

# BRIEFLY

**Bihar violence leaves 3 dead:** At least three students were killed when police opened fire during a student protest in the northern Indian state of Bihar on Tuesday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said. Reuter reports from New Delhi.

The students were reported to be objecting to stricter invigilation to prevent cheating during university examinations in Samastipur district and began throwing stones at police near the examination hall.

PTI quoted police sources as saying protesters threw a bomb at a government vehicle and set fire to a railway station. The situation was described as "highly volatile."

**Germany, Italy SC member for 2 yrs:**

Germany and Italy were endorsed Tuesday as non-permanent Security Council members with two-year terms, beginning in 1995, a German spokesman said. Reuter reports from United Nations.

Both countries have lobbied for permanent seats in the Security Council, a decision members may take sometime in 1995 when the council is expected to be enlarged. But Tuesday's nomination had no bearing on their permanent membership.

Germany and Italy were candidates of their regional group of western European states and other nations and will replace Spain and New Zealand on the council next year.

**Navy cmdr jailed in Taiwan:** A court martial has sentenced a navy commander to life in prison for leaking military secrets to an arms dealer in Taiwan's worst arms-buying scandal, the military reported Wednesday. AP reports from Taipei, Taiwan.

Cmdr. Liao Chih-wei, 37, was the first of eight military officers sentenced in a case that surfaced after the murder last December of Capt. Yin Ching-feng, who supervised the navy's weapons procurement office.

Authorities believe Yin was murdered because he planned to identify colleagues who accepted bribes from arms dealers in exchange for military secrets to benefit their business.

**Algerian gunmen kill rector:**

Gunmen shot and killed a university rector Tuesday as he stepped into his parked car, AP reports from Algiers.

No claim of responsibility was issued, but the killing had the style of assassinations carried out by Islamic extremists against prominent intellectuals.

Salah Djebali was rector of the University of Science and Technology at Bab Ezzou, an Algiers suburb. It is the largest university in this North African country.

**Spanish General shot dead:** Two attackers shot and killed an army brigadier general as he left his home in a Madrid residential area during the Wednesday morning rush hour, news reports said. AP reports from Madrid.

Infantry Brig. Gen. Juan Jose Hernandez Rovira was dead on arrival at a hospital a few steps from where the shooting took place, the private SER radio reported. The radio said a man and a woman carried out the attack.

Police could provide no details about the attack, but it bore the hallmarks of the Basque separatist group ETA, which frequently assassinates military and police personnel.

**SC renews operation in Somalia:**

The Security Council Tuesday, at the instigation of the United States, renewed the 19,000-strong UN operation in Somalia for only four months rather than the six months most members wanted. Reuter reports from United Nations.

A resolution, adopted by a 15-0 unanimous vote, also calls for a review in mid-July of the operation which the United States demanded.

The Clinton administration originally wanted to begin withdrawing troops in four months and cut the renewal to 45 days but was persuaded by council members not to impose such conditions. The four-month renewal was a compromise.

**Redman may succeed Djerejian:**

Charles E Redman, the American negotiator pressing for peace in Bosnia, is considered the leading choice for another tough US diplomatic assignment — ambassador to Israel, AP reports from Washington.

He would succeed Edward P Djerejian, who is resigning to become director of a public policy institute at Rice University in Houston, starting in August.

**12 die after drinking liquid:** Twelve Russians have died in the town of Pavlov Posad, near Moscow, after drinking a liquid that experts are still trying to identify. Russia's Ministry for Emergency Situations said on Tuesday. Reuter reports from Moscow.

It said local hospitals had started receiving patients with symptoms of acute poisoning on Monday night and by Tuesday afternoon 12, including two women, had died.

The ministry said police experts were trying to identify the liquid. Numerous deaths have been reported across Russia in the last two years caused by low-quality alcohol which appeared in street kiosks after the collapse of strict state controls.

## Iran plans rally during next year's Hajj

NICOSIA, June 1: Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Tuesday that Iran planned to hold a political rally during next year's Muslim pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia despite a ban by the Kingdom, reports Reuter.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying that holding the rally "is a very serious issue, and we try to hold this ceremony every year ... the ban on the ceremony in one year, will not prevent us from holding the following years." Saudi Arabia and Iran engaged in a war of words this month over a Saudi ban on a planned Iranian rally to denounce the United States and Israel during the annual pilgrimage to Mekkah.

Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani earlier blasted Saudi Arabia for al-

leged interference in the affairs of other states in the region, including Iraq.

Saudi Arabia has caused difficulties and obstacles for its neighbours including Iraq. It is not acceptable to us that a larger country in the region should put pressure on another country," Tehran radio quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

"Nevertheless we are seeking to find ways to resolve disputes between the two countries although we have not yet reached any result," he added.

Rafsanjani, whose country has long been at odds with Saudi Arabia across the Gulf over issues ranging from divergent interpretations of Islam to the policies of the oil-producers' body OPEC, did not say which Saudi policy towards Iraq he objected to.

LONDON, June 1: Former Tory MP Alan Clark is at the center of a scandal here following allegations that he seduced the wife of a South African judge as well as the man's two step daughters, reports AP.

The Judge, James Harkess, his wife, Valerie, 57, and one of his step-daughters, Josephine, 34, arrived in Britain Tuesday bent on "settling the affairs with the trio."

For that, they have hired the well-known publicist Max Clifford, who has already set up several "exclusive interviews" for the family.

Clark, 66, is said to have

## International

### Geneva peace talks begin today

## Heavy fighting in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, June 1: Fighting between Bosnian Muslims and Serbs has intensified in northern and western Bosnia and both sides have toughened their negotiating positions before planned peace talks in Geneva, reports Reuter.

The upsurge in fighting comes before the rival sides were due to meet in Geneva on Thursday at the invitation of UN Special Envoy Yasushi Akashi to discuss a four-month truce throughout Bosnia.

Muslim-controlled Sarajevo Radio said Serb forces had been pounding the north-eastern town of Gradačac throughout Tuesday.

The town had come under fire from tanks, artillery, mortars and howitzers, and two infantry attacks had been successfully repelled with heavy enemy losses, the Radio said.

The Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) denied taking casualties and blamed the fighting on Muslims who launched an unsuccessful offensive in the area, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said.

BSA said the Muslims launched fierce but abortive attacks in central Bosnia, trying to break into the Una and Sana river valleys. Tanjug, quoting BSA sources, said three were killed and wounded on both sides but gave no precise figures.

Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic confirmed that his country would boycott the peace talks unless Serb forces withdrew from a UN exclusion zone around the Muslim town of Gorazde.

In a gloomy assessment of peace prospects, Silajdzic told journalists he doubted the Serbs really wanted a just peace and expressed concern that there were no guarantees to enforce a settlement even if one was agreed.

Silajdzic expressed serious reservations about a four-month ceasefire being pro-

### Deadline for power handover to Abiola expires

LAGOS, June 1: Nigeria appeared heading for more pro-democracy protests after a deadline expired on Tuesday for military ruler Sani Abacha to hand power to the winner of an annulled presidential election, reports Reuter.

The National Democratic Coalition (Nadeco) the alliance of politicians, ex-military officers and pro-democracy groups that issued the call said Abacha failed to relinquish power to Moshood Abiola, winner of the vote last June.

Karadzic insisted on Tuesday that his side would not settle for less territory than the new federation and said Silajdzic's demands were "unreasonable and irresponsible."

And he added: "Try to persuade them, yes — try to threaten them or tell them, no."

### Britain urged to forget Tiananmen Square massacre

LONDON, June 1: Britain should forget China's Tiananmen Square massacre and concentrate on business with a country that will become one of the world's big powers, former Prime Minister Edward Heath said Tuesday, reports AFP.

"Let's stop talking about Tiananmen Square ... These incidents happen, and that was a bad one ... But as far as the future is concerned, I believe they are equally determined it should not happen again," he said, referring to the military crack-down on pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, which took place almost exactly five years ago on June 4, 1989.

Britain was lagging behind others in trade with China, potentially one of the world's most important and economically-powerful nations, said the former Tory premier in a lecture at Glasgow University, Scotland, on the theme of Europe and the wider world.

US President Bill Clinton, who last week announced he had ended the link between most-favoured-nation trading status for China and human rights, was forced to drop the connection after protests from American businessmen, said Heath.

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File picture dated May 30, 1989 of Chinese demonstrators gathering in Tiananmen Square to protest nearby the "Goddess of Democracy" statue which faces Mao Ze Dong's portrait. According to Amnesty International, five years after the crushing of the pro-democracy movement, "thousands" of prisoners remain in jail. — AFP photo



Representatives of Azerbaijan, Israfil Vakilov (L), and Armenia, Givair Libaridian (R), have a chat during the opening session of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Cairo on May 31. The two countries have been fighting for six years over a territorial dispute which has caused more than 20,000 victims.

— AFP photo

## Manila cancels 10 delegates' visas

MANILA, June 1: Immigration officials in the Philippines served deportation notices on Wednesday against 10 foreigners taking part in a controversial international conference on East Timor, reports Reuter.

Three of the 10 are Australians, two are Portuguese and there is one each from the United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Argentina and India.

Five officials arrived at the University of the Philippines hostel where the delegates are staying to serve orders cancelling their visas and giving

ing notice of a deportation hearing.

The order accused the 10 of violating immigration laws by "engaging in partisan political activities" in defiance of a ban on their participation in the conference, called to highlight human rights abuses in Indonesian-ruled East Timor.

"It is the national policy not to allow foreign nationals to use the Philippines as a venue for any political activity against a friendly nation," it said.

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ing the filing of deportation charges for overstaying and for engaging in partisan political activities."

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