

Ghali's help to free Suu Kyi sought

PARIS, May 28: The main Myanmar opposition leaders have appealed to UN Secretary-General Boutros-Boutros Ghali and other world leaders for help in ending repression by the Yangon military junta and gaining the release of Nobel prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, reports AFP.

No negotiation at gunpoint : Bosnia Lisbon peace talks end in failure

LISBON, May 28: Bosnia-Herzegovina's Muslim leaders called a dramatic halt to European Community-sponsored peace talks on Wednesday in protest at a Serb mortar attack in Sarajevo which killed 16 people and injured 110, reports Reuters.

The attack on Sarajevo this morning was dreadful, at the same time it showed the absolute need for a political solution for Bosnia Herzegovina through negotiations, he said. The Portuguese diplomat told reporters he had received assurances from Radovan Karadzic leader of Bosnia's Serb minority, that he would make an effort to stop the fighting.

who feared proposals to divide Bosnia into three autonomous regions would deprive Muslims of their power. They have already said they don't want to continue this conference and for that sake they bombed those people, he told reporters, the Muslim side is tricking the EC.

Now the war is going to get bigger, said Mate Boban, leader of the Croat community, which along with the Muslims voted for independence from Yugoslavia in a march referendum. The Serbs, one third of the population of 4.3 million, boycotted the vote.

ring communities though EC sanctions on trade with Serbia and its ally Montenegro announced on Wednesday would dramatically relieve Bosnia's suffering. Boban said only military intervention would put an end to Serb aggression.

Off the Record

Gorbachev enigma

MOSCOW, May 28: Yegor Ligachev, once Mikhail Gorbachev's main hardline rival for power in the Soviet Union, launched his new book Wednesday entitled the Gorbachev enigma and complained of a dangerous political farce shaping up in Russia, reports AFP.



Speaking at a news conference to mark the publication of the book, Ligachev, 66, blasted the present Russian leadership and said that only a return to socialism would save the country from ruin.

Psychological cinema festival

BRUSSELS: Brussels is to welcome in June a psychological cinema festival that will feature a previously banned American film on insane asylums, reports AFP.

Great great grandson kidnapped

RIO DE JANEIRO: Some 200 civilian and military police have been called out to hunt for the kidnapped 13-year-old great great grandson of Brazil's last March, sources said Wednesday, reports AFP.

Caesarean operation on monkey

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Local polls a referendum on Nepalese govt

KATHMANDU, May 28: Riot police patrolled Kathmandu as Nepalese voted today in two-stage local polls widely seen as a referendum on the performance of the Himalayan country's year-old government, reports Reuters.



FLOWER AND BEAUTY: The Princess of Wales receives a bouquet of flowers from 10-year-old Sophie Bertorelli prior to attending a royal gala performance of 'La Boheme' at the Royal Opera House in London on Tuesday.

Yeltsin won't contest next elections

MOSCOW, May 28: Boris Yeltsin, declaring he would step down from the presidency in four years, has highlighted deep uncertainty in Russia over his succession, reports Reuters.

BRIEFLY

Bush meets Jerusalem Mayor: President Bush met Wednesday with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and praised the mayor's longtime support for fostering a climate of reconciliation.

Religious leader convicted: A jury Wednesday convicted black religious sect leader Yahweh Ben Yahweh and six followers of conspiring to kill, maim and burn to enforce discipline and intimidate non-members.

Quake shakes NZ capital: An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale shook the New Zealand capital for about 40 seconds Thursday and there were initial reports of some damage.

Bid to ease US-Vietnamese ties: Senior United States and Vietnamese officials expressed hope during a State Department meeting that the two countries will be able to establish normal relations.

Salvadoran rebels rejoin COPAZ: Leftist rebels on Wednesday rejoined the multi-party commission monitoring El Salvador's peace accords.

4 killed in Lebanon violence: Arab gunmen ambushed an Israeli convoy in south Lebanon on Wednesday killing one soldier.

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