Tamil boat blown up: Two killed

COLOMBO, June 14: A navy patrol craft blew up a small Tamil guerilla boat in northern Shri Lanka, killing at least two key leaders of the rebels' elite Sea-Tiger unit, the military claimed today, reports AFP.

A flotilla of boats of the Liberation Tigers of Tami Eclam (LTTE) ferrying civilians across a prohibited lagoon to the Jaffna peninsula were attacked Saturday, killing the two men, a military spokesman

We now have confirmation that we have killed Tiger Lieutenant Colonel Anandarasa Thevarasa alias Pulendran who was the third in command of the Sea Tigers. Another Sea Tiger Lieutenant known as Magan was also killed," the spokesman said.

Tigers operate the ferry service for civilians to travel from the Jaffna peninsula to the rest of the mainland despite the lagoon being declared a no-go area by the military.

MOGADISHU, June 14: US AC-130 attack planes pounded positions held by Somali warlord Mohamed Farah Aideed in Mogadishu early today in the third consecutive night of Uni-

ted Nations air strikes, reports

Two Somalis were killed and two wounded in the latest strike, hospital officials and witnesses said.

At a garage only 100 yards from General Aideed's headquarters, AFP reporters saw the charred remains of a child which appeared to be about six years old.

The open-air garage was littered with the mangled, burned-out wreckage of lorries and pickup trucks. Reporters

firework-like sparks into the They appeared to be hitting

tal, doctors said they had re-

ceived two young men with

shrapnel wounds from the

bombardment by US AC-130

(2305 GMT Sunday) and was

from the area near General

Aideed's villa, which serves as

rocked the city. As they ex-

ploded, some sent showers of

his home and headquarters.

continuing at 3:30.

The attack began at 2.05 AM

Smoke and flames were seen

Shells fired from the planes

saw no evidence that the area two separate targets, one near had been used to store am-Aideed's villa and the other munition or military equipment. slightly further north. Both At the nearby Digfer hospiwere in Southwest Mogadishu.

UN air strikes on targets

in Mogadishu continue

There was no apparent return fire from the ground. The roar of aircrast engines was heard in the sky, but the

planes were almost invisible in the darkness. The renewed attack against General Aideed, held responsible for the June 5 killings of 23

Pakistani peacekeepers, followed a day of bloodshed in this volatile capital. Pakistani UN troops at the

K4 Roundabout opened fire on a crowd protesting the strikes against Aideed, killing 20 Somalis and wounding 30 others The UN has destroyed a

number of Aideed's arms depots since Saturday and has urged Somalis to cooperate with its push to disarm the country.

The air and ground attacks mark a new phase of 'scrious disarmament, deputy UN force commander Major-General Thomas Montgomery said after the first major strike.

Aideed, who visited those wounded by the Pakistanis at the hospital on Sunday blamed the United States for the bloodshed, which he said was provoked by the attacks on his po-

Shortly after Monday's operation began, the call of Muezzins was heard from mosques in the city, although it was before the usual prayer time.

OTTAWA, June 14: Kim Campbell, a feisty lawyer from Vancouver, shot to the top of the Conservative Party in five years to become Canada's first woman Prime Minister, reports

Quick-witted and self-confident, Campbell overcame controversy about her abrasive character and two divorces to win the party leadership on Sunday and will take over from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in two weeks.

Don't mess with me I got tanks, she joked in January after becoming Canada's first woman Defence Minister at 46. She says the life of a single woman in politics is "unspeakably lonely".

Speaking her mind almost upset Campbell's leadership bid. Last month she had to apologise publicly for calling opponents Enemies of Canada and came under fire for calling apathetic Canadian voters "condescending sob's" in an interview.

Canadian columnist Allan Fotheringham described her as

Sino-British talks

on future of

HK begins

and Britain began today a fifth

round of talks on the political

future of Hong Kong, with both

sides vowing to maintain a pos-

itive attitude despite few out-

Reuter.

Wall of China.

achieve that."

ward signs of progress, reports

In brief comments to re-

porters before beginning the

three-day negotiations, British

Ambassador Str Robin McLaren

"We are working hard to

achieve the right outcome for

these talks," McLaren said at

Beijing's Diaoyutai state guest

house "We are determined to

Nobel laureates

BEIJING, June 14: China

Campbell: Woman in the news

referring to former British Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher. "Campbell is extremely intelligent and funny in private, increasingly brittle and sharptongued and thin-skined in public," he wrote in a recent

Campbell caused a stir by posing for a photograph with bare shoulders holding her legal robes on a hanger in front of her. The press dubbed her the Madonna of Canadian politics.

A supporter of abortion rights and gun control, Campbell's views on social issues have caused friction with her party's right wing, while feminists and homosexuals criticise her for not going far enough.

Feminists attack her for backing Mulroney's economic policies - a loathed goods and services tax and free trade with years. the United States - which they

say had a devastating impact on Canadian women.

Born Avril Phaedra a sharp-tongued mini-Thatcher, Campbell, she changed her name to Kim at the age of 12. After her mother left her attor-

nev father. Campbell paved her way through political studies at University, packing halibut at a fish plant one vacation, and studied Soviet politics at the As Justice Minister last year, London School of economics for

a year. She speaks passable

French and a bit of Russian. She joined the Conservative Party in 1988 to run for parliament to represent Vancouver centre, a volatile city electoral district with a large homosexual and singles population.

Alternatively described as warm and funny, or aloof, arrogant and quick-tempered, Campbell reminds Canadians of a flamboyant former Prime Minister, liberal Pierre Trudeau

She also was a junior justice minister before shooting to power and staying there for 16

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Fund crisis forces UN to withdraw 43 from Iraq

BUILFIFI

Li appears in public: Chinese Premier Li
Peng made his first public appearance in nearly two months in

Beijing Monday when he welcomed his Malaysian counterpart

put to rest growing speculation in Beijing that Li, who officially

. The two leaders later sat down for talks in the Great Hall, lo-

The 65-year-old premier last appeared in public April 24

when he played tennis with Singaporean President Goh Chok

Tong. He was forced to cancel a tour of Central Asia and named

Vice Premier Zhu Rongji to handle day-to-day work of running

Sikh leader killed in gunbattle:

Indian Security forces Sunday shot dead a top Sikh militant and

seized a huge quantity of arms and explosives in the northern

state of Punjab, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported, AFP says

Force (KLF), was killed in a 30-minute gunbattle in a village in

one of several groups fighting to set up an independent home-

land called Khalistan in Punjab, India's only Sikh-majority

5 Kashmiris shot dead: Indian security

forces shot dead five Kashmiri militants and seized a light

mortar gun near the border with Pakistan, officials said on

Indian side of Kashmir on Saturday night and were intercepted

King Hussein leaves for US: King

Hussein of Jordan left Amman Sunday for his first working visit

to the United States since he fell out with Washington during

fore heading to Washington where he will meet US officials and

improving American-Jordanian relations" which he said had

been good until the [1990-1991] Gulf crisis, when Jordan was

Salam Majali, said his talks with Clinton will focus on all

aspects of the Middle East problem and other regional prob-

Heat takes 41 more Pak men:

Another 41 persons died while hundreds of others lost

consciousness Sunday due to persistent scorching heat in

Pakistan, local English newspaper The News reported Monday,

Ten persons died in Chiniot area and another 16 died at

Heat wave also claimed 15 lives in Sindh province, it added.

this month, much earlier than the previous year, is continuing

The hot and dry weather, which started at the beginning of

then hold talks with President Bill Clinton on Friday, they said.

The King was to make a three-day private visit in London be-

He told reporters that he hoped this visit will "contribute to

King Hussein, accompanied by new Prime Minister Abdel

the Gulf crisis, officials said, AFP reports from Amman.

They said the militants entered the Kupwara area in the

Guradaspur region, bordering Pakistan, the news agency said.

Baljit Singh, alias Billa of the outlawed Khalistan Liberation

Baljit Singh was a self-styled 'lieutenant general' of the KLF

was suffering from a "bad cold," was in fact in political trouble.

The welcoming ceremony inside the Great Hall of the People

Mamathir Mohamad, AFP reports from Beijing.

cated next to Tiananmen Square.

Sunday, Reuter reports from Srinagar.

accused of supporting its neighbour Iraq.

by Indian government troops.

the government.

from New Delhi.

United Nations has pulled 43 more guards out of Kurdish northern Iraq due to a cash crunch, a UN source said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The contingent is the second to leave Iraq since May because of a UN funding crisis threatening the guards' deployment and an emergency relief programme. "A guards contingent of 43 men has left the Kurdish north

and is now in Baghdad on their way home because of lack of funds, the source said. The UN flew 50 of its guards out of Iraq last month. A total to 143 guards are still in Iraq.

mostly in Kurdish areas in the The UN sent guards to Iraq

after the 1991 Gulf War to look

BAGHDAD, June 14: The after UN offices and relief con-

Their presence was also seen as reassuring millions of dissident Kurds who fled to mountains on Turkish and Iranian borders following the collapse of a brief post-war uprising against Baghdad.

"There are no funds any more," the UN source said. "If they find a solution they will keep them in full power."

The 43, who arrived in Baghdad in the evening, are from the Czech republic. They will spend two nights in the Iraqi capital before flying home.

Their presence in Iraq has always been a thorny issue with Baghdad, which accuses them of being spies.



Somalis view the damage left by a punitive American air raid on Sunday against a central Mogadishu garage used to store paint by forces of warlord General Aideed. - AFP/UNB photo

Arab allies back Kuwait

ABU DHABI, June 14: Eight Gulf war Arab allies on Sunday warned Iraq over its threats against Kuwait and failure to implement all UN resolutions, reports AFP.

Foreign Minister of the Damascus declaration, which groups Egypt, Syria and the sixnational Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) also backed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in its territorial dispute with Iran.

The Ministers condemn the Iraqi regime for its continuous hostile statements and increasing threats against Kuwait and the GCC countries, which is threatening security and stability in the region, they said in a statement after two days of

The ministers affirm they will stand with and fully support Kuwait in the face of those threats.

It was one of the strongest messages sent to Iraq by the declaration since it was created by Egypt, Syria and GCC states - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and the UAE - two weeks after a USdominated international coali-

Kuwait to build sand wall along border with Iraq

KUWAIT, June 14: "Kuwait plans to complete the construction of a sand wall along its border with Iraq within three months," the Kuwaiti news agency reported Sunday, citing a ministerial communique, reports AFP.

The operation, launched last Thursday, will also see the excavation of a trench along the 207-kilo metre (130-mile) frontier, aimed at preventing "infiltration by Iraqi agents", according to the agency.

DYP delegates, almost all of

they men, greeted her victory

with raucous cheers at a

After a bright academic ca-

reer in the United States, Ciller

started dabbling in politics as

an economic adviser to Demirel

in the late 1980s when he was

nomics professor at Istanbul's

Elite Bosphorus University and

joined the DYP only three years

She left her job as eco-

packed Ankara sports hall.

still in opposition.

tion evicted Iraqi forces from Kuwait in February 1991.

Egypt and Syria were the only non-Gulf Arab states to join the anti-Iraq offensive and have often announced their commitment to security in the

The ministers meeting to rescue their alling alliance, said Iraq had failed to comply with all UN Gulf war resolutions by refusing to release Kuwait prisoners of war and to pay war damages rejecting a decision by a UN committee on demarcation of borders with Kuwait, and prevaricating over the elimination of weapons of mass destruction.

Concern' at Iraq's continuous failure to implement UN resolutions over its occupation of Kuwait

The ministers agreed to meet again in Damascus in December

boycott human rights confce

VIENNA, June 14: "A group of Nobel Peace Prize laureates boycotted the opening session of a UN conference on human rights here today to protest moves to bar Tibet's Dalai Lama from speaking," Amnesty International said, reports AFP.

The decision was announced by Pierre Sane, President of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning group, as representatives from 183 countries and 2,000 nongovernmental organisations attended the opening of the twoweek conference.

A dozen Nobel Peace Prize winners were invited here by the host Austrian Government They spoke of their 'Deep | including Amnesty, the Argentine writer Adolfo Perez Esquivel and Guatemalan activist Rigoberta Menchu.

> Under apparent pressure from the Chinese Government the Dalai Lama was barred from the first human rights meeting,

Programme which has so far

failed to achieve most of its

She pledged to slash infla-

tion to 42 per cent by the end of

1992 from 71 per cent in 1991

but the end-year figure was 66

per cent and year-on-year infla-

government attempt to manipu-

late interest rates or to let the

Ciller married businessman

Economic

Government

targets.

315 Russian deputies threaten to resign

MOSCOW, June 14: A group be required to make a quorum of 315 Russian deputies threatened on Sunday to resign from the country's top parliamentary body if it blocks a proposed new constitution, Interfax news agency said, reports Reuter.

It quoted a statement signed by the deputies as saying the Congress of Peoples Deputies had no right to introduce changes to a planned draft consaid his team was "Fit and ready to go," after a weekend stitution, now under discussion climbing expedition to the Great at a special Kremlin assembly called by President Boris Yeltsin.

Their declaration represented a strong signal of support for Yeltsin, who wants the new constitution to boost his own powers substantially and resolve a long political struggle with the conservative-dominated Congress.

The deputies reason that by resigning en masse from the legislature, they could deprive the body of a quorum and make it redundant.

The total of 315 signatories was tantalisingly close to the figure of 344 - one third of the total Congress membership of 1.033 deputies — that would

impossible. Liberal deputies says they are still working to achieve this

Yeltsin's special constitutional assembly has been meeting in the Kremlin since June 5 and is due to wind up on Wednesday, but its chances of a greeting to a final draft

document by then appear slim.

The President has made clear his contempt for Congress elected in 1990 when the Soviet Communist Party was still dominant, but has said he is ready to let it approve the new constitution provided it makes no amendments.

Itar-Tass news agency reported separately that regional leaders, who make up one of the assembly's five working groups, had proposed that the country's 20 ethnic republics be given the status of sovereign states within the Russian federation.

It remained unclear whether this would be acceptable to other groups within the assembly or to Yeltsin.

Off the Record

Man for beauty contest

BRISBANE (Australia): A 24-year-old Australian male surf lifesaver has made waves by entering a beauty contest designed for women, reports Reuter.

Damien Taylor will know on Tuesday if he has what it takes to be Miss Wintersun 1993, a title which will give him a shot at becoming the first male Miss Australia.

"It started off as a joke but now I'm quite serious," said Taylor, who will be judged by panel of three women and two men for beauty and personality - if not nerve.

Contest Chairman Jade Hurley said that "with these days of equal opportunity" organisers had no option but to accept

Taylor's nomination. "I think this is a world first," Hurley told the Australian Associated Press Monday.

"We've certainly thrown the cat among the pigeons and it

could lead to the next Miss Australia being a bloke. The Chamber of Commerce for the twee's heads resort area of northern New South Wales has already a greed to sponsor the

Miss Wintersun winner in the Miss Australia contest. Taylor wasn't saying what he planned to wear in the contest But he said his quest for equal rights would not go as far as

wearing a bikini.

Clean up the world

SYDNEY: Eighty-eight countries have expressed interest in joining a three-day World Litter Clean up September," the Australian organisers said yesterday, reports Reuter. The "clean up the world" campaign, backed by the United

Nations, follows the success of the annual "clean up Australia day," which this year attracted more than 400,000 volunteers. lan Kiernan, who initiated Australia's rational clean-up four

years ago, said, "Communities in more than 37 countries had signed up for the event, which will be coordinated in Sydney. "The response to 'clean up the world' is far beyond our

expectation - we have communities in the United States. Kenya, South Korea, Mexico, Ireland, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Japan, Thailand, Australia, Brazil, South Africa and Canada with many places like Addis Ababa and Nairobi staging trial clean-ups in preparation," Kiernan said at the event's official launch.

Initial funding for the event came from the United Nations environment programme and the US-based Egbar Foundation. Volunteers collected nearly 20,000 tonnes of rubbish from

Roadsides, beaches, waterways and parks in more than 650 cities and towns in Australia's clean-up shopping trolleys and more bizarre items such as toilet seats and a pile of women's underwear. The world clean-up will be on September 17-19.

Ciller first woman PM of Turkey idea today is change. The urging faster privatisation of scasoned, she said before the Turkish people want and expect state enterprise, but bowed to DYP congress. change, something new. Ciller was the architect of a

ANKARA, June 14: Tansu Ciller, the lady with the steel smile, won a party vote on Sunday to make her the first woman Prime Minister of secular but 99 per cent Muslim

Turkey, reports Reuter. The media nickname for Ciller, 47, reflects her reputation for disguising formidable ambition behind cheerful good

She fought off challenges from Interior Minister Ismet Sezgin and Education Minister Koksal Toptanto become leader of the True Path Party (DYP) at an emergency party congress.

The DYP, senior partner in the ruling coalition, lost its leader when Suleyman Demirel quit as Prime Minister in May to replace the late Turgut Ozal as President.

Demirel must now ask Ciller to form a new government even though he was widely reported to have disapproved the candidacy of his former protege, who has made a meteoric rise to the

Nobody can resist a ripe

idea, she said in her speech

ago, but quickly carved a niche in Turkey's male-dominated Demirel recruited her party to win the support of urban pro-

fessionals and businessmen intellectuals for the DYP, tradi tionally strong in small towns and farming communities. Initially dubbed the princess or the daughters of Demirel, she

from Doctle. She crossed swords with him frequently on economic policy after becoming State Minister in the 19-month-old government

soon proved that she was for

her mentors final word rather than risk an open rupture. Economists say that when



Denitrel formed the government.

tion was 65 per cent in May. Ciller quarrelled with Central Bank governor Rusdu Saracoglu and former Treasury Head Tevsik Altinok, who resigned in March. She advocated lower interest rates which she said, would curb rising industrial costs. The Central Bank, trying to keep the Turkish lira stable opposes any

Tansu Ciller

Ciller made the crucial mistake of failing to insist on full control of privatisation and the powerful state-owned banks. I was raw. I am becoming

Ozer Ucuran, her high-school sweetheart in 1963 and got him to take her family name rare achievement for a Turkish woman. They have two sons. Editorial on page 4

lira depreciate faster.

before the congress vote. The Bombay's reel life becomes real life with arrest of Sanjay BOMBAY, June 14: India's India's perennially star-struck Dutt spent some two weeks Industry insiders say then taken over by a galaxy of a beating, say film critics, and

July 10 SEOUL, June 14: US President Bill Clinton will pay an official visit to South Korea from July 10-11 at the invitation of South Korean president Kim Young-Sam," Presidential spokesman Lee Kyong-Jae said

Xinhua says from Islamabad

without any sign of relief.

The Clinton-Kim meeting will be the first since both Presidents were inaugurated in February.

North Korea's nuclear impasse. The two Presidents are expected to discuss defence cooperation - some 36,000 American troops are stationed in South Korea - and expanding trade and economic exCelluloid Dream Factory used to churn out an average five films a week. But the Bombay film industry has not launched a single film since mid-March, when bomb blasts in the city's commercial heart exposed the unsavoury real-life romance

The arrest of matinee idol Sanjay Dutt last month had a relatively happy ending but Bollywood, as India's film industry is deristvely called, has yet to recover.

between Hindi movies and the

city's underworld, reports IPS.

Questions are still being hurled at Bombay's filmdom. accusing it of succumbing to the 'vulgar tastes' of greedy mobster-producers who cared only for profit. Meanwhile, even

audiences are now looking more closely at their screen idols and wondering about their underworld connections. Reel life became real life for

the industry of celluloid potboilers glorifying brute violence and machismo with the arrest of Dutt, Hindi cinema's second highest paid star, for illegal possession of an AK-56 rifle.

The 34-year-old Dutt is the son of former actor and ruling party member of parliament, Suntl Dutt. He was arrested after producers Hantf Kadawala and Samir Hingora, who own the second largest video company in India, were held for gun-running by the police in the blasts' probe.

in prison before he was released and cleared of any links with the Bombay bombings that killed at least 500 people. But his arrest led to a closer

scrutiny of Bollywood, revealing the extent to which Hindi cin ema has been infiltrated in the past five years by underworld characters.

The Bombay film industry opened up to mobsters in the late-1980s after the prolifera tion of home video players nearly crippled the movie-ma chine. Overnight, video pirates like Kadawala and Hingora became film-makers, pumping in astronomical sums of money in productions.

An industry that produced

memorable classical movies was

young stars who will be remembered more for their pretty faces and macho good looks than for perfection in their craft. For these get-rich-quick op-

crators, quality was of little concern. Videos kept the middle-class entertained at home and the audience in the theatre turned into a largely male crowd who wallowed in the blood and gore. Today's viewer is a stranger

to me," says screen writer Javed Akhtar who once wrote block busters like 'Deewar' and Sholay'. "He is not a school teacher, clerk or white collar workers. I can't relate to this vulgar lecherous man at all." India's art cinema has taken

movies that made money were commercial quickies, almost all of which were bankrolled by the underworld. Prakash Jha who is best re-

membered for 'Damul,' a film he spent US 30,000 dollar on, says the film would cost at least four times more at current rates. "It is not possible for me to make the kind of film I would like to," he says. "So either I stop making films or succumb to the demands of the market."

The slow demise of the conscientious film-maker has paved the way for the mobster producer who wants to make money and borrows from dubi ous financiers at exorbitant interest rates.

Bollywood's loose and careless ways, which tolerated huge transactions without contracts or paperwork, made it the ideal place to launder money amassed by smuggling and ex-

Roughly half of the underworld's investments in filmdom has been pumped in by Ibrahim Dawood, a 38-year-old Bombay gangster who jumped bail in 1985 and now lives in splendour in Dubai.

According to Indian police, Dawood is the self-styled don of a sprawling crime empire that is involved in prostitution, narcotics, smuggling of precious metals and gambling. He is also suspected to be behind the series of bombings in Bombay.

held for defaming minister SEOUL, June 14: A journal-

ist for a South Korean newspaper was arrested today for a report which allegedly defamed the Defence Minister, a prosecution official said, reports Reuter

Joongang Daily News, was arrested for an article about Defence Minister Kwon Young Hae's connection with a military corruption scandal.

The officials said, Chung

Chae-Hon, a reporter with the

Kwon Sued the newspaper for libel

South Korea's journalist union demanded the release of Chung, calling his arrest media suppression.

today, reports Reuter.

High on the agenda will be

Clinton starts **ROK** visit

other places in Punjab province, the report said.