

Japan set up comfort houses in Philippines during World War II

MANILA, Apr 26: The Japanese imperial army set up brothels called comfort stations in the Philippines during World War II and forced local women to provide sex to its soldiers...

Sudanese troops recapture town

KHARTOUM, Apr 26: Sudanese government forces recaptured Saturday M'yayllym town of Mongalla, in eastern Equatoria province...

The agency, quoting the military command, said the capture of the town, located on the Nile about 50 miles north of the regional capital Juba...

Israel to propose holding of Rome talks before June 23

Fifth round of ME talks open in Washington today

JERUSALEM, Apr 26: Israel will propose that the sixth round of Middle East peace talks in Rome take place before the June general elections here...

The inclusion of four senior PLO members to the negotiation, with US approval, does not encourage the Palestinians and other parties to push forward the peace process...

Meanwhile, President Hanez Al-Asad has said that Arab lands will only belong to Arabs, and that peace and the occupation of Arab territory were incompatible.

fifth round of bilateral talks in Washington. Assad added that for Israeli officials, peace meant that Arabs accept to hand over their lands to Israel which had occupied them by force of arms.



Miss Switzerland Sandra Aegerter, Miss France Linda Hardy and Miss Germany Monika Resch pose for photographs at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center in Bangkok Saturday.

Andrew, Fergie may patch up marriage

LONDON: Prince Andrew and the Duchess of York, whose separation was announced last month, are to try for a reconciliation...

Actor turns boxer

MAIMI BEACH: Actor Micky Rourke took over a Gym to prepare to defend his undefeated professional boxing record...

Granny saves baby at cost of life

CHATHAM, Ontario: A woman crossing a highway threw her granddaughter to safety only seconds before being struck by a car and fatally injured...

Austrians vote for successor to Waldheim

VIENNA, Apr 26: Austrians hope to end their nation's isolation as they vote Sunday for a successor to controversial President Kurt Waldheim...

Opinion polls showed the Social Democrats Rudolf Streicher and Thomas Klestil candidate of the Conservative People's Party...

BRIEFLY

Seven injured in Delhi blast

At least seven people were injured when a bomb exploded in a bus in Delhi on Saturday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported...

Tigers kill 6 Lankan troops

Tamil rebels detonated buried explosives and attacked a military patrol in the northeast killing six soldiers, the military said Sunday...

An unknown number of Tamil rebels are believed to have been killed in the fighting, the communique said...

Reporter killed in battlefield

A reporter with the main daily paper in Bosnia-Herzegovina was killed in fighting in the town of Zvornik two weeks ago...

Serbs kill 72 Croatian troops

A total of 72 Croat soldiers died on Saturday in clashes with Serbian forces, including Yugoslav Army units, in the southwest of Bosnia-Herzegovina...

Than Shwe made armed forces C-in-C

General Than Shwe, the new chairman of Myanmar ruling junta, has been named armed forces commander-in-chief...

Clashes claim 300 in Bosnia so far

Three hundred people have been killed and more than 1,500 wounded in the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina since April 6...

Lebanon to hold legislative polls

BEIRUT, Apr 26: Lebanon will hold its first legislative elections for 20 years between July and August, Prime Minister Omar Karami said...

Those who left the country did so under political pressure or for security reasons. Their vote would not count because it would not be made in light of the situation of peace...



BEIRUT: Old Beirut market's building slides to the ground Saturday after a controlled explosion continued demolition work in the Lebanese capital.

Fresh ethnic riots kill 35 in Kenya

NAIROBI, Apr 26: A new round of tribal clashes has killed 35 people and forced thousands to flee their homes in western Kenya...

All-race polls a ploy to prolong white rule, says Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 26: Black South African leader Nelson Mandela on Saturday dismissed a government plan for all-race elections...

Emergency declared

45 hurt as California rocked again

FERNDALE, Calif., Apr 26: Gov. Pete Wilson has declared a state of emergency in Northern California after a major earthquake...

11, 862 Lankan babies exported to West for adoption

COLOMBO, Apr 26: As many as 11,862 Sri Lankan babies were 'exported' to foreign countries mostly in the West for adoption during the last two and a half decades...

Over 20 Ethiopian returnees die in camps a day

DOLO, Ethiopia, Apr 26: Thousands of skeletal figures came running from all directions when the plane swooped towards the landing strip in the dust-swept Ethiopian hamlet of Dolo...