

BRIFFLY

French aid team missing: A French aid team transporting medical supplies to victims of Somalia's civil war has gone missing at sea...

NLF leaders resign in Algeria: The entire leadership of the National Liberation Front, which led Algeria's war for independence...

Clashes leave 17 dead in Peru: At least 17 people were killed in two clashes between rebels and security forces in Peru's upper Huallaga Valley over the weekend...

Cuba expels Spanish newsman: Cuba has expelled a Spanish journalist for having links with "counter-revolutionary" groups on the island...

Shamir survives no confidence: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's minority government survived five parliamentary motions of no confidence on Monday...

Plane crash claims 7 in Canada: A seaplane crashed on take off Monday at the port of Nanaimo in British Columbia, killing seven people...

EC urges Israel to quit South Lebanon: The European Community today called on Israel to withdraw from Southern Lebanon...

60 Azeri troops killed in clash with Armenians: More than 60 Azerbaijani soldiers were killed by ethnic Armenians defending their village in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region...

Special envoy to visit Kabul this week
Time is ripe for Afghan settlement, says Ghali

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 28: Special UN envoy Benon Sevan is going to Afghanistan this week to see if the time is ripe for a special assembly to end the country's civil war...

homes. "I should like to assure the Afghan people of my commitment to promote vigorously a political settlement to end the protracted conflict..."



MOSCOW: Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev (R) chats with US Secretary of State James Baker prior to the meeting...

Angry Iraqis clash with UN chemical inspectors

NEW YORK, Jan 28: The United Nations filed a protest Monday with Iraqi authorities after a group of angry demonstrators in Baghdad clashed with a team of UN inspectors...

between UN inspectors and Iraqi authorities. Last fall, Iraqi police blocked a team of UN nuclear experts from leaving, charging that they had seized confidential documents on personnel working in Iraq's nuclear programme...

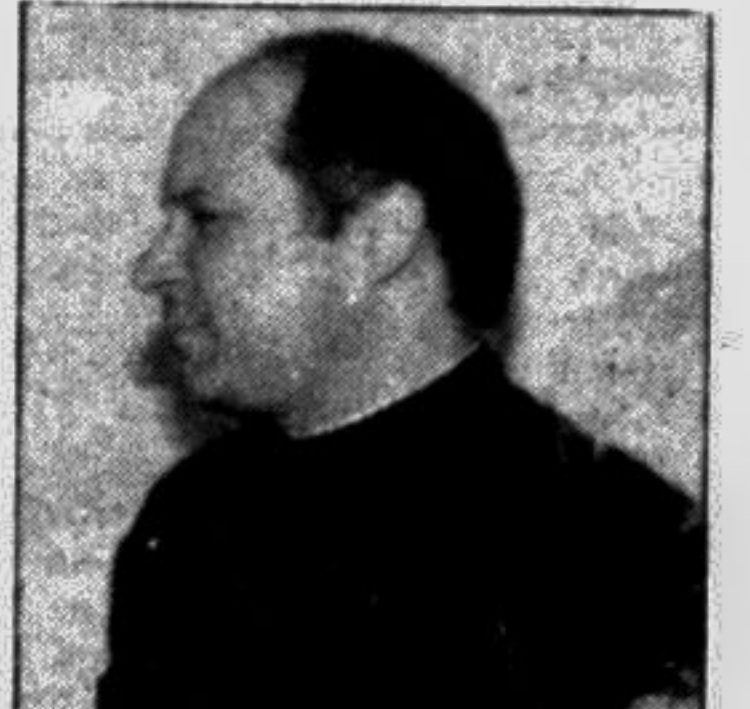
Karen Jansen, one of the group leaders, was pushed and then pinned against a hotel wall, said Francois Giuliani, a spokesman of US Secretary General Boutros-Ghali.

Since resolution 687 was passed in April providing for the elimination of Iraq's mass destruction as part of a ceasefire 26 UN missions have been dispatched.

Financial wrongdoing alleged
Opposition launches fresh move to unseat Sharif

ISLAMABAD, Jan 28: Pakistan's opposition launched a fresh attempt to have Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif disqualified from office on Monday...

Sharif, both of which he has denied. AFP adds: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held talks Monday in Punjab with United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan...



legations could unseat Sharif. Earlier this month, the PPP made two similar accusations of financial wrongdoing against...

4 killed as trains collide in Rome

ROME, Jan 28: Two packed passenger trains collided head-on in a Rome suburb Monday, killing four persons and injuring 50...

Myanmar Junta blames varsity staff for unrest

BANGKOK, Jan 28: Myanmar intelligence chief, Major General Khin Nyunt, has accused university instructors of failing to control their students...

Judge shot dead, former governor kidnapped in Colombia

SANTAFE DE BOGOTA, Jan 28: A judge was shot dead and a former provincial governor was kidnapped Monday in separate incidents in North-eastern Colombia...

Moldova seeks UN membership

NEW YORK, Jan 28: The former Soviet Republic of Moldova has formally requested admission to the United Nations...

Off the Record

Flowers may not be Clinton's losing power

NEW YORK: Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton and an Arkansas woman on Monday accused each other of lying in a renewed dispute over her assertion that they had a 12-year affair...

Silicone bust workers fired

MIDLAND, Mich.: Dow Corning Corporation fired 53 workers at a Tennessee plant that makes silicone gel breast implants...

Satyajit hospitalised

CALCUTTA, Jan 28: Film director Satyajit Ray, who hopes to attend the Oscars ceremony in March to receive a special award, has been admitted to a nursing home...

10 right-wingers arrested in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 28: Police arrested the country's most militant right-wing leader and nine of his colleagues Tuesday in a major crackdown on the leading white extremist group...

Becky backs off from Blandford

LONDON: The Marquess of Blandford and his pregnant wife Becky have separated after less than two years of marriage...

Li verbally assaulted in Italy

ROME, Jan 28: Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng was verbally assaulted Monday by a deputy as he visited the Italian parliament...

China to veto any UN action against Libya

TEHRAN, Jan 28: China would put a veto on "any action against Libya" in a vote by the United Nations Security Council...

CIS starts dismantling N-weapons: Baker

MOSCOW, Jan 28: US Secretary of State James Baker said on Monday that republics of the former Soviet Union were moving rapidly to put their tactical nuclear weapons in storage and had started to disable them...

beaming Baker told reporters. A senior official on Baker's plane to Moscow said earlier that the republics were acting quickly on the questions of assembly, storage and disabling...

established last month, has set up a joint command to control strategic nuclear weapons. But the question of control of short-range, tactical weapons is more problematic...

"What we have is some real responsive to the concerns which we had and I think very good news in the area of movement, storage and disabling and further engagement about how to go about destruction in the right kind of sequence..."