## Sarajevo fighting won't halt relief efforts: MacKenzie

SARAJEVO, July 4: The worst fighting in days battered Sarajevo early Saturday, leaving little hope for a quick peace despite the initial success of an international airlift, reports

"It's very, very disturbing." UN commander Maj. Gen. Lewis MacKenzie said of the heavy small-arms and artillery

fire overnight. "It makes a farce of what we have done so far," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

MacKenzie also told the British Broadcasting Corporation that shells had hit within 870 yards of the airport, which has become the besieged city's lifeline to the outside world. But MacKenzie said the fighting would not halt the airlift.

On Friday, European Community envoy Lord Carrington fatled to renew talks between Bosnia's Serbs, Muslims and Croats, and left under heavy protection hours before fighting broke out around midnight.

Serb forces targeted the ported to us," he said.

AFP from Hanoi.

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subversive activity.

Russian Far East.

spokesman Don Atwell.

deniya on their own."

Philippines.

downtown area from surround-, ing hills and from the city's Jewish cemetery, according to Sarajevo radio, monitored in London.

Fred Eckhard, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said Saturday that shelling was fairly heavy before dawn, but had stopped by 8 am (0600 GMT). He said UN officials were drawing up guidelines on when to allow aid flights to

The guidelines would call for no firing at or in the vicinity of the airport, he said. Under those conditions, aid could arrive even if there was shelling in other parts of the

MacKenzie told The AP that neither Serb irregulars nor Bosnian government forces had fully complied with a ceasefire and agreement to report weapons positions to the United Nations.

"It doesn't take a genius to see that there are weapons in the area that have not been re-

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Hanoi expels two US citizens: Hanoi

expelled Saturday two US citizens of Vietnamese origin for

violating the law of the socialist republic of Vietnam, reports

Quang) and To Giang Pham (Pham To Giang) entered Vietnam

many times and committed acts violating the law of the So-

mitted completely their unlawful activity and asked for le-

the past has accused some returning overseas Vietnamese of

Missing Russian Eskimos found: A

Russian helicopter on Friday found a group of Eskimos

missing during a trip across the Berng Strait in small wooden

a beach in Mechigmenskiy Bay, about 100 miles (160 kilome-

tres) north of their departure point of Provideniya in the

Friday afternoon, and a Coast Guard C-130 airplane indepen-

dently spotted them shortly thereafter, said Coast Guard

one of their boats, and they didn't seem worried about their

condition," said Atwell. "They planned to go back to Provi-

Vietnamese ferry hit a cable and sank on a river southeast of

Hanoi, killing at least 29 people, an official newspaper

Binh province, about 120 km (75 miles) southeast of the

Reporter shot dead in Philippines:

An unidentified gunman shot dead a reporter in the southern

Philippines in the second killing of a journalist in the region

in three days, police said Saturday, reports Reuter from

boanga, was shot repeatedly with an M-16 rifle at a friend's

birthday party on Friday evening, police said. The gunman

Post, Danilov Vergara, was killed by a gunman on Wednesday.

Ladja Jadjid, who worked for the weekly Prensa Zam-

The publisher of Iligan city's weekly Mindanao Philippine

More than 30 journalists have been killed in the Philip-

pines since 1984. Human rights groups say the country is one

Bush signs bill to extend

unemployment benefits

of the most dangerous in the world for journalists.

The accident happened on Friday on the Hoa river in Thai

The newspaper did not say how many people were on

The 21 Russian Eskimos were spotted fixing their boats on

A Russian search and rescue team spoke with the Eskimos

"They (the Eskimos) were attempting to patch a hole in

boats, the Coast Guard said, reports AP from Alaska.

29 killed in ferry capsize:

reported Saturday, reports Reuter from Hanoi.

capital, the daily Nhan Dan said.

WASHINGTON, July 4: Pres-

ident Bush on Friday signed a

bill giving jobless Americans

up to a half-year additional

unemployment benefits. The

action came one day after the

government announced that

unemployment had soared to

an eight-year high, reports AP.

tent election-year criticism of

Congress, Bush said, "I am

pleased that the administra-

tion and Congress worked to-

gether successfully in the last

few days to enact this impor-

ingly passed by the House and

Senate on Thursday, was sent

to Bush at Camp David, Md.,

where he was spending part of

the Independence Day holiday

before leaving on a European

The Labour Department

In a written statement,

Bush noted the hard economic

times and said the extention of

benefit "will provide critical

support to unemployed Ameri-

cans until they can find jobs."

The legislation, overwhelm-

tant extension of benefits."

Departing from his persis-

cialist Republic of Victnam, the official Nhan Dan daily said.

Robert Quang Lam (whose Vietnamese name is Lam Van

They were detained by police and during investigation ad-

It provided no details of their alleged offences. Hanoi in

## Ghali warns Y'slavia of action similar to one slapped on Iraq

LONDON, July 4. UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali warned Friday that if the United Nations were to intervene in Yugoslavia, this would "correspond to what was done against Iraq" in the 1991 Gulf

war, reports AFP. At present the United Nations is fulfilling a peacekeeping role and carrying out sanctions against Serbia, Boutros-Ghalt said in a speech here to the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Saying that any peace-making operation would be 'played by ear, he noted that the final decision on whether or not to become military involved was "a matter for the United Nations Security Council."

But "if the future we will be compelled to move from peacekeeping to peace enforcement, participation in the military confrontation, then we will have another sub-category of operation which is completely different.

"It corresponds to what was done against Iraq after its aggression against Kuwait," the I UN Secretary-General said.

Boutros-Ghali, who met EC envoy Lord Carrington on Thursday to discuss European plans for talks on Yugoslavia, declined to say whether there was any plan for peace en-



forcement in Yugoslavia should the violence there continue.

The Secretary General came to London to promote a new strategy for the United Nations, expanding its peacekeeping and peace-enforcement roles.

He said the United Nations had performed as many peace- other organisations on the sit- city's Jewish cemetery.

keeping operations in the past three years at it had in the previous 45, and that there was an urgent need for member states to pay the money they owe to the organisation.

Of all the 178 United Nations member states, only nine has fully paid their assessed bills for the UN operation in Cambodia by June 30, with two more making part payments, he said.

The Secretary General said he was happy with the improvement of UN co-operation with regional organisations such as the European Community since the end of the cold

But the United Nations alone "cannot solve all the world's problems," which require the involvement of nation states, regional organisations and non-governmental organisations, he said.

On South Africa, Boutros Ghali said the United Nations was not yet ready to take a position, but that he was actively carrying on discussions with the government, the ANC and

He said he was "optimistic" on the chances that the current fragile peace will strengthen in Cambodia, "despite difficulties" presented by the Khmer Rouge.

AP adds from Sarajevo: Fighting continued in Sarajevo as nine planes landed on the airport's heavily guarded runways with tons of aid and a European envoy trying to renew a peace initiative.

Sarajevo radio, monitored in Britain, said Serb forces resumed shelling of the Bosnian capital at about midnight (2200 GMT) Friday and that fierce clashes were taking place in part of the city.

The radio quoted the Bosnia-Herzegovina Press Agency as saying that Serb forces had opened artillery fire on the Stari Grad area of the city from positions in the surrounding hills. It added that the fiercest clashes were taking place in Novo Sarajevo, and that Marindvor and Zlatiste were coming under artillery fire from Serb positions in the

Gujarat riot

toll rises

to 16

AHMEDABAD, July 4: One

person was stabbed to death

and three others were injured

in Sidhpur Taluka town in

Mehsana district of north Gu

jarat last night taking the toll

in the two-days of violence in

the state following the annual

Rath-Yatra on Thursday to 16,

according to a report here.

Indefinite curlew was

clamped in Sidhpur from 1930

hrs yesterday following the

stabbing incident which was a

sequel to the beating up of an

autorikshaw driver there, the

by miscreants in Ellisbridge

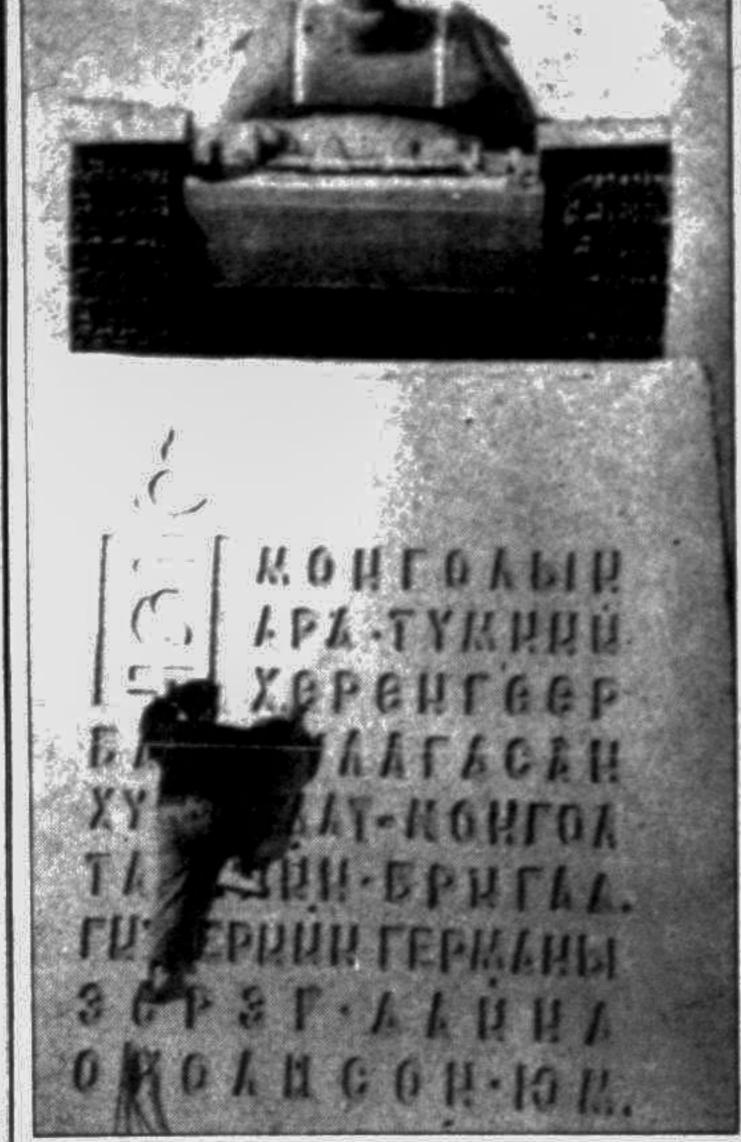
area of Ahmedabad last night.

One person was shot dead

says PTI.

report said.

# Off the Record



ULAN BATOR, Mongolia: A boy climbs an Ulan Bator monument June 30 which was erected to honour Mongolian and Russian military cooperation during World War II. Mongolia was a Soviet satellite for six decades until it held its first multi-party elections in 1990. - AFP/UNB photo

> Perot offers to buy press to gag his story

NEW YORK: Undeclared presidential hopeful Ross Perot once offered 100,000 dollar to buy out the press run of a magazine containing what he saw as an unfavourable story, the magazine's editor and CNN television said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Cable News Network's "special assignment" programme said Brooks Austin was editor of Texas Business, a magazine that had prepared a story in 1981 outlining Perot's attempts to retain a 2 billion dollar Medicaid Computer Contract in

Texas. The contract was awarded to a Perot competitor.

Austin said everything in the article was documented and checked. He said Perot, who had been sent a copy of the article before publication, phoned him and said: "It's really the tone of the story. It makes me look a little bit negative: It makes fun of me in Parots."

Austin said he told Perot that even if he wanted to change one story it would be too expensive since the manuscript was at the printer. Perot eventually said: "Suppose I paid for the whole press run?"

#### Senator Kennedy weds Reggie

WASHINGTON: Edward Kennedy married Washington lawyer Victoria Reggie on Friday in a private ceremony at his suburban home, according to a television news report, says

The Associated Press could not immediately confirm the report. A Reggie family friend would neither confirm nor

deny that the couple had wed. Fox News said Kennedy and Reggie, who announced their engagement in March, were married at Kennedy's McLean, Va., home. However, the network said there was no informa-

tion on who attended Reggie, 38, is the divorced mother of two, Kennedy, 60,

has three children from his first marriage. The impending marriage had been causing a stir in Nantucket, Mass., where reporters lay slege to florists, caterers,

car rental agencies and town officials in an apparently futile

effort to get anyone to reveal the date and place of the weed-Speculation has focused on the island because Reggie has a house there, as do several close family friends and her father, Edmund.

## Truck blockade makes

PARIS: Hundreds of starving pigs stuck for three days in a truck on a blockaded road escaped and ran wild through a southern French town Friday as a nation-wide protest by

Premier Pierre Beregovoy met with ministers to search for solutions to the blockades by truck drivers and farmers that have created havoc on the highways and led to thousands of

The truck drivers are protesting new regulations they say discriminate against them and threaten their livelthood. The

that European Community-wide cuts to farm subsidies will put them out of business. The combined protest has stranded and delayed hundreds

of thousands of travellers and disrupted the delivery of food, gasoline and other essential goods in Lille, Lyon and Toulouse. The foreign ministry said that protests were pouring in from governments around Europe. Some foreign tourists and

## Restore democracy or face violence, FIS tells govt

ALGIERS, July 4: The banned Islamic Salvation Front has warned that Algeria's new military-backed leader will face renewed violence unless he restores democracy, reports AP.

"The new power has the choice between two diametrically opposed paths. It can give back the people their say through freely elected representatives, or increase the cycle of violence by resorting to extreme methods," the party said in a statement Friday.

The statement, published in the Salvation Front's underground newsletter Tribune, was the fundamentalist organization's first reaction to Thursday's announcement that Ali Kasi will head the ruling High State Committee.

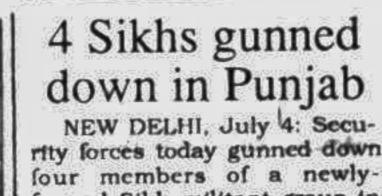
Kafi succeeded Mohamed Boudial, who was shot dead during a speech Monday in Annaba, eastern Algeria, by an assassin wearing a police uni-Kafi pledged to combat the

fundamentalists in a address broadcast after being chosen committee president. The committee has run

Algeria since January, when the military toppled President Chadli Bendjedid and cancelled the nation's first free parliamentary elections, which the Salvation Front was poised

Hundreds of people died in subsequent rioting. Many front leaders and thousands of their supporters jailed in a crackdown remain in detention. Armed attacks in recent months by Islamic extremists have claimed the lives of about 100 policemen and soldiers.

The mood in the capital remained tense Friday. Riot police detained 15 foreign photographers, including Fernando Ricardo of The Associated Press, for three hours after they tried to take pictures of worshipers at Es-Sunna mosque, a hotbed of fundamentalism.



four members of a newlyformed Sikh militant group in a sierce gunbattle in the Indian state of Punjab, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported, says The four members of the

Lok Mukti Force of Khalistan (LMKF) or People's Liberation Force of Khalistan were slain near a village in Amritsar district, a militant stronghold bordering Pakistan, the news agency said. The dead included the

groups' leader Jagatar Singh, police said. PTI said the LMKF was a new addition in Punjab, where several groups are fighting to set a homeland called Khalistan. It did not say when it was formed.

Police said they recovered two AK-47 assault rifles, two guns, a home-made rifle, three kilograms of explosives

SPLIT, Croatia: A refugee couple from Northern Bosnia, eat their meal while resting on the floor of a sports hall after arriving Friday. In the last few days more than 1,000 refugees - AFP/UNB photo arrived in Split.

#### Blast kills 2 in Lebanon

BEIRUT, July 4: A car bomb exploded in the Christian town of Jouniyen north of Beirut Saturday. Police said two people were killed and two wounded, reports AP.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named in line with regulations, said a bomb-rigged Mercedes-Benz went off at 10:45 am (0745 GMT) near Jouniyeh's municipal stadium.

The spokesman said the blast damaged three other cars and started a fire in the main entrance to the stadium. He said a male pedestrian and a woman who was in a car parked near the bomb-laden vehicle were killed.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast, the first car bombing in Lebanon this N-arms in Ukraine MOSCOW, July 3: Desence on its soil until they can be

CIS fails to agree on

and foreign ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States failed to reach agreement Friday on the future of strategic nuclear weapons in Ukraine, news agencies reported, says AP. The issue will be discussed

further at a meeting Monday of the heads of state of the 11 commonwealth nations. Ukraine, one of four former Soviet republics with nuclear

weapons, has pledged to become nuclear-free. It already has shipped all of its shortrange, tactical nuclear weapons to Russia for dismantling.

But Kiev wants to retain administrative control over the remaining nuclear forces based

destroyed. Boris Pyankov, first deputy

commander of commonwealth forces, bitterly criticized Ukraine's stance, the Itar-Tass news agency reported a similar report was carried by commonwealth television.

"Today we proposed to decommission nuclear warheads from strategic missiles deployed in Ukraine, or to delete the flight maps from onboard computers. This would turn the missiles into cans with fuel. And there would be no necessity to speak about the nuclear status of Ukraine," Pyankov said,

"However, the Ukrainian side rejects the proposals.

#### Vanuatu expels Australian envoy

PORT VILA, July 4: Aus tralia's acting High Commissioner in Port Vila, declared "Persona Non Grata" by the Vanuatu government, has been given a 24 hour extension on an order that he leave the country, reports AFP.

Jame Pearson was ordered Friday to leave the country within 24 hours after the government charged that he had interfered in Vanuatu's affairs. Vanuatu Foreign Minister

Serge Vohor warned late Friday he would not tolerate any interference in Vanuatu's internal affairs by expatriates or foreign diplomats. Vohor's warning, broadcast

on national state-run radio, followed delivery of a letter -

## hungry pigs crazy

truck drivers entered its fifth day, reports AP.

temporary layoffs.

farmers, who have been protesting for three weeks, complain

truck drivers have been stalled in since Monday and are run-

ning out of money. French television showed frightening footage of truck drivers punching a German tourist through the windows of his car as he tried to break a blockade. Police were nowhere in sight.

### | Bush criticized Election plans threaten peace process in Lebanon

said on Thursday that the June unemployment rate had BEIRUT, July 4: Plans to reached 7.8 percent, highest hold Lebanon's first general level since 1984. That was bad election in 20 years have news not only for jobless sharpened divisions between Americans but also for Bush, Muslims and Christians, who was counting on a solid threatening the country's frageconomic recovery to boost his fle peace process, reports AFP. re-election chances.

Friday.

The pro-Syrian government of Prime Minister Rashid Solh intends to hold the pools in the coming weeks, but no date has yet been fixed.

was the third extension of

unemployment benefits since

efforts by opposition

Democrats to extend jobless

coverage, arguing that the

cconomy wasn't weak enough

to merit the expenditure of

But with election-year at-

tacks by Democrats accusing

him of ignoring domestic

problems, he had agreed to

two compromise extensions

before signing the new one

those who exhaust the stan-

dard 26 weeks of unemploy-

ment benefits, will cost dirs

5.5 billion over six years.

The extention, aimed at

billions of extra dollars.

A year ago, Bush killed two

In the run-up, the split is widening between Muslims, including the pro-Iranian Shi'ite fundamentalist group Hezbollah, which support the call for early elections, and Christians who are threatening

a boycott. Christian leaders complain of several obstacles to free, democratic and clean elections.

They argue that the deployment of both Syrian and Israeli troops in Lebanon undermines the state's sovereignty and that the draft electoral law now before parliament is flawed.

Around 500,000 people displaced by the 15-year civil war have not yet returned to their homes and are unable to register as voters, opponents of the proposed election point out. They disagree with the proposed division of he electoral districts, the change in the number of parliamentary

deputies and the lack of voting rights for Lebanese in exile, most of whom are Christians.

Maronite Christian bishops renewed their criticism of the elections Thursday, taking their lead from the patriarch, Nasrallah Sfeir, who has issued a barrage of warnings over the past three months.

"In the current circumstances, displaced and extled people, who alone represent a third of the electorate, will not be able to take part in the elections," the bishops said in a statement. "Nor will the poll be free or

reflect the real choices open

to the Lebanese and will there-

fore cause a split that will en-

danger the Taif peace agreement." The Lebanese entity risks

being shaken and the little confidence held by believers in a future for Lebanon risks being lost, the bishops added. MPs ratified the Taif

agreement in November 1989, calling for the disbanding of militias, the rebuilding of a national army, political reforms and the redeployment of Syrian forces from Beirut to the Eastern Bekaa valley.

Most Christian parties share the bishop's position, particularly members of the former Lebanese forces militia. Its leader, Samir Geagea, told AFP

that most Christian leaders now favoured boycotting the Politicians take the threat

of a boycott seriously, saying it would deepen the split between parliament and much of the population, as well as sow doubt abroad about the validity of the elections and the standing of new MPs.

Analysts and politicians say the chances are increasing that elections might not take place before the summer is out, and a clarification of the US position on the elections is eagerly awaited by all sides.

Washington has so far limited itself of stressing the need for free and honest elections.

judged by all to be an ambiguous formula. A Christian leader, request-

ing anonymity, said: " at the moment everything depends on Washington and its policy in the context of a Middle East peace settlement.

"But if they accept that they should go ahead in current conditions, they should know that they would be giving Damascus total control over Lebanon for the next 10 years. He explained that the new

parliament, on a four-year mandate, would be responsible for appointing a new Lebanese president in 1995 for the following six years.

#### for visiting all-white town FAITH, NC July 4: Civil

rights leaders Friday criticized President Bush for choosing to celebrate the nation's birthday by visiting this all-white town on its 46th annual Fourth of July observance, reports AP. "My concern is the symbolism," said Kelly Alexander,

president of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "George Bush is President of all American people, so he should be more careful in the events he chooses to partioffate in."

#### He called anew for Congress to pass other administration proposals that he says

would stimulate economic recovery and be "essential to creating the jobs that all Americans want." The bill he signed Friday