

Jakarta police disperse rally for press freedom

JAKARTA, June 27: Indonesian security forces broke up demonstrations in central Jakarta for press freedom today, kicking and beating protesters with long rattan sticks before leading them away, reports Reuter.

Up to 40 people, some with cuts and leg injuries, were detained after two separate demonstrations over last week's ban on three publications brought central Jakarta to a halt. Traffic jammed and hundreds of curious onlookers milled about.

"Freedom! freedom!" screamed one protester as police beat him with rattan sticks before leading him away.

Police declined to confirm the arrests. It was the first reported violence between protesters and security forces since the government closed down the weeklies last Tuesday.

BRIEFLY

16 die in Abidjan plane crash: An Air Ivoire plane crashed on landing in Abidjan late Sunday, killing 16 people, airport officials said yesterday. AFP reports from Ivory Coast.

The Fokker 27 was flying from the seaside resort of San Pedro, 300 kilometers (180 miles) to the west.

Zagreb grenade attack hurts 20: An aggrieved lover threw a hand grenade into a Zagreb cafe on Sunday and wounded 20 people, five seriously, police said. Reuter reports from Zagreb.

A police official said two Dutch citizens were among those seriously hurt when a 23-year-old Croatian threw the grenade on to a crowded cafe terrace in the centre of the city.

Croatian media say the easy availability of weapons after Croatia's war with Serbs in 1991 is to blame for such incidents.

2 Filipino squatters killed: Slum dwellers clashed Monday with a government demolition crew sent to tear down their shanties to clear the way for a Japanese-financed port project. Officials said one person died and three were injured. AP reports from Manila.

A radio station in Manila reported two people were killed after a tear gas attack by the demolition crew from the Philippine Ports Authority in Batangas City. Stormed the village of Santa Clara. Batangas police and staff of the Batangas mayor denied there were deaths.

But Luz Amparo, secretary of Mayor Eduardo Dimacuha, said one elderly person died of a heart attack in the melee. She had no other details.

2 killed in train derailment: Police suspect vandals caused a weakened train derailment that killed two people and injured four. AP reports from Greenock, Scotland.

Strathclyde police said Sunday that the master is now being treated as murder. Train driver Arthur McKee, 35 and Alan Nicol, a 21-year-old student, were killed in the Saturday night accident in Greenock, 2 miles (3 km) west of Glasgow. The injured were treated for cuts and bruises and released from hospital, police said.

Police said their investigation indicated the crash was caused by an obstruction on the line. Chris Dickinson, production manager for Railtrack, said the first car of the three-carriage Glasgow-bound train derailed and hit a bridge wall.

British soldier slain in Gorazde: A British soldier was shot dead in a firefight with Serb soldiers on Sunday night near the Muslim enclave of Gorazde in eastern Bosnia, the United Nations said yesterday. Reuter reports from Sarajevo.

A spokesman for the British Ministry of Defence named the dead soldier as Private Sean Richard Taylor, aged 20 and unmarried, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Taylor was from Cleveland, northern England.

The United Nations said Taylor was hit in the shoulder by a single small arms round after the UN observation post he was manning with five other British soldiers came under intense small arms fire on Sunday evening at 8.20 PM.

Australia to seek UNSC seat: Australia will seek a seat on the UN Security Council, Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said Monday. AP reports from Canberra.

Two temporary council seats will be opening up in 1976 for the Western democratic bloc of nations. Portugal and Turkey already have said they will seek the positions.

"The decision that Australia should stand for election for a two-year term... reflects the government's commitment to the principles of the United Nations," Evans said.

ICRC evacuates 45 Rwandans: The International Committee of the Red Cross evacuated 45 wounded Rwandans from Kigali's overcrowded hospital as the capital experienced a lull in the fighting. AFP reports from Kigali.

The evacuation was thwarted on Sunday when Tutsi rebels pounded Hutu government positions in central Kigali, where the hospital is located.

The wounded had already been loaded onto trucks and ambulances to transport them to the King Faisal Hospital in a safer rebel-held region when the barrage began. They spent most of the day in the trucks as shells exploded around them.

US-DPRK talks in Geneva July 8

TOKYO, June 27: North Korea confirmed today that it would start high-level talks with the United States on July 8 in Geneva, reports Reuter.

The Official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored in Tokyo, said the talks are expected to discuss matters for a fundamental solution to the nuclear issue in a package deal and other outstanding issues between the DPRK (North Korea) and the USA.

KCNA quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying the talks would be held alternately at the North Korean mission and the US mission in Geneva. The North Korean delegation would be led by Kang Sok-Ju, First Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the US side by Assistant Secretary of State Robert Gallucci.

The first day's talks will take place at the North Korean mission, the spokesman said.

There is no way the international community can overlook, can forgive and forget, the nuclear past of North Korea," Seoul's Foreign Minister Han Sung-Joo said last week.

North Korea has desper-

International

Myanmar troops capture 3 Khun Sa camps: 450 killed

BANGKOK, June 27: Myanmar troops seized three positions from guerrillas loyal to Golden Triangle drugs warlord Khun Sa in the latest fighting which has so far killed almost 450 people, Myanmar state-run media reported, says Reuter.

Myanmar television, in a broadcast monitored in Thailand late on Sunday, said government forces captured three mountaintop positions from the guerrillas in north-eastern Myanmar's Shan state last Thursday after a week of air strikes and infantry attacks.

Troops found the bodies of 250 guerrillas when they finally overran the trenches, the television said, while 196 government soldiers were killed and 340 others had been wounded in the campaign against Khun Sa.

Fighting intensified last month when MTA fighters launched coordinated attacks in several different parts of Shan state in an attempt to push troops out of the area.

Spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.

"Government troops captured Doi Namon near Mong Kyaw on June 23. About 40 MTA soldiers were killed, not 250," he said.

About 10,000 government reinforcements had been brought into the area and the air force and made dozens of strikes against the guerrilla po-

sitions before ground offensives, he said.

The latest fighting was in hills overlooking the town of Mong Kyaw, which the guerrillas captured last month but subsequently lost to a government counterattack.

A spokesman for the MTA, contacted by telephone, confirmed the latest report that the guerrillas had lost three positions but said the government had exaggerated rebel losses.