

BRIEFLY

Yeltsin may visit ROK: Russian President Boris Yeltsin is expected to visit South Korea around November on a state visit...

Landslide kills 3 in Darjeeling: A landslide caused by heavy rain killed three people and injured two in Darjeeling, India's mountainous tea growing area...

Lightning kills 7 in W Bengal: At least seven persons were killed and eight others injured when lightning struck them during a heavy downpour at Sarengabad area in West Bengal's 24-Parganas District yesterday...

9 rebels killed in Philippines: Troops killed nine members of the Communist New People's Army in a class in the central Philippines, the military said yesterday...

Bus mishap claims 10 in Mexico: Ten people died and 26 were injured Thursday when a bus overturned near the southern Mexico City of Chilpancingo...

Two bankers to die in China: Two employees of the Agriculture Bank of China in the Eastern province of Shandong have been sentenced to death for the province's biggest theft of public funds...

China conducts second underground N-test

BEIJING, June 10: Rebuffing international efforts to achieve a nuclear test moratorium, China conducted its second underground explosion in less than a year on Friday...

Syrians aren't ready for real peace, says Peres

JERUSALEM, June 10: Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres says he does not expect any breakthrough in the coming talks with Syria because he doubts the Syrians are ready for real peace...

Tornado kills 14 in China

HONG KONG, June 10: Fourteen people were killed and nearly 200 others were injured by a tornado that spun across two towns in southern China's Guangdong Province Thursday...

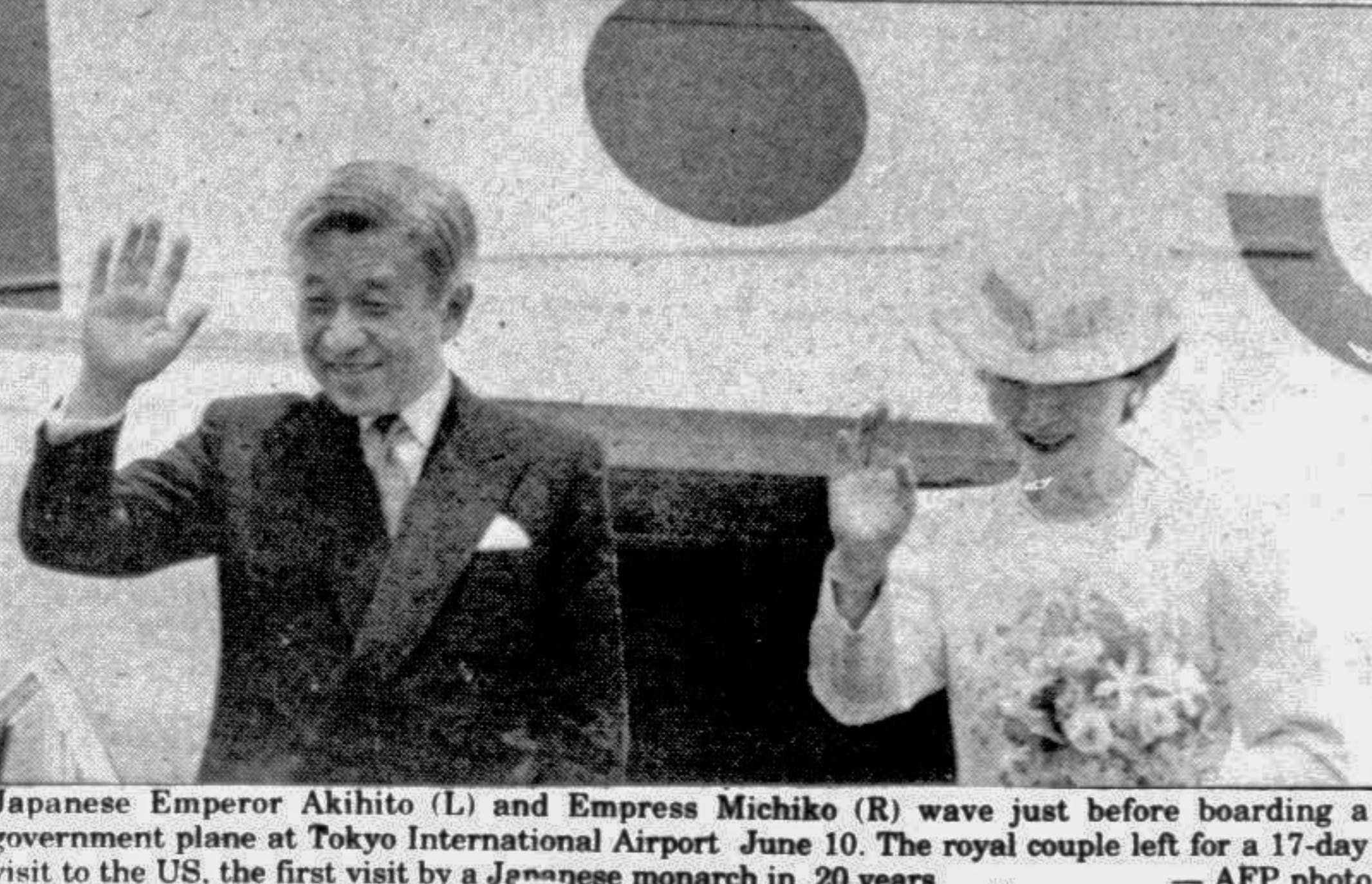
NATO turns down Moscow's demand for say in policy-making

ISTANBUL, June 10: Offering Moscow a "special relationship," befitting a nuclear power, NATO hoped to draw Russia into its Partnership for Peace cooperation accord Friday...

Clinton's position still unchanged US Congress votes to lift arms embargo against Bosnia

WASHINGTON, June 10: Rejecting White House warnings of foreign policy disarray, Congress says the United States should defy its NATO allies and open the flow of arms to Bosnia...

We are jealously with an unilateral lifting of the embargo, which the UN Security Council can no longer influence. The amendment also authorizes Clinton to provide up to 200 million dollars in arms aid to Bosnia...

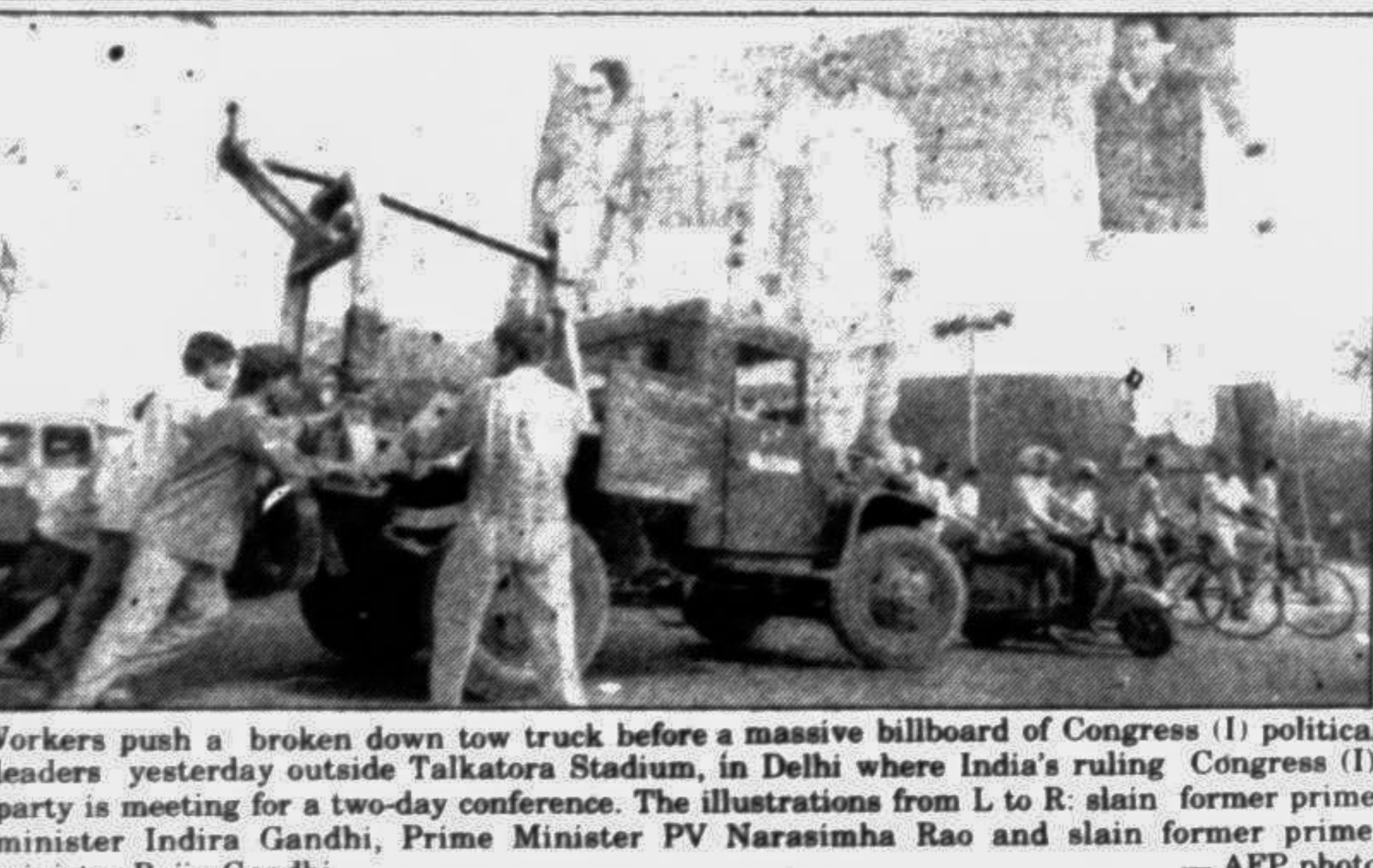


Japanese Emperor Akihito (L) and Empress Michiko (R) wave just before boarding a government plane at Tokyo International Airport June 10...

South Korea seeks early sanctions against North

SEOUL, June 10: South Korea is seeking early sanctions against North Korea to increase pressure on the Stalinist state to open its nuclear facilities...

They said the North probably already has enough plutonium to make at least one bomb. Lee repeated calls by Seoul and Washington that North Korea take "sincere steps" to end international suspicions over its nuclear programme...



Workers push a broken down truck before a massive billboard of Congress (I) political leaders yesterday outside Talkatora Stadium, in Delhi where India's ruling Congress (I) party is meeting for a two-day conference...

Tories lose another seat in by-polls

LONDON, June 10: Prime Minister John Major's government lost another seat in the House of Commons Friday, and opposition parties looked forward to gains in elections for the European Parliament...

Arafat orders PLO to close offices in Tunisia

TUNIS, June 10: PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has ordered the PLO to close its offices in Tunisia by June 15 when the premises will be handed back to their previous owners...

Sonia attends AICC session

NEW DELHI, June 10: Sonia Gandhi, who was specially invited for the two-day AICC (I) session, attended the meeting here today, reports PTI.

Murtaza's armed guards storm police blockades

KARACHI, June 10: Murtaza Bhutto, estranged brother of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, and a dozen armed guards stormed two police blockades today as he began his journey home after 16 years in exile.

Off the Record

Man lived with lover's corpse for 8 years

PARIS: A Parisian man lived with his lover's corpse for eight years, police said Thursday, reports AFP. They quoted the 56-year-old man as saying he moved into a hotel after his apartment was sold and not saying anything about the woman's body he had left behind.

Horse kicks stones into Queen Elizabeth's eye

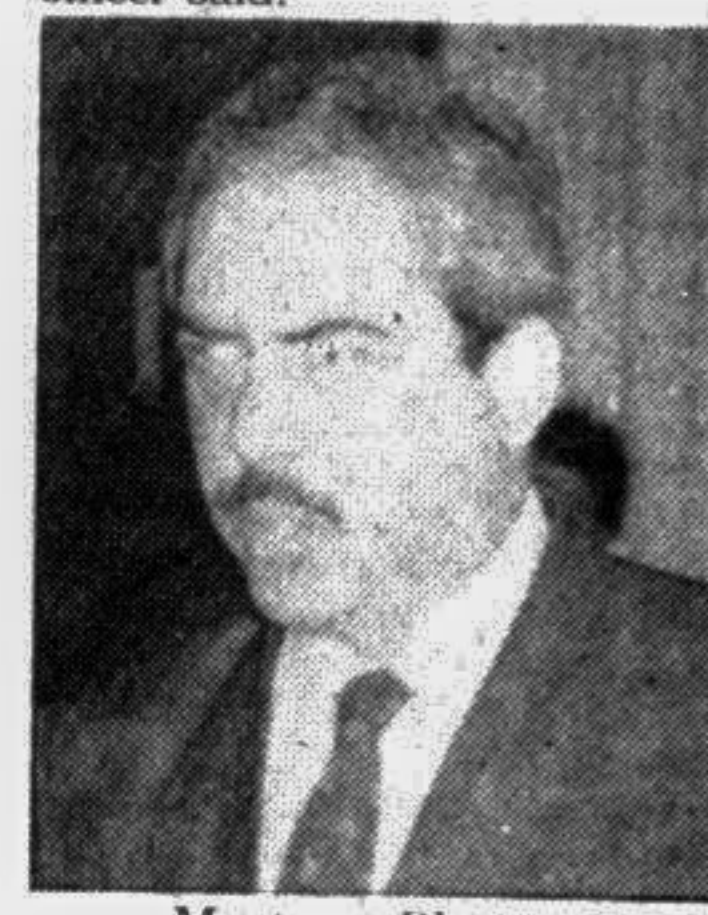
LONDON: A horse kicked stones into Queen Elizabeth's eye last weekend, forcing her to be taken to hospital for treatment, a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Fake Vietnam War veteran sentenced

SYRACUSE: A man who lied about serving in Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and eight other medals was sentenced to a year of probation Thursday, reports AP.

Pesticide-free food increases male fertility

LONDON: Organic farmers who eat pesticide-free food produce a significantly higher number of sperm than other men, according to a Danish study into the effects of chemicals on human fertility, reports Reuters.



Murtaza Bhutto



Queen Elizabeth II

Deng in good health

BEIJING, June 10: China's paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, who turns 90 in August, is in good health, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today, reports AFP.