

Viral Cure for Brain Tumours?

SOME viruses might emerge as potent agents in the treatment of the malignant glioma, a devastating type of brain tumour...

a five-member team of scientists at the Harvard Medical School in the United States involved the use of genetically engineered strain of the herpes simplex virus...

ments, the Harvard scientists chose a genetically altered virus which is unable to produce an enzyme called thymidine kinase...

were dead, 43 per cent of the group which received the lesser dose of the virus were still alive and 57 per cent of the mice receiving the higher dose of the virus remained alive.

spreads. But clinical studies indicate that even wild type herpes simplex virus type one generally neither spread far from the site of the initial infection...

Let's Talk About AIDS

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LET'S talk about AIDS. So far we have not talked much thinking it to be a only problem of the western African and developed nations.

the particular virus among others. There is no treatment or medicine available for the prevention of AIDS. People with AIDS develop skin cancer or pneumonia and dies within a year or two as the immune system fails to prevent those diseases.

PUBLIC health authorities in the impoverished Himalayan kingdom of Nepal used to have to worry mainly about infectious diseases that killed babies by the thousands. Now, they have another headache - AIDS.

AIDS Spectre in the Himalaya

Bombay and Calcutta. Most recent projections show that 25 per cent of total AIDS cases in the world could be in India by the year 2000, and the World Health Organisation says India may already have up to 400,000 HIV carriers.

and hardly any awareness about the disease. The women are not screened for AIDS when they return to their villages in the mountains of Nepal.

all blood samples by March next year. With help from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Nepal government is turning its attention to AIDS prevention and the first line of defence - public awareness.

seminar about what his agency was doing to spread public awareness about AIDS, he replied that informing the public about the disease could 'create panic'.

US, USSR to press for 2nd phase of Arab-Israeli talks outside ME

AMMAN, Nov 5: Washington and Moscow will press for a second phase of Arab-Israeli peace talks to resume outside the Middle East in two weeks' time, Jordan's Prime Minister said on Monday, reports Reuters.

said in an interview when asked about the deadlock. 'They have already given assurances they will do such a thing and the bilateral negotiations would resume after probably two weeks' time somewhere other than Madrid, not the Middle East,' he told Reuters and the television news agency Viasnews.

We (would) welcome such a step and may be we will be talking with the Israelis on something to be done to help the negotiations to continue and to reciprocate, he said.

out from the occupied territories, the bases on which the peace talks have been convened. There will be no separate agreements, Masri said when asked whether would sign deals it badly wants such as water pacts with Israel without a solution to the Palestinian problem, what I said on all fronts stands here and we in Jordan are committed to such a thing.

USSR made Madrid confce possible: Pankin

MOSCOW, Nov 5: The Middle East peace conference in Madrid could not have gone ahead if the Soviet Union had not used its influence, Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Pankin told a meeting of senior foreign ministry officials here Monday, reports AFP.

Palestinians reap empathy, acclaim at conference

MADRID (Spain), Nov 6: The Palestinians are taking a new realistic approach to the Middle East conflict that has drawn public praise from Washington and empathy from much of the world, reports AP.

In another speech, he paid special tribute to Faisal Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi, the two Palestinian activists who negotiated with Baker over eight months leading up to the conference.

Jordan to seek return of Palestinians to West Bank

AMMAN, Nov 5: Jordan said yesterday it would insist that more 500,000 Palestinians who have lived in the kingdom since the 1967 Middle East war return to the West Bank as part of any peace deal, reports Reuters.

during the third phase of peace talk which will also cover other regional matters such as arms control and water rights. 'Regarding those who became displaced in 1967, Jordan will insist that they return to the West Bank to join the new political situation that will emerge there at the end of the peace talks,' Irshaid, Jordan's top refugee official told Reuters in an interview.

Resolution 194 in dealing with the refugees of 1948' Irshaid said. Resolution 194, passed in 1948, says Palestinians anywhere have the right to return for to be compensated for lost property.



TUNIS: Yasser Arafat, PLO leader makes victory sign at the opening of the Palestinian Human Rights conference November 3. (R-L) Hamed Karoui, Tunisian Prime Minister, Yasser Arafat, Moncef Marzouk President of Human Rights Tunisian League.

Achievements, differences during Arab-Israeli talks

MADRID (Spain), Nov 5: Here is a brief summary of the main achievements and remaining obstacles following Israel's bilateral talks with Arab delegations at the Middle East peace conference, reports AP.

Differed over the Palestinians' demand for a freeze on Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and on Israel's request to hold future talks at least partly on Israeli territory.

Arafat optimistic after positive talks in Madrid

WASHINGTON, Nov 5: Yasser Arafat, the Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), indicated Monday he was feeling optimistic after 'very positive' talks in Madrid to settle conflicts in the Middle East, reports AFP.

Israel may agree to venue outside Middle East

JERUSALEM, Nov 5: Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir hinted on Monday that Israel might agree to a second phase of Arab-Israeli peace talks taking place outside the Middle East, reports Reuters.

Face of ME will change only when Israel signs peace treaty: Shamir

JERUSALEM, Nov 5: Only when Israel has signed peace treaties with its Arab neighbours will the face of the Middle East really change, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said here Monday, reports AFP.

East peace conference which opened Wednesday as a historic event because it gave the (peace) process a chance. Shamir also stressed that his country would have engaged in bilateral talks with Lebanon and a joint Palestinian-Syrian delegation even if Syria had refused to begin the talks.

Fahd satisfied with ME peace confce

JEDDAH (Saudi Arabia), Nov 5: Saudi King Fahd on Monday expressed satisfaction with the first stage of the Middle East peace conference and urged the international community to continue its efforts to restore peace and stability in the region, reports AFP.

Israel signs peace treaty: Shamir

We have said what we want. We prefer to carry out the bilateral negotiations in the region or at least not far from it,' Shamir told Israeli television late on Monday. Israel and Arab states are at an impasse over where the next round of talks should take place. Israel radio earlier quoted unnamed government sources as saying Israel would have to give up its demand.