Aideed men use Islam | Pakistan to install another to swell support

MOGADISHU, Aug 1: Fugitive Warlord Mohammed Farah Aideed's supporters are trying to whip up Islamic fervour to swell support for his crusade against United Nations forces in Somalia, local intellectuals say, reports AFP.

Railies staged twice a week by about 2,000 Aideed sympathisers in the warlord's south Mogadishu stronghold are taking an increasingly religious

A dozen Muslim leaders at the front of Saturday's rally brandished Koreans and accused US soldiers of desecrating and looting mosques during attacks on Aidid militiamen in June and July.

Youths handed out pamphlets with a news agency photograph of two American women soldiers wearing bikinis on a Mogadishu beach. In a graphic illustration of the problems of stationing foreign troops in this traditionally conservative society, the photograph was cap-tioned: "Naked American women in Islamic Somalia."

nuclear plant by '99 But anti-American and anti-ISLAMABAD. Western feeling has grown since Pakistan, the sole member of US-led UN forces attacked the Muslim world with a nu-Aideed's headquarters in retaliclear power plant, started today ation for the June 5 killings of construction of a building to 24 Pakistani peacekeepers, house a second station supplied Somalis say. by China, reports AFP.

Officials of the Pakistan

Atomic Energy Commission

(PAEC) called the commence-

ment of work on the 300

megawatt plant a milestone in

the country's efforts to use nu-

clear energy for peaceful ends.

Punjab province, some 200

kilometres (124 miles) south-

west off here on the bank of the

Indus river, is due for commis-

which a contract was signed

with China in December 1991,

has not been disclosed, but

newspaper reports have put it

LAGOS, Aug 1: Nigerian mili-

tary president Ibrahim Baban-

gida announced on Saturday he

had given up the idea of a rush

presidential election in August

and would install an unelected

government to bridge the gap

left by his annulment of a poll

He did not say how long the

The plan has been urged by

interim administration would

last but made clear it would not

Nigeria's two legal political par-

ties, which were created by gen-

eral Babangida in his long-

promised programme to restore

elected civilian government after

But Moshood Abiola, who is

BEIJING, Aug 1: Tibetans

have continued to stage scat-

tered protests for independence,

and at least 74 people have

been arrested, an international

human rights group reported

Unlike most previous pro-

tests, which were led by monks

and nuns, the most recent

demonstrations, in May and

June, have been organised by

peasants, factory workers and

students, the London-based

Tibet Information Network re-

ported, quoting unidentified

sources in Tibet. The non-profit

group monitors developments in

peasants in Sungling village, in

southern Tibet, staged a pro-in-

In one incident in late June,

the remote Himalayan region.

Sunday, reports AP.

a decade of military rule.

held in June, reports Reuter.

have full powers.

The cost of the plant, for

sion in April 1999.

The plant at Chasma in

"Confrong Satan, fight colonialism," the crowd shouted chanting "Allah-O-Akhbar" (God is greatest).

Mogadishu intellectuals say an increase in the number of veiled women and the stoning to death in January of several women accused of adultery signals growing popular backing for Islamic fundamentalists.

Islamic relief agencies funded by Sudan and Saudi Arabia refuse to give women food unless they wear veils, Halima

"In times of war and trouble, people look for solace in religion," she said.

between 200 and 300 million

Pakistan signed an agreement in February this year with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) placing the PWR (Pressurised Water Reactor) type plant, under the agency's

safeguards. The preparatory work has been going on in full swing with Pakistani engineers, scientists and technicians participating in all phases of the design, engineering and manufacture, offi-

although the contract is on turn-key basis, it provides for "Significant transfer" of technology, said PAEC chairman Ishfaq

The know-how which will become available from the implementation of the project would be invaluable," he said.

Canada provided Pakistan with its first nuclear power station, a 137-mw Candu type reactor, which started commercial operation in the southern port

city of Karachi in 1972. The Karachi station suffered a setback when in 1976 Canada unilaterally terminated the agreement to provide fuel, spares and technical support.

running on locally fabricated fuel for the last many years. Ahmad said a plan was under way to further upgrade the safety of the Karachi plant and extend its life from 20 to 40

vears.

But the country subse-

quently developed its own ca-

pability and the plant has been

Pakistan entered into a nuclear cooperation agreement in 1986 with China which started operating its first PWR plant at Qinshan in 1991.

Two other Chinese nuclear power plants are being constructed by France and due for completion in 1993-94. It is acquiring two more plants from Russia and is also building a 600-mw PWR on its own.

The PAEC chairman stressed the need for gearing up indigenous effort and building more nuclear power plants.

"As far as nuclear power technology is concerned, we have come a long way in acquiring the necessary skills, experience and infrastructure."

"The time is ripe for some bold initiatives," he said, adding that a decision to design and build a second plant at Chasma "on our own" should be taken now so that work could start in 1994-95.

Battle on in Abkhazia despite truce

Off the Record

200 years of innocence ends

her husband in what the town historian said was this New

England hamlet's first homicide in more than 200 years, reports

shot wounds Friday at his home after neighbours reported

hearing three to five shots, Castrios, a back-hoe operator, was

pronounced dead at the Concord Hospital.

since the town of 650 was incorporated in 1776.

for being too trigger-happy, reports Reuter.

world, Jager said. "This is a sad day for Washington."

murder, police said.

Police found John Castrios, 45, suffering from multiple gun-

His wife, France Castrios, 42, was charged with first-degree

"It ends more than 200 years of innocence," said town histo-

"It's a rather melancholy reminder that even little places like

rian Ronald Jager. He said the crime was the first homicide

Washington are not immune from the violence of the rest of the

It is an old American mentality

criticised the United Nations and US President Bill Clinton

ROME: Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Sunday

WASHINGTON: A woman was arrested for allegedly killing

TBILISI, Aug 1: Observers have begun monitoring a fourday-old ceasefire in the separatist war in Georgia that has taken nearly 4,000 lives, but each side is accusing the other

of violations, reports Reuter. Officials of the separatist movement in the former Soviet Republic's Abkhazia region said Georgian forces violated the truce on Saturday at several locations

The Georgian military command in Sukhumi reported sporadic fighting late on Friday and early on Saturday to the north and southeast of the besieged Abkhaz capital.

The so-called "control groups" of between three and nine people made up of equal numbers of Georgian, Russian and Abkhaz representatives are a key part of a peace agreement signed on Tuesday under Russian mediation.

UN special envoy Edward

Brunner is to sulpar a report to the Security Council early next week that could call for the deployment of UN peacekeeping

"Early deployment of international observers would make it more difficult to have (ceasefire) violations," he told reporters on a visit to the

Georgian capital Tiblisi. He later met Abkhaz separatist leader Vladislav Aradzinba in the Russian resort of Sochi, Itar- Tass news agency reported, and they discussed the possibility of brining in outside observers as well as UN peacekeeping troops to halt the fighting.

The war broke out last August after Georgia sent troops to Abkhazia following moves towards greater autonomy by the region's leadership. Georgia says nearly 4,000 people have died.

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Japan's quake death toll 200:

The death toll from a devastating earthquake that hit northern Japan on July 12 reached 200 Sunday as divers found two more bodies, police said, AP reports from Tokyo.

A Hokkaido Police official said 39 others were still missing from the earthquake that measured 7.8 on the Richter scale. The quake triggered fires and waves, included one believed to have been about 30 meters (100 feet) high.

He said one body was found Sunday in a river on Okushiri Island off Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido and the other in a fishing port of the same island. Officials said 10 bodies remained unidentified.

5 died in Kenyan train crash: Five passengers were killed when a goods train crashed into a passenger train near Nakuru, 160 km (100 miles) northwest of the Kenyan capital, railway officials said, Reuter reports from

They said the passenger train on its way from Nairobi to Malaba on the Ugandan border was waiting to enter a station when the goods train failed to stop and hit it on Saturday. An investigation was under way, the official said.

23 Thai schools destroyed by fire: Unidentified assailants set fire to 23 schools overnight, television and radio reports said on Saturday but there were no reports of casualties in the apparently related incidents, AFP reports from Bangkok.

School buildings were partially destroyed by fire simultaneously in the three southern provinces of Narathiwat. Yala and

Thailand's southern provinces, near Malaysia's border, are Muslim-dominated and home to small separatist groups, but the reports said no one had yet claimed responsibility for the

One set afire in Germany: Police suspect teenagers poured a flammable liquid over a homeless man sleeping on a train-station bench and set him on fire before dawn Saturday. The victim was reported in serious condition with extensive burns on his legs. AP reports from Frankenthal.

Police in this Rhineland Palatinate city about 70 kilometers (40 miles) south of Frankfurt said there were no witnesses to the attack, but three youths about 17-18 years old had been the only people seen in the Frankenthal station shortly before the man was set aftre

The homeless have been occasional victims of right-wing extremists whose attacks have hit mostly refugees and foreign

Palestinian killed in blast: Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank Saturday found the body of a Palestinian man near the remains of a makeshift bomb, the army said, AP reports from Jerusalem.

The dead man was identified as Jamal Ali Mahmud Orayed. 22. He was found near his village, Tarqumiya, on the southern

"Apparently, he was trying to build a bomb," a military source said. The army said police were investigating the death

China develops insulin: Chinese scientists have succeeded in obtaining insulin through genetic engineering, Xinhua News Agency said on Saturday, AFT reports from Beijing

Scientists have long sought an artificial method of creating insultn, used to treat diabetes, the agency said, because supplies from the traditional source - the pancreases of pigs and cattle - were limited

The insulin developed by scientists at the Shanghai Biochemical Institute, under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, is also 50-per cent cheaper than the substance extracted from animals, it said

Blasts claim 3 in Philippines: Muslim guerillas launched five bomb and grenade attacks in a

southern Philippine town and a man blew up a mini bus, killing three passengers, in a separate assault, police said today. Reuter reports from Zamboanga, Philippines.

Police said 11 people were wounded in five simultaneous bomb explosions in the Bastlan island capital of Isabela. They said three people died and 12 were injured in the mini bus blast in Cagayan De Cro city, which is also in the south

All the incidents happened on Saturday night



Comrades carry the body of a slain commando who was killed by Israeli gunfire in southern - Star TV photo Lebanon on Friday.

generally believed to have won

the June 12 vote, is opposed,

and democracy campaigners

plan new protests against delay

in the return of elected govern-

Details of the stop gap government will be worked out by

Vice-President Augustus Aik-

homu, a retired admiral, repres-

entatives of the two parties and

Ernest Ghonekan, who heads a

Babangida, who seized

power in a palace coup in

1985, has repeatedly put off the

election of a civilian successor,

barred leading candidates and

dictated details of the election

Tibetans continue protests

for independence

their area. They stopped vehi-

cles for two days, including cars

tigate the protest, until armed

police arrived and arrested 18

late June, farmers overturned a

police car and freed two monks

being driven to the county jail.

The monks had been arrested

the previous day when police

found pro-independence docu-

Two hundred soldiers de-

Forty workers in Lhasa's

scended on the village the next

day and arrested four people,

largest cement factory, the

biggest industry in the city.

ments in their monastery.

in another rural protest in

people, it said.

the report said.

bringing local officials to inves-

process.

transitional council now runn-

ing day-to-day government.

Babangida to form interim govt

results.

He scrapped the June vote

without allowing the outcome

to be announced. Abiola, a

Muslim media tycoon from the

mainly Christian southwest,

held a clear lead in incomplete

The annulment dropped

Nigeria into its gravest political

crisis for a decade. More than

100 people died in street

protests in Lagos, the commer-

cial capital, and other cities of

an impossible pledge - that he

would handover power to a

democratic government on

in the inland political capital

flag in the factory compound in

a June 2 protest for better

salaries and Tibetan indepen-

dence. Police fired tear gas from

rooftops to disperse the demon-

Tibet planned to lead a March

through Lhasa on May 30, but

were foiled by school authorities

who scheduled classes that day,

a Sunday, then locked the stu-

dents and staff on campus, the

report said. Students were war-

ned that if they joined, watched

or discussed any demonstra-

China claims that Tibet has

been an inalienable part of its

territory for 700 years, but

many Tibetans say they enjoyed

de facto independence during

much of that time.

tion, they would be expelled.

Students at the University of

strators, the group said.

Announcing his latest plan

It also left Babangida with

southwestern Nigeria.

August 27.

Nepal air crash: 15 bodies recovered

KATMANDU, Aug 1: Rescuers found the mutilated bodies of 15 people on a forested hillside where a commercial plane crashed and police said Sunday the remaining three people on board also could not have survived, reports AP.

A Japanese and a Hungarian were among the 15 passengers and the three crew members aboard the twin-engine, propeller-driven plane when it went down Saturday in southern

The bodies of one man and two women have been identified, said police officials in Katmandu, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The German-made Dornier aircraft was on a 30-minute flight from Katmandu when it crashed in the pine tree jungles of Chule Ghopte hill three minutes before it was to land at Bharatpur.

"Following the general accep-

tance that it is not feasible to

conduct a fresh presidential

election between now and

August 27, 1993, government is

now prepared to institute an in-

"The option of an interim

national government should be

seen for what it is. It is an in-

terim measure and must to that

extent be seen as part of the

overall conception of the transi-

tional agenda of this adminis-

responsibilities of government

in the interim period is to en-

sure effective administration of

PLA celebrates

66th anniversary

armed forces celebrated their

66th anniversary Sunday with

renewed calls for modernization

and warnings against money-

worshipping and hedonism, re-

The People's Liberation

Army, as the three branches of

the Chinese military are collec-

tively called, was founded on

August 1, 1940 .The 3 million-

strong PLA is the world's largest

The Liberation Army Daily,

the army newspaper, carried a

front-page editorial urging the

military to "strive to achieve the

goal of creating an armed forces

in the development of our

country. It is also a critical pe-

riod in the development of the

armed forces," it said.

"The 90s is a critical period

fighting force.

in a new era."

BEIJING, Aug 1: China's

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the country.

terim national government.

Abuja, Babangida said.

in an editorial written for the Turin Daily La Stampa. Gorbachev said the June 26

missiles attack on Baghdad ordered by Clinton "Reflected an old American mentality that was proving hard to die.'

"I doubt whether it will contribute to increase his (Clinton's) prestige either at home or abroad. What worries me is something else. "If American continues giving this type of example, the

damage will be enormous," Gorbachev wrote. The United States fired 23 Tomahawk missiles against the Iraqi capital in retaliation for what it said was an Iraqi plot to kill former US President George Bush during a visit to Kuwait. Baghdad says eight civilians were killed in the attack.

Lashing out at the UN for also believing it was possible to "cut through problems with a sword," Gorbachev said it was engaged in the ex-Yugoslavia, Cambodia and Somalia in actions that had not been properly thought through."

It hurts animal lovers

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian wildlife officials killed 19 monkeys near a prestigious golf club after a complaint from the US embassy, sparking an uproar among animal lovers and club members, reports Reuter.

"I don't know what got into the heads of the normally considerate Wildlife Department officials," A Kadir Jasin, editor of the new Straits Times, wrote in a column yesterday.

"Perhaps they had never received a complaint from high and mighty foreign diplomats before." The shooting occurred more than a week ago but was only

reported by a tabloid earlier this week. Wildlife officials said they were forced to shoot the monkeys

after attempts at trapping them fatled. "Can you imagine what the American press and animal lovers would say if, as a result of our ambassador's complaint, a few lovable squirrels in Washington DC were shot? Kadir wrote.

Blind sailor

BALTIMORE: The Coast Guard was dispatched Saturday to check on a blind sailor attempting a solo Atlantic crossing after a distress signal was received from his boat. He was found in good condition, reports AP.

The Coast Guard helicopter and cutter located Hank Dekker and his 30-foot (9-meter) boat about 95 miles (150 kms) east of Atlantic City. "He is OK," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Geoff Pegels.

There does not appear to be any kind of emergency. He does have some engine trouble.

Dekker is attempting to become the first blind person to sail single-handedly across the Atlantic. His boat is equipped with sophisticated electronics, including a tracking system linked to a computer at the Baltimore-based National Federation of the Blind, which is sponsoring the voyage

displayed the outlawed Tibetan dependence protest, then set up The king who never escaped shadow of tragedy, passes away

Conservatives' popularity drops LONDON, Aug 1: British

Prime Minister John Major's Conservatives have a slumped into third place behind Labour and the party that crushed them in a by-election last week, according to an opinion poll released on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The survey of voter preference for the Sunday Times put the main opposition Labour Party on top with 41 per cent, followed by the Liberal Democrats with 28 per cent and the Conservatives with 27 per

It was first time in 11 years that the Conservatives, in power since 1979, have been beaten into third place in polls by the respected Mori Institute although a different organisation gave a similar result three

weeks ago. Morf questioned more than 1,000 adults on Friday, the day after the Liberal Democrats humiliated the Conservatives by winning a by-election in

BRUSSELS, Aug 1: Belgium's King Baudouin, who died of a heart attack on Saturday night at the age of 62, never escaped the shadow of personal tragedy and made royal history by relinquishing his throne for a

day, reports Reuter. Baudouin, Europe's longestserving monarch, who reigned for 42 years, was known to his people as "The sad king."

A devout catholic who never had children, Baudouin brought Belgium to the brink of a constitutional crisis three years ago by refusing to sign a law legalisting abortion.

"Does freedom of conscience apply to everyone except the king? was his anguished cry in a letter to parliament.

Threatened with a constitutional crisis or abdication because of Baudouin's refusal to sign, the Belgian government allowed him to step down for a day in April 1990 so that bill could pass into law without his

Baudouin, a studious, bespectacled figure, has always earned the respect of his sub-Christchurch.

jects rather than their love although he remains the national symbol of unity in a country that is bitterly divided on the issue of language and

His action over the abortion law drew praise because he had obeyed his conscience, and criticism because he had refused his duty as a constitutional monarch

But, whatever their feelings towards Baudouin, all Belgians are familiar with the tragedies that have be fallen the man they call "Le roi triste" (the sad

Born on September 7, 1930, he became Crown Prince at the age of three, when his grandfather, King Albert I, was killed in a mountaineering accident.

Two years later, his beautiful and highly popular Swedishborn mother, Queen Astrid, was killed in a car crash.

Shortly after Nazi tanks rolled into Belgium in May 1940. Baudouin's father -Leopold III - surrendered to the Germans, ignoring the advice of his generals to fight on or flee to London. Baudouin spent the rest of the war under German guard or as a refugee on foreign sofl. In their early years, Baud-

ouin, his brother Albert and sister Josephine- Charlotte worshipped their father. The German occupation smashed their intimate family life and left its mark on the future king.

In late 1960, Baudouin married the tall, auburn-haired daughter of a Spanish noble family, Dona Fabiloa De Moray Aragon, who was two years his senior.

The couple made no secret of their wish to have children, but sadness was to mark even Baudouin's married life. Fabiloa suffered three mis-

carriages, despite a papal

blessing in Rome for the first pregnancy in 1960. It has always been assumed that the king's brother, Prince Albert of Liege, the heir apparent, would pass the throne to his son Philippe, born on April

15, 1960. Speculation that he would do so increased after Baudoutn

underwent an operation for prostate cancer in August 1991 and minor heart surgery six

Baudouin and Fabiola lived in their Brussels castle of

Lacken. The king had a multitude of personal interests, including golf and classical music.



File picture shows Belgian Royal King Baudouin (R) and Queen Fabiola while on holiday in Motril, southern Spain in September, 1990.

Ingushetia threatens to quit federation MOSCOW, Aug 1: Ingushetia, a northern Caucasus re-

gion of the Russian Federation, is threatening to hold a referendum on withdrawal from the Federation unless Moscow helps ingush refugees, reports Reuter. Itar-Tass news agency said

the decision was taken on Saturday during a special Congress in the capital Nazran. The Congress also threatened to pull out of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's Constitutional Assembly Ingushetia is one of 20 eth-

nic-based autonomous republics in the Russian federation. One of its neighbors, Chechnya, has already announced its secession. Hundreds of people died last year in a territorial dispute be-

tween ingushis, deported to Central Asia by Josef Stalin in 1944, and Ossetians, who took over much of the vacated land. Thousands of people, mainly ingushis, were forced from their

- AFP photo homes or fled in terror.