

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher whispers to French Foreign Minster Herve de Charette Wednesday at the Foreign Ministry in Paris. Christopher confirmed the agreement in principle to contribute US troops to a humanitarian operation in Zaire to be led by Canada. - AFP/UNB photo

Yemen-KSA border talks end:

Yemeni and Saudi military chiefs of staff Wednesday ended two

days of meetings on implementing a border agreement between

the two countries, the Yemeni news agency SABA said, AFP

views," SABA said, without providing details of what was said.

This was the first meeting since May, of one of the committees

formed after the February 1995 signing of an agreement to settle

Ex-minister's wife held in ROK:

The wife of a former Cabinet minister was arrested on bribery

charges Thursday, as South Korea's second corruption scandal

in less than a month spread to close confidants of President

Wednesday after prosecutors accused his wife of receiving dlrs

207,000 in bribes from an optometrists association. The wife.

park Sung-ae, was arrested shortly after midnight. But

prosecutors released Lee late Wednesday, saying they found no

Noted writer missing in Iran:
A prominent Iranian writer who edited a magazine known for

its sharp criticism of the Tehran government is missing. Iran's

The Farsi-language newspaper said that Faraj Sarkuhi, the

49-year-old editor of the weekly Adineh, planned to travel to

Germany last Sunday to join his family but hadn't been heard

from. Another newspaper, the conservative Jomhuri Islami.

suggested that Sarkuhi had gone missing after boarding an Iran

Croat opposition's walk out:
Opposition deputies walked out of the Croatian parliament

Wednesday in protest at a continuing stand-off with the gov-

ernment over the Zagreb City Council, Croatian television

It said that the opposition deputies decided to boycott the

lower house of parliament, dominated by the ruling Croatian

Democratic Union, after their proposal for a debate on the issue

was turned down. The deputies said the boycott "could be up to a

Khomeni's brother dies in Iran:

Ayatollah Morteza Pasandideh, the brother of Iran's late

revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has died

was the older brother of Khomeini, who died of cancer in June

1989, at age 86. Khomeini was the founder of Iran's 1979 Islamic

revolution. The two had different last names because proper

family names were not required in Iran until later this century.

2 AUM men nabbed in Japan: Two

members of the doomsday sect AUM supreme truth on a

national wanted list since last year have turned themselves in

to police in Saitama, north of Tokyo, a police spokesman said

Kitamura, 28° and Zenji Yagisawa. 34, who were among seven

AUM members put on a wanted list last year following the sarin

gas attack on the Tokyo subway and other criminal acts. The

Fighting in Afghanistan

attack killed 12 people and injured thousands of others

Saitama prefectural police immediately arrested Koichi

The official Tehran radio said Pasandideh died Tuesday He

in Tehran. He was 103. AP reports from Tehran.

evidence that he was aware of his wife's bribe-taking.

Salam daily reported Wednesday, AP reports from Dubai

Lee Sung-ho resigned as health and welfare minister

The military committee talks promoted "a reconciliation of

reports from Sanaa.

the two countries' border conflict

Kim Young-sam, AP reports from Seoul.

Air flight to the German city of Hamburg.

reported, AFP says from Zagreb.

yesterday. AFP reports from Tokyo

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14 Line

ted Nations agencies today

highlighted a growing refugee

problem from fighting in

tens of thousand displaced by

fighting in northwest Afghanis-

tan are arriving each day in the

Taliban-held western city of

gating in other parts of north-

ern Afghanistan. UN sources

Commissioner for Refugees

(UNHCR) said around 4,000

people had reached Herat by

for Coordination of Humani-

tarian Assistance reported last

week that between 45,000 and

50,000 had been uprooted by the

fighting involving the Taliban

Islamic militia and the com-

bined forces of northern Uzbek

The UNHCR and UN Office

Thousands are also congre-

An official for the UN High

Hundreds of Afghans out of

Afghanistan reports AFP

## List of possible causes of mid-air collision in India

NEW DELHI. Nov 14: A list of possible causes of the mid-air collision between two jets over India Tuesday which killed 349 people, leaving no survivors:

Communication failure: initial reports, since contested, suggested a language problem between the Kazakh aircraft pilot and Indian air traffic control staff could have led to confusion.

Pilot error: Some experts suggest the pilot of the Kazakh aircraft could have blundered while converting the instruction to fly at 15,000 feet (4,500 metres) before calibrating his metric altimetre. The pilot could also have failed to realise his aircraft was losing altitude.

Air traffic control error: Air traffic control could have given the same "radial" or radio directional path to both aircraft.

Equipment failure: Either the pilots were misled by their instruments or misunderstood an altimetre in one of the airthe tower's directions. They craft could have been faulty or equipment in air traffic control were supposed to pass with a 1,000-foot (300-meter) differcould have failed to record the ence in altitude - instructions exact position of either aircraft. that the Saudi plane's pilots The radar at New Delhi airnever confirmed, the tranport has also been criticised

PARIS Nov 14 The 1 mited

States has pledged to contribute

up to 1,000 troops to a Canada-

led multinational force being

assembled for Eastern Zaire.

troops will support the opera

tries have said they would con-

November 4 for the deployment

of an international force in

Eastern Zaire to boost security

in the area. On November 7

France submitted a draft reso

lution to the UN Security Coun

cil for a neutral force of 5,000

men to which Paris said it

- Canada Canada has of

would contribute 1 000 troops

lered to command the interna-

tional force and may contribute

The following other coun

- France Paris called on

tion in other countries

tribute troops to the force

As many as 3.000 more US

reports AFP

alerted to approaching Saudi jet

not direct.

CHARKHI DADRI, India, Nov

14: As aKazakh cargo plane flew

head-on toward a Saudi jet-

liner, controllers told its pilot

to watch out for the 747 in the

clouds ahead. The pilot asked

"Fourteen miles," a con-

Seconds later: "Thirteen

The pilot's acknowledge-

ment of that message was the

last word New Delhi airport

flight controllers had from ei-

ther aircraft before they hit and

spun to earth in spectacular

twin fireballs, taking 349 peo-

The exchanges, in tran-scripts released Wednesday, in-

dicate the planes did not see

each other in time and hint that

A group of Bosnian Muslims confront a Russian IFOR checkpoint outside the village of

Gajevi in the Bosnian entity of Republika Srpska Wednesday, demanding their right to

return to the town in which they used to live before the war broke out in Bosnia in

World ready to contribute soldiers in Eastern Zaire

US pledges to send 1000 troops to

Canada-led multinational force

troops. Canadian General Mau-

rice Baril is expected to become

contribute "constructively" to a

multi-national force in Zaire

"including a military contribu-

tion" provided a satisfactory

plan is worked out. Foreign

Secretary Malcolm Rifkind

said. Senior government

sources said Britain could send

between 2.000 and 4,000 troops

ready to "contribute" to an op-

eration decided by the UN Secu-

rity Council. It could send 300

pared to send troops to help the

said it would take part in a

multinational operation to

refugees in Eastern Zaire.

- Spain: Spain said it was

Italy: Italy said it was pre-

Hungary: Hungary also

- Britain: Britain is ready to

the force's commander.

to Zaire

ple to their deaths.

how close it was, reports AP.

troller said.

scripts show. The Saudi Boeing 747 was seven minutes into its flight and the Kazakh plane was de-scending for its final approach into Indira Gandhi International Airport when the collision occurred Tuesday about 60

miles southwest of New Delhi. Whether there was a lastminute evasive manoeuvre by either plane was unclear, but India's top Civil Aviation Ministry official said the crash was

"It was not a head-on collision," Yoges Chandra said at a news conference. "The cockpit and fuselage of the Kazak airliner was found intact."

Searchers retrieved hundreds of bodies from wreckage strewn in a six-mile (10 kilometer) area around Charkhi Dadri. Grieving relatives tried to identify the badly mangled remains of their loved ones lying on blocks of ice at makeshift

Searchers found the flight data recorders of both planes

- AFP/UNB photo

- Africa: Organisation of

African Unity (OAU) Secretary

General Salim Ahmed Salim

said South Africa. Ethiopia.

Eritrea, Congo, Cameroon,

Senegal and Mali were prepared

to send troops. Botswana and

former colonial power in Zaire.

has offered to train African

Nordic countries: Finland.

Denmark, Norway, Iceland and

Sweden will not send soldiers to

Zaire but will concentrate on

- Germany: Germany like-

wise said it would send no

troops to Zaire but would limit

its action to humanitarian op-

troops participating in a neu-

tral international force.

humanitarian aid.

- Belgium Belgium, the

Chad also agreed to contribute.

Wednesday but only the cockpit voice recorder of the Kazak plane. The recordings were not

Indian experts blame air traffic controllers

Transcript shows Kazakh plane was

made public immediately.

AFP adds: Two Indian aviation experts blamed today air traffic controllers for failing to follow standard procedures just before a collision between two airliners near Delhi Airport Tuesday, which left 349 dead.

Unni Kartha, a former pilot who heads a company of aviation consultants, said the controllers, according to transcripts released by the Indian government, had used "nonstandard language" to commu-nicate with the pilots just before the tragedy.

He argued the controllers appeared to have misled the pilots, one of whom had not been warned of the other aircraft's

control was not at fault.

tional Federation of Air Line

Government officials, after releasing the documents Wednesday, said the air traffic

Meanwhile, the Interna-

WASHINGTON, Nov 14: No-

bel Peace Prize-winner Jose

Ramos-Horta urged the Clinton

administration Wednesday to

play a more aggressive role in

bringing peace to his troubled

homeland, East Timor, and In-

should work with Europe to

push Indonesia toward democ-

racy and should do more than

just express concern about hu-

man rights in that country.

at Georgetown University.

Ramos-Horta said in a lecture

trip to the United States since

he was named the joint winner

of this year's peace prize with

East Timor's Catholic bishop.

Carlos Felipe Ximenes Belo. He

has several speaking engage-

ments and plans to meet with

UN Secretary-General Boutros

two decades for independence

sia invaded in 1975 after a brief

civil war. Indonesia annexed

the former Portuguese colony in

1976 and has since claimed the

PARIS. Nov 14: US secretary

of State Warren Christopher

called on Bosnian Serbs on

Wednesday to stop intimidating

Bosnian Muslim refugees who

want to go home, but the plea

vielded no immediate response.

by the Bosnian Serb police to

intimidate refugees is repre-

hensible." his spokesman Nic

holas Burns said, after Chris

topher met the three members

of Bosnia's collective presi

\$ 600,000 for

children's heads?

men were arrested in

Cameroon, with a bag con-

taining the severed head of a

three-year-old girl which they

said was part of an order for

several children's heads, the

Cameroon Tribune newspaper

reported Wednesday, reports

tionals, told police in Douala

that they had already ob-

tained half a dozen heads to

meet the order which they said

had been given them by a traf-

ficker in human organs, the

had a white skin and had

promised them 300 million

cfa francs (600,000 dollars) for

a "full load." They did not say

how many heads had been or

However, observers sug

gested it was more likely the

body parts were destined for

witchcraft rituals rather than

Police found the body of the

Various body parts enter

The arrest sparked a rush

for any therapeutic purposes.

decapitated small girl, whose

sexual organs had also been

into the composition of many

"good luck charms" prepared

on the central police station

in Douala, by parents whose

children had recently disap-

peared, the Cameroon Tribune

by sorcerers.

They said the trafficker

Jerry Obassi and Ausgustine Aizie both Nigerian na-

YAOUNDE, Nov 14: Two

"This pattern of behaviour

reports AFP.

territory as its 27th province.

for East Timor, which Indone-

Ramos-Horta, who lives in Australia, has campaigned for

Boutros-Ghali on Friday.

Ramos-Horta is on his first

The United States also

donesia, reports AP.

Nobel laureate urges US to

help bring peace in E Timor

ritory.

Horta said:

tance to Indian authorities investigating the world's worst mid-air collision which claimed around 350 lives.

Pilots Association (IFALPA) Wednesday offered its full assis-

"It is a domestic matter and the Indian government is responsible for the investigation. Captain Paul McCarthy, Chairman of IFALPA's Accident Analysis Committee said.

McCarthy, in Karachi at-tending a IFALPA meeting, told AFP his organisation was intouch with India authorities and had offered its services as "there are several full-time technical staffers who can

**İFALPA** represents about 120,000 pilots from pilot associations in more than 90 coun

A Saudi jumbo jet and a Kazakh aircraft collided in mid-air near New Delhi on

Tuesday killing all those "It is tragic. We are all sad over the loss of precious human lives," McCarthy said.

In announcing the prize the

Nobel committee blamed In-

donesia for death terror and

In his lecture, the Nol 1 lau-

It calls for a withdrawal of

reate outlined a three stage

peace plan that he believes will

bring stability to his homeland

Indonesian troops from East

Timor followed by the establishment of self-rule and five

years later, negotiations on the

final status of the disputed ter-

the United States to play in

bringing about peace, Ramos-

to play... It's important that the

US intervene in a forceful yet

discreet manner if that's what it

prefers. It is the only surviving

superpower in the world. If it

Middle East where everybody

else has failed, it can do much

ning the peace prize has helped

educate people about his home-

land and encouraged govern-

ments to review their policies

He said Christopher called

upon the Bosnian Serbs to

show restraint," but Burns

was forced to acknowledge that

there was "no immediate re-

sponse" from Momcilo Krajis-

nik. the Bosnian Serb member

retary of state of European Af

fairs, was left to raise the mat-

ter again later Wednesday with

the presidency, which is headed

by Bosnian Muslim Alija

izetbegovic and also includes

men to speed up the establish-

ment of common institutions

in post-war Bosnia Herzegov-

ina, starting with a ministerial

Bosnian Serb police officers

wounded in clashes Tuesday be-

tween Serb police and about 100

Muslims who tried to return to

dent since the Dayton peace ac-

cords, which ended nearly four

years of war in the former Yu-

goslav republic, were signed

that — at least in terms of get

AP adds: Fighting this week

It was the most serious inci-

their old village of Gajevi.

here last December.

A Muslim was killed and two

He is also to press the three

Croat Kresimir Zubak

cabinet

year ago.

John Kornblum, Under-Sec-

Ramos-Horta said his win-

more in East Timor.

on East Timor.

of the presidency.

US call to Serbs

Stop intimidating Muslims

succeeded in Bosnia and the

Asked what role he expected

"Whatever role it might want

persecution in East Timor.

## to wed Swiss sweetheart

ZURICH, Switzerland: Pop star Phil Collins reportedly

wed his 24-year-old Swiss

The former Genesis lead singer met Miss Cevey when he gave a concert in the Swiss town of Lausanne. She was his inter-

In 1994 he separated from his second wife, Jill, because of his relationship with Orianne. the newspaper said Wednesday.

## Tricky question for ex-Japanese PM

China's coal belt had a tricky question for former Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu Can you help fix my Sanyo tape recorder? reports AP.

ence where Kaifu spoke Wednesday, but hadn't been able to

Would you please say words to

## Govt survives no-confidence

DUBLIN, Nov 14: The government of Prime Minister John Bruton survived a vote of no confidence late Wednesday despite allegations it had mismanaged the Irish Republic's

key anti-terrorist court, reports Lawmakers in the Dail, the Irish parliament, voted 79-70 in support of Bruton's two-year-

old administration after a twoday debate. It had come under fire from the opposition Fianna Fail party after Justice Minister Nora Owen last week admitted that 16 prisoners awaiting

pects and an alleged Scottish letter-bomber freed from prison — then immediately rearrested and charged again — after Attorney General Dermot Gleeshon told her that one of three judges serving on the antiterrorist Special Criminal Court should have been re-

## Road mishaps claim 47 in

between. Serbs and Muslim refugees could offer a taste of Bosnia's future. It also showed ting refugees home - Bosnia isn't much closer to implementing the peace plan than it was a

Since the Bosnian war came to an end last December, very few of the hundreds of thousands of Muslim. Serb and Croat refugees have been able to

return to their villages. It's their right under the Dayton peace agreement, but fulfilling that right is danger-

ous. The NATO-backed peace force, even as it prepares to leave, is struggling to keep enemies from each other's throats. Nowhere is going home more dangerous than the demilitarised zone separating Mus-

lims and Serbs in northeast Bosnia. That's where Muslim refugees and Serb police traded gunfire on Tuesday around



US rock star Tina Turner performs on Wednesday during the first of her three concerts in Frankfurt, as part of her "Wildest Dreams World Tour 96." - AFP/UNB photo

# Phil Collins ready

will marry for the third time. reports AP. This spring, Collins, 45, will

sweetheart, Órianne Cevey with whom he has been living at Lake Geneva for two years according to the Swiss masscirculation daily Blick.

## BEIJING: The delegate from

Waving his broken recorder in the air. Zhang Chongghui said he bought the machine to record speeches at the confer-

"My question to Mr. Kaifu is

the Sanyo company? I would like to have personal compensation." Zhang, a coal mining administration director in northern China said.

in Ireland

trial had been charged illegally.

Owen ordered 15 IRA susmoved three months ago.

# India

NEW DELHI, Nov 14: At least 34 people were killed and 16 injured when a bus carrying wedding party guests plunged into a river near the northern Indian city of Jaipur, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said today. reports AFP.

Twelve girls were among those killed when the overcrowded bus lost control and sank into Puleta river, it said.

The police arrested the driver of the bus and rushed the injured passengers to a hospital. PTI said, adding the author ities have offered 140 dollars compensation per victim to the relatives of the dead.

which also took place Wednesday. 13 people died and 65 were injured when two passenger buses collided head-on near the eastern Indian city of Bardhaman. PTI said.

In a separate road crash,

## we have peace criminals agaimen who rape and abuse women

### Kurdish refugees dying in N-Iraq as winter sets in TEHRAN, Nov 14: Thousands of Kurdish refugees who

fled fighting in northern Iraq are suffering from sickness. and winter will worsen their plight, a relief official said Wednesday, reports AP. Since October at least one

child under the age of five has died every night because of the cold. said Sotiris Papaspy ropoulos, chief of the Medicins Sans Frontieres mission in

About 65,000 Iraqi Kurdish refugees are believed living in tents on the border.

warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostam and the ex Kabul government military commander Ahmed Shah Masood

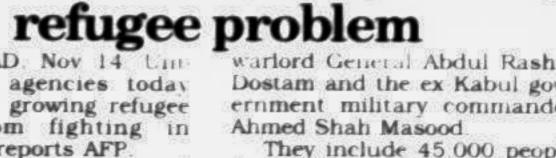
frontline areas in Baghdis province, fleeing southwards to the town of Qila-i-Nau

UN agencies.

sources said Around 15.000 people had

Taliban on September 27.

The refugees had been entering Pakistan at the rate of 600-700 per day, sources said.



They include 45 000 people from towns and villages in

People going to Qila-i-Nau and Herat were being supplied blankets, tents and food by the

There were already more than 9.000 displaced people concentrated in three areas in the north of the country. UN

also so far crossed into Pakistan since early October, a great majority of them from Kabul, which was seized by the



This image made September 7 by the Galileo space craft and released Tuesday by NASA shows two views of the trailing hemisphere of Jupiter's ice-covered satellite, Europa. The left image shows the approximate natural color appearance of Europa and the image on the right is a false-color composite version combining violet, green and infrared images to enhance color differences in the predominantly water-ice crust of Europa. The bright feature containing a central dark spot in the lower third of the image is a young impact crater some 50 kilometres (31 miles) in diametre. — AFP/UNB photo

## War increases all forms of violence against women'

BRIGHTON, England, Nov. 14: Many women raped during the genocide in Rwanda two years ago were infected with the AIDS virus and rapists are still holding some women as sexual slaves in refugee camps. a European Union human rights expert said Wednesday, reports

In former Yugoslavia, war has militarised personal relationships and led to an increase in violence against women and in Kurdistan, women are still being killed and constantly moved but their plight is ignored, women's activists said.

"We have war criminals and

nst women." Yugoslav feminist Lepa Mladjenovic, who runs a centre for sexually abused women in Belgrade, told 2,000 delegates at an international conference on violence and abuse against women. The exploitation of women

during and after wars rarely makes headlines because many are too frightened to speak out about rape and other attacks. fearing ostracism or retribution, the activists said.

Kallipe Migirou, who spent a year working with women in Rwanda for the UN Human Rights Field Operation, said

during wars are trying to destroy them physically and psychologically and humiliate their husbands, families and ethnic groups. During the 1994 genocide.

between 500,000 and 1.5 million Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered. But because of the stigma attached to rape, the number of victims can only be guessed, with estimates ranging from 15,700 women by the Rwandan government to between 250,000 and 500,000 by the UN special representative,

Migirou, an EU field worker

from Greece, said many Rwandan women were gang raped and had their sexual organs mutilated. In some cases, she said, militia men forced fathers "to rape their daughters and sons their mothers.

Rapists infected many women with the AIDS virus. wanting their victims "to die from AIDS and spread AIDS to their community," she said. "Some babies born after a rape were contaminated by AIDS as

Some women chosen to be sex slaves by Hutu militia men during the genocide were then taken to refugee camps and kept

there as the "wives" of these militia members, Migirou said. "They write letters to their families letting them know that they are still alive and they are 'married' to a man in the camp.' she said.

While sexual violence is considered a war crime by the Geneva Convention, not one of the more than 4,000 cases prepared for Rwandan war crimes trials includes a rape charge Migirou said. Some 80,000 Rwandans are in prison on suspicion of participating in the genocide, about 8 per cent women, she noted.

In former Yugoslavia, rape was also widespread during the

"War has increased all forms of violence against women." said Violete Krasnic of the Autonomous Women's Centre Against Sexual Violence in Belgrade, which along with other women's groups has studied the war's effects for six years.

In Belgrade, domestic violence is on the increase, with death threats against women increased 30 to 50 per cent, rape increased 30 per cent, and violence in inter-ethnic marriages also increased, she said.

### Lanka to deport 4 Danish newsmen COLOMBO, Nov 14: Four

Danish journalists reporting on a Tamil teenager will be deported from the island nation. their lawyer said Wednesday. reports AP. Attorney Gowry Thavarasha said the defence ministry had

portation order, which followed five days of virtual house arrest. The government, which is fighting Tamil separatist groups, often exerts strict control over journalists. The journalists were ar-

not given any reason for the de-

rested Saturday and had been detained since then in a hotel in a Colombo suburb, said Thavarasha.