

BRIEFLY

Ex-PM of Albania sentenced: Former Prime Minister Vilson Ahmeti, who headed a four-month transition government in 1991-92, was convicted on Tuesday of abusing power and sentenced to two years in prison, AP reports from Tirana.

He had been accused of squandering the equivalent of drs 1.6 million in a failed effort to reschedule Albania's drs 450 million foreign debt.

Two senior banking officials also were convicted of abuse of power for ordering pavements to Nicola Arsi, a French citizen. Who was hired to try to reschedule the debt.

A former Albanian trade bank director, Agron Salu was sentenced to seven years in prison. His deputy, Agrim Tartari, got six years.

Shonekan vows to hold polls:

The head of Nigeria's interim government, Ernest Shonekan, vowed in his maiden speech late Tuesday to hold democratic presidential elections, and denied the military were still pulling the strings behind the scenes, reports AFP from Abuja.

Outlining his domestic agenda he appealed for dialogue and national reconciliation between the opposition and his government, which was installed by the outgoing military junta last week.

Russian troops leave Lithuania:

The last Russian troop unit to leave Lithuania crossed into neighbouring Belarus by rail late on Tuesday night to complete the former Soviet army's withdrawal from the Baltic state, Lithuania's Defence Ministry said, Reuter reports from Vilnius.

A spokesman said by telephone that the train carrying the last men and equipment crossed through the Kenai border post at 11.46 p.m. (20.46 GMT), some five hours later than expected because of unspecified technical delays.

Filipino rebels kill 2 cops:

Suspected Muslim guerrilla posing as bus passengers shot three policemen aboard the same vehicle in a pre-dawn assault Wednesday, killing two and critically wounding the third, police said in this southern city, AFP reports from Zamboanga, Philippines.

The police officers were on their way back to their respective base units in nearby cities after completing a one-month special course at a police training camp here, superintendent Vicente Dumit told reporters.

Palestinian shot dead in Gaza:

Undercover Israeli troops on Tuesday shot dead a Palestinian in the Gaza Strip during a general strike called by Palestinians opposed to the resumption of the peace talks, Palestinians said, AFP from Jerusalem says.

The soldiers, disgusted as Palestinians, killed Azzam Abu Ermanaha, 20, in the Nuseirat Refugee Camp in the Gaza Strip when he tried to prevent Arabs from driving their cars to Israel, they said.

UN troops will stay in Cambodia until Nov 15

PHNOM PENH, Sept 1: The UN peacekeeping operations here said Tuesday that it will end its functions in mid-September, but that troops will stay on until November 15 to complete the slow process of withdrawal, reports AFP.

Already UN troops strength is down to 12,000 soldiers from a high of 16,000 during the UN-organized elections in May, UN spokesman Eric Falt said.

In addition to the peacekeepers, up to 2,000 civilians remain in the country. Some 970 of them are civilian police — down from a force of 3,000 — who will leave at the end of September, he said.

The United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) finishes its mandate when the elected Cambodian Assembly ratifies a constitution and transforms itself into a new government.

ANC apologises for human rights abuse

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 1: Nelson Mandela's African National Congress has apologized for its abuse of human rights and challenged President F W De Klerk to join it in a truth commission to expose all the excesses of apartheid, reports Reuter.

Responding on Monday to the report of an independent commission he appointed in January, Mandela told a news conference, "the ANC... acknowledges that these abuses were committed."

He said the ANC apologized unreservedly to the victims of murder, executions, torture and illegal detention in camps run by the ANC in Zambia, Angola and Tanzania during the 1980s.

But Mandela challenged De Klerk to cooperate with him to set up a "commission of truth" to probe all the excesses of apartheid during the 28 years that the ANC was banned.

"He has something to hide."

China starts trial runs of N-plant

BELJING, Sept 1: China has started trial runs of the first of two 900-megawatt turbines at its large Daya Bay nuclear power plant, the official China Daily said today, reports Reuter.

The first test of the plant, which lies in southern Guangdong province about 50 kms (30 miles) from the British colony of Hong Kong, took place on Tuesday evening, the newspaper said.

Daya Bay represents the most ambitious of China's plans to develop nuclear power. Hong Kong Nuclear Investment Co, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Kong's China Light and Power Co, owns 25 per cent of the plant with the rest held by China.

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