its forces from Kuwait

mandeered buses, while others

gathered in Kukherjee Jagar,

near the university campus, for

charged. Students are gather

ing in all parts of the city," a

protest could surpass the car

lier demonstrations, both in

death and damage (to public

India last year after then Prime

Minister Vishwanath Pratap

Singh announced a plan to re-

serve nearly half of all govern-

ment jobs for low-caste Hin-

Bloody riots swept northern

property)," an official said.

police spokesman said.

"The atmosphere is highly

"If not checked in time, the

an all-night vigil.

3 killed in Hyderabad communal riots

Scores of upper-caste stu-

dents committed suicide.

many by setting themselves

ablaze. The issue helped bring

down Singh's government in

in India for government jobs,

which provide high status and

a rare degree of job security in

a country where 850 million

people scramble for scarce re-

also set aside 10 per cent of

government jobs for members

of the upper-caste Hindus -

the first time the upper castes

Wednesday's official order

There is fierce competition

November.

suicides against job quota have been included in such an

> order. Since the 1950s, India has reserved 22.5 per cent of all government jobs for the socalled outcastes or untouchables occupying the very bottom rungs of the social ladder - below the "socially and edu-

> cationally backward classes." AFP from Hyderabad adds: At least three people were killed and 10 injured in renewed Hindu-Muslim violence in the old walled city of Hyder-

abad Wednesday, police said. An indefinite curiew was imposed in 23 localities of the city after the violence erupted after a day's break, taking the death toll to four.

Violence crupted again after the bodies of a slain woman and her daughter were found lying in a local graveyard Wednesday.

In another incident, a 22year-old man was stabbed to death at Rein Bazar, one of the affected localities. Police opened fire to disperse a crowd when it tried to storm a police station in this capital city of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

Ten more people were injured in separate incidents, the police said.

The disturbances in old Hyderabad began Sunday during a Hindu religious festival, leaving some 20 injured in violence and clashes with police.

Earlier this week, similar communal violence was reported from parts of Karnataka, adjoining Andhra Pradesh, and the state of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Muslims, totalling some 100 million, form the single largest religious minority in India, where 85 per cent of September 25 on the third day of her five-day visit to Pakistan. —AFP/ UNB photo | the population are Hindus.

# US deplores amputation of 2 brothers for robbery in Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Sept 26: The United States plans to tell Pakistan amputation is too harsh a sentence for two US brothers charged with robbing 3,365 Dollars from

a bank near Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, a State Department official said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. brothers Daniel and Charles Boyd of Fortda, deny committing the robbery and have only one week to

appeal the sentence -

amputation each of one

hand and one foot-before

the Harsh punishment is

After the amputation the brothers also have to serve five to 10 years in jail after which they will be deported.

LAHORE: The Princess of Wales is presented with a shawl and a copy of the Quran by the

Imam of the Badshahi Mosque while she toured the 17th century mosque in Lahore

concern about the severity of the sentence with Pakistan, the State Department official said. He said the cable instructing embassy in the US Islamabad to take the

charged with robbing a

not yet gone out.

We would expect to raise our and ordered the amputation of their right hands from

matter up with the Pakistani government had visited the men on two occasions. The two Americans were

last June in the north western Pakistani town of Peshawar which is near the famed Khyber Pass and about 40 miles (100 km) from the Afghan border. The court found them guilty

bank of about 3,365 dollars

the wrist and left feet from the ankle, a court statement The State Department in a written statement said that US consular officials have

addition a U5 diplomat met

the case. cases consular officers make regular visits to

there has when needed.

#### with the superintendent of prisons prior to the senment interest in the case. The department said re-

strictions imposed by the US Privacy Act prevented release of further details in But it said that in all such

> monitor the welfare of detainees to offer lists of attorneys to relay messages back home to make certain been no mistreatment and to provide other assistance

# TOKYO, Sept 26: Emperor

departure. Officials say the trip — the

The Asian tour signifies the fact that we attach great importance to this area in general and to those three countries in particular," Yoshiko Karita, the palace's vice grand master of cere-

for the first time since ascending the throne in January 1989

robito. He is still remembered as the god-emperor in whose name Japan thrust into China and across Asia up to and dur-

the giant ninth century Buddhist monument at Borobudur. massive security blanket for

KINSHASA, Sept 26: The

nounced following a cabinet The government of

President Mobutu Sese Scko

the national conference on the country's political future and pushed back the date of the beginning of the school year from September 30 to Nøvember 4.

#### mation the team has collected, Kay said: "The personnel, the numbers - we have the names

Air Force General Charcls

Horner, the architect of last

January's allied air offensive

against Iraq may return to

Saudi Arabia soon, a source in

the administration of Presi-

dent George Bush said

commands Shaw Air Force

Base in south Carolina, would

almost certainly make the trip

if Iraq failed to adhere to its

written commitment to allow

UN inspectors to travel freely

The General who currently

Wednesday, reports AFP.

collected detailed data on of the people involved in the Iraqi nuclear programme."

Kay on Tuesday of being a US intelligence agent. He said the secret service Mossad for use

Another report adds: The leader of a United Nations monitoring team which has been confined in Baghdad broke off a British television interview on Wednesday saying a confrontation had developed

#### Newsmen told to leave PNC meet: Security officials on Wednesday ordered all journalists out of

day of the Palestine National Council (PNC) session to decide whether to back Middle East peace talks.

The PNC meeting is being held at the club Des Pins about

run over one of the soldiers, the spokesman said. He said two other Palestinians stepped out of the car, armed with pistols, and were also shot dead. A fourth Palestinian was wounded and arrested together with two

Jyoti Basu to visit China: The West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu who returned Calcutta Wednesday after a 25-day tour of UK, Germany and Sweden would leave for China on September 28, at the head of a CPI-

Mr Basu will leave for Delhi Friday on his way to Beijing

'Butcher of Lyons' dead : Klaus Barbic, has died in a prison hospital here, local authorities said late

He had leukemia. Accord on Salvadoran peace: The Salvadoran government and guerillas Wednesday reached a comprehensive peace agreement aimed at ending that

The agreement signed by the US-backed rightist government of President Alfredo Crisitani and the leftist Farabundo

30 killed in Zaire violence: Belgian and French troops patrolled the streets of the Zairean capital Wednesday as an uneasy calm settled over the city following two days of rioting which killed up to 30 people and injured

businesses destroyed in looting by unpaid mutinous soldiers joined by rioting civilians. President Mobutu Sese Seko, speaking in a message