

Taliban fight street battles with Shi'ites in Mazar-i-Sharif

Constitution suspended, political parties banned in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, May 28: The new military ruler in Sierra Leone, Major Johnny Paul Koroma, on Tuesday night suspended the country's 1991 constitution and banned all political parties...

US, DPRK to resume missile talks in June

WASHINGTON, May 28: The United States and North Korea have rescheduled for June 11-13 talks on dealing with American concerns over Pyongyang's transfer of missile technology to Iran and Syria...

Off the Record



A file photo taken May 6, 1994 shows former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones giving a press conference in Washington...

Lankan warships kill 21 Tigers in sea battle

COLOMBO, May 28: Sri Lankan warships and aircraft sank seven boats in a Tamil rebel convoy Wednesday carrying hundreds of fighters to reinforce rebel defenses against a major army offensive...



The presidents of the three ex-Soviet Baltic republics and Poland and Ukraine, (L-R) Lennart Meri (Estonia), Guntis Ulmanis (Latvia), Algirdas Brazauskas (Lithuania), Aleksander Kwasniewski (Poland) and Leonid Kuchma (Ukraine)...

Kabila to be sworn in as president today

KINSHASA, May 28: Laurent Kabila will be sworn in Thursday as President of the Democratic Republic of Congo...

Sharif's approval rating drops

ISLAMABAD, May 28: Only 36 per cent of Pakistanis think Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is doing a good job, compared to 62 per cent who gave him a thumbs up after he first took office in February...

Suu Kyi, other opposition leaders still under siege

YANGON, May 28: Myanmar riot police maintained their cordon around the homes of Aung San Suu Kyi and other opposition leaders Wednesday to stop them from holding a congress of their political party...

UAE recognises Taliban regime

The United Arab Emirates on Tuesday recognised the Taliban Islamic fundamentalist regime in Afghanistan...

Jail rebellion ends in Brazil: With the release of eight remaining hostages and the transfer of 20 inmates, prisoners in a jailhouse Tuesday ended a two-day rebellion that left two dead...

Japan welcomes NATO-Russia deal: Japan yesterday welcomed the signing in Paris of a cooperation accord between NATO and Russia...

UN-chartered ship in Sierra Leone: A United Nations-chartered ship has arrived in Sierra Leone to evacuate UN staff and their dependents...

UK publishes chemical arms programme: The Ministry of Defence published details of Britain's chemical weapons programme Tuesday, showing that it has had no offensive capability since 1956...

Detained journalist freed in WB: A Palestinian-American journalist who was detained after broadcasting live from the Palestinian legislative council was released Tuesday...

Toyota to recall 260,000 vehicles: Toyota Motor Corp. said Wednesday it is recalling about 260,000 cars, mainly sport utility vehicles sold in Japan because of two faulty parts...



Michelle Commander from Taiwan listens to the roar of a veloraptor super action hand puppet in a store Tuesday in Universal City...

Drop your shields, men

MBABANE, Swaziland: Drop your shields, men. Citing Biblical law, a traditional chief in this mountain kingdom has banned the use of condoms...

Pop music king pops into Warsaw

WARSAW, Poland: Michael Jackson buzzed over Warsaw in a helicopter Tuesday, reportedly scouting sites for an amusement park he's thinking of building in the Polish capital...

Cheese rolling competition

LONDON: At least 18 people were injured, some seriously, in an annual cheese rolling competition in the English countryside, paramedics said on Tuesday...

Hunt for flying bills

SEOUL: A construction worker angered by bribe-taking politicians dumped the equivalent of thousands of dollars in front of Seoul's City Hall Tuesday, causing a massive traffic jam...

Robot in brain surgery

BEIJING: Scientists have developed China's first robot capable of performing brain surgery, and the mechanical man has passed the technical assessment...

Over 40,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees leave Congo

NAIROBI, May 28: More than 40,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees have been flown home from the new Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) since repatriations began a month ago...

Women still denied free choice in having children

LONDON, May 28: Despite promises made by 180 countries, millions of women are still denied free choice in having children — a violation of their human rights...