

Marchers demand punishment of two ex-ROK presidents

SEOUL, May 15: About 2,000 dissidents and students marched in downtown Seoul Saturday demanding punishment of two ex-presidents for allegedly ordering a 1980 military crackdown on a pro-democracy movement, reports AP.

We've evidence of Pak involvement in Bombay blasts: Chavan India will woo other states to put Pakistan on 'terrorist list'

NEW DELHI, May 15: India said on Friday it had circumstantial evidence to prove Pakistani involvement in the March bomb blasts in Bombay and was hoping to persuade other countries to declare Pakistan a terrorist state, reports Reuters.

Pakistan named as a "terrorist state". The Pakistani spokesman said the Foreign Office had notified the Indian Ambassador to Islamabad on Thursday that the suspects were not on Pakistan territory.

Off the Record

He's just burning off weight

WASHINGTON: Kristina Emanuels was jogging one early morning when she came face to face with a fellow government worker huffing and puffing near the Lincoln Memorial, reports AP.



BRIEFLY

ANC militants stab 6 IFP men: Six Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) supporters were stabbed and seriously wounded in a clash with African National Congress (ANC) militants outside the Supreme Court, the domestic news agency, SABA said Friday, reports AFP from Johannesburg.

20 hurt in Italian car bomb blast: A booby-trapped car exploded here Friday night injuring 20 people and causing heavy damage in an attack that police said may have targeted an anti-Mafia television presenter, reports AFP from Rome.

Fujimori to visit ROK June 2-4: President Alberto Fujimori of Peru will visit South Korea June 2-4 for talks with South Korean President Kim Young-sam on improved relations, the presidential office said Saturday, reports AP from Seoul.

Quake hits Mexico City: A strong quake shook Mexico City at about 9.13 pm (0513 GMT) Friday, followed by a stronger tremor a few minutes later, reports AP from Mexico City.

Mother Teresa hospitalised: Mother Teresa was being treated in a Rome hospital Friday after breaking three ribs in a fall here Thursday, church officials said, reports AFP from Rome.

Iran gets 8 missiles from Ukraine

LONDON, May 15: Iran is reported to have taken delivery of eight supersonic, sea-skimming cruise missiles from Ukraine to control the vital tanker route into the Gulf, reports PTI.

Shultz for air strikes in Bosnia

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15: Former US Secretary of State George Shultz said on Friday the United States should be willing to mount a "Desert Storm-style" air strike against the Serbs to stop fighting in Bosnia, reports Reuters.



BELGRADE: Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, Yugoslav President Dabrica Cosic and President of Montenegro Momir Bulatovic (L-R) attend the all-Serbian parliament session Friday to discuss a possible acceptance of the Vance-Owen peace plan by the Bosnian Serb.

US to raise human rights issue in talks with ASEAN

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, May 15: The United States announced today that it would raise the controversial issues of human rights and democracy in talks with Southeast Asian Nations that have previously focused on security topics, reports AFP.

ASEAN has resisted previous attempts by the United States to make it spell out or define human rights, arguing that the right of society as a whole overrode individual rights as had been espoused by Washington.

US proposal unfair: PLO

NICOSIA, May 15: The Palestinians and other Arab parties on Friday blamed the failure of the last round of Middle East peace talks on Washington, which had tried to spur them along by intervening for the first time, reports AFP.

Indian Gen Cariappa dead

NEW DELHI, May 15: The army's first Indian commander-in-chief, Field Marshal KN Cariappa, died Saturday in the southern city of Bangalore, news agencies reported. He was 95, reports AP.

40 yrs imprisonment in 'condom rape' case

AUSTIN, Texas: A jury on Friday sentenced a knife-wielding attacker to 40 years in prison in the "condom rape" case in which the defence contended the victim had consented to sex by asking the man to use a condom, reports Reuters.

Chaplin mementos sold off

GENEVA: A violin Charlie Chaplin is said to have played in the 1916 silent film "The Vagabond" fetched 48,000 Swiss francs (dfls 33,000) at an auction of the great comedian's memorabilia, held despite a protest by his children, reports AP.



Pre-poll violence feared Families of UN staff leaving Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, May 15: The United Nations began evacuating the families of its employees in Cambodia Saturday, eight days before UN-sponsored elections are scheduled to begin, reports AP.

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Ordeal of French school children ends, gunman shot dead

NEUILLY-SUR-SEINE, France, May 15: A gunman who held six small girls and their nursery school teacher hostage was shot and killed Saturday morning, the third day of the ordeal. The captives were freed unharmed, reports AP.

Pasqua saluted the "courage and calm" of the girls, aged 3-4. They were among 21 children taken hostage Thursday morning along with their teacher, Laurence Dreyfus, 30, who was in her first teaching assignment.

Uruguayan peacekeeper killed in Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH, May 15: A UN peacekeeper from Uruguay was shot dead near UN headquarters early today while riding his motorbike along a dark street, UN officials said, reports AFP.