

(FILES) Photo dated October 16, 1989 shows former Greek Prime Minister and socialist leader Andreas Papandreou during a press conference in Paris. Greek television and radio announced that Papandreou died yesterday the age of 77 of cardiac arrest. - AFP/UNB photo

# BRIFFIY

Japan deports 55,470 immigrants:
Japan deported 55,470 illegal immigrants in 1995, 15.5 per cent fewer than in the previous year, the Justice Ministry said yesterday. Reuter reports from Tokyo.

Of the deportees, 49,434 had been illegally employed, 16.7 per cent fewer than in 1994, the ministry said. The decline in illegal employment was attributed to tighter border controls and fewer jobs due to Japan's prolonged recession, the ministry said.

Death from rains rises to 293 in India: At least 14 rain-related deaths were reported from the northern desert state of Rajasthan yesterday, taking the toll in the torrential downpours across India to 293, the Press Trust of India said, reports AFP.

Officials said in the state capital Jaipur that 13 people died in house collapses in Nagpur district and one person was electrocuted overnight Saturday, as heavy rains lashed parts of the parched province. They said the incessant rains inundated more than 100 villagers and towns in three districts where several canals had breached their banks.

#### 6 Maoist rebels killed in India: Six Maoist rebels were shot dead in the southern Indian state of

Andhra Pradesh after they opened fire on a police team, the Press Trust of India said yesterday. AFP reports from New

The news agency quoted officials as saying in the state capital Hyderabad that the late Saturday shootout occurred in the northern district of Nizambad. They said the police team was going to storm a secret meeting being held by the rebels.

Iranian dies at age of 130: An Iranian man who had voluntarily fought against Iraq for eight months during the two countries' 1980-1988 war has died at the age of 130, Iran's official news agency IRNA reported yesterday, AFP reports from Tehran.

Amrollah Rahmanian, a farmer who enjoyed good health until his death, was "highly proud" of his stint 'at the front during the sacred defence," IRNA said referring to the bloody eight-year war. He is survived by his 95-year-old wife and 95 grandchildren and great grandchildren, it added.

Armenia records 1st AIDS death: Armenia recorded its first AIDS victims when two people died in a Yerevan hospital, health officials said Saturday. AP

reports from Yerevan, Armenia. One man died late Friday and another Saturday, while a third is in critical condition, said Levon Zograbyan, head of a government AIDS centre. Twelve others in the entire former Soviet republic are known to be HYV positive, he said. It was unclear how accurately official figures reflect actual numbers.

Jiang's six-nation tour begins: Chinese President Jiang Zemin left for a six nation monthlong tour yesterday that will take him to Spain, Norway. Romania, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, Xinhua

news agency reported, says AFP from Beijing. Jiang and his wife were seen off at the great hall of the people by Premier Li Peng and other top Chinese officials and diplomats from the countries he is to visit.

Clashes leave 8 dead in Turkey: Eight people were killed and 19 were wounded in two armed attacks Saturday night in Istanbul and the south-eastern town of Diyarbakir, Turkish television reported, AFP reports from

Ankara. Seven people were killed and 15 wounded in the Divarbakir attack which the authorities blamed on Kurdish separatist rebels. The attack took place in a park, 15 kilometres (10 miles) outside Diyarbakir, the reports said. In Istanbul, a "terrorist" was killed and four policemen were wounded when the police came under attack while on patrol near a building housing offices of the True Path political party of former Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, the television said.

Floods claim 11 in Mexico: A flood on the Altzezeca river killed at least 11 people in Mexico's central Puebla state early Saturday when the water brought a new bridge crashing down with six cars on it, officials said, AFP reports from Puebla.

Authorities said that there could be more victims from the collapse of the bridge, on the outskirts of Puebla city, since dozens of people cross the bridge on foot every day to go to work in nearby factories. The violent rains also damaged 200 homes and businesses in Puebla's historic downtown. Ninety families were left homeless.

Okinawa governor

demands ouster

of US troops

Governor Mashide Ota vowed

Sunday to work toward making

the island "a peaceful place without (US) bases" at a cere-

mony marking the 51st an-

niversary of the end of the

Battle for Okinawa, reports AP.

Ota has been aggressively lobbying both the American

and Japanese governments for

the removal of US troops and

bases from the prefecture

since the rape of a schoolgirl

last year by three American

Speaking at a gathering of some 5,000 people, Ota said that maintaining the bases

runs counter to the wishes of

the Okinawan people, Kyodo

servicemen.

News reported.

TOKYO, June 23: Okinawa

### Papandreou passes away

ATHENS, Greece, June 23 Andreas Papandreou, a prominent opponent of Greece's military regime who came back from exile to lead the opposition socialists, then dominated his country's politics as prime minister in the 1980s and '90s, died at home early Sunday. He was 77, reports AP.

Athens radio stations interrupted their broadcasts early Sunday to announce that Papandreou died at home of heart failure.

"From 2:30am (2330 GMT Friday) today. Greece is in mourning," a Socialist Party statement said. "The founder of our movement, the great patriot, the politician, the leader of our people, Andreas Papan-dreou, has left us."

A bulletin from Papandreou's doctors said that at 1:30 am he suddenly started having heart troubles and that "despite attempts to revive him' he died from what appears to be a "strong ischiamic episode" (heart attack) at 2:30am.

No funeral arrangements were immediately announced.
Papandreou had not been seen in public since his release from a hospital March 21 after a four-month stay.

### Anthony Lake thanks people of Bangladesh

WASHINGTON D.C. June 23: Anthony Lake, national security adviser to President Bill Clinton congratulated the people of Bangladesh for successfully exercising their democratic right and responsibility. reports BSS.

He said the people of Bangladesh have shown their extraordinary determination to pursue freedom.

Lake said this at a dinner held in his honour at the residence of Bangladesh Ambassador Humayun Kabir in Bethesda, Maryland, USA yesterday the dinner was also attended by the ambassadors and their spouses of Asia-Pacific region.

Lake further said that the pursuit of freedom, the path of democracy may evolve in a distinct and different manner in different societies but in the ultimate analysis the demand for democracy and freedom is universal and this is once again established by the recent events in Bangladesh.

### Hardline Belarus president backs Yeltsin

MINSK, June 23: Hardline Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko offered lukewarm backing at the weekend to Boris Yeltsin in the final round of Russia's presidential election, reports Reuter.

Lukewarm, as many politicians in the former Soviet republic of 10 million say Lukashenko's dream of reunion with Russia can only be accomplished if Yeltsin is defeated next month by communist challenger Gennady Zyuga-

"Today is a difficult time for you," Lukashenko said to Yeltsin during ceremonies in the city of Brest, near the Polish border, marking the 50th anniversary of Nazi Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union.

"But, Asdwe saw today on the streets of this beautiful city, everyone believes this time will soon be over and crowned with a victory for you." Lukashenko said.

### Islamic Jihad to continue attacks against Israel

DAMASCUS, June 23: The militant, Palestinian movement Islamic Jihad said on Saturday it would continue armed resistance against Israel and urged Arab leaders meeting in Cairo on Saturday to halt all forms of normalisation with the Jewish state, reports Reuter.

"We assure all that we will continue our armed struggle against the Zionist occupation of our land," Islamic Jihad, which has an office in Damascus, said in a statement.

Fourteen Arab leaders and seven representatives are attending the Cairo summit, designed to counter New Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's opposition to trading land for peace with his Arab neighbours.

During the summit, Jordan's King Hussein assailed countries that allow "terrorist" groups to be based on their

## Move to resolve irritant in ties

# Nepali govt for ratification of treaty with India

KATHMANDU, June 23: Nepal's centre right coalition government will seek Parliament's ratification of a treaty with India aimed at resolving a decade-old irritant in ties with its neighbour, officials said

"We will present the treaty for ratification to Parliament. water resources secretary Dwarikanath Dhungel told Reu-

Nepal's constitution requires any treaty involving sharing of water resources with foreign countries to be ratified by two-thirds of members present at a joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament.

The treaty, signed in February, would give Nepal more water and electricity from two hydro-electric power plants on the Mahakali River on Nepal's western border with India, and provide for the construction of

BHOPAL, June 23: BJP

leader, Atal Behari Vajpayee

yesterday asserted that his

party would not allow the

Congress effort to succeed in

using the United Front gov-

ernment for covering up the

scams that had occurred dur-

ing the previous Rao regime.

United Front government not

to compromise on issues of

corruption and urged it to

book all the culprits in the

scam should be booked irre-

spective of how big they are.

Vajpayee said at a public meet-

ing at the Roshanpura Square

Deve Gowda to reveal the con-

dition on which the Congress

has given support to his gov-

ernment. Vajpayee said there

were widespread suspicions in

the political circles that the

conditions had something to

do with the scandals of previ-

He said the amount Rs 133

ous Rao government.

Asking the Prime Minister

in the busy New Market area.

All the guilty for the urea

multi-crore urea scam.

Vajpayee had cautioned the

reports PTI.

a third, 4-billion dollars faci-

In 1991, Nepal leased to India some land along the Mahakali River for the construction of the 120-megawatt Tanakpur hydro-electric pro-

Kathmandu later complained that it received only two megawatts of power from the plant and not enough wa-

Under the treaty, Nepal would receive twice as much water and seven megawatts of electricity. The treaty also provides for the construction of a third power plant at Pancheswar, upstream from Tana-

Nepal and India will split the costs and benefits of the new plant.

New Delhi will buy surplus electricity form Nepal, one of the world's 10 poorest coun-

South Korean President Kim Young-Sam (R) toasts with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro

'BJP won't allow Cong to use

govt for covering up scams'

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scandal was more than that of

the Bofors and Hawala scandals

Central Bureau of Investigation

Rocket attack

on Kabul: 22

civilians killed

two Afghan civilians were

killed and 26 injured in a

rocket attack on Kabul today.

stantly when two rockets

struck a crowded bus stop and

a secondary school in the

southern suburbs of the

Afghanistan capital, witnesses

later in hospital, doctors

on the city, which is under

siege from the Taliban.

Seven more people died

It was the deadliest assault

officials said, reports AFP.

KABUL, June 23: Twenty-

At least 15 people died in-

be given a free hand in inves-

The leader wanted that the

put together.

tigating the scam.

Hashimoto (L) during dinner hosted by Kim in Shilla Hotel at Cheju on Saturday.

tries, to help it trim the Himalayan Ringdom's 304 million dollars trade deficit with

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba's centre-right coalition does not have the required majority and needs the support of the Communist opposition to get parliamentary approval

The opposition Communist United Marxist-Leninist (UML) Party has yet to take a stand on this issue and is still dis-

We will decide about our position after we get a report from a study panel set up by the party," UML's general secretary Madhav Kumar Nepal

King Birendra has summoned a two-month long session of Parliament beginning on June 26.

- AFP/UNB photo

Vajpayee claimed that peo-

ple would soon get to know

more about the real persons

involved the sugar import

scandal during the previous

the apprehension the country

may face the trauma of another

partition if the large scale in-

flux of illegal immigrants from

allow another partition to take

place and are prepared for any

sacrifice on this." While admit-

ting that the numbers game

was against the BJP in the Lok

Sabha, he said the spirit of the

mandate was that it should

that Deve Gowda may not last

long since its constituents

were opposed to each other in

stituents of the United Front

government had fought the

Congress in the elections but

were now dependent on its

support for survival of the Deve

Vajpayee said all the con-

The BJP leader predicted

rule the country.

different states.

Gowda government

Vajpayee said "We will not

Bangladesh was not stopped.

The BJP leader expressed

Congress government.

# Suu Kyi again defies govt threats, speak before supporters

YANGON, June 23: Myanmar pro-democracy activist Aung San Suu Kvi defied government threats yet again Saturday to speak before some 5,000 supporters, announcing the release of 17 recently detained dissidents, reports AFP.

The day before yesterday. 17 youth organisers were freed I sincerely thank the authorities for releasing them, and would like to request them not to make such arrests in the future," she said.

Myanmar's ruling military junta, in the run-up to a planned May 26-29 congress of Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD). arrested more than 260 supporters.

Most of those arrested were victorious candidates from the NLD-swept 1990 elections, the results of which were not recognised by the junta. In her one-hour address.

Aung San Suu Kyi also responded to recent criticism from Singaporean elder statesman Lee Kuan Yew.

Referring to Lee's remarks that she should quietly remain a symbol of democracy and let the military go on with its job of governing, Aung San Suu Kyi declared her rights of free

"As a believer in democracy. believe that everyone has a right to express their views and opinions as they desire." the veteran dissident said.

opinion and speech.

"I would like him (Lee) to understand that we also long for a situation where we have a right to freely express our beliefs and our desires."

Saturday marked the third regular weekend gathering at Aung San Suu Kyi's residence in a row since a law banning activities "instigating unrest" was announced.

# China to welcome Lee as Taiwan's Nationalist Party chief

BEIJING June 23 China gave its first official response today to a proposal by President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan to visit the mainland, carrying with an offer for its leaders to go to the island Beijing has claimed for 47 years, reports

In an interview on the front

page of the Communist Party mouthpiece, the People's Daily, a spokesman for the party's Taiwan affairs office called on Taiwan's leaders to respond to a January 1995 proposal from President Jiang Zemin for However, the spokesman

tempered any Betjing offer by repeating its demand that Taipei use deeds, rather than words, to prove it was not advocating independence for the

"If the Taiwan authorities had sincerity indeed, they should lose no time in taking practical steps." the spokes-

Since the beginning of the 1990s we have suggested time and again that the two sides hold talks on formally ending the state of hostility across the straits, and gradually realising a peaceful reunification." Responding formally for the

first time to Lee's offer in his May 20 inauguration speech to embark on a "Journey of peace" to China, the spokesman repeated China's stand that Lee was welcome to visit in his capacity as chairman of Taiwan's Nationalist Party

# Off the Record

Mother at 11!

NAIROBI: A Kenyan girl aged 11 has given birth to a baby boy at Nandi district in Kenya, 'The Sunday Nation' says on Sunday, reports Xinhua

The paper quoted a group of doctors as saying that the pupil, who attends primary school in Aldai division, developed complications during labour and had undergone a caesarean section at the Kapsabet hospital, and that the operation saved both her life and that of the baby. A doctor said both mother and child are doing well and

will be discharged soon from the hospital. The girl is one of the youngest mothers ever to deliver in Kenya. In the mid-1980s, Kenyans were shocked by news that an eight-year-old girl had delivered a baby at the Kenyatta National hospital

### What's in a name?

BEIJING: A nightclub called "Pirate Ship" is among 2,000 Chinese businesses ordered to change their names in a campaign against "harmful cultural content," a newspaper reported Sunday, reports AP.

"Names containing vulgar, feudalistic, bizarre and absurd content and Western-sounding colour must be banned," the official English-language China Daily quoted an unidentified government official as saying. It wasn't clear whether only names taken from Western

languages were targeted. But the newspaper said nearly 36 per cent of trademarks registered by Chinese companies include Western-sounding names.

It said many were trying to take advantage of the "prejudice of status-conscious people" who prefer Western

# Protest against taxes in budget Strike paralyses Karachi,

Lahore, Peshawar

KARACHI, June 23: An opposition-called strike in protest against taxes proposed in Pakistan's 1996-97 (July-June) budget paralysed the port city

of Karachi today, witnesses "There is a complete strike in Karachi," Sahibzada Munir, a

Reuters. Paramilitary rangers and police patrolled deserted business centres. A police official said there were no reports of violence in the city of more

than 12 million people. led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, and is supported

by at least 14 other political parties and movements against proposed additional taxes of about 41 billion rupees (1.171 billion dollar).

new taxes, raises excise duty on many items and imposes

collect 40.8 billion rupees in

leader of the opposition Pakistan Muslim League (PML), told

The strike was called by the main opposition PML, which is

The 500-billion rupee (14.3 billion dollars) budget seeks to

But oil-rich Saudi Arabia

and Kuwait insisted that Arab

leaders blame Saddam for this

ened to block any effort to

bring Iraq back into the Arab

summit to be viewed as a mod-

erate event. Libyan leader

Although Egypt wants the

people's plight, and threat

sales tax on imports and manu-In Sharif's stronghold of Lahore, the eastern capital of

the populous Punjab province.

most stores were closed and in

the northwestern city of Pes-

hawar the streets were empty and the shops shuttered. Several opposition parties. particularly Sharif's and the right-wing Jamaat-e-Islami group, said several of their wor-

kers were arrested on the eve of the strike. Jamaat-e-Islami chief Qasi Hussein Ahmed accused Benazir Bhutto's government of "resorting to dictatorial means

to crush the voice of the people," according to the Englishlanguage daily newspaper. The

The country is being looted with both hands.

### Manila govt, rebels agree to set up

#### admn body to fellow Arab leaders to find a way to ease the suffering of the supervise peace Iraqi people under UN sanc-DAVAO, Philippines, June

23: The government and Muslim rebels ended three days of talks today with an agreement to set up a guerilla-led administrative body to supervise peace and development in the southern Mindanao region, a joint statement said, reports Reuter.

The body, to be called southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development will serve as the forerunner of an autonomous government to be established in three years

ands by the insurgent More National Liberation Front



up to 10,000 people are estimated to have been dumped by German Nazis after executions in July-August 1941. Special search battalions are continuing to search and excavate for the remains of the victims, some of which test under several layers of earth. - AFP/UNB photo-

# Deep divisions over terrorism exposed in Arab Summit dent Elias Hrawi want to halt

CAIRO, June 23 : This weekend's Arab summit called as a response to the election of a hard-line Israeli Prime Minister — has exposed deep divisions among Arabs over terrorism, Iraq and links to the Jewish state, reports

in the opening session of the first Arab Summit in six years, the public spotlight was on the Mideast peace process. but a private quarrel quickly broke out between Syrian leader Hafez Assad and Jor-

dan's King Hussein. Sources close to the conference said the two leaders angrily clashed in a closed session Saturday evening over the proper peace strategy for

Assad and Lebanese Presi-

moves to normalize relations with Israel. That approach is opposed by Jordan, which has signed a peace treaty with Israel, and by Gulf states that have built economic links to the Jewish state.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Syrian leader also is angered by Jordan's efforts to insert a clause on terrorism into the summit communique, as King Hussein has criticised Syria for supporting anti-Isre-ali Muslim militants.

The summit has drawn 21 of the Arab League's 22 members, including 13 heads of state and PLO leader Yasser

They appeared united in their deep skepticism about

last month's election of Benjamin Netanyahu as Israel's Prime Minister. "We call upon the new Is-

raeli government to cooperate with us so as to complete the peace process without tardiness or hesitation," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in kicking off the two-day conference. "There isn't among us any-one who wants to take the re-

gion back to the destruction of war or the phase of no-war and no-peace," he said. "We are sincerely determined to struggle for peace until the Mubarak pointedly warned

Israel that it risked damaging peace prospects with a hardline stance. Arab leaders suspect Netanyahu could renege on deals already made by Israel or try to change the ground rules for negotiations. A platform released by Netanyahu's administration rules out a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital or a withdrawal from the Golan Heights as demanded by Syria.

Officials in Israel said they would have no comment until the summit is over. Netanyahu's ministers, however, have been sending mixed signals on their future negotiating stance on the Golan Heights, captured from

Syria in the 1967 Middle East

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy suggested Friday night that Israel might be will

tiate on the principle of land for peace, as agreed to at the Madrid conference that launched the peace process five years ago. Another of the meeting's most divisive issues is Iraq.

Heights.

ing to withdraw from part of

the Golan. But on Saturday, Is-

rael's agriculture minister, re-

tired Maj. Gen. Rafael Eitan,

emphasized that "we will not

go down from the Golan

adopted by the Arab leaders on

Sunday calls on Israel to nego-

A draft communique to be

which was not invited because of continuing anger among Gulf states over Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of neighbouring Kuwait In a closed meeting speech,

King Hussein pleaded with

wasn't interested in peacemaking with Israel. "We know only that the Israelis are occupying Palestine," he said.

tions.

Moammar Gadhafi appeared to invite controversy by flying into Cairo despite UN sanctions banning international flights from Libya Gadhafi told reporters he

The negotiations failed to resolve differences over dem-