### International —

ROK orders call-up of reservists

### Elizabeth grooming Anne as next first lady?

LONDON, June 13: Britain's Queen Elizabeth is grooming her daughter princess Anne for a key role in the monarchy as a surrogate queen consort to king-in-waiting Prince Charles. the tabloid Daily Express newspaper reported today. says Reuter.

The princess, who is only brother, eight in line to the throne after her brothers and their children, is to assume more of the royal workload with the aim of filling the vacuum left by his estranged wife Princess Diana when Charles becomes king, the Daily Express said.

"The Queen wants princess Anne to be elevated to such a rank that when Prince Charles becomes king she can be the first lady of the land," the newspaper quoted an unidentified member of the royal household as saying. "The more decorated and honoured she can make Princess Anne the better."

Despite a sharp tongue and an unglamorous image, the 43year-old princess remains a

AP reports from Tekirdag, Turkey.

other details were available.

firm favourite with the public for her serious attitude to royal duties and her job as hands-on president of the Save The Children Fund charity.

Opinion polls have showed many of the queen's subjects would prefer Anne to reign in place of her beleaguered



Princess Anne

Blast injures 10 in Turkey: An

explosion at an outdoor tea house in this western province

injured 10 people on Sunday, the Anatolia news agency said,

house, which was crowded. No one claimed responsibility. No

southeastern Turkey, staged similar attacks in the nearby city

of Istanbul this year. Muslim fundamentalist underground

60 Indian miners fear drowned:

At least 60 Indian miners were feared dead after a boat

carrying them to work capsized in the Damodar river in the

eastern state of Bihar, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said

labad, about 250 km (150 miles) northwest of Calcutta, while

Flood claims 42 in China: Flooding in

southern China has killed at least 42 people and left more

than 100,000 people stranded, a local newspaper reaching

The worst of the disaster occurred in the Leizhou Penin-

Provincial officials, reached by telephone yesterday, ue-

sula of Guangdong Province, where 24 people were killed, 16

are missing and 100,000 are stranded, said Sunday's

clined to give further details. The newspaper said another 18

people were killed and 20,000 stranded by flood waters near

Chinese factory fire kills 10: Ten

people died and 30 others were injured in a fire which broke

out at a Taiwan-funded shoe factory in Hesan. Guangdong

Province, the Tao Kung Pao Daily reported yesterday, AFP

explosion, trapped many workers resting in a dormitory of

the three-story factory, the newspaper said, adding that it

plaguing Guangdong Province. Last week at least 11 people

died and 60 others were injured when a plastic toy factory

building, owned by a Hong Kong businessmen, collapsed in

Longgang in the special economic zone of Shenzhen at the

7 Lankan soldiers, 2 rebels killed:

Tamil Tiger rebels sneaked into a naval base, burst mines and

fired grenades at vehicles, killing seven soldiers and security

personnel and injuring six others, officials said Monday. AP

took firemen five hours to put out the blaze.

The fire, which broke out suddenly and caused several

The fire was the latest in a series of factory accidents

Beijing yesterday said, Reuter reports from Beijing.

The agency said the boat tipped over on Sunday at Am-

No official final toll was immediately available because of

groups have been also active in western Turkey.

yesterday, Reuter report from New Delhi.

the river was swollen by heavy rains.

poor communications, PTI added.

Yangcheng Evening News.

reports from Hong Kong.

border with Hong Kong.

reports from Colombo.

Maoming, in the same province.

The bomb went off at 9:15 PM (1815 GMT) at the tea

A Kurdish guerilla group, which fights for autonomy in

Fresh US warning to DPRK WASHINGTON, June 13: As

the United States moves towards putting sanctions on the UN agenda, a top State Department official has issued another stern warning to North Korea on obstructing nuclear facility inspections, re-

Assistant US Secretary of State Robert Gallucci said any step by North Korea to exclude international inspectors from a nuclear facility and extract weapons-grade plutonium from spent fuel rods "would be a very dangerous new develop-

The United States will ask the UN Security Council this week to impose sanctions on North Korea for repeatedly blocking efforts to monitor its nuclear programme, in violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to which it is a party.

North Korea has denied it is diverting nuclear fuel to build nuclear weapons and has raised tensions on the Korean Peninsula to one of its highest levels since the 1950-53 Korean war by saying its regards sanctions as an act of

Gallucci and US Ambassador to Japan Walter Mondale, appearing on Sunday news programmes, said they were aware of the dangers of dealing with what Mondale called a "very isolated, paranoid, threatened" government, but insisted there will be no backing down on sanctions.

"It is still and will be the administration's policy to find the nuclear weapons programme and nuclear weapons acquisition by North Korea unacceptable. It is not a situation this administration will walk away from," Gallucci said.

Mondale discounted recent statements by North Korean President Kim II Sung suggesting he might freeze part of his

nuclear programme in exchange for economic assistance. "They know exactly what's needed here - it's compliance with the Nuclear Nor-Proliferation Treaty. They haven't done that," the former

vice president said. Another report adds: Reflecting rising war tensions. South Korea on Monday ordered a call-up of its 6.6 million reservists for what is to be one of its biggest civil-defence drills in years.

Meanwhile, former US President Jimmy Carter arrived in Seoul in an attempt to help ease tensions over North Kerea's nuclear programme. The order to call up the re-

gency security meeting of senior officials, presided over by Prime Minister Lee Yung-Duk.

serves came after an emer-

The nationwide drill, to be held Wednesday, will involve all civil defence corps mem-

bers, whose job is to organise evacuations and provide first aid for air-raid victims.

Should in the past has staged monthly civil-defence drills, but because of military tensions, this month's is being expanded nationwide and will include more personnel and

equipment. Amid the war preparations, diplomatic efforts to resolve the dispute continued.

Carter is not here as a formal mediator, but he has stepped in to try to resolve other international disputes. Although the former president's visit is private, his agenda includes talks with President Kim Young-Sam and other top officials.

Carter plans to make a fourday visit to the North beginning Wednesday, a move the South has criticized because it fears it will send North Korea the wrong message and offer Pyongyang a propaganda bonus.

India to buy

30 Mig-29s

NEW DELHI, June 13: India

would purchase 30 Mig-29 fighter planes during Prime

Minister Narasimha Rao's

forthcoming visit to Russia

later this month, according to

military sources here today.

decks have been cleared for a

major Indo-Russian accord on

the deal which is expected to

bring a qualitatively new thrust

and fire power to the Indian

Indian army equipment were

provided by the former Soviet

turned out in Russia, is be-

lieved to be the most effective

short-range interceptor com-

pared to F-16 planes produced

the framework of a proposed

830 million US dollar loan of-

fered by Russia for military

purchases by India in a two-

the deal is out against the

background of Pakistan's latest

deal to acquire F-16s from the

Observers here noted that

The deal would be within

by the United States.

year term till 1996.

About 80 per cent of the

Mig-29, the latest model

The sources disclosed that

reports Xinhua.

air force.

Union.

## Off the Record



Actress Melanie Griffith (R) talking with actor Boyd Gaines (L) after Gaines was awarded the Best Leading Actor in a Musical Award at the 1994 Tony Awards in New

#### York Sunday. - AFP photo British women prefer to be

'plain but brilliant'

LONDON: Most young British women would prefer to be thought of as plain but brilliant, rather than sexy but dumb,

according to a survey released yesterday, reports Reuter. Esquire magazine polled 500 women aged 20 to 35 for the survey, and found women wanted to be seen as competent and intelligent - and were even more ambitious for their

daughters. Seventy-one per cent of those polled said they would rather be thought of as "brilliant but plain" while 27 per cent

would rather be seen as "sexy but dumb" Asked about the next generation, 76 per cent of women said they would rather teach their daughters how to start a successful business as compared to 24 per cent who thought

finding and keeping the perfect husband was more important.

Mother-in-law's heavy makeup and fake eyelashes put her off

WASHINGTON: Hillary Rodham Clinton says she was put off at first by her late mother-in-law's taste for heavy makeup fake eyelashes and gaudy jewellery but learned to respect other aspects of Virginia Kelley's character, reports AP.

"It turned out that many of the things I loved about Bill were things I also loved about his mother," the first lady wrote for Redbook magazine.

The piece, published in the magazine's July issue, recounts the first awkward encounters between Bill Clinton's mother and the

woman he later married. in the first-person account. Mrs Clinton says the

differences were evident at first glance: She was a frumpy law student in bell-bottoms and sandals, Mrs Kelley wore gobs of makepup and false

"Like the characters in 'Star Trek, Virginia Kelley and seemed to be from different planets." Mrs, Clinton wrote. "I had never seen somebody in real life who wore false eyelashes

"Here was a woman who got up at four-thirty every morning to put on her makeup, had a broad streak of white hair down the middle of her head, wore rings on every finger and

bracelets and bangles on each arm," Mrs Clinton wrote.

#### The rebels attacked a jeep and a truck at the camp in Karinagar Island on Sunday, officials said. Details were not Two rebels were killed when soldiers ambushed a group of separatist militants in the northeastern town of Weliova on Sunday, said the officials on condition of anonymity.

free 20 hostages iSABELA, Philippines, June 13: Muslim extremists on Monday released 20 Christian hostages seized last week in apparent reprisal for military attacks on the headquarters of their allies, officials said, re-

ports AP. But the gunmen still held a Roman Catholic priest, the Rev Cirilo Nacorda.

The gunmen massacred 15

seizing the victims on Basilan "I never lost hope," said hostage Estella Abarquez. "!

other hostages last week after

time we were kidnapped until they told us we were free. I am happy I am home."

massacre were the latest in a series of violent incidents on

### North Yemen accuses S Arabia of massing troops along border

SANAA, June 13: Sanaabased Yemeni sources on Sunday accused Saudi Arabia of massing troops near the border between the two countries and of recruiting mercenaries to fight on the side of southern Yemeni secessionists, reports

A statement faxed to foreign correspondents quoted what it called as informed sources in Sanaa as saying that "Saudi forces are being massed near the Yemeni-Saudi borders."

This method of transmitting statements is sometimes used by the Sanaa government to leak news without committing itself officially.

"More than 150 (Saudi) tanks were pushed towards the borders near the Yemeni governorate of Midi." the statement said. It did not say

It added: "The Saudi authorities, also pushed mercenaries toward the Yemeni-Saudi borders across the Sharurah area to fight on the side of the secessionist rebel." This was ref-

erence to southern Yemenis whose leaders declared a breakaway state on May 21 and whose forces have been fighting the northern troops since

The statement said: "A formal (Yemeni) request was made to the United States. France and Britain which possess satellites to monitor this area on the borders to confirm or deny these Saudi military movements which are feared to be a prelude to a direct Saudi military intervention in the ongoing dispute in Yemen.

Another report says: Saudi Arabia has denied northern Yemeni claims that it was arming breakaway southern Ye-

AP reports from Sanaa: Northern Yemeni forces Monday decla. 1 a three-hour ceasefire n response to what they called an appeal from the southern leadership.

A half-dozen truces have been declared in the 5 and a half week civil war. All of them have broken down within

hours or days and there was no sign the latest one would fare any better.

The northern-run state news agency SABA said the truce, beginning at 6 am was to "give the separatists the opportunity, for the fifth time, to stop fighting and avoid more bloodshed and death."

Half an hour after the truce expired, there was no independent account of whether fighting had ceased during the three hours.

Conservative North Yemen and socialist South Yemen merged into a single state in 1990, a popular union that was beset nevertheless by cultural and ideological differences.

War broke out on May 4 after a nine-month power struggle between President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a northerner, and Beidh, who served as vice president, crippled the nation.

The south announced its secession May 20, although it has yet to receive international recognition.

#### United States. Rwandan rebels take control

KIGALI, June 13: After intense fighting, rebel forces have taken control of a key Rwanda city, the guerilla chief said Monday. There was no immediate confirmation of the

capital, Kigali, was the seat of Rwanda's interim government until President Theodore Sindikubwabo and his Cabinet fled

Gitarama is considered the second most important city



A Hutu taking cover as PRF rebels fire at Rwandan soldiers Sunday in fighting at Mushubuti, 10km northwest of Gitarama — AFP photo

# of Gitarama

claim, reports AP.

Gitarama, 50 kilometers (30 miles) southwest of the

after Kigali and has been heavy fighting in both cities for days. Forces of the Rwanda Pat riotic Front (RPF) were pursuing government troops fleeing on the road to Ruhengeri in the far northwest of the country, said Maj. Gen. Paul Kagame, chief of staff of the rebel army.

Algerian troops

kill 25 militants

security forces killed 25 Mus-

lim militants during a five-day

sweep in 10 regions, the offi-cial Algerian news agency APS

said on Sunday, reports

forces was shot dead on Satur

day in a clash with Islamist

rebels in the town of Tissem-

silt. 180 km southwest of Al

giers. APS said quoting an offi

were shot dead on Saturday

when they dried to ambush a

security forces patrol near the

coastal town of Tipaza, 60 km

west of the Algerian capital.

Eleven Muslim militants

One member of the security

Reuter

cial statement

TUNIS. June 13: Algerian

### Sihanouk has no plans to take power soon

PHNOM PENH. June 13: Head of state King Norodom Sihanouk has denied having immediate plans to take power in Cambodia, but stopped short of giving a complete "hands off" guarantee, reports Reuter.

"I am at an advanced age and the situation in Cambodia very poor in certain regards. still is not desperate or anar chical... this situation does not necessitated my intervention, the ailing 71 year-old monarch said in a faxed statement from Beijing today.

But in a second statement

he said he would be prepared to intervene if he was asked by

the coalition government. "I would prefer to die while trying to save my country and my people more than dying in my hospital bed in Beijing," he

Several Cambodian newspapers have recently expressed

support for giving executive powers to Sihanouk, seen by many Cambodians as the only figure who can achieve national reconciliation between the government and its bitter enemy, the radical Maoist Khmer Rouge.

### Russia to deploy

Shevardnadze also told Geexpressed hope the operation would bring peace to Abkhazia.

# prayed and prayed from the

The kidnapping was be-

About 40 members of the group were killed in the at tacks, the military says.

lieved to be in response to military raids on the headquarters of the extremist Abu Sayyaf group on Jolo Island, about 100 miles southwest of Isabela.

The mass kidnapping and

### Filipino Muslim rebels | Myanmar troops kill 32 Khun Sa men BANGKOK, June 13: Myanmar government forces killed

32 guerillas and captured two hilltop positions from rebels loyal to "Golden Triangle" drug lord Khun Sa. Myanmar state television reported, says Reuter Piles of weapons - 32 ri-

fles, 304 hand grenades, 199 landmines, 53 mortar bombs. 53 rocket launchers and 4.800 rounds of ammunition - were also seized from the Mong Tai Army (MTA) forces, the television report late on Sunday

The TV report, monitored in the Thai border town of Mae Sot, said 17 government sol-

diers were killed in the opera tion and further 31 wounded. Lieutenant General Thinoo.

second secretary of Myanmar's ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council, inspected the captured arms, according to the report. The two captured positions

in the weekend fighting were at Mong Yawn and Mong Yu in Myanmar's northern Shan

An MTA spokesman, how ever, denied MTA forces had been involved in the fighting. and said it was possible other rebel groups might have emerged to fight the Yangon

guerillas have been locked in fighting with about 3,000 Myanmar soldiers around Mong Kyawt, east of the Sal ween river and west of the reported weekend incident. Government troops con

More than 11,00 MTA

trolled most of the low land and the guerillas held the hill tops, the spokesman told reporters by telephone. He said the MTA over the

weekend sent reinforcements of two trucks loaded with antiaircraft artillery and surface to air missiles to the battle front because the Myanmar forces had begun air strikes.

### Speculations about Sonia's political motives intensify has rule India for 40 of the

past 47 years, beginning with

try's first premier, his daugh-

ter, Indira Gandhi, and grand-

son, Rafiv. Rajiv Gandhi served until 1989 and was on the campaign trail preparing a return to power when he was cut down the desire of all Congressmen that she should enter politics."

by a suicide bomber in May A rudderless Congress urged Sonia Gandhi to take over the party leadership after

her husband's death. She refused, enabling Rao to come out of virtual retirement and become India's ninth prime

The current speculation centres around whether her unexpected appearance at the party convention means she has changed her mind about "Mark my words, the tussle

for power (between Rao and Sonial will begin now." The Pioneer quoted an unnamed Congress leader as saving Saturday, a fear shared by a section of the party.

Newspapers have speculated in the past that Sonia Gandhi might want her daughter. Priyanka. 22. to enmously in 1991

Pamphlets saying "Only

### Opposition leader of Zaire kidnapped

BRUSSELS, June 13: Zaire opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi has been kidnapped in the Zairean capital Kinshasa by members of the presidential guard. Belga news agency said on Sunday, reports Reuter

woman of Tshisekedi's party in Brussels on Sunday afternoon and there was no news of him. Justine M'foyo Kasa-Vubu said she had been told by several sources that Tshisekedi

Belga quoted the spokes-

had been kidnapped and taken to a camp near the airport. Tshisekedi was elected by Zaire's national conference in

1992 and later fired by President Mobutu Sese Seko.

# troops in Abkhazia

TBILISI, Georgia, June 13: Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze on Monday said the deployment of Russian peacekeepers in the breakaway region of Abkhazia in western Georgia would begin June 15-16th, reports AP.

orgian Radio he had spoken to Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Sunday, and both leaders

Abkhazia and Georgia fought a 14-month war that ended with Georgian troops and thousands of ethnic Georgians being driven from the area last fall. About 3,000 people died in the fighting, and border skirmishes have continued.

NEW DELHI, June 13: Sonia Gandhi's surprise appearance one another as they tried to at a meeting of India's ruling get close to the sari-clad Sonia party has sparked intense

speculation that the Italian born widow of former premier Rajiv Gandhi may be preparing to enter politics, reports AFP. In her first political foray since her husband's assassination in May 1991. 47-year-old Sonia Gandhi overshadowed Prime Minister PV Narasimha

here Friday. The standing ovation she received from the 1100 delegates was convincing evidence that the allure of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty remains irresistible to the 109-year old Congress. India's oldest political party

Rao at the opening of the

Congress (I) Party convention

Congress delegates jostled Gandhi, and the sports stadium where the convention was taking place echoed with full-throated slogans hailing her and her late husband. Amidst the commotion.

Rao's arrival went virtually unnoticed until he had climbed the dais. Cries of "long live Sonia Gandhi" went on even after he had begun speaking. "It proved that the aura of

the Nehru-Gandhi family remains intact." The Pioneer newspaper comments. As far as the party workers are concerned, one can match that appeal

She came she conquered. blared another newspaper The Asian Age asked the



"Why did she came?"

divided as to why Sonia Gandhi cast aside her known distaste Jawaharlal Nehru, the counfor the murky world of politics to attend the convention. when she had declined to attend similar meetings in 1992 and 1993. Murli Deora, a party strongman from Bombay, said: "It is

But Mani Shankar Aiyer, an MP close to the Gandhis, said he believed she does not intend to step into the political arena. The media-shy Sonia Gan-

dhi, who has kept herself busy overseeing the work of a foundation named after Rajiv Gandhi, was not available for comment

The Nehru-Gandhi dynasty

ter parliament from the Amethi constituency, which her husband last won posthu-

Sonia and Priyanka can save the country" were distributed by Gandhi loyalists at the convention.