to suspend nuclear test

# Azeris, Armenians India urges United Nations Offthe Record ignore truce

MOSCOW, Sept 26 : Armenian and Azerbaijani forces on Saturday ignored the latest cease-fire in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region, con tinuing a week of escalating fighting that reportedly has killed hundreds, reports AP.

The cease-fire was scheduled to go into effect at midnight Friday (2000 GMT), but was never observed, spokes men for both sides said.

Azerbaijan called on the Commonwealth of Indepen dent States to send military observers to oversee a truce.

Fighting between the two Caucasus Mountains neighbours over Nagorno-Karabakh has intensified since the Soviet Union's collapse last December. The mountainous enclave is populated mainly by Armenians, but is located inside neighbouring Azerbaijan.

"Unless observers appear in the region, along the front line, we'll be accusing each other of violating the cease-

says AP from Tokyo.

world gangs.

Johannesburg.

fully. he said

many times over.

the sake of reconciliation.

tivated crimes might be stopped.

welcomes the release of the prisoners.

reported

fire," an Azerbaijani Defence Ministry official, who would not give his name, told The

people died in the last week as

a result of Azerbaijan's at-

lost earlier this year.

Japanese MP on hunger strike:

member of Parliament went on a hunger strike Saturday to

protest what he called the lax morals of Japan's most

powerful politician, who has acknowledged receiving illegal

donations from a trucking company with links to the mob,

Kanemaru, widely regarded as Japan's behind-the-scenes

prosecutors, Kanemaru on Friday submitted a formal state-

ment admitting he received 500 million yen (dlrs 4 million)

in donations from Hiroyasu Watanabe. Prosecutors say Watan-

abe had close links to one of Japan's most notorious under-

The donation far exceeded legal limits. But Kanemaru, who

heads the ruling party's largest faction, is expected face only a

Pretoria frees 124 detenus: The South

We must close the book on the past, not selectively but

De Klerk indicated that the investigation of politically-mo-

ANC Publicity Secretary in Cape Town Mziwonke Jacobs

Irish president to visit Somalia:

Ireland Friday highlighted the 'profoundly disturbing'

situation in Somalia where hundreds die of hunger and

Irish Foreign Minister David Andrews said President Mary

Andrews, who said his visit last month was a "profoundly

It was, he told the 47th annual UN general assembly, "A

scandal for Somalia's leaders who continue to squabble a fight

while their people starve, a scandal for outsiders, for the de-

veloped world, for the membership of the United Nations,

Pak medical team to serve in Lanka:

The Pakistan government will shortly send five doctors and

five anesthetists to serve in Sri Lanka for one year on a grant

Nawaz Sharif told President Ranasinghe Premadasa of this

goodwill measure when he met the Sri Lankan leader in is-

23 to 24 as the current Chairman of the South Asian Associa-

According to local press reports Saturday Prime Minister

Premadasa and his wife visited Pakistan from September

The reports added that the Pakistan Health Minister

would visit Sri Lanka to ascertain further assistance Pakistan

Typhoon kills 53 in China: Chinese

rescue workers were searching for 51 missing people after

typhoon ted brought downpours and mudslides to Zhejiang

province, killing at least 53 people, the official China Daily

tered rural areas around Shanghai on Wednesday and Thurs-

day and caused heavy damage in the cities of Ningbo, Wen-

economic damage had been estimated at more than 2.3 bil-

of their homes, a provincial relief official was quoted as say-

The typhoon, the 19th to hit China's coast this year, bat-

In Zhejiang province, which bore the brunt of the storm,

More than 5,000 villagers in the province were flooded out

Robinson would shortly accompany him on a return visit to

Somalia to show solidarity with the people and "underline the

disturbing experience," said the situation was a "scandal"

compelling need for more effective international action."

disease every day, reports AFP from United Nations.

who have failed to respond swiftly and effectively."

could render the country in the field of health.

said Saturdays, says Reuter from Beijing.

zhou and Taizhou, the newspaper said.

lion yuan (425 million US dollar), it said.

basis, reports Xinhua from Colombo.

tion for Regional Cooperation.

African government released 124 political prisoners Friday,

kingmaker, to resign from his seat in Parliament.

token fine. He can keep the contribution.

Opposition lawmaker Yukio Aoshima also called on Shin

After playing a month-long game of cat-and-mouse with

tempts to reclaim territory

26: India called Friday for an Associated Press. immediate suspension of nu-"It is impossible to say for clear tests and a freeze on sure who violated the ceaseproduction of weapons-grade fire first and who was just firfissionable material, reports ing back," said the official, who said he was a deputy defence Addressing the 47th annual

UN General Assembly, the He said Armenians attacked Indian Minister of State of External Affairs, Eduardo Falevillages inside Nagorno-Karabakh and in Azerbaijan itiro, said the United Nations should, as one of a series of self early Saturday. "immediate steps", envisage a The Armenian Interior Min-

convention on the non-use of istry and Nagorno-Karabakh nuclear weapons. parliament press centre said It should also work toward Azerbaijani forces captured the "a verifiable freeze on the provillage of Chidran in northern duction of fissionable material Nagorno-Karabakh, giving for weapons purposes, a susthem control over the road to pension of nuclear weapon the regional capital, tests and negotiations on gen-Stepanakert. eral and complete disarma-

ment," Faleiro said. No casualties were reported India is generally considby either side Saturday. But ered to have nuclear weapons Armenia claims up to 570

capability. Its long-time rival and neighbour, Pakistan, has developed a nuclear pro-

Faleiro took an indirect swipe at Pakistan on another issue, saying the principles of self-determination could apply only to peoples under colonial or alien domination of foreign occupation, and not to integral parts of sovereign nations."

It was a transparent reference to Kashmir, which is split between India and Pakistan. Last Tuesday, the Indian and Pakistani delegations exchanged barbs over the issue of

India meanwhile added its votce to UN members calling for a restructuring of the Security Council, saying membership should be expanded "to reflect the increased membership of the United Nations

over the past few years."

AFP adds: A Japanese born monk is to lead a march of **Buddhists from Bombay Sunday** to the eastern Indian town of Bodh Gaya to liberate the holiest of Buddhist shrines from alleged Hindu control.

Nagarjun Shurai Sasai, who has been living in Bodh Gaya for a quarter-century, plans to reach the sacred temple with more than 1,000 Buddhists on October 22, organizers said.

We want to literate the temple from upper-caste Hindus, said Bhikshu Sumedha, convenor of the Bombay chapter of the Bodh Gaya Mahabodhi temple protection committee. It should be run only by Buddhists.

He alleged that private armies controlled by Hindus had recently attacked Buddhists on the temple premises, and were describing the temple to visitors as a Hindu

They are describing the five images of Lord Buddha there as the five Pandavas and calling it a Shiva temple, he said. The Pandavas are Hindu heroes in an ancient epic, and Lord Shiva is Hinduisms' god of destruction.

The Buddhist march will pass through New Delhi on October 14, when a mass rally will be held near parliament to seek public support against unlawful Hindu control of the

sacred place, Sumedha said. The present Hindu-Buddhist row erupted about 100 years ago. One of the first Buddhist monks to protest the Hindu domination was Anagarika Dhaarampal, a Shri Lankan who visited Bodh Gaya in January 1891.

### Russian sub on way to Iran

WASHINGTON, Sept 26: A Pentagon official said Friday that a Russian-made submarine sold by Moscow to Tehran was on its way to the Gulf, raising questions about earlier statements by Moscow on the delivery of submarines, reports

The Defense Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the dieselpowered vessel left Russia Thursday and should arrive in Iran in several weeks.

Earlier Friday in Moscow, a senior Russian official said in a statement quoted by Itar-Tass news agency that two Russian submarines scheduled for pur-

chase by Iran would not be sold immediately for 'technical

to Iran is not on our agenda because of difficulties in reaching a settlement between Russia and Iran on the delivery of special equipment and military materials," said Vladimir Pakhomov, who heads the military-technology cooperation department in the Russian foreign trade ministry.

It was not immediately clear if the submarine reportedly being delivered was one of the two said to have been delayed, or a third submarine being sold separately.

in New York Thursday, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said Moscow The sale of two submarines planned to go ahead with its pian to sell two diesel-pow ered submarines and two small nuclear reactors to Iran, de-spite repeated US protests over the sale.

Kozyrev said the sale would generate hard currency Russia needs to sustain its economic reform programme and would not destabilize the region.

Acting US secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who met with Kozyrev Thursday said the United States had "a different view of these sales" which he said did "not seem appropriate."

#### Move to reinvigorate Taif Accord

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 26: Talks at the sidelines of the UN General Assembly here are aimed at reinvigorating the Taif Accord, which would lessen Syrtan military domination of Lebanon, a French diplomatic source said Friday. reports AFP.

A tripartite committee made up of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria, which prepared the 1989 Taif agreement normalizing Lebanon after prolonged factional fighting, has resumed efforts to further the peace process.

out them. Sihanouk implied

that would probably be the

the results of the election will

He said it was up to UN

peacekeepers to decide

whether to set a deadline by

which the Khmer Rouge would

have to comply with the peace

process or else forgo participa

head of the Supreme National

Council, which consists of the

leaders of the Khmer Rouge

and the three other factions

Sihanouk is the neutral

tion in the election.

not be acceptable to them,

Sihanouk said

They already let me know

# Sihanouk seeks UN Council guidance to end deadlock election that takes place with-

dropping its long held claim that they could only be freed as part of an effective general amnesty which would also cover PHNOM PENH. Sept 26 offenders from the security forces, says Xinhua from The UN Security Council should step in to end the President F W de Klerk said in Durban Friday that release Khmer Rouge boycott of the of political prisoners was one of the subjects to be discussed Cambodian peace process, naat the summit Saturday, the South African Press Association tional reconciliation leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said He said the decision to release them was taken firstly for Saturday, reports AP.

Sihanouk said the EUN peacekeeping chief in Cambodia. Yasushi Akashi, his staff and Cambodia's three other factions cannot break the deadlock caused by the Khmer Rouge's refusal to disarm.

"It is time for us to ask for the guidance of the UN Security Council. Otherwise I personally cannot see how we can overcome the difficulties created by the Khmer Rouge," Sihanouk told a joint news con-

#### Parliament polls in Romania today

BUCHAREST, Sept 26: Foreign observers monitoring Romanian elections which could return East Europe's only surviving communist head of state said they were satisfied with the arrangements provided by the authorities.

Member of the US-based International Republican Institute (IRI) and National Democratic Institute (NDI) democracy support organisations told Reuters they had received full cooperation from the election commission.

The two groups, leading a foreign observer mission to watch over Sunday's polls in which Romanians will elect a new parliament and a president, said no restrictions had been placed on them.

President Ion Iliescu, a onetime aide of executed Stalinist dictator Nocilae Ceausescu, is seeking re-election after rising to power in the wake of Romania's bloody 1989 revolu-Some opinion polls give

him the edge over his main challenger, Emil Constantinescu of the democratic convention, a centrist alliance of 18 political groups

ference called with Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating.

In a progress report issued this week in New York, UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said the Security Council may have to act soon to get the peace process back on

A diplomatic source on the council, speaking on condition of anonymity, suggested it is not inclined to threaten to hold elections in Cambodia without Khmer Rouge partici-

The Khmer Rouge last year signed an accord to end 13 years of war with the Vietnamese-installed government and hold UN-organized elections by next May. But the communist group, which killed hundreds of thousands of people during its rule in the 1970s, has refused to cooperate until it is given more con-

trol over the country. Keating, who arrived Satur

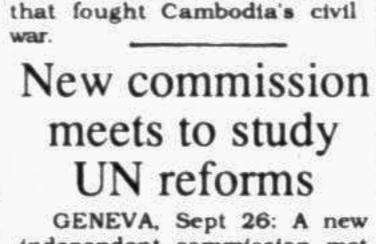
day for a one-day stay, is the first Westernhead of state to visit Cambodia since the peace accord was signed. "We must be honest and

admit that the peace process faces serious difficulties," Keating said in a statement, We are behind schedule in the implementation of the Paris peace accords."

He said UN peacekeepers should press ahead with elections in as much of the country as possible. That implied that the polls should be conducted regardless of whether the Khmer Rouge - who control about 15 per cent of the country — take part.

Voter registration is to begin October 5.

Diplomats in Phnom Penh have said they fear the guerrilla group would not honor an



independent commission met on Friday to study how to reform the United Nations, including its capacity to prevent bloody ethnic conflicts such as that in Yugoslavia, reports Reuter. The 28 individuals, includ-

ing former ministers and a nobel peace prize laureate, hope to provide fresh ideas on global security and a more effective system of peacekeeping. Chaired by former Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson

and former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Shridath Ramphal, they will write their report for 1994, a year ahead of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. Ramphal told a news brief-

ing at the start of the commission's three-day talks: "reform of the UN is a matter of central concern to the commission." Sir Brian Urquhart, com-

mission member and former UN under secretary- general said new approaches were need to prevent ethnic tensions from evolving into bloody



A model parades down the catwalk wearing a spectacular black gauze evening dress designed by Seville designer Vitorio and Lucchino, during "Pesarela Cibeles" spring and summer '93 collections in Madrid on Thursday. - AFP/UNB Photo

#### Principal to spend night on the roof

AUGUSTA: An elementary school principal who bet his students that they couldn't read 4,000 books over the summer lost the bet and has to spend a night on the school's roof next month, reports AFP.

Peter Paige said his offer persuaded the 520 children at Warren Road Elementary School to read a total of 5,700

"The children just got excited about me up on the roof," he said Friday.

Paige said someone had donated a tent and air mattress so he won't be completely unsheltered when he spends the night of Oct 8 on the roof. But he's not sure exactly how he'll pass the time. "I want a TV set, but the parents told me I should read a

book," he said.

'Quran has prohibited high heels for women'

CAIRO : A Muslim cleric from the influential Al-Azhar University, the highest authority on Sunni Islam, says high heels for women are prohibited by holy Quran because the shoes' clicking sound can lead to male temptation, reports

Sheikh Abdel Rahman El-Adawi, quoted Friday in the government Al-Gumhurriya newspaper, referred to verses in the holy Quran which he said prohibit women from showing "strangers anything that foreshows their beauty" or that

"attracts the attention of men in the streets." High-heeled shoes villate the precepts of Islam because the clicking sound they make attract men's attention, the

Ulema said in reply to a reader's question. Women, he said, "should not attract a man's attention and provoke in him a feeling that constitutes the first step toward

temptation."

#### 'Now you're the son of Mr and Mrs Russ" ORLANDO: A 12-year-old boy was granted a "divorce" from

his birth mother Friday on the grounds that she mistreated and abandoned him, and now can be adopted by his foster parents, reports AFP. "Gregory, you're the son of Mr and Mrs Russ at this mo-

ment," circuit judge Thomas Kirk told Gregory Kingsley at the end of the precedent-setting two-day trial. Courtroom spectators applauded. "I believe by clear and convincing evidence, almost beyond

a reasonable doubt in this case, that this child has been abandoned. And neglected by (his mother) Rachel Kingsley and it is certainly in his best interests that her parental rights be terminated immediately," the judge said.

In his lawsuit, Gregory contended his mother's abuse and neglect forced him to seek legal freedom so he could be adopted by his foster parents, George and Elizabeth Russ.

Mrs Kingsley, 31, and her husband, Ralph, who have been separated for years, denied their son's allegations of abuse, neglect and abandonment. But the father was said that Gregory would be better off with the foster parents, George and Elizabeth Russ.

#### Togo goes to polls today

LOME, Sept 26: Voters in Togo will finally be able on Sunday to show whether they want a new constitution ending 24 years of military rule, in a referendum several times postponed by bloodshed, re-

ports AFP. There is little doubt that, short of another last-minute postponement, the people will approve the constitution, but that is less certain is how many of the two million voters

will turn out. President Gnassingbe Eyadema, Interim Prime Minister Joseph Kokou Koffigoh and political parties have all called for a "yes", vote in the past few

The referendum in this small west African nation should have taken place five months ago, but has been put off three times

### US launches probe mission to Mars for cold, red planets FLORIDA, Sept 26: The first US mission to programme manager Bill Piotrosski told a million-km) journey, it will enter orbit over canyouns, dry riverbeds and extinct volcanoes.

KATHMANDU: Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Pre-

madasa (L) is welcomed by King Birendra (R) upon his ar-

rival on September 24 from Islamabad. Premadasa is on

the second leg of a tour to discuss a forthcoming summit of

the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

(SAARC). At center is Nepalese Prime Minister GP

Mars in 17 years blasted off on Friday to chart a course for eventual human exploration of the

cold, red planet, reports Reuter. The US space agency NASA said the Mars observer spacecraft encountered a few technical problems after launch from Florida but none seemed serious enough to hinder its three-year, 891 million dollar mission.

The Mars observer will gather data on the planet's geology and climate and take detailed photographs of its surface - including the enigmatic rock formations that some have likened to the Egyptian Sphinx and Pyramids.

Officials said the probe apparently had a tiny fuel leak, and added that one antenna was dangling mysteriously. A guidance sensor was not tracking the sun, they also said

But they characterised all three problems as minor and said engineers had solutions ready to try in the coming days.

We expect all the kinks in the project to be worked out, and we expect to arrive at Mars next August with a fully functioning spacecraft,

news conference.

Loirala.

Martin Marietta Corp launched the probe aboard a Titan 3 rocket for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at 1.05 pm (1705 GMT) from the Kennedy space centre.

After a 15-minute ride to a 100-mile (160 kml high preliminary orbit, the Mars observer broke away from the Titan 3 and waited to begin its looping 450-million-mile (725million-km) trek outward.

There was a tense hour when NASA lost contact and could not be sure the orbital sciences corp booster - making its debut flight - properly ignited about 24 minutes after blastoff to propel the 5,672-pound (2.572 kg) satellite out of earth orbit at a speed of 37,500 miles (60,350 km) per hour. But all essentially appeared to be well when

the spacecraft passed over a tracking station in Australia about 90 minutes after launch. "It was a little touch-and go, but we're on our way to Mars, said project chief Dave Evans.

After an 11-month, 450-million-mile (725-

will send back pictures as early as October 1993, although it is not due to send back data until mid-December of that year.

- AFP/UNB photo

it will gather information for 678 earth days - a full Martian year. Scientists hope to use the information to choose landing sites for astronauts in the next century.

planet every day to understand the processes of change, said Dr Wesley Huntress, chief of NASA's solar system exploration division. The mission kicks off a new wave of international missions to study the Martian

Mars observer will take the pulse of the

environment with robot probes and possibly obtain samples of the soil. With the Mars observer and other probes to

be dispatched during the next several years, scientists hope to learn why a planet with origins similar to earth's evolved so differently. They also hope to settle once and for all the issue of whether life ever existed on Mars -

now a cold and windswept desert with yawning

Mars' poles next August 24. The Mars observer NASA says the Mars observer will provide roadmaps for a planned fleet of 16 US landers with micro-sized rovers to be dispatched beginning in 1996. The Mars observer also will

relay information gathered by landers and balloons that will be sent out by Russia and France in 1994 and 1996. Mars observer is going to provide the global

data base we are going to need in order to select landing sites for subsequent robotic landers - as well as to determine where we want to send humans and what they'll do when they get there, Huntress said.

The last US spacecraft to visit Mars were the twin Vikings, which were dispatched in 1975 and landed a year later to take pictures and analyse soil.

NASA chief scientist Lenard Fisk said the Mars observer is the most capable spacecraft ever put in orbit around the red planet. Its on board camera has a field of view four times larger than those on the Vikings, and will transmit pictures 40 times sharper.

### Hurd, Qian hold talks on HK airport

NEW YORK, Sept 26: British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said talks with his Chinese counterpart Qian Qichen over the thorny issue of the Hong Kong airport and the city's changeover to Chinese rule in 1997 went well on Friday, but that there was still a long way to go, reports Reuter. Hurd told reporters after

the three-hour meeting between the two officials that "there is still a long way to go on some very tough issues." The issue of whether China

will allow Britain to build a 22 billion US dollar (HK 175 billion dollar) international airport in Hong Kong before the 1997 changeover was expected to be high on the meeting's agenda.