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Bills to clean up IAEA may pressure India to Off the Record Japan's politics

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Kennedy opens campaign: Sen
Edward M Kennedy opened his re-election campaign Saturday
with a broad salvo against conservatives. AP reports from

"I may not yet know who my opponent is, but in the truest sense, we already know who our opponents are". Kennedy told a

state Democratic issues convention, where the party platform

but Saturday's speech was the first time he's spoken at length

about his re-election hopes and his political agenda. He has

Palestinian TV soon: Rawan Abu Ayash.

member of the Palestinian negotiating team, has said the

Palestinian television will start broadcasting when President

Yasser Arafat returns to liberated territories, Mena Pool reports

Palestinian radio and television station, said the Palestinian TV

Palestinian official said experimental TV programmes would be

broadcast as of the beginning of next year, adding that

Palestinian personnel have been trained abroad for the purpose.

One dies in NY theatre gunfire:

A struggle in a darkened movie theatre ended with at least 10

rounds of gunfire and the death of a 19-year-old man, police

Three other people were wounded, two critically, in the shootout Friday in Brooklyn during a showing of the action-ad-

Police were trying to determine if the man who was killed.

Lakeem Sules, was the intended victim of the gunfire, said Sgt

3 UN troops hurt in S Lebanon:

Three UN peacekeepers were wounded in South Lebanon late on

Saturday by an artillery shell fired from inside Israel's self-

styled security zone, a UN spokesman said, Reuter reports from

Lebanon (UNIFIL) said three Nepalese soldiers with the nine-na-

tion force were wounded when a shell slammed into their post

near Majdal Zoun village, just outside the zone in South

Blast leaves 4 dead in Colombia:

An explosion ripped through a sulfur mine northwest of

Colombia's capital Saturday, killing four miners and injuring six

Coscuez, in Boyaca province 300 kilometers (185 miles) north-

west of here, may rise given the full shift of workers on duty at

The toll in the blast in the Andean mountain town of

The six injured miners were rushed to Bogota by helicopter.

Police official held in Italy: Police

arrested an intelligence official Saturday in connection with the

planting of explosives aboard a train last month, news reports

ered in a lavatory aboard the Palermo-Turin train September 21

after a warning from the internal intelligence agency. The train

Rabin returns to Israel: Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin returned to Israel Sunday after ending a

planned visit to China with unexpected stops in Indonesia,

Indonesia — the world's most populous Muslim country -

which has no formal diplomatic relations with the Jewish state.

Five killed in US plane crash:

A private plane crashed shortly after taking off in thick fog. hit-

ting a parked truck-trailer and a hog shed and killing all five

The crash of the single-engine piper cherokee plane occurred

The plane, the trailer and part of the shed were consumed by

Gen Bashir Sudan's president:

Lieutenant General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, Sudan's military

ruler for four years, was appointed President of the Republic on

The ruling junta dissolved itself after making the appoint-

"Lieutenant General Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir was

Sudanese television showed Bashir, in military uniform, ad-

He said he would seek to end Sudan's 10-year-old civil war.

ment, said the radio monitored by the British Broadcasting

charged with assuming the position of President of the

dressing the meeting and later being sworn in as president.

Saturday, state radio said, Reuter reports from Nicosia.

people aboard, authorities said, AFP reports from Nebraska.

Friday in the north of this midwestern state.

fire after the crash, authorities said.

Rabin paid a surprise visit on Friday to President Suharto of

His five-day visit to China was the first by an Israeli Prime

attached to the agency and in charge of the Genoa region.

Singapore and Kenya, Reuter reports from Tel Aviv.

Nine pourids of explosives, without a detonator, were discov-

The official, Pasquale Citana, is a paramilitary police colonel

others, a radio station reported, AFP says from Bogota.

the time, the radio Caracol report said.

said, AP reports from Rome.

was searched in Rome.

Timur Goksel, spokesman for the UN Interim Force in

Abu Ayash entrusted by President Arafat with establishing a

In an interview to Tunisian paper Al Raai Al Aam the

Kennedy. 61, had previously indicated he would run again.

TOKYO, Oct 17: Swept into power with a mandate to clean up corrupt politics. Japan's new ruling coalition is now ready to tackle the task with a plan to pass bills in the coming weeks revamping the money-fuelled electoral system, reports

Politicians and commentators predict troubles ahead. with the main opposition forces, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), poised to block parliamentary debate on the issue and with dissent growing within the coalition over the reform

The coalition government has a passable reform plan that could help clean up politics but

been a US senator since 1962.

would be based in Jerusalem.

said Saturday, AP reports from New York.

venture movie "Judgment Night.

Dennis Singleton.

Lebanon.

Lebanon.

the report said.

from Tunis.

the LDP is determined to block its passage, said Sasaki, who was in the past advised the government on political reform.

through the upper house.

head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), apparently seeking to pressure India Lower House lawmakers on Monday kick off full-scale deinto opening all its nuclear bate on Japan's first compreplants to inspection, said today hensive political reform plan a new deal was needed to supsince the 1940s, aimed at ply fuel to one of them, reports putting a lid on pay-off scandals and redrawing outdated voting **LAEA Director General Hans**

Blix was quoted by United News Prime Minister Morihiro of India as telling a news con-Hosokawa told his coalition ference in Bombay that India partners on Friday he hoped to would need to negotiate a fresh get the reform package through deal with the US and the IAEA the lower house by November. for fuel suppliers to the Tarapur The remaining six weeks of the Nuclear Reactor, near Bombay current session would be given over to pushing the legislation

Blix said New Delhi's existing agreement with Washington, due to expire on October 24.

NEW DELHI, Oct 17: The should be extended until the end of the year as an "interim measure".

> The IAEA chief, on a brief stopover en route to South Korea, was quoted as saying that a 'tripartite agreement had to be renegotiated" shortly.

Tarapur. India's oldest atomic power station, has run on French-supplied uranium since 1983, when the United States asked France to take over shipments under a 30-year agreement signed with

France said in July this year that it had stopped supplying nuclear fuel to Tarapur until

india allowed a full inspection of all nuclear installations by the IAEA.

The head of India's Atomic Energy Commission. Chidambaram, said Tarapur still had enough fuel to keep running for a further year.

New Delhi has long resisted US pressure to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has allowed IAEA inspection in only two of its four nuclear power stations, in Tarapur and the north western state of Raiasthan.

Under the NPT, all India's nuclear facilities would have to be opened up to international monitoring.

India says the treaty, which aims to control the spread of nuclear know-how, favours countries which possess nuclear arms while discriminating against others.

Western nations fear that without international supervision India could divert fuel for power generation into military use in a nuclear arms race with its neighbour, Pakistan.

India exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and diplomats say it is close to assembling a bomb. Its arch enemy Pakistan is also believed to have nuclear capability, prompting the US to halt military aid in 1990.

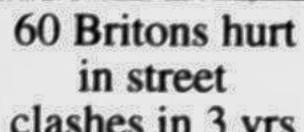
clashes in 3 yrs

people, including 19 policemen. were injured in the worst street clashes in Britain for three years after an anti-racist demonstration erupted in violence, reports Reuter.

umps of concrete, bricks and staves when they stopped a column of around 20,000 demonstrators from marching on a bookshop in southeast London which serves as the headquarters of the extreme right-wing British National Party.

As those leading the biggest anti-racist march in Britain since the 1970s tried to force a way through, youths masked in balaclavas turned on the police. triggering a pitched battle.

Officers in riot gear, many mounted on horseback, repeatedly charged into their attackers. Witnesses reported seeing policemen felled by missiles and many protesters limping away.



LONDON, Oct 17: At least 60

Police were pelted with

bleeding and in shock.

9 EC states to lift border checks

PARIS, Oct 17: The nine EC countries planning to lift their border controls and allow the free passage of people are to meet here Monday for talks on their varying states of preparedness to implement the Schengen Agreement, reports

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The agreement, named after a town in Luxembourg on the borders with Belgium and Germany, includes all the EC countries except Britain, Ireland and Denmark, which opted not to end their frontier checks.

BRUSSELS, Oct 17: US allies

are becoming anxious that

Washington's new focus on re-

gional peacekeeping might

weaken its prime commitment

to defending western Europe.

NATO sources have said here,

seek reassurances at a meeting

of defence ministers this week

that US troops were in Europe

chiefly to protect NATO territory

and not as standby peacekeep-

Growing doubts about US

participation in a peace force for

They said the allies would

reports AFP.

ers for elsewhere.

Germany. Belgium and Luxembourg say they are already ready to implement the accord, which is due to go into effect on December 1 or soon after and envisages the ending of border controls, unified regulations on entry and increased police cooperation.

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif leaves Parliament in Islamabad after his

party candidates were defeated in the election for Speaker and deputy speakership on Sunday

Benazir Bhutto's nominees of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) were elected for these posts.

At the centre of the police cooperation is the Schengen Information System (SIS) based in Strasbourg, which will allow access to police information from across the nine states.

But French parliamentarians

US defence policy worries NATO

Bosnia-Herzegovina will also be

discussed at the meeting

Wednesday and Thursday in

the northern German town of

Travemuende, the sources said.

defence policy has been sparked

by the Pentagon's recently

completed "bottom-up" review of

its forces, which was under-

taken as part of efforts to trim

The aim is to slim down to a

force still capable of dealing

with two regional conflicts at

the same time. Some 100,000

defence spending.

European concern over US

have demanded more information on the SIS, which is not yet operational, while Italy has reported problems in plugging into the system.

Germany is to cut the num ber of border guards on its frontiers with other Schengen countries from 3,000 to 300 but plans to expand controls of its borders with Poland and Czechoslovakia to stem a wave of asylum seekers.

Belgium has declared itself ready to open its borders and from December 1 the airport in

US troops would remain in

Europe, less than a third of cold

Organisation source said that

US Defence Secretary Els Aspin

would face some sharp ques-

tioning from his NATO col-

leagues on Washington's

He said other NATO coun-

tries were worried that the plan

"assumes immediately that the

main role of US forces is as a

jumping off point for the Middle

But a North Atlantic Treaty

war levels.

thinking.

Brussels will separate passengers into Schengen, non-Schengen EC nations and non EC channels. The Netherlands, which has

been criticised by France for being too lax in its drug policies, has proposed a temporary solution to security problems at Amsterdam's Schipol Airport.

France, which chairs the committee of ministers overseeing the implementation of the accord, is to introduce new rules on asylum and has prepared its international airports for the new regulations.

BBC apologises to Faldo

LONDON, Oct 17: The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said Saturday it has apologised to golfing pro Nick Faldo for placing newspaper advertisements that depicted Yasser Arafat apparently whispering to him, reports AP.

BBC chiefs have scrapped the ad, which appeared in British newspapers this week to promote the state-supported broadcaster's new 24-hour radio station for news and sports, which goes on air next year.

ROK ferry rescued

SEOUL, Oct 17: Salvage workers today successfully refloated a ferry which sank off South Korea's west coast a week ago, taking at least 228 people to their deaths, reports Reuter.

State television, in a live broadcast of the salvage operation, said at least 39 bodies lying bundled inside the ferry were brought out, bringing the confirmed death toll to 228. Seventy people survived.

The television said more bodies might be still trapped inside the ferry or buried in thick mud 15 m (50 feet) below the sea's surface.

A maritime police spokesman said the 110-tonne Seohae had been brought to the surface by a huge crane aboard a salvage vessel and would be I towed to a nearby dockyard.



angry over events in the anticolonial struggle of the 1950's. Nine young guerillas were hanged in 1955 and protest-ors. who have put up a mock gallows and signs saying 'killer queen' in Nicosia's Eleftheria (freedom) Square, say she should have

"Killer Queen"

golden key to Nicosia, an opinion poll says, reports Reuter.

Most also believe Britain,

the former colonial ruler, is

responsible for the division of

the Mediterranean island and

should close its military bases.

Research.

granted them mercy.

NICOSIA: Most Greek Cypriots approve of Britain's Queen

Elizabeth visiting Cyprus but they oppose her receiving the

Of the people polled 77 per cent said the queen should visit but only 48 per cent said they would personally welcome her. Asked if she should be presented with the golden key, 65 said no, 30 per cent said yes and five per cent gave no reply.

Chalk first used in China

SHENYANS: Chalk was first used in China 6,500 years ago. according to the latest find at a primitive village in northeast China's Liaonin province, reports Xinhua.

Archaeologists previously believed that the 4,500-year-old Lonshan culture site in east China's Shandon province was the origin of chalk in China.

The find, however, advances the use of chalk in China by

Since 1981, 48 sites of dwellings, 120,000 pottery pieces, 1.955 production tools and 102 decorations have been found in the Ho Wa remains of a village of primitive tribal society.

Xun, an ancient musical instrument, was also found. The pottery instrument is egg-shaped and has six holes. It makes sound when one blows it.



Michelle Aldana (L) from the Philippines is crowned the 1993 Miss Asia Pacific on Saturday among the 24 other beauty candidates by Tali Ben Harush (R), the 1992 title holder from Israel

Birds major survivors

LATUR: Birds and winged creatures have been the major survivors of the killer-quake that hit the Latur-Osmanabad belt of the Marathwada region, reports PTI.

A touring PTI correspondent sighted numerous nests of birds that have remained unharmed as the September 30 earthquake and subsequent tremors have not uprooted any trees due to their strong roots.

Owls and bats can be seen at the villages at night as the nocturnal predators are perched atop mounds of debris and fly in search of food.

During the day amidst the hectic salvage and relief activities, birds of various kinds sing plaintively and mournfully apparently missing the human settlements that once throbbed with lie providing them grains and morsels of food.

Bushs rediscover privacy

WASHINGTON: Former first lady Barbara Bush, who spent 25 years in Washington, says there's not much she misses about the nation's capital, reports AP.

"My children, my friends," she said Saturday night. She paused. 'Are you waiting for more ?"

Mrs. Bush spoke with a handful of reporters before speaking about 150 people at the 1993 Maxwell House "Real Heroes" awards dinner, an event honouring 50 Americans for their volunteerism.

During her speech, Mrs Bush said she and her husband have rediscovered cooking, driving and privacy since leaving the White House. "Our lives have changed

dramatically," she said. "On January 20th we woke up and we had a household staff of 93. The very next morning, we woke up and it was George. me and two dogs - and that's not all that bad."

She said the former president has been travelling, playing golf, writing a book and answering letters, which continue to roll in at a rate of 500 a day.

"And let me tell you. George is the best little dishwasher in

Texas," she said. The former first lady has kept a relatively low profile. She

said she has traveled extensively with her husband and played a lot of horseshoes, but she's made few public appearances in Houston.

supervise the construction of a new home on a small lot in west Houston.

She also is writing a book about her life and helping

Lankan troops kill 9 more

Republic," Sudan radio said.

Corporation.

Tigers

COLOMBO, Oct 17: Government troops killed at least nine more Tamil guerillas in two separate attacks in eastern Shri Lanka and seized automatic weapons from the dead rebels, a military spokesman said today.

Meanwhile, army commanhad been a major success.

most senior Muslim, speaking after outbreaks of religious unagainst using mosques to op- people's normal production and pose the Communist Party, an official newspaper reported. says Reuter. The Qinghai Daily quoted reports AFP.

Islamic Association, as saying a der Ceeil Waidyaratne rebuked small minority of people had "arm-chair" critics who had used the cloak of religion to expainted a bleak picture about plott Muslims, spread rumours the recent anti-LTTE operation and attack the state. in Kilali in the northern Jaffna "They forced ordinary peninsula and reiterated that it Muslims and Imams who did

China's Imam urges Muslims not touse mosque against CPC BEIJING . Oct 17: China's not understand the true situation to interfere with the nation's economic construction rest in the western city of and damage Qinghai's unity Xining, has warned Muslim and stability, seriously affecting

order," Shen said. The group's final purpose was to oppose the Communist Party and the people's govern-Ilyas Shen Xiaxi, president of ment and their motives were the government-run China dangerous, he told a meeting in Xining, the capital of Qinghai

province. In an official account of the unrest, China said on Friday people in the Xining area had formed illegal organisations, occupied mosques by force.

organised illegal gathering and demonstrations, and disrupted production and people's life.

They assaulted local party and government offices. smashed police vehicles, be-, sieged and attacked people and security and armed policemen who were exercising their duty," the official Xinhua news agency

It said that on October 7 police in Xining used force to deal with the leaders of the unrest. It did not give details but said social order in the area had returned to normal.

Shen, an Imam, said the lesson of the unrest was that the

guardians of mosques must not let them be used for illegal purposes or any activity that contravened the Quran.

The control of mosques is a sensitive issue for China's Muslims who number more than 15 million.

About 40 per cent of the population of Qinghai, one of China's poorest provinces, consists of minority groups, including large numbers of Muslims and Tibetans. The province, most of it windswept plateau, is home to many of China's prison labour camps.

Muslim unrest has erupted sporadically to the north of Qinghai in the region of Xinjiang which borders the predominantly Islami countries of central Asia.

According to western reports. Chinese troops have been sent to impose order and protect ethnic Chinese in Kashgar where there have been reports of at least two bombing incidents. An underground group calling itself the East Turkestan Party seeks to break away from China.

The latest unrest in Qinghai was sparked by a book originally published in Taiwan but illegally reprinted in Sichuan province. The book, "A Swift

Turn in Thinking", pictured Muslims praying next to a pig. eating pork is forbidden by Xinhua said people used

anger over a book "to put over their ideas, deliberately created disturbances, undermined na-tional unity, incited some Muslims who had no knowledge of the matter to take part in illegal gatherings and demonstrations and coerced others with threats to take part."

The local government in Sichuan had made a public apology to Muslims over the book, fired the head and deputy head of the publishing house involved and banned the book.

Fatah call to boycott Nov 2 elections

JERUSALEM, Oct 17: PLO leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group urged Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem on Saturday to boycott Israeli municipal elections on November 2, reports Reuter. A joint statement issued by

Communist Palestinian People's Party (PPP) in Jerusalem said: "Our people want independence and to put an end to occupation, not to give it legality by participation in the election.
Palestinians view East

Fatah and the former

Jerusalem as their political and cultural centre.



VATICAN CITY: Pope John Paul II (R) meets Russian dissident author Alexander Solzhenitsyn on Saturday. Solzhenitsyn was the only person to whom the Pope granted a private audience on the 15th anniversary of his election as Pope. - AFP photo