

Kuwaiti move to defuse Saudi-Qatar border row

DOHA, Oct 4: Kuwait's Prime Minister visited Saudi Arabia and Qatar Saturday in a bid to defuse an escalating border row between the two countries, reports AFP.

World changes won't harm Sino-Thai ties

BEIJING, Oct 4: Chinese Premier Yang Shangkun praised the good relations between Beijing and Bangkok as he received visiting Thai Princess Maha Chakraborti here today, the Xinhua news agency said, reports AFP.

Brazil's prison riot leaves 111 dead

SAO PAULO, Oct 4: A gang fight between inmates in Latin America's largest prison left 111 prisoners dead and injured 34 riot troops, officials said, reports AP.

charged or convicted of more serious crimes, authorities said. Inmates grabbed homemade knives and pipes and seized 10 pistols from guards, Pedro Franco de Campo, Sao Paulo state security director, told a news conference Saturday.

nation's largest network, that some bodies showed dog bites and were severely beaten. Television footage Friday night on Globo showed helicopters with sharpshooters flying over the prison, and inmates scaling walls and running along rooftops.

Silva. "The ninth pavilion has been cleaned up and prisoners in other wards are receiving family visitors". Miserable conditions exist at Carandiru Prison, technically a detention center where prisoners are meant to await sentencing and trial before they are transferred to a nearby state penitentiary.

Gorby forced to postpone S Korea trip

SEOUL, Oct 4: Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, barred by Russia's highest court from leaving the country, has been forced to postpone a trip to South Korea this week, reports Reuter.



SCHWERIN, Germany: German Chancellor Helmut Kohl (R) reacts to anarchists after they disrupted the official celebrations for Germany's second anniversary of unity on Saturday.

US restricts operation of Sea Sparrow missiles

WASHINGTON, Oct 4: The US Navy clamped worldwide restrictions on Saturday on the operation of its Sea Sparrow missiles, the anti-aircraft weapon involved in last Thursday's accidental attack that killed five Turkish sailors in the Aegean Sea, reports Reuter.

A panel of admirals, including Americans and a Turk, convened Saturday aboard the Saratoga to study Thursday's incident and later flew to Ankara, the Turkish capital. Turkey also set up two panels of inquiry.

Four cops shot dead in Tripura

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: Tribal guerrillas attacked a police outpost in a northeastern state Sunday, shooting to death four policemen and wounding two more, a news agency reported, says AP.

BRIEFLY

Israelis kill 2 Palestinians: Israeli undercover operatives disguised as Arabs killed two Palestinians and wounded at least six others Saturday in the northern West Bank village of Qabatiyah, Palestinian sources said, reports AFP from Jerusalem.

Witnesses to the incident said the Israelis came across Mohammad Sadek Abu Kamil, 23, a member of the armed wing of Fatah, the main group of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, in an alley.

French FM in Cairo: French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas flew to Cairo Sunday after talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on how to advance the Arab-Israeli peace talks, officials and diplomats said, reports Reuter from Damascus.

13 killed in Seoul chapel fire: A man upset by his wife's refusal to quit the Jehovah's witnesses church set a chapel on fire Sunday, killing 13 people and injuring 20 others, police and news reports said, according to AP from Seoul.

Int'l confce on drugs opens: Experts from more than 30 countries opened an international conference on drugs in Abu Dhabi Saturday, admitting the problem was complicated but optimistic they would defeat smuggling, reports AFP.

Ruling party defeated in Victorian polls: MELBOURNE, Oct 4: Australia's ruling Labour Party was swept from power in elections Saturday in the country's second most populous state.

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Off the Record: MILAN, Italy: A model wears a "Mona Lisa" outfit as part of the new Moschino Spring/Summer collection during the Milan fashion week on Saturday.

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cause we have been dragged into a war," Ioseliani said. But the move was expected to deprive Russia of a pretext to send reinforcement troops in Abkhazia to protect Russian military assets, as it did last week in another hotbed of the former Soviet Union, Tajikistan.

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the population, are struggling to survive in the 10 nations of southern Africa. But aid workers do not expect a repeat of the disaster ravaging Somalia to the north, except possibly in war-torn Mozambique, where the United Nations says 3 million people face death from famine and disease.

life is cheap." Everywhere, the drought's impact has been made worse by incompetence and bureaucratic red tape, politics, corruption and violence. Much suffering could have been avoided if there had been planning and political accountability, aid workers say.

orate rapidly if there are unforeseen problems or if the rains fail again. "Physical condition can deteriorate quickly. Almost overnight, you can reach a situation where people are beyond the point of no return," said John Hicks of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Afghan grand assembly next month

ISLAMABAD, Oct 4: Afghanistan's interim coalition has invited international organizations to observe a nationwide assembly called next month to determine the country's future government, Kabul radio said on Saturday, reports Reuter.