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Pakistan urges UN to listen to all Afghan factions

UNITED NATIONS, Apr 16: Pakistan said Tuesday the United Nations must listen to all sides in Afghanistan...

Fahd's gifts for Chechen children

MOSCOW, Apr 16: A plane-load of toys, clothing and other gifts for Chechen children from the King of Saudi Arabia arrived Tuesday in the capital...

Russia to send 2 more SU-30 jet fighters to India

MOSCOW, Apr 16: Under a two-billion dollar contract signed last November, Russia is preparing to send another two SU-30 jet fighters to India...



Picture grabbed on WTN shows rescuers looking at a huge fire that swept through Muslim pilgrims camps near the holy city of Makkah Tuesday...

Saudi pilgrimage disasters

DUBAI, Apr 16: The huge fire that swept through pilgrims tents near the holy Saudi city of Mecca on Tuesday, killing 217 people by official count...

US to ship \$15m worth food aid to DPRK

WASHINGTON, Apr 16: Responding to an emergency UN appeal, the United States announced Tuesday it will ship 15 million lbs worth of corn to North Korea...

Quake hits northwestern China

An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale struck Xinjiang in northwestern China yesterday, Hong Kong's Royal Observatory said...

Pak Shi'ite leader shot dead

A member of a Shi'ite Muslim political party in Pakistan was shot dead Tuesday by unidentified gunmen in the latest in a string of such killings in the country's Punjab province...

16 killed in Bangkok bus mishap

A Buddhist New Year celebration turned tragic in Thailand's poor northeast as 16 people were killed and more than 90 injured when their bus careened off a road and crashed...

Cholera claims 52 in Tanzania

Some 52 people have died of cholera in Dar es Salaam since January, with more than 1,000 cases of the disease reported in the past three months...

Hanoi bans import of animals

Vietnam has banned the import from Taiwan of livestock and meat products from animals with hoofed feet...

Quake rattles Russian Far East

The latest in a series of earthquakes rattled Russia's Far East on Wednesday, but officials said there were no immediate reports of damage or injury...

Fire kills 12 in Portugal

Twelve people died and eight were injured in a fire early Wednesday in a discotheque near Amarante in northern Portugal...

Troops from France, Spain, Italy arrive in Albania

BURRES, Albania, Apr 16: Hundreds of troops from France, Spain and Italy arrived in Albania on Tuesday by sea and air at the start of the Italian-led effort to safeguard aid to the impoverished Balkan republic...

Albright to attend HK hand over ceremonies

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland, Apr 16: US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced she would attend the July 1 ceremonies returning Hong Kong to Chinese control...

Arafat, Levy not ready for face-to-face talks

Arabs bitterly denounce Israel for derailing ME peace process. VALLETTA, Apr 16: Arab countries on Tuesday bitterly denounced Israel for derailing the Middle East peace process...



Supporters of former premier of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto (C), shower rose petals, as she returned from London, on Tuesday. Benazir lashed out against the registration of a murder case against her last week...

Benazir condemns filing of murder case against her

KARACHI, Apr 16: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto Tuesday condemned the filing of a murder case against her, saying the "baseless" charge was harassment...

Zairean rebels trying to thwart repatriation plan

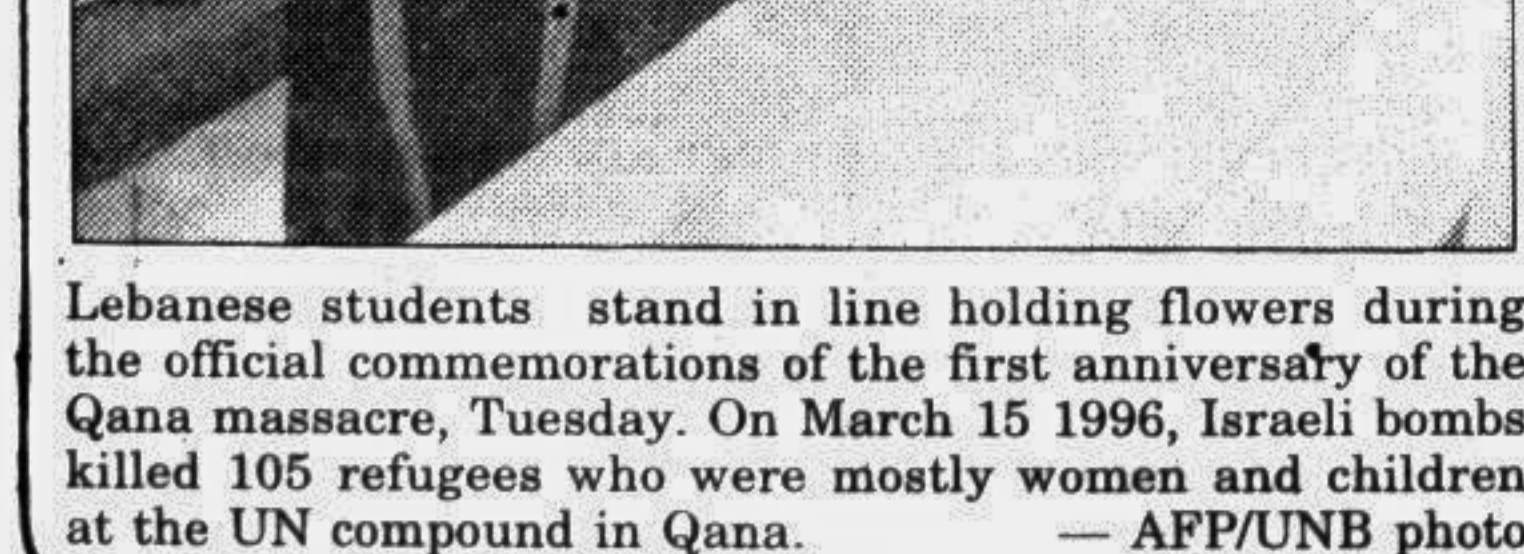
KASESE, Zaire, Apr 16: Comatose with malaria, the emaciated men and women lie on the ground of a makeshift hospital. Hundreds of flies bite their limp bodies while intravenous drips of nutrition keep them alive...

Off the Record

Caution for black men. SAN DIEGO: A newly located gene that triggers inherited prostate cancer appears to be especially common among black men...

Bandaranaike remains an icon uniting shaky Lankan coalition govt

COLOMBO, Apr 16: Sri Lanka's matriarch Sirima Bandaranaike, who turned running the country into a family business, turns 81 Thursday at the summit of a record setting career...



Lebanese students stand in line holding flowers during the official commemorations of the first anniversary of the Qana massacre...