

Govt, Hindu nationalists responsible for fresh violence in Bombay

Press sees riot as threat to India's unity

US asks Arabs to sign Chemical pact

WASHINGTON, Jan 12: The State Department appealed to Arab nations Monday to sign an international treaty to prohibit chemical weapons, reports AP.

NEW DELHI, Jan 12: Outraged Indian newspapers savagely attacked government and opposition Hindu nationalist politicians today over fresh religious violence in which more than 230 people have been killed, reports Reuter.

administration continues to be paralysed. The violence is part of the fall-out from the destruction of a 16th century mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya.

provide India with what it yearns for most — a swift return to normalcy — chances are that untold chaos and anarchy will overwhelm it.



BOMBAY, India: A Border Security Force (BSF) soldier is positioned before a mosque on Monday in this western port city after seven days of communal Hindu-Muslim clashes which has left at least 160 people dead.

UN move for peace in Angola

WASHINGTON, Jan 12: In an attempt to save the dying peace process in Angola, Secretary General Boutros-Ghali asked the Security Council January 11 to endorse UN efforts to arrange a meeting between the leaders of the two warring sides, reports USIS.

BRRIEFLY

N-tests affect Russian children: Russian children are suffering genetic mutations, cancer and other diseases caused by nuclear tests conducted by the Soviet Union more than 30 years ago, a news agency reported Monday, says AP from Moscow.

25 face trial for coup in Venezuela: A military court began imposing prison sentences on Monday on soldiers and about 25 civilians charged with participating in a bloody coup attempt last November, lawyers for the detainees said, reports Reuter from Caracas.

Naruhito to visit 6 ME states: Japanese Crown Prince Naruhito, on what may be his last trip overseas as a bachelor, is to visit six Middle East countries this month, the palace said yesterday, reports Reuter from Tokyo.

Fire destroys 284 acres of land: Firefighters helped by morning frost extinguished Taiwan's worst forest fire, which swept through the popular Yushan National Park in central Taiwan for six days, officials said Tuesday, reports AP from Taipei.



PITTSBURGH: In this photo provided by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre, doctors transplant a baboon liver into the body of a man dying of Hepatitis B on Monday. The operation was the world's second baboon liver transplant.

Baboon liver transplant slated: Animal-rights activists carrying signs with such slogans as "Frankenstein lives in Pittsburgh" criticized the transplant of a baboon liver into a dying man, reports AP from Pittsburgh.

Bush plans to make content of Iran-contra videotape public

NEW YORK, Jan 12: Iran-Contra prosecutors have turned over to the White House videotapes of the 1988 interview President Bush gave investigators, the New York Times reported in Tuesday editions, reports AP.

Before he leaves office, Bush plans to make public the contents of the videotaped deposition along with a diary he had kept as vice president, the Times said, quoting unidentified government officials.

Cristiani fails to comply with peace accords

WASHINGTON, Jan 12: Secretary General Boutros-Ghali informed the Security Council January 11 that Salvadoran President Cristiani has failed to comply with the peace accords in the cases of 15 Salvadoran army officers who were to be purged from the military, and said he has asked the president to "take early action" to see that the accords are fully implemented, reports AP.

However, the Salvadoran president appointed seven officers as military attaches to Salvadoran embassies abroad and has deferred decisions on eight other officers, Boutros-Ghali said, and the actions do "not comply with the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations which require these officers to be discharged."

LTTE offers to free 2 cops as goodwill gesture

COLOMBO, Jan 12: Sri Lanka's dominant Tamil Tiger guerrillas have agreed to release two policemen from captivity "as a gesture of goodwill to commence peace negotiations," a state run daily reported today, says AFP.

Afghans agree to truce

KABUL, Jan 12: Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani's government and the radical Hezb-i-Islami party have agreed to a temporary truce, sources in a peace mission set up last week said on Monday, reports Reuter.

the eight-member delegation to free the policemen ahead of peace talks to end the island's ethnic bloodshed.

Family of five dies in Seoul flat fire

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The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) made the offer during talks with a delegation of Christian clergy, led by the Bishop of Colombo Kenneth Fernando over the weekend in the northern Jaffna peninsula, the Daily News reported.

Israel's no to UN plea reawakens 'painful emotion' of '48

JERUSALEM, Jan 12: For Palestinians, Israel's latest rejection of UN pleas to take back the 415 men deported to Lebanon reawakens painful emotions dating to the founding of the Jewish state in 1948, report AP.

Off the Record

They deliberately supplied it to the newspaper

LONDON, Jan 12: A leaked letter by Lord McGregor, chairman of the watch Commission, says Prince Charles and Princess Diana deliberately provided newspaper with details of their marriage troubles, reports AP.



Again in public

DALLAS: Ross Perot publicly returned to politics Monday, recruiting Americans for a watchdog group he said would counter special interests that prevent government reform and deficit reduction, reports AP.

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