VHP demolishing temples in Ayodhya, says VP Singh

LUCKNOW, Oct 28: Janata Dal leader and a former Prime Minister V P Şingh today urged the Uttar Pradesh government to abide by the court orders in too regarding the controversial

Ramjanambhoomi-Babri Mastid issues, and the acquisition of land at Ayodhya, reports PII. Singh talking to newsmen

Tamils kill 27 in Lanka

COLOMBO, Oct 28: The death toll in a Tamtl guerrilla ambush of an army patrol in eastern Sri Lanka rose to 27, including 14 soldiers, officials here said today, reports AFP.

The rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas showered automatic fire on the patrol in the district of Polonnaruwa on Sunday, killing 10 soldiers on the spot, local officials said by telephone.

They said four more bodies were recovered later raising to 14 the final army death toll in the massacre. Four soldiers, including an officer were seriously wounded.

Military officers believe that a group of about 150 rebels were involved in the ambush,

AFP from Manama.

eral cooperation."

September.

missing.

United States.

bombing early Sunday.

country's 12 million Kurds.

Chinese-built F-6s.

AFP from Tokyo.

reports AP from Rabat.

pressing the fighting.

Reuter from Kinshasa.

ures in the regime.

Typhoon kills

nine in

Philippines

MANILA, Oct 28: Typhoon

Ruth roared across the rugged

mountains of northern Luzon

Island on Monday, killing at

least nine people, disrupting

transportation and knocking

out power in Manila and other

kilometres (435 miles) from Tokyo.

here alleged that some temples were being demolished at Ayodhya by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal and demanded that the state government immediately arrest those responsible for demolition of temples there or else it will be taken as if all that was taking place there was at the instance of the state government, he said.

Singh said that the old Sankat Mochan Temple of Ayodhya was being demolished by those who claim to have a firm faith towards tem-

Another PTI report from Allahabad says: The President of Indian Muslim Youth Conference, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, will reach Ayodhya on October 30 to offer a resolution to nationalist Muslims for the removal of "Babri Masjid " from "Ram janam bhoomi," at Ayodhya.

Naqvi in a press statement

said here today that he along with the representatives of the eight nationalist Muslim organisation will also discuss with the leaders of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Ramjanam **Bhoomi Action Committee and** other related organisations in Ayodhya the issue of removal of Babri Masjid from Ramjanam bhoomi

US, Bahrain sign defence treaty:

Bahrain and the United States on Sunday signed a defence

cooperation accord, the Foreign Ministry announced, reports

cord "stems from the friendly relations between the two

countries and is an extension of fruitful and profitable bilat-

The next provided no details on the agreement, which

Bahrain is the second Gulf state to sign a defence accord

Arab diplomatic sources have said the United Arab

came two weeks after a visit to the United States of the Emir

with Washington, following a US-Kuwaiti agreement in

Emirates could also draft a defence agreement with the

Turkey bombs northern Iraq:

Turkey bombed northern Iraq for the third day on Sunday,

continuing its campaign to wipe out Turkish Kurdish rebel

bases. Iraqi Kurds said two civilians were killed and

The semi-official Anatolia news agency, quoting military

It said Turkish ground troops were about five kilometers

Turkey's third military incursion into Iraq in three months

officials, said Turkish air force F-104 Starfighter jets resumed

(three miles) inside Iraq. Local officials said their advance was

slowed by mines planted by Turkish Kurdish rebels. They said

was launched Friday after guerillas of the illegal Kurdish

Labour Party (PKK) attacked army border outposts, killing at

least 17 soldiers and wounding 40. Three soldiers were

- The Marxist PKK has been fighting since 1984 for a

Kurdish state in southeastern Turkey, home to about half the

Pak Air Force plane crashes : A

Pakistan Air Force(PAF) fighter plane crashed Sunday but the

pilot ejected safely, an official statement said, reports AFP

miles) west of Islamabad, during a training flight, the state-

ment said without mentioning the type of the aircraft.

The crash occurred near Attock, about 60 kilometers (35

The PAF fighter fleet comprises F-168, Mirages and

Quake shakes southern Japan : A

strong earthquake with an intensity of 6.0 on the Richter

scale shook wide areas of southern Japan Monday, but no

damage was reported, the meteorological agency said, reports

a.m.(0109 GMT), was estimated to be 20 kilometres (12.4

miles) beneath of Suo, in Yamaguchi prefecture, some 700

Students clash in Rabat : clashes

between rival groups of Islamic fundamentalist and Marxist

students at the University of Fez left 23 people injured,

official sources reported. At least 130 people were arrested,

The battle came amid growing friction between activists

The confrontation Friday involved hundreds of students

Of the 23 people injured, three were reported to be in se-

armed with clubs and rocks. Police from several Moroccan

cities were called to reinforce the local contingent in sup-

rious condition, including one police officer. About 100 of

those arrested were released immediately following identity

Zaire's opposition paper office bombed: A huge explosion destroyed the premises of Zaire's main

opposition newspaper Elima Sunday, witnesses said, reports

wrecked printing presses and offices and shattered ship win-

gathering crowd who accused forces loyal to President Mobutu Sese Seko of bombing Elima, a former government

daily which has become the regime's most ferocious media

dows in the vicinity in the capital's Kitambo area.

The blast, at about 4 a.m (0300 GMT), blew off the roof,

Witnesses said soldiers guarding the site were abused by a

The giant storm crippled at

least two freighters off Taiwan,

about 500 miles 1800 kflome-

ters) north of the typhoon.

Officials said 18 crew mem-

bers of the Panamanian-regis-

tered Tung Lung were missing

after the 6,300-ton vessel sank

Sunday about 50 kilometers

(32 miles) west of Taiwan.

checks, while the rest remained in jail over the weekend.

on both sides for influence on the campus, located in the

former imperial capital of this North African country.

The epicenter of the quake, which occurred at 10:09

of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Ibn Salman Al-Khalifa.

threatened to retaliate, reports AP from Ankara.

helicopters landed some elite troops.

A statement carried by the Gulf news agency said the ac-



JERUSALEM, Oct 28: Israel barred three Palestinians convicted off security offences from leaving on Sunday to attend the Middle East peace talks as advisers.

Ziad Abu Ayun told Reuters he and two other residents of the occupied territories were informed by US diplomats that Israel had denied them permission to go to Madrid.

"I am one of the people of the 1985 prisoner exchange. They told the American consul that they refused to allow me to leave the country to be part of the Palestinian delegation

because I would be dangerous there," Ayun said. "The Israeli government

about the peace," he said. Israel also stopped two other former security prisoners, Ahmed Shreim from

looks like it is not serious



MADRID: An armoured vehicle stands in front of the Madrid Royal Palace here Sunday as part of the security measures being taken prior to the upcoming Middle East peace conference on Wednesday. - AFP/UNB photo

Khmer Rouge guerillas won't give up arms

BANGKOK, Oct 28: The head of Cambodia's ruling party said he is skeptical Khmer Rouge guerrillas will surrender their arms in accordance with the peace treaty signed last week in Paris, re-

ports AP. The comments by Chea Sim singnaled that it may be difficult to implement the accord intended to end nearly 13 years of war between his government and a guerrilla coalition dominated by the Khmer

Rouge. The treaty provides for each of the four factions in the conflict to reduce its army by 70 per cent ore United Nationsorganized elections. The rest of the troops are to stay in UN supervised areas.

Chea Sim's recent interview with foreign journalists in Phnom Penh was carried by Cambodian state radio Sunday. transcript was seen in Bangkok Monday.

The Khmer Rouge killed hundreds of thousands of people in radical social experiments in 1975-78, before Vietnam invaded and installed the current government in Phnom Pneh.

Chea Sim said the Khmer Rouge already has shown its intentions by trying to move refugees from Thai camps into guerrilla-held areas of Cambodia, violating the repatriation plan of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Chea Sim said he believes the other two guerrilla groups - the forces of Prince Honasan threatens

fresh uprising MANILA, Oct 28: Fugitive Philippine coup leader Colonel Gregorio Honasan on Sunday dashed official hopes for his

early surrender, saying he could launch a fresh uprising if the government ignored demands for political reform, reports Reuter. "We're not satisfied with

how the government is reacting," he declared. "We cannot go on talking for ever."

At a clandestine news conference with Filipino journalísts in a Manila suburb, Honasan said the rebel reform the armed forces movement (RAM) was offering peace talks in return for political change, including immediate withdrawal of American forces from the former US colony.

Norodom Ranariddh and the Khmer People's National Liberation Front — are sincere

in wanting peace. He said it would be difficult for the United Nations to verify troop reduction and disarmament in hilly, remote guerrilla areas, where arms are hidden.

*As for Phnom Penh, troop reduction and disarmament are not problems because the armed forces in Phnom Penh are grouped together and easy for the UN to control," Chea

Chea Sim heads the Cambodian People's Party, which was recently reformed to remove references to Communism in anticipation of future elections.

"In the (new party) platform, we talked neither about building socialism nor abolishing it," he said. "Adherence to democratic government is appropriate for the real situation in Cambodia."

ers like Bangladesh Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia

and Nepali Premier Prasad

Koirala, who swept aside dicta-

tors and ushered in "real

democracies,7 the newspaper

quoted Athulathmudali as say-

national security minister, led

a revolt within the ruling party

in August and launched a pub-

lic campaign to replace the ex-

isting executive presidential

system of government with

parliament in August to im-

peach President Ranasinghe

Premadasa accusing him of

abuse of power but the speaker

dropped charges against the

President this month after

earlier accepting them as valid.

The rebels moved motion in

parliamentary rule.

Athulathmudali, a former

Athulathmudali says

Lanka to be proud to host Khaleda, Koirala - CAADC

COLOMBO, Oct 28: Dissident leader Lalith Athulathmudali has said that Sri Lanka would be proud to play host to "pro democracy" South Asean leaders who will attend a regional meeting here in November, press reports said Sunday, reports AFP.

The seven leaders of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) will hold their three-day summit in Colombo from November 7. SAARC groups -Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The Sunday Times quoted Athulathmudali as telling a public meeting in north central Anuradhapura Saturday that Sri Lanka would be proud to host "pro-democracy" lead-





Khan Younis in the occupied

Gaza Strip, going to Madrid.

Ayun, 31, is the most prominent former prisoner of the three. He spent two and a half years in a US jail until the US Supreme Court ordered his extradition to Israel in 1981 to stand trial for a bomb attack in Tiberias in 1979.

He was convicted and given a life sentence. He was freed in a 1985 prisoner exchange between Israel and a radical Palestinian 'guerilla faction. Later that year he was re-arrested and served three more years in jail.

He now manages an aluminium factory.

Israel allowed other Palestinians who were convicted of security offences to go to Madrid for the Arab-Israeli talks starting on Wednesday. 'But security sources said the three barred from leaving had been convicted of more serious crimes.

Israel had demanded right of veto all Palestinian negotiators to the talks to ensure that none was a member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation or from Arab East Jerusalem.

Six other Palestinian activists left on Sunday for Jordan on their way to Madrid where they will have role as advisers.

They were: Dr. Ahmed Dahalan of Khan Younis, a supporter of the mainstream PLO Fatah faction, Jamal Nasser of Gaza city, Said Abu Abed, o Gaza city. Both Nasser and Abed are associated with the democratic front for the liberation of Palestine faction headed by Yaser Abed Rabbo. Owni A-Shawa, a merchant from Gaza city. Muhammed El Hilu from Askar refugee camp in the occupied West Bank, a representative of refugees. Muhammed Al Arouri o Ramallah in the West Bank.

Seven Palestinian journalists attached to the Palestinian delegation also left with the group on Sunday.

Bonn to slash number of immigrants BONN, Oct 28 : The Tide of

racist attacks in Germany is to be tackled by reducing the number of immigrants and providing transit camps for those seeking political asylum, it was decided by government and opposition leaders say agencies.

Chaired by Chancellor Kohl, the emergency meeting agreed to reduce the time taken to consider asylum applications to six weeks and to close hundreds of small hostels in favour of several large holding camps.

"No-one is going to put up barbed wire," Herr Bjoern Engholm, Social Democrat leader, said later. "But whoever leaves the camps illegally will automatically lose their right to asylum.

The agreement, which has yet to be voted into law, could constitute a considerable breakthrough in government attempts to reduce the number of people seeking asylum, expected to reach 200,000 by the end of the year.

However, it stops well short of Chancellor Kohl's calls for the constitution to be changed to make Germany a less attractive destination.

Bonn accepted less than five per cent of those seeking asylum last year. Its problems lie in the time taken by the bureaucracy to process applications - often up to five years, during which the people remain in the country.

Frau Rita Suessmuth, parliamentary Speaker, condemned a continuing wave of "intolerance and violence" against foreigners which, she said, parliamentarians were determined to stop.

"The use of violence causes injury and creates a climate of fear and intimidation," she said. "It damages elementary human rights. Those who reach for violence and stones

Off the Record

Imelda to sell her shoes for fund-raising

MANILA: Imelda Marcos plans to auction off her famous shoe collection to raise funds for victims of the Mount Pinstubo volcano, aids said Monday, reports AP.

The more than 1,200 pairs of shoes have been on display at the Malacanang presidential palace since the former first lady abandoned them when she and her late husband fled into exile in

Mrs. Marcos has said she will return home next week to face tax changes, and government officials have said she can claim her shoes and other abandoned possessions at that time.

She would authorize a Filipino journalist to handle auctioning off the shoes, said the aides, speaking by telephone from New York on condition of anonymity. There was no immediate comment from Mrs. Aquino's

Hundreds of thousands of people were displaced when cultural area 100 kilometers (60 mfles) north of Manila.

Mount Pinatubo erupted lst June and devastated an agri-Nearly 700 people have died from the effects of the eruption, according to government officials.

Romance blossoms beyond the Gulag

MOSCOW: He is almost penniless, his health is broken and the only cloths he owns are those on his back. But Mr Valery Yanin's 16 and a half years in the Gulag have had a romantic

He was freed only last month, although he had not been forgotten. Miss Katya Bogodukhova, a friend from the past, tracked him down after reading in the newspaper that he had been pardoned.

Then she was only a young girl, but now she's a magnificent woman. We're going to get married as soon as possible," Mr Yanin said. 'God brought us back together. Now we just have to scrape together enough money for a ring and wedding

But the scars left by his treatment at Perm 35, the last camp specifically for those accused of political crimes, are yet to heal.

He spent seven years in solitary confinement and some time in psychiatric hospitals. "I feel the whole time that I should be wearing handcuffs, and surrounded by policemen with truncheons and doges," he said.



Happy ending: Mr Yanin and Miss Bogodukhova together again in Moscow.

Mr Yanin and Mr Alexander Goldovich, both aged 44, were among the last inmates of the Gulag, the Soviet Union's slave labour machine for political offenders. They left 10 people behind them who can only be pardoned by President Gorbachev. Mr Goldovich was pardoned by President Yeltsin of Russia, and Mr Yanin by President Askar Akayev of Kirghizia.

Mr Yanin's complexion is wan and his clothes too big after a 73-day hunger strike earlier this year. He says that only a few months ago guards tried to beat him to death.

Mr Yanin and Mr Goldovich met in the camp. Both had been convicted of treason after fleeing the country across the Black seá, allegedly in possession of secrets. Mr Yanin, a military pilot, made it to the United States, but was arrested when he came back of a relative. Mr Goldovich, a scientist, was picked up by a fishing trawler as he sailed to Turkey in a rubber dinghy

Despite its special status, Perm 35, set in the Russian wastelands west of the Urals, does not differ markedly from other Soviet prisons and camps, which hold nearly 800,000

The main difference is that when warders in perm 35 beat prisoners, they try to avoid witnesses. In ordinary camps, guards assault inmates openly and with impunity. In perm 35 the guards frequently tortured prisoners, stole

from their parcels and extorted money. Both men want to emigrate as soon as possible. But in the meantime their task is to lobby for the release of the

comrades they left behind.

Israel to mail 'peace'

JERUSALEM: Israel's Postal Authority plans to commemorate outgoing mail, it announced Sunday, report AP. The circular stamp, dated Oct. 30, states in Hebrew, Arabic and English: 'The start of direct negotiations between Israel and its neighbors."

The word 'peace' and an olive branch appears at the center

of the stamp, under lined by the word 'Jerusalem', a statement from the Postal Authority said. The director-general of the Postal Authority, Amos Bracha,

said the stamp was the Postal Authority's modest contribution to the conference. "I look forward to the day when postal contacts open between Israel and its neighbors," the statement quoted Bracha

as saying. Brides, grooms asked to remain seated for safety

PENSACOLA, Fla: The minister warned the brides and grooms to "remain scated for safety reasons." The Rev. Lynn Toney, a Baptist minster and Pensacola

television personality, then married 26 couples aboard the Giant Eagle wheel at the Pensacola Interstate Fair. More than 100 other couples renewed their vows Friday night on the Ferris wheel.

"We figured that marriage has its ups and downs, and goes round and round, so why not?" said Newlywed Cheryl Cartwright, 33.

She and husband Kenny McMahon, 29, were decked out in matching white sweat shirts with red rose accent, black jeans and sneakers.

Muslims in Soviet Union, Y'slavia defy ban on poll to decide future cent of the Muslims in the town of Bijelo Polje.

UNDATED, Oct 28 Muslims in two republics of

Reuter Says : Defying bans by Russia and their own government, the rebellious people of a Muslim Autonomous republic on Russia's southern

fringes voted on Sunday to choose a president. The election was called by powerful opposition forces in the turbulent Chechen-Ingush

dence from the Russian rule by a Moscow-backed provisional government.

provisional Chechen-Ingushi said they will ignore its results. Voting went ahead anyway, Tass news agency said.

are not open everywhere because practically all local Authorities ordered that no space should be allocated to

southern Yugoslav Sanjak region voted in an illegal threeday referendum on political au-Sunday.

closed down several polling

Sulejman Ugljanin, a local Muslim leader in this Sanjak center, told reporters that some activists of the Muslim Party of Democratic Action sponsoring the vote were arrested in the Montenegrin

said Rasim Ljujic, the chairman of the party here. "The results will show to both Serbian and Montenegrin parliaments that the Muslims

"The overall turnout was

more than 90 per cent, ever

do not want to be ruled by them any more," Ugljanin said.

The Serbian government called the three-day referendum "illegal and irresponsible." The results, which no one in Novi Pazar doubted would support political autonomy. were expected Wednesday.

In an interview on Sunday, Mobutu said he was under Federation and an end to local pressure from his supporters to "counter-attack" against opthe Soviet Union and position thugs who had looted the homes of prominent fig-Yugoslavia have seemingly gone for uprising and participated in unauthorised elec-Russia declared the poll iltions to determine their own cities, reports AP. legal on Thursday, and the Twelve other people were future, report agencies. injured and 16 were missing. parliament in Grozny followed local officials said.

"However, polling stations republic. Led by Jakhar them," it said, Dudayev, they want indepen-AP says: More than 90 per

before the voting was over," tonomy, organizers claimed Defying a ban, Muslims in southern Serbia and in the neighbouring republic of Montenegro continued voting suit on Saturday. Both have in secrecy Sunday after police